

CN Morning Rundown: German Gymnasts Debut Unitards to Combat 'Sexualization in Olympics'

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German Olympic Gymnasts Debut Unitards to Combat 'Sexualization in Gymnastics'

The German gymnastics team has debuted unitards at the 2021 Tokyo Games, stepping outside the sport's norm to make a statement in condemnation of sexualization of their sport. Throughout the games, the team will wear full-length uniforms that cover their legs and most of their bodies rather than the customary leotards.

Wearing the unitard violates no Olympic rules, which allow for a "one-piece leotard with full-length legs—hip to ankle," per the Daily Mail. The world learned of the change when German gymnast Pauline Schaefer posted a photo to Instagram showing Elizabeth Seitz, Kim Bui, Sarah Voss and herself wearing the fashionable yet much less revealing garments:

Court Strikes Down 'Preferred' Pronoun Law

The California 3rd District Court of Appeals ruled 3-0 that a 2017 state law requiring employees at long-term care facilities to use patients' "preferred" pronouns violates First Amendment free speech rights.

Taking Offense, an unincorporated association, filed the lawsuit challenging part of California's Health and Safety Code that requires health facility employees to deny a person's biological sex and acknowledge a "chosen" gender or

pronoun of a patient. Employees who refused to do so would have faced criminal charges for “misgendering” a resident. Violations could be prosecuted as misdemeanors, and violators could face 180 days in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

In 2017, the California legislature passed SB 219, which added the “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Long-Term Care Facility Residents’ Bill of Rights” to its Health and Safety Code. A key stipulation of the bill prohibited “staff members of long-term care facilities from willfully and repeatedly referring to a facility resident by other than the resident’s preferred name or pronoun when clearly informed of the name and pronoun.”

Gov. Kristi Noem to Headline Faith and Freedom Event in Early-Voting South Carolina

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, possibly mulling a 2024 White House bid, is making her debut in South Carolina next month—an introductory step in the first Southern state to cast Republican-primary votes for president.

Noem will speak Aug. 23 at the “Faith & Freedom BBQ” in Anderson, the event’s host, U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, told The Associated Press on Friday.

According to Duncan, who represents South Carolina’s 3rd District, the event is the state’s largest annual gathering of Republicans. In the past it has attracted speakers including then-Vice President Mike Pence, Sens. Ted Cruz and Joni Ernst, and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who also served in the Trump administration for two years as U.N. ambassador.

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