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Israeli troops capture Rafah crossing

Incursion disrupts aid delivery, sends civilians fleeing by the thousands

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JERUSALEM — Israeli forces seized control of the Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday, shutting down the flow of aid and sending thousands of civilians fleeing as they opened a new front in the months-long war to eradicate Hamas from the territory.

In a statement, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it had



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TOP: Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike Tuesday in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. The incursion appeared more limited than the large-scale offensive Israel had threatened. ABOVE: A girl wounded in the strike at a Rafah hospital.

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gained “operational control” of the Palestinian side of the crossing as part of a “precise counter-terrorism operation” in Rafah, which shares a border with Egypt.

The incursion Tuesday appeared limited, falling short of the large-scale ground offensive Israel has threatened in Rafah. But it also shut down the crossing, a key entry point for aid to southern Gaza, triggering immediate concern over the delivery of food, fuel and other supplies to Palestinians displaced by the war.

U.N. Secretary General António Guterres called for the crossings to be reopened immediately, urging Israel to stop any escalation and engage in diplomacy.

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Daniels delivers fraught account of Trump encounter

ELICITS ANGER FROM FORMER PRESIDENT

Alarmed, judge warns defense about behavior

BY DEVLIN BARRETT,
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NEW YORK — Stormy Daniels, the adult-film actress at the center of Donald Trump's hush money trial, testified Tuesday about a disturbing sexual encounter she says she had with him, leading to angry, profane muttering from the former president that alarmed the judge.

New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan called Trump's lawyer Todd Blanche to a sidebar during a break to say that Trump was “cursing audibly” and possibly intimidating Daniels, who had begun testifying, according to a transcript.

“I understand that your client is upset at this point,” Merchan said to the defense attorney, according to the transcript, “but he is cursing audibly and he is shaking his head visually and that's contemptuous. It has the potential to intimidate the witness and the jury can see that.”

Blanche assured the judge he would speak to Trump.

“I am speaking to you here at the bench because I don't want to embarrass him,” Merchan said. “You need to speak to him. I won't tolerate that.”

The exchange punctuated a day of rage — sometimes whispered from the defense table, sometimes declared loudly by Daniels from the witness stand.

It was one of several surreal moments on the 13th day of the first criminal trial of a former

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In N.Y. and D.C., scenes from a surreal campaign

BY MATT VISER

President Biden was in the Map Room at the White House, going line by line over a speech he would soon deliver commemorating the Holocaust, when, a few hundred miles to the north, a prosecutor stood before the court and declared, “The people call Stormy Daniels.”

Biden would soon visit Capitol Hill to join some of the country's top elected officials in memorializing an atrocity that killed 6 million Jews and to pledge repeatedly, “Never again.” He appeared at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Mu-

seum ceremony at the same moment his predecessor was listening attentively in a courthouse on the 13th day of his hush money trial, where an adult-film actress was called to testify about the tawdry details of their alleged encounter.

The person who introduced Biden called him a “mensch” and recalled his surprising attendance at a shiva for his late wife. The person testifying about Trump called him “arrogant and pompous” and recounted the time he surprisingly appeared in his underwear and purportedly

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TikTok sues over U.S. law that could ban app

Cites First Amendment in case that could prove to be an existential fight

BY DREW HARWELL

TikTok and its parent company ByteDance challenged the U.S. government in a legal filing Tuesday over a new law forcing the sale or ban of the social media giant, igniting a high-stakes court battle in Washington that could prove to be an existential fight for one of the world's most popular apps.

President Biden signed a law last month demanding that China-based ByteDance sell TikTok within a year or be banned across the United States, arguing that the Chinese government could use the app to spy on Americans or secretly shape public opinion.

But the companies in their petition for review contend that the law violates the First Amendment rights of its 170 million U.S. accounts in an “extraordinary and unconstitutional assertion of power” based on vaguely expressed national security concerns.

“Banning TikTok is so obviously unconstitutional, in fact, that

even the Act's sponsors recognized that reality, and therefore have tried mightily to depict the law not as a ban at all, but merely a regulation of TikTok's ownership,” the challenge states.

“In reality, there is no choice,” it adds. A forced sale “is simply not possible: not commercially, not technologically, not legally.”

The case will set up a showdown for the Biden administration, which has touted the law as a way to avoid the pitfalls that doomed the Trump administration's previous attempt to ban the app.

A loss in court for the government would set back years of backroom federal strategizing that produced one of the few national technology policies passed by Congress in two decades.

A win would force a change in control over the biggest foreign-owned tech platform to achieve mainstream prominence in the United States, disrupting what has become a potent force in the online creator economy and a popular driver of American entrepreneurship and entertainment.

ByteDance, a private company that valued itself last year at \$268 billion, has vowed to fight what it calls an unconstitutional government overreach.

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How the call to ban cellphones went through at one school



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BY JOANNA SLATER IN MANCHESTER, CONN.

When Raymond Dolphin became assistant principal of a middle school in Connecticut two years ago, it was clear to him that the kids were not all right.

The problem was cellphones. Students were using the devices in class, despite a rule against it. Social media was exacerbating nearly every conflict among students. When Dolphin walked the hallways or surveyed the cafeteria, he invariably saw heads bent over screens.

So last December, Dolphin did something unusual: He banned them.

The experiment at Iling Middle School sparked objections from students and some parents, but it has already generated profound and unexpected results.

Dolphin likened prohibiting cellphones to curbing consumption of sugary foods. “In a matter of months, you start feeling better,” he said.

What unfolded at the school reflects a broader struggle underway in education as some administrators turn to increasingly drastic measures to limit the reach of a technology that is both ubiquitous and

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Iling Middle School math teacher Justin Pistorius and student Michael Wilson, who signed a petition urging school leaders to reconsider a phone ban.

Plans develop to muscle up for a global trade war

Trump advisers explore legal theories to justify a new ‘universal’ tariff

BY JEFF STEIN

Donald Trump's economic advisers are eyeing aggressive new legal justifications to impose tariffs on all imports, seeking to buttress a second-term plan that would reshape the U.S. economy, according to public and private comments by top aides.

On the campaign trail, Trump has repeatedly promised to enact a “ring” around the U.S. economy by enacting a tariff of at least 10 percent on goods imported from any other nation. Trump's plan would target more than \$3 trillion in annual imports and risks sending inflation soaring in what probably would prove the biggest escalation of trade hostilities in decades, ratcheting up the standoffs that marked his first term.

But the Constitution gives power over both taxation and regulation of foreign commerce

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Cryptic blobs inside Earth helped spark plate tectonics, study says

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

Some 4.5 billion years ago, a Mars-sized object smashed into the nascent Earth, spinning off our moon. Now a team of scientists proposes this giant impact did even more: The collision left behind mysterious blobs within Earth’s interior that may have helped kick off plate tectonics — the geologic process that fuels earthquakes, volcanoes and generally allows life to exist on our planet.

The idea, fleshed out with computer modeling in a new study in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, is an attempt to answer one of the most fundamental questions about our home world.

We live on the only planet known to have a surface made up of rocky plates that slide around and crash into each other at boundary zones as the superhot interior churns. This subterranean drama usually goes unnoticed on human time scales, ex-

cept when an earthquake strikes or a volcano erupts. But most experts agree this process is absolutely essential to life as we know it because it helps the planet cycle carbon, which is important to keeping the climate habitable.

What experts don’t agree on is how plate tectonics started.

The new paper builds on a previous idea that attempts to explain a geologic conundrum. For decades, geologists have speculated about mysterious blobs inside Earth’s mantle detected using seismic imaging. These dense, massive blobs appear to be made of different material than the surrounding mantle, raising questions about what they are and how they formed.

One theory — published in the journal Nature last year — offers an explanation, but also raises a few eyebrows. It suggests that after the moon-forming object slammed into our planet, bits of it ended up intact in Earth’s interior.

The new paper takes this idea a step further: Around 200 million years after the impact, these submerged blobs could have helped create hot plumes inside Earth that disrupted the nascent surface, breaching the crust and allowing circular slabs to sink — a process called subduction.

This process, the authors say, could explain why the oldest minerals on Earth are zircon crystals that appear to have undergone subduction more than 4 billion years ago. What’s more, they suggest it might have contributed to the rise of modern plate tectonics.

“The giant impact is not only the reason for our moon, if that’s the case, it also set the initial conditions of our Earth,” said Qian Yuan, a geoscientist at the California Institute of Technology and one of the authors of the paper.

An ‘unknowable’ event?

Outside geologists said the model was intriguing but raised a

host of questions.

Taras Gerya, a geoscientist at ETH Zurich, said in an email that the idea of an initial subduction event triggered by vigorous mantle plumes shortly after the moon-forming impact is credible and supported by models and some geochemical data.

But he added that he is unsure whether this would have led to modern plate tectonics or would have resulted in rapid global recycling of the entire crust, similar to what may have happened on inhospitable Venus.

Michael Brown, a geoscientist at the University of Maryland, said that it’s unclear how a circular subduction zone would lead to the global plate boundaries and the mosaic of rocky slabs that exist in modern plate tectonics.

“We need to bear in mind there is insufficient evidence for us to ever really know what the tectonic mode was in the Archaean,” the eon that lasted between 4 billion and 2.5 billion years ago, Brown

said. “So from a philosophical standpoint, it’s almost certainly unknown and unknowable. I think that point sometimes gets lost.”

T. Mark Harrison, a distinguished research professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, recently wrote a paper called, “We Don’t Know When Plate Tectonics Began.”

He questioned assumptions built into the model, pointing to geochemical inconsistencies that cast doubt on the giant impact theory itself.

“If we didn’t have plate tectonics, you and I would not be having this conversation, because our species would not have arisen,” Harrison said. “The best thing I can tell people is that my generation ... couldn’t solve arguably the most interesting question left in science, which is how and under what conditions did life emerge.”

To future scientists, he has a message: “We’ve left you a little gift-wrapped present.”

Cancellations shunt more than pomp, circumstance



Robin Givhan

THE CRITIQUE

The sharp disappointments of this graduation season are the canceling, downsizing and relocating of ceremonies from their traditional locations on some campuses. The loss is greater than merely an opportunity for students to receive their flowers in the presence of family and friends, and to shout their joy alongside classmates. If commencement exercises were merely that, they would not have endured for generations in such a precise form. Rituals are always more than the series of gestures and phrases that form them.

Many of those receiving their undergraduate degrees this spring were part of a cohort of students whose high school graduations four years ago were disrupted by the pandemic. The end of their four years of high school — that period of adolescent anxiety and ambition — was marked by little more than a brief congratulatory message delivered in a video conference call or through a drive-by wave from faculty. These students began their college years in isolated silos, only communing with their classmates virtually or from a carefully measured six-foot distance. Then finally, it seemed that the gods were on their side. In the aftermath of vaccines and public health lessons learned by trial and error, the college experience shifted closer to something that approximated normal.

But, of course, little would be routine in these past few years. The times have been characterized by warring governmental policies and by oratorical shots fired over diversity and inclusivity, reproductive rights, climate change and a host of other issues that will shape the quality of life for a generation still on its way to its prime. Divisiveness has become a fact of life.

The traditional campuswide



SETH WENIG/AP

A New York City police officer at the site on the Columbia University campus where the commencement ceremony typically takes place. The school is not alone in canceling graduation events.

graduation ceremonies have the ability to serve as a symbolic rebuke to isolation, self-centeredness and timidity.

But in response to on-campus protests against the war in Gaza, Columbia University, after calling the New York police to clear students from a tent encampment and to remove those who’d barricaded themselves inside a campus building, canceled its main commencement ceremony. It plans to honor students in smaller celebrations. The University of Southern California will follow suit, and will also host a party at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Emory University relocated and downsized its main commencement exercises.

The schools did so, not because of a historic pandemic, but because of the sort of protests — loud, disruptive, messy — that have a long history on American campuses. These institutions of higher learning are the places where students are asked to consider the wider

world, to think in expansive ways, to challenge assumptions, to make mistakes and grow from them. And the universities are fearfully and fitfully shrinking in response.

The ritual of a graduation that brings together an entire student body celebrates the breadth of curiosity and learning. It allows physicists to stand alongside theologians, mathematicians to sit next to philosophers, and political scientists to look eye to eye with sociologists. The sweep of all that varied and mighty intellect reminds engineers, who may have spent most of their academic career being told that science and math will open the doors to the future, that it takes artists and musicians to make the future something worth beholding. It lets poets know that they are few but necessary. The sheer number and variety of people at graduation tell the story of a university’s mission. Different disciplines remain stubbornly segregated by gender and race. It’s good to look out across a sea of graduates and be

reminded both of how far we have come and the distance we’ve yet to cover.

In addition to celebrating one’s individual accomplishment, a courtyard filled with graduating classmates is a reminder of the power of collaboration, of the things that one learned outside of the classroom that have nothing to do with algorithms or literary analysis. The many lessons weren’t simply passed between friends, but were communicated through the unacknowledged interactions with diverse acquaintances and from endless blurry encounters with strangers who wear the same school colors.

The Class of 2024 weathered a great deal. Graduation makes one feel accomplished and powerful, but also just one small part of an enormous effort. The ritual of commencement is both grounding and energizing. It’s always good to be reminded that one’s obstacles aren’t unique, that there were other people walking along the same rocky path. The traditions tell graduates that they aren’t alone and they won’t be alone when they step into the broader world.

The ritual of graduation connects the present to the past, and the past to the future. Most every commencement speaker exhorts graduates to follow their heart. To live their passion. To make society more responsive to the less fortunate. Doing so almost surely requires moments of discomfort and uncertainty. It may mean they will be shunned or ridiculed. But they are encouraged to press on with the fortitude and resilience they found on campus because they are the leaders the world needs.

Graduates are reminded that they share a bond of strength and determination with everyone who, at one time, stood in their place — who stood in this quadrangle or that courtyard. Some of those new graduates share ground with alumni who may not have believed that their gender or their race or their religion deserved to be in those spaces.

Times thankfully changed. Brave and indomitable graduates changed the trajectory of universities. And powerful universities can lead, or inhibit, a society’s transformation.

GENDER ISSUES

Boy Scouts rebrands as Scouting America

After 114 years of being known as the Boy Scouts of America, the nation’s largest scouting organization is changing its name to the more inclusive Scouting America.

The major rebrand, announced Tuesday, comes after years of turmoil for the organization, as well as major changes meant to stem the tide of declining membership. The new Scouting America name is also a reflection of the organization’s biggest change: the decision five years ago to welcome girls into its ranks at all levels.

A note on the Boy Scouts of America website Tuesday said the name change would take effect Feb. 8, 2025.

“Though our name will be new, our mission remains unchanged: we are committed to teaching young people to be Prepared. For Life,” Roger A. Krone, president and chief executive of Scouting America, said in a statement Tuesday. “This will be a simple but very important evolution as we seek to ensure that everyone feels welcome in Scouting.”

For years, the Boy Scouts has faced pressure from progressive members and outside groups to be more accepting, not just of girls but also of LGBTQ Scouts and troop leaders. The Boy Scouts ended its longtime ban on openly gay Scouts in 2013 and its prohibition on gay troop leaders in 2015. Two years later, the organization announced that it would allow transgender boys in its ranks.

While the Scouts spent years trying to keep gay and trans boys out, the organization in recent years has tried to get girls in. The move to allow girls sparked a bitter feud with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which accused the Boy Scouts of trying to prop up its membership by encroaching on the Girl Scouts’ turf as both groups faced declining membership, which has only accelerated since the pandemic.

— Kim Bellware

GEORGIA

Atlanta to pay in death of church deacon

The Atlanta City Council has agreed to pay \$3.8 million to settle a lawsuit by the family of a church deacon who died in a struggle with a city police officer following a minor car crash.

Deacon Johnny Hollman’s family sued the city, Officer Kiran Kimbrough and Atlanta Police Chief Darin Schierbaum in January, alleging Kimbrough used excessive force after the 62-year-old refused to sign a citation finding him at fault for the crash.

An attorney for Kimbrough has said Hollman resisted arrest and Kimbrough acted lawfully when he deployed his stun gun and used force.

The city council, without comment, unanimously approved the settlement at its regular meeting on Monday.

An attorney for Hollman’s family, Mawuli Davis, said the settlement allows the family to “focus on healing from the devastating and senseless loss of their beloved father.”

Body-camera video of Hollman’s Aug. 10 arrest shows Kimbrough shocked him with a stun gun after the deacon repeatedly said he could not breathe. An autopsy determined Hollman’s death was a homicide, with heart disease also a contributing factor.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Judge indefinitely delays start to Trump’s classified documents trial in Fla.

BY PERRY STEIN
AND DEVLIN BARRETT

Donald Trump’s Florida trial for allegedly mishandling classified documents and obstructing government efforts to retrieve them has been pushed back indefinitely, U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon ruled Tuesday, increasing the chance that the former president’s ongoing New York criminal trial may be the only one to happen before the November election.

The judge had originally set the Florida trial date for late May, but that has seemed unlikely for months, with Cannon still needing to make decisions on a number of key legal issues before a jury can hear the case.

At a scheduling hearing in Florida on March 1, Trump’s lawyers pushed to start the classified documents trial after the presidential election, in which he is the presumptive Republican nominee. Prosecutors urged Cannon to pick a date in early July.

If Trump returns to the Oval Office, he could appoint an attorney general who is willing to drop the federal charges against him; in addition, Justice Department policy forbids the criminal prosecution of a sitting president.

In her ruling Tuesday, Cannon said there are many complicated legal rules and deadlines surrounding the use of classified evidence in public criminal trials that need to be considered before she picks a new court date.

The order was a blow to special counsel Jack Smith and his team, who have argued that Trump’s team have had ample time to prepare for a summer trial and accused Trump’s lawyers of wrongly trying to use the three other criminal cases against him as a way to obfuscate and delay the legal proceedings in Florida.

Trump’s Manhattan trial for allegedly falsifying business records related to a hush money payment began in mid-April. His lead attorney in New York, Todd Blanche, is also his lead lawyer in Florida, and the legal team has told Cannon that Trump and



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Former president Donald Trump’s convoy leaves the courthouse in Fort Pierce, Fla., on Feb. 12. U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon on Tuesday said she needed to consider the myriad legal complications in Trump’s classified documents case before picking a new court date.

Blanche are tied up with the ongoing trial and cannot prepare for the classified documents case.

They have also said that holding any trial too close to the election would amount to election interference, and that if Cannon cannot delay the classified documents case until after November, she should schedule it for August.

Cases that involve classified documents have to follow the rules and legal proceedings required under the Classified Information Procedures Act, or CIPA, and generally move slower than standard cases. Cannon, a Trump nominee who has been on the bench since late 2020, is relatively inexperienced and has

moved slowly on key decisions, according to some legal experts, holding hearings on even long-shot motions and posing unusual legal questions.

In her order Tuesday, Cannon rescheduled a number of pretrial deadlines that parties will have to meet. The latest deadline is a CIPA-related one and a scheduling conference July 22 — which means the trial cannot happen before then.

“The Court also determines that finalization of a trial date at this juncture—before resolution of the myriad and interconnected pre-trial and CIPA issues remaining and forthcoming—would be imprudent and inconsistent with the Court’s duty to fully and fairly consider the vari-

ous pending pre-trial motions before the Court, critical CIPA issues, and additional pretrial and trial preparations necessary to present this case to a jury,” Cannon wrote.

Trump is the first former U.S. president to be charged with crimes. He faces four separate indictments as he campaigns for another term in the White House, an unprecedented test of the nation’s legal and political systems. The timing of each case has grown increasingly consequential as he draws closer to a general-election rematch against President Biden.

The former president has pleaded not guilty to all 88 counts he faces. His D.C. federal trial for alleged obstruction of

the 2020 election results is on hold while the Supreme Court considers his immunity claim, and his Georgia state trial for alleged election interference was stalled over accusations of prosecutorial misconduct.

In Florida, Trump is charged with dozens of counts of mishandling classified information after his presidency ended and plotting with two aides to obstruct government efforts to recover the material from Mar-a-Lago, his Palm Beach home and private club in Florida. Prosecutors have accused Trump of taking hundreds of classified documents with him when he left the White House. The Washington Post has previously reported that some of the material was related to nu-

clear secrets, Iran’s missile program and U.S. intelligence efforts in China.

On individual rulings, Cannon has so far generally sided with the government. She rejected two of Trump’s motions to dismiss the case and ruled for prosecutors on key CIPA-related decisions that could have changed the contours and direction of the legal proceedings.

But when it comes to timing, her decisions have hobbled prosecutors’ efforts to move forward quickly. They want the trial to occur before the election but have not explicitly argued that the November election is an event they are considering.

Cannon has still not ruled on a handful of Trump’s motions. On Tuesday, she scheduled multiple new hearings on his requests, including one on June 21 for Trump’s argument that Smith was unlawfully appointed and that the case against him should be dropped.

Cannon wrote in her order that her timetable is “consistent with Defendants’ right to due process and the public’s interest in the fair and efficient administration of justice.”

The next hearing on Cannon’s new schedule is on grand jury matters set for Wednesday that will not be open to the public.

As part of her order, Cannon also pushed back a key CIPA-related deadline from May 9 to June 17. Blanche had asked her to move it back until three weeks after the conclusion of Trump’s criminal trial in New York, so he and Trump could spend days in a secure facility in Florida, known as a SCIF, to review the relevant classified materials.

Smith countered that Trump’s legal team has known they would need to complete these motions and could have found time to do so.

“Trump elected to engage the same counsel of record in multiple serious criminal matters, and his counsel agreed to the multiple engagements,” Smith wrote in his filing. “Having made such decisions, they should not be allowed to use their overlapping engagements to perpetually delay trial in this case.”

Deadly tornado rakes Okla. amid string of violent storms

One killed, at least one missing, though weather less intense than feared

BY JASON SAMENOW,
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A large, destructive tornado tore through the cities of Barnsdall and Bartlesville in northeastern Oklahoma on Monday night, as dangerous storms swept across the Plains.

One person died in Barnsdall, a city of about 1,000 people about 30 miles north of Tulsa, Osage County Sheriff Eddie Virden told local media. The sheriff’s office was still looking for at least one missing person Tuesday.

The National Weather Service received reports of at least 17 tornadoes Monday night, including at least eight in Oklahoma, but the twister activity was generally less intense than feared. Severe thunderstorms also swept through Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Joplin, Mo., Kansas City and Des Moines on Monday night.

Monday marked the first of four days in which the Weather Service predicts an elevated threat of dangerous storms that could produce tornadoes as well as large hail and damaging winds. Tuesday’s highest storm threat was from the Midwest to Ohio Valley, including Indianapolis and Cincinnati, while Wednesday’s is in the mid-South and Tennessee Valley, including Nashville and Louisville. On Thursday, scattered severe storms could affect the southeast and Mid-Atlantic.

The storms come after at least 300 tornadoes were recorded in April, the second most in a month on record. Monday marked the 12th-straight day with at least one tornado in the United States.

Damage in two towns

As daylight broke Tuesday, images on social media revealed devastation in Barnsdall. Many homes and businesses were flattened, trees were mangled and defoliated, and vehicles flipped and crushed. One video showed a



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A girl steps over a downed utility line Tuesday as her family sifts through debris following an overnight tornado in Barnsdall, Okla. One of several, the twister appears to have hurled debris up to 30,000 feet into the air, with winds reaching at least 166 mph.

door lodged in a tree.

Radar indicated the twister hurled debris up to 30,000 feet into the air. Video showed the twister’s large, ominous funnel.

Jerry Roberts, the emergency management director in Osage County, said Barnsdall was “still in rescue mode” early Tuesday.

Firefighters and police officers are “going through the neighborhood trying to locate any trapped persons,” he said in a phone call. “There’s been several that went to the hospital.”

Roberts added the twister appeared “to be somewhere in the neighborhood of over a half-mile wide, but we don’t know how long it is yet.”

The Weather Service was surveying the storm damage Tuesday to determine the tornado’s exact size and intensity. It found “low end EF4 damage” on the 0-to-5

Enhanced Fujita scale for tornado intensity, meaning the storm’s winds reached at least 166 mph in Barnsdall. The agency wrote on X that the rating was preliminary as it continued to survey damage.

As the tornado swept through the city around 9:30 p.m. Monday, the Weather Service declared a tornado emergency, its highest alert.

“TORNADO EMERGENCY for Barnsdall,” the Weather Service wrote as the “confirmed large and destructive” storm passed. “This is a PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. TAKE COVER NOW!”

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported 30 to 40 homes damaged in the Barnsdall area, according to an update provided by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management at 1 a.m. Tuesday.

The department said that a natural-gas leak was reported in the city, while “numerous roads are closed due to debris in roadways.”

A nursing home was among the buildings hit in Barnsdall.

“Please pray for us,” Barnsdall Nursing Home, a 38-bed facility in the town’s southwest, wrote on social media, saying all residents were accounted for with no injuries or deaths. They had been temporarily relocated to a football field because of a gas leak that couldn’t be fixed and would be moved to other facilities.

The nursing home asked families to be patient “as it is chaos in town.”

In a Tuesday afternoon Facebook post, the Osage sheriff’s office said it was still searching for a man named Wayne Hogue who went missing from the Barnsdall

area after the tornado.

Officials could not be reached for further updates.

Trees and power lines were reportedly downed in other counties, and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission was reporting 45,227 outages statewide by 12:30 a.m., according to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

For Barnsdall, it was the second tornado to hit in just over a month. On April 1, an EF1 tornado on the 0-to-5 scale for intensity caused damage in the city.

After passing Barnsdall, the storm reached Bartlesville, a city of nearly 40,000 about 15 miles to the northeast, about 30 minutes later. The city was also placed under a tornado emergency, and the twister appeared to weaken as it was passing or just afterward.

“We did take a direct hit from a

tornado here in Bartlesville,” Kary Cox, the director of operations at Washington County Emergency Management, said in a video update. He urged residents to stay home overnight, saying traffic was hampering emergency efforts. Social media video showed a Hampton Inn heavily damaged by the twister; in one instance, a hotel wall was speared by a two-by-four piece of wood.

Less numerous, intense than feared

Despite the destructive tornado in Barnsdall and the several tornadoes reported elsewhere, the event as a whole did not live up to dire forecasts made by government, broadcast and independent meteorologists alike.

While the ingredients were conducive to the formation of numerous strong, long-track tornadoes, it appears the Barnsdall storm was the only cell to take advantage of them. Otherwise, the ingredients didn’t combine as forecast — and meteorologists are working to understand why.

Several factors may have contributed to reduced tornado activity:

- Low-level winds didn’t take on enough of an easterly component. That means that despite rotation within storms, many cells struggled to consolidate that rotation near the ground.

- The storm structure did not evolve to support widespread tornado activity. By 8 to 9 p.m., initial supercells had largely merged into a lengthy cluster, which did not promote rotation within storms. The Barnsdall tornado was able to occur because it was a lone, discrete supercell ahead of the line.

- It appears that temperatures did not fall quickly enough at the mid-levels of the atmosphere. That slowed down the speed of thunderstorm updrafts, and was further exacerbated by a “lid” of warm air high aloft.

- A layer of dry air may have also reduced the storm intensity.

The Barnsdall tornado is proof of the atmosphere’s volatility. It’s fortunate that other storms weren’t able to take advantage of that full volatility.

Scott Dance contributed to this report.

Police clear University of Chicago protest encampment

Move by free-speech bastion is latest to seek to quell demonstrations

BY KIM BELLWARE AND JOANNA SLATER

CHICAGO — Campus police removed a protest encampment at the University of Chicago early Tuesday as colleges nationwide continued to grapple with a wave of demonstrations against the war in Gaza, where Israeli forces have entered the southern city of Rafah. The decision by the president of the University of Chicago to end an eight-day pro-Palestinian protest marks a turning point for the institution, which has built a reputation in higher education for protecting freedom of expression. The university's president, Paul Alivisatos, warned in recent days that its hands-off approach to the protest could no longer continue. On Tuesday, he said safety concerns had increased, prompting the university to intervene.

The University of Chicago “remains a place where dissenting voices have many avenues to express themselves,” Alivisatos said in a statement. “But we cannot enable an environment where the expression of some dominates and disrupts the healthy functioning of the community for the rest.” No arrests were reported in the dismantling of the encampment. The ferocity of Israel's response to the Hamas attacks Oct. 7 has galvanized students to action:



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

University of Chicago police officers keep demonstrators away as a student encampment is dismantled. MIT took a similar step Monday, while Harvard officials issued a new warning to protesting students.

More than 34,000 people have been killed in Gaza since the war began, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. In remarks Tuesday at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's annual remembrance ceremony at the Capitol, President Biden reaffirmed the right to peaceful protest but condemned hateful and inflammatory rhetoric. “There is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech or threats of violence of any

kind,” he said. “Whether against Jews or anyone else.” The University of Chicago became the latest institution to declare that protesters must disperse, part of a broader pushback against the campus demonstrations that has included more than 2,500 arrests and a surge in student suspensions. A day earlier, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology cleared an encampment on its campus, while the interim president of Harvard University warned that students

who remained in the protest there would face “increasingly severe sanctions.” Students, meanwhile, say they will keep pressing their demands, which have included pushing universities to divest from companies involved in Israel's war effort, boycott Israeli academic institutions and revoke disciplinary consequences for protesters. At the Rhode Island School of Design, students remained barricaded in a school building for a second day. They called on sup-

porters to join a rally Tuesday evening in response to Israel's ground incursion into Rafah. At Princeton University, 14 students who have consumed nothing but water since Friday continued a hunger strike on a campus lawn. Jennifer Morrill, a Princeton spokeswoman, said the university's director of medical services has been in touch with an outside physician monitoring the group. Christopher Eisgruber, the university's president, wrote in a campuswide note Tuesday that Princeton can consider the concerns of the protesters “through appropriate processes” but cannot allow any group to “exert special leverage.” A statement issued on behalf of the protesters said they had met with Eisgruber on Monday, and he refused their demands. In Chicago, campus police officers in riot gear arrived before dawn to dismantle tents, signs and structures. The school reported that the main quad was clear as of Tuesday morning. The encampment at the university was mostly peaceful until last Friday, when police intervened as small skirmishes broke out between pro-Palestinian demonstrators and counterprotesters waving American and Israeli flags. Though the conflict dissipated after a few hours, Alivisatos stepped up warnings over the weekend that the encampment could not remain. The protesters disputed the administration's portrayal of the encampment as a safety risk and disruptive to campus operations. On Saturday, the school's main campus on Chicago's South Side

was bustling with tours of prospective students and an event at the nearby Booth business school. Several student organizers accused the administration of hypocrisy for trying to quell demonstrations in light of the university's history of protecting free speech over more than a century — including through the Cold War and protests against the war in Vietnam — culminating in a 2015 declaration known as the Chicago Principles that became a template for other universities. The university had originally contacted the office of Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson (D) to request the Chicago Police Department's early-morning assistance, according to a statement from the mayor's office Tuesday. The CPD expressed “operational concerns” and declined to participate, the statement said. At a Saturday rally, several lawmakers and civil rights leaders spoke in support of the protesters, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson Jr. and Illinois state Rep. Abdennasser Rashid (D), the first Palestinian American to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives. By Tuesday afternoon, most traces of the encampment were gone. Dumpsters on campus were filled with tents and signs. But protesters vowed to continue their campaign. “The encampment is not just tents,” one organizer told the Chicago Maroon, the student paper. “We're still here, and this is not the end of it.” Slater reported from Williamstown, Mass. Matt Viser in Washington contributed to this report.

Judges say they won't hire law clerks from Columbia over demonstrations

BY TOBI RAJI

More than a dozen conservative federal judges are threatening to not hire law clerks who attend Columbia University or its law school starting this fall — an attempt to show the judges' displeasure over the institution's handling of pro-Palestinian protests. In a letter addressed to Minouche Shafik, the embattled president of Columbia University, and Gillian Lester, dean of Columbia Law School, 13 judges nominated by President Donald Trump said the university has become “ground zero for the explosion of student disruptions, anti-semitism, and hatred for diverse viewpoints on campuses across the Nation.” “As judges who hire law clerks every year to serve in the federal judiciary, we have lost confidence in Columbia as an institution of higher education,” the judges wrote. “Columbia has instead become an incubator of bigotry. As a result, Columbia has disqualified itself from educating the future leaders of our country.”

The lead signatories include Judges Elizabeth L. Branch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit; James C. Ho of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit; and Matthew H. Solomon of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. U.S. District Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, who became known across the nation for his decision to suspend federal approval of the abortion pill mifepristone, also signed onto the letter. Federal judges hire top law school graduates for prestigious year-long clerkships. The clerks conduct legal research; prepare bench memos; draft orders and opinions; and assist their judge during courtroom proceedings, gaining valuable work experience and job recommendations to help launch their legal careers. The boycott, announced this week, would not apply to students already enrolled at the university. Instead, the 13 judges wrote in the letter that they would not hire any student who attends Columbia University as an undergraduate or a law student beginning in the coming academic year.

In a statement, Lester did not directly address questions about the planned boycott but said “we are proud that Columbia Law School graduates are consistently sought out by leading employers in the private and public sectors, including the judiciary. And we are deeply committed to supporting our exceptional students as they prepare to embark on their careers in the legal profession.” A spokesperson for Shafik's office did not respond to requests for comment. Monday's clerkship boycott is the latest fallout from the ongoing demonstrations over Israel's military invasion of Gaza following Hamas's Oct. 7 attack on Israel. Shafik, who is the first woman to lead Columbia University since its founding, has faced calls from Republicans to resign over her handling of the protests. Lawmakers, including House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), have accused her of not acting quickly enough to quell student unrest or make Jewish students feel safe on campus. House Democrats have also expressed outrage over anti-

semitic harassment of Jewish students on and around campus. More than 200 people have been arrested at Columbia, prompting criticism from free-speech advocates who say the crackdown is antithetical to the university's tradition of celebrating student activism. The university on Monday canceled its main commencement ceremony. The authors of the letter either did not respond to requests for comment or declined to comment. One federal judge familiar with the letter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak freely, said the purpose of the boycott is not to make “schools more conservative or more liberal,” but to “make schools more like schools,” and to address what these judges see as an unwillingness to accept diverse viewpoints. “I worry that we are teaching people, including in law schools, that we should not see the law as a neutral endeavor,” the judge said. “We're starting to see the world in terms of red and blue, and we're teaching law students to view it [that way].”

Former federal judge Jeremy Fogel questioned whether it's appropriate for judges to weigh in on the campus protests — even if doing so does not violate a specific ethics rule — because taking a stance reflects on their impartiality. “Why do we have [ethics] rules in the first place?” Fogel said. “One of the reasons we have the rules is to convey the idea that the judiciary is impartial and independent, and they're going to decide cases based on the law. So when judges weigh in on controversial issues, it's an indication that they have a certain orientation or a certain philosophical outlook that could cause people to think that they're not going to be open to things as you want judges to be.” Stephen Gillers, a judicial ethics expert at New York University's law school, shared similar concerns. “Judges do get to choose their law clerks, but they hold that power in trust and must exercise it fairly and based on merit,” Gillers said in a statement. “The judges here, however, abuse their power

when they punish Columbia graduates not for what they did but for where they went to school. This is a form of collective guilt that American law has always rejected.” The judge who spoke on the condition of anonymity defended the signatories' decision to sign the letter, arguing that “judges do a lot of stuff beyond just deciding the case in front of them,” and saying that judges have wide latitude when hiring clerks. “I've heard plenty of judges talk about how they prefer their own school — their alma mater,” the judge said. “There are judges who want to hire more women, there are judges who like to hire veterans, on and on and on and on. ... This is simply one kind of that.” Ho and Branch had previously announced boycotts of clerks from Yale Law School and Stanford Law School because of “cancel culture” and free-speech concerns. Ho's chambers confirmed in a statement to The Washington Post that his boycotts of students from those schools remains in effect.

A day of striking contrast for Biden and Trump

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talked her into having sex with him in a Lake Tahoe hotel. If voters needed any further reminder of the surreal nature of the 2024 presidential campaign, it was provided starkly Tuesday. The incumbent president started the day grappling with turmoil in the Middle East and preparing to meet the president of Romania. The challenger began his morning upset over the latest witness in his criminal trial for allegedly falsifying business records; he posted an angry message on social media about the unfairness of it all, which he later deleted. It emerged that Daniels would be testifying and, over objections from Trump's attorneys, would be allowed to go into some detail about their alleged unwanted sexual encounter at a California golf tournament in 2006. She took the stand in the late morning, around the time Biden was making final edits to his Holocaust comments in the Map Room, where Franklin Roosevelt reviewed the progress of World War II. Daniels testified about meeting Trump and being invited to his hotel room, where she said she initially found him in silk or satin pajamas. Later, when she emerged from the bathroom, she recalled, she was startled to see him on the bed in his boxer shorts and a T-shirt. “I wasn't expecting someone to be there, especially minus a lot of clothing. That's when I had that moment when I felt like the room spun in full motion,” she told the court. “And I felt the blood leave

my hands and my feet, almost like if you stand up too fast. I just thought, ‘Oh my God. What did I misread to get here?’ Because the intention is pretty clear, somebody's in their underwear on the bed, posing for you.” She wasn't drunk or on drugs, she said, but the details nonetheless remained fuzzy. “Next thing I know I was on the bed,” Daniels said, “the opposite side of the bed from where we'd been standing. I had my clothes and shoes off. We were in missionary position.” She testified that “I was staring at the ceiling. I didn't know how I got there. I was trying to think about anything other than how I got there.” At almost the exact same time, Biden was speaking from a podium in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol. It was a bipartisan event, with top leaders — including House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) — making remarks before him. The main cable networks switched from reports on Trump's trial to carry Biden's address live. “We recommit to ... heeding the lessons that one of the darkest chapters in human history, to revitalize and realize the responsibility of ‘Never again,’” Biden said. “This ancient hatred of Jews didn't begin with the Holocaust; it didn't end with the Holocaust, either — or after, even after our victory in World War II.” The president denounced the “ferocious surge of antisemitism in America and around the world.” At a moment when many world leaders and fellow Democrats — and even Biden himself —



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While President Biden spoke at a Holocaust remembrance ceremony, Donald Trump was in court.

have questioned some of Israel's tactics in Gaza and the ensuing humanitarian crisis, he focused Tuesday on supporting Israel, comparing those who downplay the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks to people who forget or deny the Holocaust. “Now, here we are — not 75 years later, but just 7½ months later — and people are already forgetting,” Biden said. “They're already forgetting that Hamas unleashed this terror.” Around the time that Daniels was testifying about allegedly being threatened not to publicly disclose her encounter with Trump, Biden joined the audience at the Capitol in holding up black-and-white photos of Holocaust victims. The vivid contrast between the two candidates' daily schedules provides an early snapshot of

what is already one of the most unusual campaigns in memory, as a sitting president confronts a challenger who faces four criminal trials. Biden has generally been careful to avoid commenting on Trump's trials, while Trump has suggested without evidence that the charges against him are part of a plot. The only incident in recent history that may compare to the distasteful drama surrounding Trump, a former and possibly future president, may be the experience of President Bill Clinton, who saw the graphic details of his alleged affairs emerge in an independent counsel's report. On Tuesday, as the New York court broke for lunch, Biden's motorcade returned to the White House. By 2 p.m., Trump was back in the courtroom and Biden was in

the Oval Office. Trump's lawyers asked for a mistrial, but New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan said it was not warranted. While he conceded that some of the testimony from the adult-film star was surprising — “I think the witness was a little difficult to control” — he said the defense attorneys could have objected to more of it. Biden, meanwhile, was meeting with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, speaking about the strength of NATO and joking that he had supported Romania's membership in the alliance “back when I was a senator, 180 years ago.” Biden ignored the shouted questions from reporters, unlike when Iohannis joined Trump in the Oval Office nearly five years ago and Trump held court for more than 30 minutes. “I think

any Jewish people that vote for a Democrat, I think it shows either a total lack of knowledge or great disloyalty,” Trump said at the time. On Tuesday afternoon, it was Trump who was largely silent as he watched a legal drama unfold in a room controlled not by him but by a judge. Leaving the courthouse, he told reporters that the day had been a “disaster” for prosecutors and lamented having to sit through the proceedings. “I should be out campaigning right now,” he said. Later on Tuesday afternoon, Biden met with chief executives from various industries to discuss the global economy. Biden's campaign aides released a new ad highlighting Trump's immigration policies. They wrote on social media about Trump's purportedly antisemitic comments and promoted news coverage about former Nikki Haley supporters who were now voting for Biden. But they largely refrained from discussing Trump's day in court. At the White House, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre declined to say explicitly whether Biden had been following Trump's trial. But she hinted broadly at the day's contrasts. “The president is really busy. Obviously, he probably catches up during the day, like many of us here,” Jean-Pierre said. “He pays attention to the news. I cannot speak to the current situation that is happening that many of you all are covering right now at this moment of the former president. Can't speak to that.” “But the president's ... had a busy day,” she added. “He's been very much focused on what's going on in the world.” Shayna Jacobs, Tom Jackman, Marianne LeVine and Devlin Barrett contributed to this report.

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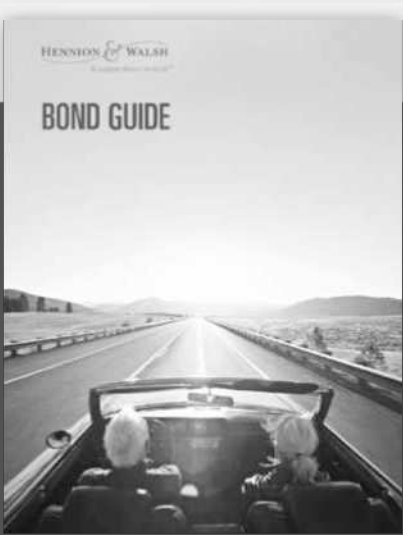
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THE TRUMP TRIALS

Why Stormy Daniels prompted a mistrial request from Trump’s lawyers

BY PERRY STEIN
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The jury got an earful in court Tuesday — maybe far more than they ever wanted to know — about Donald Trump and Stormy Daniels. And, depending on whom you ask, perhaps far more than New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan should have allowed them to hear.

Daniels, the adult-film actress whose hush money payment is at the center of Trump’s criminal trial, took the stand Tuesday and described in great detail a one-night stand she said she had with Trump in 2006.

At times, her description made it sound like the sex could be viewed as nonconsensual.

That ignited tensions in the courtroom, with Trump’s attorney saying such disparaging allegations are not relevant to the case and could prejudice the jury deciding the fate of the former president and presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

The cross-examination of Daniels by defense attorneys is expected to continue Thursday.

Here are our key takeaways from the day, and if you’d like a refresher, here’s some background on what the case is about.

In a case about bank records, the jury is hearing a lot about sex

The jury must decide whether Trump falsified financial documents related to the hush money payment to Daniels, and whether he did it in an effort to conceal election-related crimes. But Daniels spent much of Tuesday morning offering very specific details of the alleged sexual encounter that prompted the hush money payment in the first place.



In this courtroom sketch, Stormy Daniels testifies in Manhattan criminal court Tuesday. Daniels alleged what at times sounded like a nonconsensual sexual encounter with Donald Trump.

The jury learned that — per Daniels — Trump didn’t wear a condom, the position they had sex in, that Daniels had her bra on and more.

None of these details deal directly with the criminal allegations against Trump: that he reimbursed his lawyer for the hush money payment and classified that payment as a legal expense, rather than one for the campaign.

But Trump has denied that he and Daniels had a sexual encounter, and prosecutors presumably wanted her to share details to build her credibility with the jury and establish that an encounter that Trump wanted to cover up actually occurred.

Trump’s team argued that the judge allowed Daniels to say too much

Even before Daniels appeared in court Tuesday, prosecutors and defense lawyers argued about the value of her testimony. Defense attorney Susan Necheles said the defense objected to Daniels testifying about explicit sexual details, arguing that “this is a case about books and records.” Prosecutors said they would limit explicit details of sex acts, and the judge said he would allow the questions.

Still, Daniels described just about every aspect of a sexual encounter with Trump that she said she did not want to have, but did not resist. Another Trump

attorney, Todd Blanche, returned from the lunch break and called for a mistrial. He said that implying that the sex was nonconsensual was “extraordinarily prejudicial” and has nothing to do with the charges in the indictment.

Merchan ruled that a mistrial was not warranted, even as he conceded that there were some things that the jury should not have heard. He said that, as a witness, Daniels was a “little difficult to control,” adding that he was surprised that Trump’s attorneys did not make more objections while she was testifying.

“The defense has to take some responsibility for that,” Merchan

said.

Trump’s team could appeal the ‘no mistrial’ decision

If the jury convicts Trump, his defense attorneys could try to appeal the conviction, arguing to a higher court that Merchan allowed unnecessary prejudicial testimony into the trial.

Any motion or objection the defense makes that is denied by the trial judge provides an opportunity to appeal — but winning an appeal is not easy, said Anna G. Cominsky, a law professor at New York Law School. “The real question is even if the judge erred in his decision whether it would provide a basis to overturn the verdict on appeal, and that is a high bar,” she said in an email.

Last month, a New York appeals court threw out Harvey Weinstein’s sex-crimes conviction, saying that it did so in part because his trial judge “erroneously admitted testimony of uncharged, alleged prior sexual acts.”

Trump, of course, is not charged with sex-related crimes.

Cross-examination became an all-out battle between Trump’s attorney and Daniels

The often combative and tense questioning of Daniels by Trump’s legal team focused on whether she hates the former president and if she made money off their alleged sexual encounter. Necheles pointed to a defamation case filed by Daniels against Trump in California that was dismissed, with Daniels ordered to pay more than \$293,000 for Trump’s legal fees.

Daniels said she has not paid Trump that money, with Necheles suggesting that Daniels has a

financial incentive to see Trump in jail.

“You’ve been making money by claiming you had sex with Donald Trump for more than a decade, correct?” Necheles asked.

Daniels, who wrote a book that described her alleged 2006 sexual encounter with Trump, agreed.

Question time

Q. What happens if the judge throws Trump in jail for violating the gag order? Would the trial be put on hold for the duration of his sentence?

A. If Trump is sent to jail (and that’s a big, big if — Merchan said Monday that he would be extremely reluctant to take such a step), he would be brought to the courtroom each day for trial. But it would be a logistical nightmare, Cominsky, the New York Law School professor, said.

Currently, Trump arrives to court in his motorcade. If he was in jail, state officials and Secret Service would need to coordinate the transportation. Cominsky said there is some speculation that he would need to be placed in federal detention because his Secret Service protection means that he could not be housed with the general population in a city jail. If that happens, that would mean federal and state law enforcement and the Secret Service would need to coordinate his transportation each day, which Cominsky said “equals three times the red tape.” And during breaks in the court proceedings, he would not be free to go in the hallway or leave for lunch.

“Instead, he would have to be brought to a secure holding facility until court resumes and then, of course, brought back,” Cominsky said. “More time wasted.”

Judge denies Trump attorneys’ mistrial bid

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U.S. president, including descriptions by Daniels of their alleged sexual encounter in 2006 that were so detailed that defense attorneys demanded a mistrial.

While Merchan rejected their request, Daniels at times seemed to be describing nonconsensual sex that could be considered highly prejudicial for the jury, which in turn could give Trump — the presumptive Republican presidential nominee — solid grounds to appeal if he is found guilty.

Trump is accused of 34 counts of falsifying business records for allegedly disguising financial transactions related to a \$130,000 hush money payment made to Daniels in 2016 to keep her quiet about what she said happened between them. He has denied the charges and denied having sex with Daniels.

Speaking rapidly and often emphasizing her answers by pointing her finger in the air, Daniels insisted there was nothing about the years of bad blood between her and Trump that made her story untrue. Still, her dislike of the defendant was palpable in the courtroom.

Daniels described meeting Trump at a golf event in Lake Tahoe, Calif., and being invited to his hotel suite that night.

When she got there, she talked with the reality TV star for a couple of hours, but then to her surprise she emerged from the bathroom to find him wearing a T-shirt and boxers and posing on the bed, Daniels said.

“That’s when I had that moment when I felt like the room spun in full motion. And I felt the blood leave my hands and my feet, almost like if you stand up too fast,” she testified. Trump “stood up between me and the door, not in a threatening manner,” though she said she felt an imbalance of power, particularly with Trump’s security guard outside.

“I think I blacked out,” Daniels said, adding that there were many details she didn’t remember but insisting that she wasn’t drugged or drunk.

“Next thing I know I was on the bed,” she testified. “I was staring at the ceiling. I didn’t know how I got there.”

She said the encounter was brief.

Before Daniels testified,

Trump’s lawyers had argued that it would be unfair to tell the jury salacious details about an alleged sexual encounter that is not part of the charges against him.

Merchan warned prosecutor Susan Hoffinger not to go into great detail about the alleged encounter, but the prosecutor elicited not only a lengthy description of a sexual experience that often did not sound consensual, but also a raft of other details, down to the brand of shampoo in his bathroom, Pert Plus.

Trump’s lawyers complained bitterly that Daniels’s account of a possible sex crime had hopelessly tainted the jury against him and asked for a mistrial.

“All of this has nothing to do with this case, is extraordinarily prejudicial and the only reason why the government asked those questions, besides pure embarrassment, is to inflame this jury to not look at the evidence that matters,” Blanche said.

Prosecutors said the jury needed to know the underlying details of Daniels’s alleged encounter with Trump to understand why he would be motivated to pay money to keep it quiet. And the specifics, they said, would boost her credibility after it has been attacked by Trump’s lawyers.

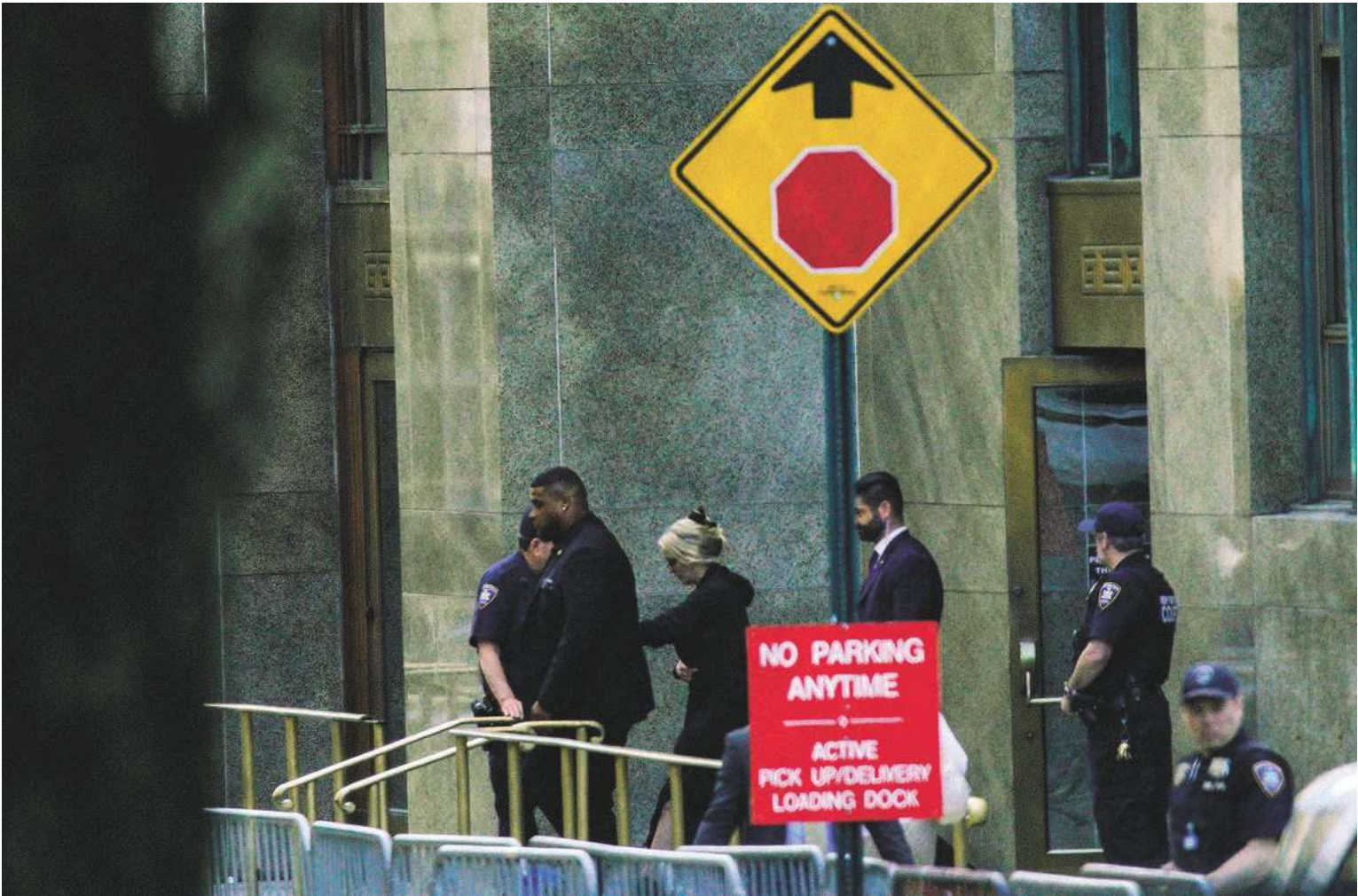
Merchan rejected the defense’s request for a mistrial, saying that while Daniels had talked too fast and gone into greater detail than he would like, that was partly the defense’s fault for not objecting more strenuously.

“There are some things that are probably better left unsaid,” Merchan said. “I think there were some things that, I think, the witness was a little difficult to control. ... It was not easy.”

The judge defended his own role during the testimony, saying he had done “everything that I can possibly do to protect both sides.”

Before Daniels was brought back to testify, he instructed the prosecutor to speak to her and make it clear that she needed to speak slower, and only answer the questions she was asked.

The fight over Daniels’s testimony comes weeks after the same prosecutor’s office suffered a stinging defeat when New York’s highest court tossed out their 2020 conviction of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, saying



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Adult-film actress Stormy Daniels exits the Manhattan criminal court Tuesday during former president Donald Trump’s trial over hush money payments. Her testimony delved into the details of a sexual encounter that she alleges but that Trump denies.



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Trump and attorney Susan Necheles in court. Necheles on Tuesday suggested Daniels was willing to say anything that gets her paid.

the trial judge had improperly allowed too much testimony about uncharged sexual misconduct. In the Trump case, Merchan has insisted that the ruling has no bearing on the current trial.

While Tuesday’s testimony could give Trump a meaty appeals issue should he be convicted, that process typically takes years and would be worth far less

politically than a win at trial.

Outside the courtroom, Trump told reporters that the day featuring Daniels had blown up in the prosecutors’ faces.

“This was a very big day, a very revealing day as you see their case is totally falling apart,” he said. “They have nothing on books and records and even something that should bear very little relationship to the case. It’s

just a disaster for the D.A. ... This whole case is just a disaster.”

Trump’s angry demonstrations from the defense table were not the first time he has upset a trial judge. The federal judge overseeing his civil trial earlier this year threatened to expel him from the courtroom after he audibly disparaged his sexual assault accuser E. Jean Carroll, who successfully sued him for defamation.

On Tuesday afternoon, Trump lawyer Susan Necheles challenged Daniels’s shifting accounts of what happened, suggesting she was willing to say whatever got her paid. In 2011, Daniels acknowledged, she had tried and failed to sell her story of meeting Trump for \$15,000.

At times she has publicly denied that the two had sex, but on the witness stand, Daniels insisted that those were lies told to live up to the terms of the nondisclosure agreement that paid her \$130,000.

Necheles suggested that the main lesson Daniels learned from the 2011 experience was that she would have to make up a story about having sex with Trump if she wanted to make money.

“Am I correct that you hate President Trump ... and you want him to go to jail, right?” Necheles asked, pointing to an old social media post in which Daniels said she would dance down the street if he were locked up.

“I want him to be held accountable,” Daniels replied.

“You’re looking to get, extort, money from President Trump, right?” the defense lawyer asked.

“False,” Daniels countered, though she later conceded that she was interested in making money, and insisted there was nothing wrong with that.

“To be quite honest, if I had a chance to get the story out and make some money, yes,” she said.

She also acknowledged that, as a result of losing some civil cases against Trump and being ordered to pay his legal fees, she owes Trump more than \$660,000.

Necheles wondered whether that debt was motivation for Daniels to publicly accuse Trump. Daniels admitted tweeting that she would go to jail before she paid Trump.

“You’ve chosen to disobey a court order?” Necheles asked Daniels. “I’ve chosen not to pay,” Daniels said.

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Despite the hurdles, Johnson intends to continue as speaker past election

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, LEIGH ANN CALDWELL AND MARIANA ALFARO

Mike Johnson on Tuesday vowed to remain in his job as speaker past the 2024 election, defying a pair of hard-line conservatives who continue to seek his ouster, and attempting to retain his shaky grip on an unruly House.

“I intend to lead this conference in the future,” Johnson (R-La.) said Tuesday. “We have plans for the next Congress, and we’ve been outlining a lot of that. But right now it’s all hands on deck, all hands on the wheel and steering the ship upstate, so to speak. So I’m honored to be able to do that. I expect I’ll be doing that in the future, and am glad to have the support of President Trump.”

Johnson’s statement comes as Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) have threatened to topple him from the speakership, most recently demanding that he adhere to a series of asks or face a removal vote. The challenge for the speaker comes as he also faces an angry conference frustrated with his leadership. Some Republicans want a way to voice their discontent but are unwilling to vote Johnson out six months before an election.

Greene, however, has yet to follow through on her threat last week that she would unleash her “motion to vacate” under rules forcing the House to vote before the end of the week. Trump’s support for Johnson may be on her mind.

During a private donor luncheon Saturday, Trump stressed his belief that Johnson is “doing a very good job” as speaker and that his Republican colleagues “should leave him alone,” according to audio obtained by The Washington Post. Greene, one of Trump’s top allies on Capitol Hill, had repeatedly argued she is moving against Johnson to ensure Trump’s agenda is followed ahead of November.

Asked whether Trump influenced Greene to back off her threat, the congresswoman said, “I’m not giving the details of my conversations with the president. ... I love President Trump. My conversations with him are fantastic.”

Greene and Massie have spent hours meeting with Johnson aiming to extract concessions from him instead of working to eject him. Their push to oust him faces a steep hurdle: a pledge from Democrats to provide enough votes to keep Johnson in the role.

During a two-hour meeting Monday called by Greene, the pair of hard-liners demanded that Johnson no longer send aid to Ukraine this year; only put bills on the floor that a majority of Republicans agree with; move to defund any Justice Department investigation into Trump; and pass a dozen individual spending bills or institute a 1 percent cut across government agencies.

In a sign that Johnson is listening to Greene and Massie, the speaker devoted five minutes of opening remarks at his weekly news conference outlining how he believes the Justice Department has been weaponized by Democrats to take down Trump. But asked whether he would agree to defund the special counsel’s criminal case against Trump, Johnson would not commit to doing so.

Johnson met again with Greene and Massie on Tuesday afternoon, but has yet to make a decision about whether he would accept their demands. After an hour, Greene declared that the “ball is in Mike Johnson’s court” and Massie said both hard-liners are “definitely waiting for a decision” before discussing next steps in their ouster plan.

“These are things that have to be done,” Greene said about her four demands. “He’s already delivered Joe Biden’s agenda. He’s delivered everything that Chuck Schumer’s asked. If he’s capable of doing that, with a majority of Republicans controlling the House, I think he’s extremely capable [of] doing these things.”

Meanwhile, Johnson reiterated his desire to stay atop the GOP conference even as dissent bubbles up from every corner.

Members close to Johnson say they think the speaker is aware that right now, he lacks the ample support from the conference needed to again seek to lead House Republicans. Several speculated that Johnson may be banking on Trump’s ongoing support to sustain him, but privately noted that such a guarantee may evaporate if the former president loses in November. However, Johnson would probably benefit

if House Republicans expanded their majority in November.

Keeping the majority is critical to Johnson’s quest to stay in the job. Speaking to donors at a Washington fundraiser Sunday night, Johnson alluded to continuing to lead his unruly members, advocating for a rules change in the next Congress that would enable the speaker to govern without constant threat of losing his or her job. Johnson also noted that Republicans who refuse to endorse floor debate that their conference agrees with should get kicked off committees, according to a person who heard his remarks and spoke on the condition of anonymity to reveal what was discussed in a private meeting.

But Johnson has said he is unwilling to change party rules mid-Congress, knowing that such consequences could prompt more intense reactions he isn’t necessarily willing to tackle.

“He’s a good man. But it’s like having a guy who has been a star football player. When you put him in the game he just falters,” Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) said. “The expectation was so high with Mike. [Kevin] McCarthy, you couldn’t trust him. The side deals he had showed that. Mike’s not like that, but he’s got to lead. He’s got to get a vision of what he wants to do and push it like you do anything else.”

Right now, Johnson is too bogged down with intraparty fighting to pass much of an agenda while the threat of being booted by his right flank is constantly dogging him. Furthermore, Congress is not expected to take up any major pieces of legislation other than the federal aviation bill being debated in the Senate between now and the election, minimizing the impact of any deal Johnson reaches with his detractors.

Asked why he is negotiating with Greene and Massie even though a majority of his conference is advising him not to, Johnson bluntly told reporters, “It’s not a negotiation, okay?”

“This is how I’ve operated as speaker. I’ve committed to do it before I became speaker and we’ve been doing it the last six months. Everybody knows I have lengthy discussions, detailed discussions on a daily basis with members across the conference,” Johnson said. “My door has been open from Day One. Everybody knows that. ... There is nothing unusual about this.”

But scores of Republicans across the ideological spectrum have grown irate with Johnson for even entertaining the possibility of making a deal with Greene. Many were reminded that such dealmaking was what then-Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) often engaged in, only to later breach some of them and pave the way for resentments that ultimately led to his ouster last year.

“That’s how we got in trouble January 2023, right? We gave away too much, and I think we’re paying for it right now. So I would be very careful negotiating,” Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.) said Tuesday.

Put another way, Rep. Carlos A. Gimenez (R-Fla.) said Tuesday that a leader should “never negotiate with terrorists” because “if you grease a squeaky wheel, then you’ll end up with a bunch of squeaky wheels.”

Johnson’s attention to Greene has flummoxed many conservatives who thought the speaker had moved on from listening to concerns from members who will always oppose his plans. Members of Johnson’s Elected Leadership Committee, a group of diverse lawmakers, were left waiting in the speaker’s suite for half an hour before a staffer told them the meeting would be called off because he was negotiating with Greene, according to three people familiar with the situation.

“It’s like we’re irrelevant. We’re sick of it,” a lawmaker said in reaction.

Johnson did not divulge the contours of his negotiations with Greene to the GOP conference Tuesday, but explained why he was open to the conversation with the hard-liners. According to multiple Republicans who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an off-the-record meeting, Johnson said his job requires him to listen to all sides before making a decision and that all are welcome to approach him.

“I don’t have a problem with him listening. But what I will have a problem with, and we had this problem with [McCarthy], is when you start making special deals, side deals, hidden deals behind closed doors, then people, moderates, conservatives will start to say, ‘Well what about my deal?’” Rep. Kevin Hern (R-Okla.) said. “I think he’s very cognizant

of that.”

Republicans are frustrated that Greene and Massie’s ouster plan has diverted attention from broader concerns: how Johnson plans to continue leading a Republican majority without relying on Democrats.

After meeting with Greene and Massie, Johnson talked with members of the staunchly conservative House Freedom Caucus on Monday evening. According to members in the room, lawmakers repeatedly implored Johnson to fight Democratic leaders to better represent the power voters gave House Republicans in the last election.

“Two words: He’s risk-averse. He will not take the risk,” Norman said. “My question to him is, ‘What are you willing to risk?’ And stop telegraphing what you will and will not agree to. That’s basic. But I don’t know if that’s in his DNA.”



House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, following a closed-door meeting with Republicans. A pair of hard-line members of his conference have threatened to oust him as speaker.

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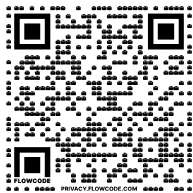


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Libertarians at odds after party asks Trump to headline its convention

BY MERYL KORNFIELD

Some Libertarian Party leaders are fuming over the party's decision to have former president Donald Trump headline their national convention this month, with national committee members calling on the party to rescind the invitation.

The choice to have the presumptive nominee from another party speak at the Libertarian Party's nominating convention has inflamed growing schisms within the minor party. State and local factions, presidential candidates and critics of the right-wing caucus that controls the party are registering their anger with Trump's planned appearance. Over the weekend, the party's leadership debated disinventing Trump from the Washington convention after the treasurer motioned to reverse course, with dissenters arguing there should be a vote over allowing Trump to attend "when over half of the membership is up in arms," according to emails The Washington Post reviewed.

National committee Chair Angela McArdle told The Post that the dissent has come from "a small, noisy faction," and the rancor will not change her plans.

"I can certainly understand that there are a handful of people allergic to relevance, afraid to confront their political opposi-

tion, afraid of losing control of the narrative," she said, "but in 50-plus years, the Libertarian Party has never been on the main stage politically, and this is an incredible opportunity for us to bring someone who grabs the spotlight and put them on our stage."

The Libertarian Party, which has historically endorsed limited government and a free-market economy, would typically clash with some of the ideas behind plans Trump has discussed implementing if he wins a second presidential term, such as possibly deploying the military domestically, expanding tariffs and indemnifying law enforcement.

Trump's participation in the party's national convention is a first — no current or former president has spoken at the event. It comes at a time when Democrats and Republicans worry that third-party candidates might sway an expected close contest in November. (Libertarian candidates have typically attracted small shares of the presidential vote, but in a close race between Trump and President Biden, even a single-digit percentage showing can be significant to the outcome.)

Trump said in a statement that he aims to appeal to Libertarian voters who share his goal of defeating Biden. And McArdle said the speech will attract attention the party needs as it has seen a



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Donald Trump, seen at a May 1 rally in Waukesha, Wis., is set to address the Libertarian Party's national convention May 25.

recent downturn in its membership rolls and coffers.

"We must all work together to help advance freedom and liberty for every American," Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, said in a statement after his invitation was announced.

But Chase Oliver, Lars Mapstead, Jacob Hornberger and Mike ter Maat, who are all seeking the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, told The Post they worried Trump's presence at the convention might be seen as their party's endorsement of his candidacy.

"Could you imagine if the Re-

publican National Committee invited me to come be a main speaker at the convention," Mapstead said. "It seems ridiculous, right?"

Hornberger called it "an abomination."

"People have come to perceive that Libertarian Party as right-wing, and he will just be reinforcing that image," Hornberger said.

Critics of the latest turn in the Libertarian Party, which is now controlled by a faction of the party called the Mises Caucus, said the group has allowed increasingly right-wing policies and ideas to infiltrate the party, such as the move to argue for the

security of the southern U.S. border and recent allegations of bigotry. McArdle told podcaster Austin Petersen last week that "Donald Trump is a much better person and president than Joe Biden," further infuriating those in the party seeking to distance themselves from Trump.

"I think we're seeing a lot of people who said, 'Oh, this is going to be turned into the Donald Trump party,' and they have been feeling like they've been proven right," Oliver said about the rise of right-wing party leadership. "I think it's up to Libertarians to shout Donald Trump down and to boo him and to give him the reception he deserves to prove them wrong. Otherwise, they're proven right."

Divisiveness within the national committee leadership spilled into public view after the announcement of Trump's speech at the convention, when Treasurer Todd Hagopian motioned to rescind the invite, a move supported by leaders in southern regions, according to emails The Post reviewed.

"Grow a pair, Todd," wrote back Adrian Malagon, chair of the Libertarian Party of California.

Mark Tuniewicz, a Libertarian National Committee member who co-sponsored Hagopian's motion to disinvite Trump, responded that the chair should sanction Malagon "or step aside

immediately for someone who will."

In an interview, Malagon said Hagopian and Tuniewicz represent "the loudest people," but he said many Libertarians want Trump to speak at the convention.

McArdle also faces a lawsuit from Libertarian National Committee member Beth Vest, who filed a case Friday that argues McArdle has unilaterally taken action violating the party's by-laws, although the complaint doesn't explicitly mention the Trump invitation.

"People are terribly upset," Vest said. "I know very few party insiders, except the few that are connected to this caucus and to [McArdle], who think this is a good idea."

McArdle said convention package sales picked up after the Trump news and that she expects more media coverage of the event. She said she has also extended an invitation to Biden and independent presidential candidates Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and rap artist Afroman. Cornel West, who is running as an independent, and Jill Stein, a Green Party candidate, were not invited, McArdle said.

Trump is set to appear at the convention on May 25, after a debate among the Libertarian candidates, and his remarks will be open to the public, McArdle said.

Biden team meets volunteers where they are — at bingo

Campaign funds social activities in hopes of finding recruits who, in turn, can make the president's case to friends and family who are soured on politics

BY MICHAEL SCHERER

MILWAUKEE — Bracelet beading for Joe Biden, timed to the new Taylor Swift album, drew students last month on the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee campus. Bingo cracked open the elderly apartment blocks on the north side of town. And at Mr. B's, a soul club with weekly step classes, one campaign volunteer interrupted a show by Mo'Betta, her niece's band, to talk about the coming election.

Organizers for President Biden's campaign in this swingiest of swing states deploy similar scripts at each event: Take out your phone, download an app called Reach and use it to message friends and family — marking their responses in voter records as you go. There is a library of pro-Biden graphics, memes and videos, created by the campaign, which they can share to their own social media feeds or text chains.

The bingo winner goes home with champagne glasses. A wine decanter recently went to the person who shared Biden's message with seven people on their phone, more than anyone else.

This is what campaign organizing looks like now.

"It's modest stuff. This isn't Tiffany's, but you get the point, and they appreciated it," said Sabrina Jordan, 63, a retired county budget analyst who has been hitting up the apartment blocks and Mr. B's as a volunteer. "If they didn't know anything and they weren't engaged at all, they definitely thought about it afterwards."

No one looks at the 2024 presidential election and thinks this is a fired-up, ready-to-go race. Instead of Hope and Change circa 2008, the nation's view of politics has soured and voters who dislike both Biden and presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump dominate. Both have held the job before, and both have received bad reviews.

Nearly two-thirds of those who support Biden told Pew pollsters in April that they would like to replace both the Republican and Democratic nominees. About a third of those supporting Trump said the same thing.

But the campaign team around the 81-year-old president still sees opportunity. They have opened more than 150 offices in nine states, including 46 in Wisconsin, hiring more than 400 people to build an army of volunteers. Success or failure of the field operation will probably determine the outcome in a closely divided state like Wisconsin, said Ben Wikler, the state's Democratic Party chair.

"Are the social pressures making it unacceptable to not vote? Or is the social pressure to not participate for whatever reason?" he said in a statement. "Our goal is to make sure the wind is blowing in the direction of everyone jumping in."

Deliberately, with little fanfare, the Biden campaign has been gathering people a dozen or



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Democratic organizer Oisín Kaliszewski, second from left, teaches Beth Counce, center, and her husband, Timothy Counce, how to use the Reach phone app, which can be used for pro-campaign messaging with friends and family, at Amorphic Brewing in Milwaukee on April 25.

so at a time, pulling in others for Zoom trainings and telling them their iPhone can change the world. The president has been appearing at campaign training events as he travels to encourage more face-to-face contact, telling his staff "to look people in the eye, get their feelings." The number crunchers at the campaign's Wilmington headquarters say victory depends on convincing hard-to-reach members of the Black, Latino and youth communities in eight battleground states that this election matters.

Biden campaign chairwoman Jen O'Malley Dillon, a veteran of Democratic presidential efforts since the 2000 election, said the campaign is looking at all aspects of how it can reach voters differently, from organizing tactics to the use of billboard advertising. "The voters who are harder to reach, they are just not getting information at the same level," she said.

New technology, it turns out, can be both the problem and prescription. The people who don't care about politics — the ones likely to decide this election — no longer watch much ad-supported television. They avoid public online spaces, where digital spots land, preferring text chains with friends, private Snapchat feeds and Discord channels. The dominant platform for the mindless scroller, TikTok, doesn't accept political advertising.

"We are trying to figure out ways to reach young people. That is a challenge in this Facebook-TikTok environment that we are living in," said Jordan, the volun-



Democratic campaign worker Mary Frank demonstrates how to use the Reach app during an April 25 event at Amorphic Brewing.

teer in Milwaukee. "I have tried to speak with my own family members, the younger ones, and they are creatures of another planet. People live in silos. They don't know what is going on."

But that same phone — destroyer of attention spans and new opiate of the masses — also has the power to bring order. Back in Barack Obama's day, the campaign would print out lists of addresses and phone numbers for volunteers from the voter file. That still happens, but many of Biden's new targets aren't even in the voter file, and Americans increasingly choose not to take unknown calls.

"Doesn't matter how hard you try, people just don't pick up phone calls from strangers," said Donald P. Green, a political scien-

tist at Columbia University who studies get-out-the-vote tactics. "The cost-effectiveness of these tactics has diminished dramatically, so the question is, 'How can you achieve positive effect and break through the gating of these networks?' The answer is friend-to-friend, contact-to-contact, community-to-community."

That brings Biden to pay for bingo prizes, bracelet making, and trivia nights — trying to recruit the people who might know the people the campaign needs to vote.

"A conversation between people who know each other is about 2.5 times more effective than talking to strangers — and contact rates are much higher," said Greta Carnes, a Democratic consultant who is preparing an inde-

pendent relational effort to support Biden's campaign. "Going forward, more people are going to be contacted by a friend or a family member than by a stranger."

Back in November, when the Biden campaign was mostly not hiring people or spending any money, O'Malley Dillon authorized dozens of immediate hires in Phoenix and Milwaukee to test this new approach. The goal was to see if people could be recruited from within the most disaffected communities — to see if they would take action despite an election most Americans don't want.

Nothing was easy, but the pilot projects showed a path, campaign officials said. More than 2 in 5 volunteers completing shifts in Arizona and Wisconsin were new volunteers who did not take action in 2020 or in 2022, the campaign found. Sixty percent of the voters canvassed had not been contacted in 2022.

"If we can't get those folks in the door at all, what's the point of doing any of this?" said Rob Flaherty, a deputy campaign manager for Biden. "We found through this process that the answer is we could."

That means Chris Krupp, a 23-year-old college organizer in Milwaukee, has been making Drake and Tiger Woods memes to share on social media at UW-Milwaukee and Marquette University. Krupp has students bead bracelets that spell out the issues they care about — CLIMATE, ABORTION — and then push related content into their feeds.

"It's mostly Snapchat, Insta-

gram, a little bit of TikTok," Krupp said of his generation. "We have always been making memes. We have always been sending content to one another. So it is just about getting people involved."

The campaign's central technology, Reach, was built initially for the insurgent campaign of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, allowing her to track the voters she met outside subway stops by connecting them to voter records. It contains a searchable database of just about every voter in America, allowing anyone to tag the people already in their phone, or whoever they meet on the street, with their voting disposition or interest in volunteering. That data is then uploaded to inform the Democratic Party's ad-buying machine, acting as a sort of additional polling apparatus and allowing for targeting of ads that can be directed at the household level in some cases.

As Biden doubles down on organizing, Trump appears to be pulling back, with the Republican National Committee putting on hold planned hires as it processes the takeover by Trump campaign loyalists. What is unknown is whether Biden will be able to scale up this activity in the closing months of the campaign. At the moment, the Biden technology is being deployed in small groups at brewpubs, during trivia nights and at small gatherings in the battleground states.

The volunteers who showed up at a recent organizing get together Thursday night at Amorphic Beer Taproom on the north side of Milwaukee made no secret of the challenges before them. As the brewery owners hosted "Nerd Bingo Trivia" in the background — a hybrid game in which winners need both the right numbers and the trivia answer to win — most of the volunteers described Trump as their motivation for helping Biden. Some also spoke frankly about the ennui in the air and wondered aloud whether it would have been better for Biden to step aside for a younger Democrat.

"I'm going to vote Democrat all down the ticket," said Timothy Counce, 67, a retired truck driver dressed entirely in Milwaukee Bucks apparel who has been volunteering in presidential contests since Obama and noted the importance that Black voters like himself will play in November. "But it's funny that the Democratic Party that takes us for granted all these years now needs us to save it."

Kimberlee Foster, another volunteer, stood nearby, wondering whether she should start grilling hot dogs and corn outside her house to attract younger people into joining conversations.

"We are fighting real hard to build their confidence up that it does still matter that we vote," she explained. "Once you take the time and really sit down and really talk to them, people will come around. But it's about trying to reach the masses."

Despite some early objections, students more willing to bag cellphones at school

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endlessly distracting.

Scores of schools across the country — from California to Indiana to Pennsylvania — have taken similar steps to remove cellphones altogether rather than rely on rules around their use.

Those decisions come amid rising bipartisan alarm over the ways cellphones and social media may be harming children, concerns that have led to warnings from the U.S. surgeon general and the health commissioner of New York City. About a third of U.S. teens report that they use a social media site “almost constantly.”

Dolphin, 45, wears rectangular glasses and carries a walkie-talkie on his belt. He became a teacher right out of college, made a detour into banking, then returned to education a decade ago. It’s only in recent years that the presence of phones at school has become “overwhelming,” he said. When a fellow educator in nearby Hartford recommended a way to blunt their impact, Dolphin jumped at it.

At 7:50 a.m. on a March morning, Dolphin hustled toward his usual spot near the school entrance to make sure the system was working. Moments later, more than 800 middle school students — some boisterous, some sleepy — began flowing through the doors in a river of bulky backpacks and puffy jackets.

Those who had cellphones in their hands slipped them into individual gray pouches made of synthetic rubber. They clicked the magnetic lock at the top of their pouches shut, then placed them into their backpacks or held them up to show teachers. The pouches would stay with them, locked, until dismissal at 2:45 p.m.

Introducing the pouches — made by a California-based company called Yondr — was no cakewalk. Many students arriving that morning said they were still sore. “I cried,” said Michael Wilson, 14, about when he learned his phone would become inaccessible during the school day. He signed a last-ditch petition posted on the cafeteria wall urging the administration to reconsider.

Chioma Brown, in a gray sweat-suit and Crocs, slid her cellphone with a glittery cover into her pouch and locked it. She, too, was mad at first. As time passed, her feelings have shifted. “You can focus more” on classes, she said. These days she sometimes forgets that she has her phone with her.

Teachers who were initially skeptical that the pouches would work say they have been transformative. Dan Connolly, an eighth-grade science teacher, said he used to repeat the same reminder at the start of each period, six times a day: Put away your cellphones and take out your headphones.

“Now the first thing I say is, ‘Good morning,’ not ‘Take your AirPods out,’” Connolly said.

It’s not as though Illing had allowed cellphones in class previously. Like three-quarters of all U.S. schools, it didn’t. But such policies rely on individual teachers to carry them out, making them effectively an “unenforceable wish,” in the words of Jonathan Haidt, a psychologist at New York University who has called for banning phones from schools.

Justin Pistorius, a math teacher at Illing, said that enforcing the prior no-cellphone policy led to power struggles with students, who frequently complained. They would say: “Why are you the dude that’s doing this? The lady last year let us use them. You’re the jerk,” Pistorius said (at first using a word other than “jerk”).

Enter Yondr, a company founded in 2014 whose magnetically locking pouches are also used to store cellphones during concerts, theatrical events and professional exams. Lately, though, its sales to schools have exploded.

Last year, the number of U.S. schools using the pouches rose to 2,000, said company spokesperson Sarah Leader, more than double the figure in 2022.

Schools from Manhattan to rural Texas have bought the pouches and distributed them to students. In Providence, R.I., all six of the city’s middle schools and two of its high schools — a total of 4,500 students — are using them.

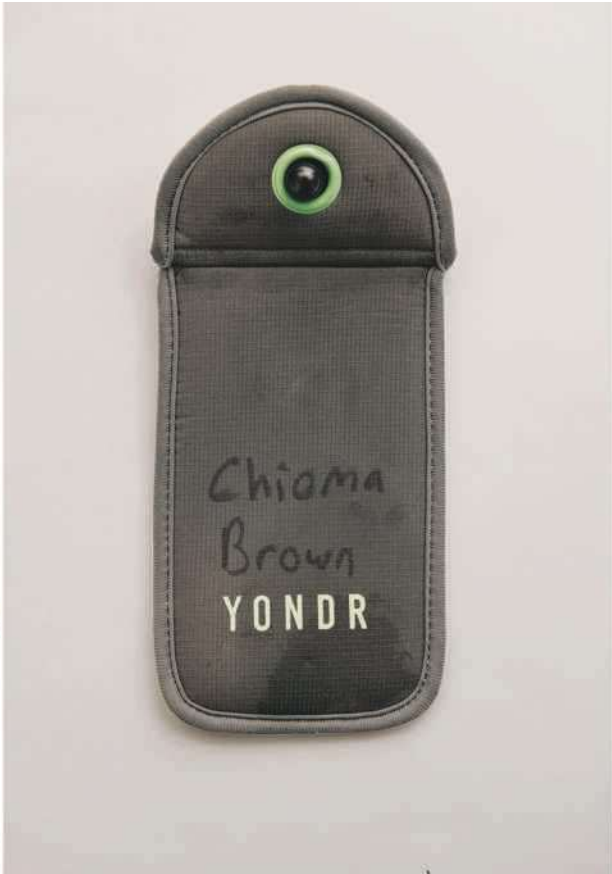
Some educators turned to the pouches out of desperation. When students returned to school full-time after learning remotely during the pandemic, their relationship to their phones had changed dramatically, said Carol Kruser, who was then principal at Chicopee High School in Massachusetts.

Instead of checking their phones at lunch, they were watching YouTube videos in class and refusing to put away the devices, Kruser said. Teachers were begging for help. Kruser introduced Yondr pouches at her high school in the spring of 2021.

“I really wasn’t sure if it was going to be career suicide,” said Kruser, 55, who is now an assistant



Assistant principal Raymond Dolphin spearheaded the push to ban cellphones, likening it to curbing the consumption of sugary foods. At right is student Amar Akasha.



Assistant principal Erin Powers-Bigler and student Chioma Brown. The pouch shown is the one Brown uses to keep her phone magnetically locked throughout the day.



PHOTOS BY TONY LUONG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Science teacher Anwesha Baidya, student Collin Clapp and the phone he leaves locked at school. Last year, the number of U.S. schools using the pouches rose to 2,000.

superintendent in Chicopee. “I just thought it was that important.”

Fast-forward three years: The use of the pouches has spread to neighboring school districts. Last fall, Massachusetts even launched a grant program to pay for them.

“We have these devices which we know are at best habit-forming and at worst addictive that are increasingly linked to depression and loneliness,” said Susan Linn, a psychologist, lecturer at Harvard Medical School and author of “Who’s Raising the Kids?”

“So why would we have them in schools?”

At Illing, Dolphin presented the idea to the principal and the district leadership last fall. Both were enthusiastic and the school spent \$31,000 to buy the equipment. Parents and students proved harder to persuade.

Objections from parents fell into three main categories. Some worried about reaching their children in an emergency. A small number had children struggling with anxiety who used their cellphones to listen to music or access meditation apps. Others just liked the convenience of being in touch with their children during the day.

The school reminded parents that there is at least one landline phone in every classroom — and in many cases two. Teachers also still have their cellphones in case they need to call 911 (the pouches also are not “bank vaults,” Dolphin added, and can be cut open in an emergency).

In the worst-case scenario — a school shooting — students should focus on hiding and staying quiet, Dolphin said. “The whole idea that you want every kid to be taking out a phone and calling parents is the exact opposite of the safety protocols,” he said.

For the handful of children who relied on their cellphones to manage anxiety, Illing created a weaning-off plan. Those students could come to school office, where administrators would unlock their pouches. Within weeks, it was no longer necessary.

As for parents who relied on the cellphone to make last-minute changes to pickups, for instance — they “just had to get over it,” Dolphin said. Parents can call the office any time to have a message relayed to a student. Likewise, students can go to the office if they need to reach their parents. For

some, it has been their first time using a landline.

Illing administrators said some of the changes among students have surprised them.

Group vaping sessions where students would coordinate to meet in bathrooms to smoke prohibited electronic cigarettes? Finished.

Using AirDrop to share inappropriate photos during class? No more.

Social-media-fueled arguments during school? Over.

Pistorius, the math teacher, observed that students are even taking shorter bathroom breaks because the trip is no longer an opportunity to spend time on their phones.

Meanwhile, four months into the pilot, most parents seem reconciled to the pouches or appreciate them. So long as there are plans in case of an emergency — a school phone that is readily accessible, for instance — the pouches are “totally fine with me,” said Donaree Brown, whose daughter Chioma is in eighth grade.

At the end of the school day, the students file out through the lime-green hallways toward waiting buses. Near every exit is a wall-

mounted unlocking station where kids can click open their individual pouches (a staff member needs to attach a magnet each day before dismissal for it to work). On a recent sunny afternoon, about half of the kids were using the unlocking stations.

The school is under no illusion that the system is foolproof, Dolphin said. “Do some kids keep phones secretly in their backpack? Of course. We’re not naive,” he said. But the students also know that taking out their phones leads to an automatic detention.

When students are in groups, the peer pressure to dislike Yondr remains strong, Dolphin said with a laugh. In one-on-one conversations, though, it’s different. Multiple students have told him they feel like they are making more friends. His gut also tells him that “the angsty intensity kids are living under” — he mimicked a person with head down, lost in a screen — has diminished.

Students confirmed that the disappearance of cellphones has, in turn, stimulated something old-fashioned. Serenity Erazo, 14, said that she used to watch TikTok or listen to music after completing her class work. Free time is a little

duller now, she said, but the students have adapted: “We’ll just find conversation, we figure it out.”

Gabe Silver, another eighth-grader, echoed that sentiment. When the pouches first arrived, “everyone was miserable and no one was talking to each other,” he said. Now he can hear the difference at lunch and in the hallways. It’s louder. Students are chatting more “face to face, in person,” Silver said. “And that’s a crucial part of growing up.”

Some students hadn’t realized how much their phones diverted their focus. Nicole Gwiazdowski, 14, followed the earlier rule not to use her cellphone in class. But even in her pocket, it was still a distraction. Her phone would buzz five to 10 times a day with notifications, she said, prompting her to take it out and check it.

Everyone is paying more attention in class these days, she said. And it turns out that being separated from your phone for the day isn’t as big a deal as some students feared.

“People thought, ‘Omigod, I’m going to miss so much,’” Gwiazdowski said. “You don’t miss anything. Nothing important is happening outside school.”

THE WORLD

BY NILO TABRIZY

In the video posted to Telegram, a banner emblazoned with the face of rapper Toomaj Salehi hangs from a highway overpass in Tehran. “Forced officer, forced executioner, one who just follows orders, go find a rat hole,” says a woman off camera, quoting lyrics from Salehi’s 2021 breakout hit.

On April 24, the day before the video was shared online, Salehi was sentenced to death on charges of “spreading corruption on the Earth” in connection with his support for the anti-government uprising that erupted in the fall of 2022. A rare and unapologetic voice of defiance inside Iran, Salehi was an inspiration for the protest movement, and among the most high-profile figures to be caught up in the state’s brutal crackdown.

International reaction to his death sentence was swift, with the United Nations, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan and the Recording Academy all putting out statements of support. Analysts said the draconian twist in Salehi’s case was a sign of his far-reaching cultural impact.

Iran’s leaders view Salehi as “a national security threat,” said Holly Dagres, a senior fellow with the Atlantic Council’s Middle East programs who spoke to Toomaj as a part of her research on Gen Z Iranians. She described his music as “a sword” that “tears at the very fabric of the clerical establishment.”

Salehi first went viral in September 2021 with “Rat Hole,” a song that openly challenged the Islamic Republic and its authoritarian rule.

“If you play in the middle and ask, ‘What is politics?’/ Know that we don’t have a vote to abstain./ Nobody can be neutral in this battle,” he rapped.

He quickly attracted attention, both from new fans and from the country’s security apparatus, which arrested him just days after the song’s release. But he was released on bail soon after and refused to stay quiet. He continued to put out music under his name and videos that showed his face, often from undisclosed locations within the country.

“No musician has been as bold and outspoken as him. ... Even people with safety outside of the country,” said Nahid Siamdoust, an assistant professor in media and Middle East studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Salehi was born and raised in Isfahan to Bakhtiari parents, an ethnic minority in Iran’s southwest. He was introduced to rap music by his brother at a young age, he has said, and cited Tupac Shakur as an early influence.

Negin Niknaam, one of his closest confidants, who manages his social media accounts from Germany, said he has also loved martial arts and boxing since childhood.

“That’s why I think he became interested in rap, because it’s also very direct,” she added.

Salehi came from a family of activists. His father was a political prisoner who spent eight years behind bars, one of thousands of leftists rounded up in the 1980s as the revolutionary government took control of the country.

In Iran, where rap is illegal, the “rap-e farsi” genre began to take shape in the 1990s. But the scene still exists entirely underground, making it difficult for artists to survive financially off their music.

“This is a man who’s sold his personal items, even his motorcycle, to produce music,” Dagres said. “It’s a real testament to his passion — not just for the genre itself, but also his love for Iran as a country.”

From the start, Salehi’s music



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Protesters hold signs during a rally in Berlin on April 28 protesting a death sentence given to Toomaj Salehi, an outspoken Iranian rapper, on charges of “spreading corruption on the Earth” in connection with his support for the anti-government women-led uprising that erupted in Iran in the fall of 2022.

Rapper Toomaj Salehi, icon in Iran, faces death sentence from revolutionary court

Defiant musician charged over support for anti-government uprising in 2022



COURTESY OF TOOMAJ SALEHI

released that December, showing Salehi speaking to someone who resembles an interrogator; the

camera angles appeared to mimic those from his music video for “Divination.”

After more than a year behind bars, Salehi was released on bail in late 2023. Days later, he posted

a video to his YouTube account in which he explained his forced confessions and alleged that he had been tortured.

“They broke my arms and my legs. They were hitting my face and my head, so at first I tried to cover myself with my hands, and they broke my fingers,” Salehi said.

He was arrested again less than two weeks later for “publishing lies and disturbing the public mind after publishing some false and undocumented comments online,” the judiciary’s media outlet reported.

When Salehi’s case was appealed to the Supreme Court, it called on the lower court to drop some of the charges against him. But a revolutionary court, part of Iran’s parallel justice system, re-assumed jurisdiction and sentenced him to death — an “unprecedented move,” according to his lawyer, Amir Raeisian.

Niknaam spoke with Salehi days after his death sentence was made public. She said he was most concerned that people who took to the streets to protest his sentence might be arrested. Salehi’s phone privileges have since been taken away and she has not been able to speak with him again.

“Toomaj is becoming a national hero,” said Navid, the Tehran protester. He explained how at a protest organized by pensioners in southwestern Khuzestan province on April 28, there were calls to “free Toomaj” amid chants about wages.

“I’m thrilled to see that aside from political and human rights activists speaking out against the regime, a rapper is continuing this fight,” he said.

On May 1, one of Salehi’s closest friends and collaborators, the rapper Afrasiab, released a free-style from inside Iran.

“Enforcing this sentence is the biggest mistake of the century,” said Afrasiab, rapping to the camera with his face in full view.

“Toomaj is not just one person. He’s a nation that won’t be chained down.”

IRAN IAEA hoping for deal on nuclear steps ‘soon’

Iran and the U.N. nuclear watchdog will continue talks aimed at ending an impasse on many issues between them, and should strike a deal on a package of measures “soon,” Rafael Grossi, the watchdog’s chief, said Tuesday as he returned from a trip to Iran.

The International Atomic Energy Agency faces a range of difficulties in Iran, including that Tehran has implemented only a small fraction of what Grossi thought it committed to in a “Joint Statement” on future cooperation they issued in March 2023, and that the few concrete steps stopped in June.

Speaking to reporters in Isfahan on Tuesday alongside Iran’s nuclear chief, Mohammad Eslami, Grossi said they were trying to agree on “tangible measures” Iran could take under that Joint Statement rather than thrashing out a new agreement.

“I certainly expect to start having some concrete results soon,” he said upon his return to Vienna. He did not specify steps being discussed but said they included uranium enrichment and access to facilities.

— Reuters

BRAZIL Flooded city left with little drinking water

A mayor in southern Brazil asked residents to ration water

Tuesday in a state capital where some 80 percent of the population is without running water, a week after flooding that has left at least 90 people dead and more than 130 missing.

Rescue efforts continued in Rio Grande do Sul state, with more rains forecast for the region into next week. The capital, Porto Alegre, has been virtually cut off, with the airport and bus station closed and main roads blocked by floodwaters.

Five of the city’s six water treatment facilities aren’t working, and Porto Alegre Mayor Sebastião Melo ordered that water be used only for “essential consumption.” Shops have also been short on water supplies.

“We are living an unprecedented natural disaster,” he said.

— Associated Press

South African rescue teams searching for construction workers missing after an apartment complex collapsed in the coastal city of George brought out five more survivors Tuesday as they entered a second night of desperate work to find anyone alive. At least seven people have been confirmed dead in the disaster in George, 250 miles east of Cape Town, but officials said 26 had now been rescued from the site where the five-story building collapsed Monday while under construction. Forty-two people are believed to still be buried in the debris of concrete and metal scaffolding. Rescuers said earlier Tuesday that they had made contact with at least 11 trapped workers and were communicating with them.

Eighteen people were killed and 32 wounded Friday when at least five rockets fell on camps sheltering displaced people around the eastern Congolese city of Goma, the U.N. humanitarian agency OCHA said, updating an earlier death toll of 12. The deaths illustrate the worsening fallout from the two-year conflict between Congolese forces and the rebel group M23, which has moved closer to Goma, prompting thousands to seek refuge in the city. The Democratic Republic of Congo and the United States have said the attacks were launched from territory held by Rwandan troops and M23. Rwanda, which denies backing M23, has blamed militias loyal to Congo. OCHA said most of those killed were women and children.

Two weeks after his return to the public eye, King Charles III is “very good” amid his cancer battle, according to Speaker of the House of Commons Penny Mordaunt, who spoke Tuesday to GB News about her weekly meetings with Charles in her role as Privy Council lord president. On April 30, Charles returned to public with a visit to a cancer charity, and on Friday, he attended the Royal Windsor Horse Show. He is to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, and is due to host a state visit by Japan’s emperor in June. The king’s busy schedule is being cited as the reason he and Prince Harry, who primarily lives in California, won’t connect during his son’s visit to London this week.

— From news services

DIGEST

Triumphal Putin inaugurated for fifth term as president

Ceremony highlights his quarter-century grip on power in Russia

BY ROBYN DIXON

In the gilded Andreyevsky Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace where Russian czars were once crowned, Vladimir Putin on Tuesday swore the oath of allegiance on Russia's constitution at his inauguration for a fifth term as president. The traditional pomp and ceremony conveyed his might as Russia's supreme, uncontested leader for the past quarter-century.

Bristling with optimism about his ongoing war against Ukraine, Putin, 71, declared he would place Russia's security above all else and promised that the country would be victorious. Russia is seeking to conquer and annex four regions of southeastern Ukraine, in addition to Crimea, which Russia invaded and illegally annexed in 2014.

"We are one great nation," Putin declared in his inauguration speech. "Together we will overcome all obstacles. We will fulfill everything we have planned. Together we will win." A 30-gun salute followed his remarks.

As he often does in his speeches, Putin, who has accused the West of instigating Russia's war on Ukraine, used the occasion to demand respect from Western leaders. He criticized their "aggression" against Russia, stating that talks regarding security and strategic stability could take place only if the West changes its ways.

"The choice is theirs," he said. "Do they intend to continue trying to contain Russia, continue the policy of aggression, continuous pressure on our country for years, or look for a path to cooperation and peace?"

Putin continued: "Dialogue, including on security and strategic stability, is possible, but not from a position of strength. Without any arrogance, swagger and claims to exclusivity, but only on equal terms and with due



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President Vladimir Putin after his inauguration at the Kremlin in Moscow, in a photo provided by Russian state-owned media.

respect for each other's interests."

Since 2008, when he completed a second full term as president, Putin repeatedly has circumvented constitutional term limits to remain in power. First, he swapped jobs with then-Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, and then swapped again four years later, returning to the presidency. In 2020, he engineered constitutional amendments allowing him to run for two more six-year terms. His term that began Tuesday runs until 2030, and he is eligible to run for at least another, lasting through 2036, when he would be 83 years old.

This year, he claimed overwhelming victory in an election that was widely condemned as failing to meet basic democratic standards, with genuine opposition candidates barred from running and the Kremlin wielding nearly total control over the media.

In his inaugural address, Putin held out Russia's stability — personified by his grip on Russia since he became acting president in 1999 — as the key goal of the Russian state, effectively equating his own political interests with those of all Russians.

"It is important for us not to forget the lessons of history, not to forget about the tragic cost of internal unrest and upheaval," he said. "Therefore, our state, social,

political system must be strong, absolutely stable, and stable to any challenges and threats, ensure the progressiveness and stability of the development of the unity and independence of the country."

Putin, who is steadily re-engineering Russia as a conservative militarized nation implacably hostile to the West, played on his favorite theme of Russia as a unique millennium-old civilization. He vowed to proceed with his previously announced plan to create a new elite elevating those who have fought in the war on Ukraine or worked in support of Russia's war effort.

He said he would "ensure that Russians who have proved their loyalty to their Motherland take leading positions in politics and economics."

"Today, in fact, we are answering to our thousand-year history and our ancestors," he said. "They took seemingly inaccessible heights, because they always put the Motherland first, knew that it is possible to achieve truly great goals only together with their country and their people, and created a world power, our Fatherland, and achieved such triumphs that inspire us today."

Six years after Putin's 2018 inauguration, Tuesday's event marked just how much has changed. Putin's main political rival, Alexei Navalny, died in

February in an Arctic prison colony, not quite four years after surviving an assassination attempt with a nerve agent, and three years after being arrested and imprisoned upon returning to Russia after recovering in Germany.

In the past six years, Putin also has carried out a massive campaign of political repression, crushing the opposition, jailing activists, cultural figures, bloggers, journalists and politicians, and outlawing the LGBTQ+ "international movement."

Yulia Navalnaya, Navalny's widow, released a video before the inauguration listing the war on Ukraine, mass repressions, corruption and official lies as marking Putin's last term, as well as the jailing, torture and the murder of her husband, "a true patriot," which she has blamed squarely on Putin.

"This war is bloody and senseless and nobody needs it except Putin," Navalnaya said.

Navalnaya, somber and clad in black, said the situation in Russia had worsened with each of Putin's presidential terms. "It's frightening to imagine what else will happen as Putin remains in power," she said, adding: "Now our country is being led by a liar, a thief and a murderer, but this will come to an end."

To swear the oath, Putin placed his right hand on the constitution, a red tome that was borne with ceremony into the hall by a white-gloved, goose-stepping member of the Russian presidential regiment, offering a veneer of constitutional legitimacy in a country where the rule of law has all but vanished.

Russian state television offered breathless second-by-second coverage as Putin walked through the long corridors of his Kremlin apartments, pausing briefly to examine a painting, then continuing under a black umbrella to his newly updated Auras Senat limousine, which drove him to the palace for the ceremony.

The weather was rainy and at one point snow fell, unusual in May in Moscow.

On his way, Putin passed by mounted members of the presidential regiment, with their

swords drawn and their heads tilted back, turning their faces to follow his every move — a ceremony of such grandiose pomp that it evoked a royal event.

After the ceremony, Putin attended a church service in the Cathedral of the Annunciation, where Patriarch Kirill, the hawkish leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, a fervent supporter of the war against Ukraine, appeared to urge Putin not to spare his enemies.

"The head of state must sometimes make fateful and formidable decisions," Kirill said. "And if such a decision is not taken, the consequences can be extremely dangerous for the people and the state."

"Alexander Nevsky did not spare his enemies, but became famous as a saint," the patriarch said, referring to a medieval prince of Novgorod who is often evoked by Putin.

The Russian leader has extolled the prince for paying tribute to Mongol invaders from the east and routing a Swedish invasion, but Putin has twisted the historical symbolism to suggest that Western nations have always sought Russia's defeat, while those to the east can be trusted.

Members of the government and security officials attended the ceremony, including Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and others. Also present was the head of the Chechen Republic, Ramzan Kadyrov, amid swirling media speculation that he is in poor health.

As Putin met with members of the government Monday, preparing to begin his new term, Russia's Defense Ministry announced it would stage tactical nuclear missile drills in the near future, accusing Western officials of escalatory rhetoric over the Ukraine war. Russia's Foreign Ministry also summoned the British and French ambassadors for a scolding.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the drills were in response to French and British statements on the war in Ukraine. French President Emmanuel Macron has been vocal in refusing to rule out sending

ground forces to Ukraine. British Foreign Secretary David Cameron said last week that Ukraine is now entitled to use British weapons to strike Russian territory.

Russia's 1993 constitution, enacted under President Boris Yeltsin, was Russia's first attempt to establish the rule of law and democracy. It contained lofty commitments to free speech, the right to protest, free elections and human rights, declaring that people's "rights and freedoms shall be the supreme value."

Putin has steadily unraveled all of these since he was first elected in 2000, after being handed the mantle when Yeltsin resigned on the last day of 1999, naming Putin, then prime minister, as acting president.

Golos, an independent Russian election monitoring group, said after Putin's reelection in March that Russia had never seen a vote "so much out of line with constitutional standards," adding that the basic constitutional safeguards against usurpation of power had been dismantled.

"The foundational articles of the Russian constitution, which guarantee political rights and freedoms, were essentially not in effect," the group said.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe last month passed a resolution declaring that Putin's reelection was illegitimate, calling on all European Union members to refuse to recognize him as Russian president after his inauguration.

The U.S. ambassador to Russia, Lynne Tracy, was absent on leave during Putin's inauguration. Some other invited Western ambassadors did not attend, including those of Britain, Canada, Poland and the E.U. Among those present were representatives of France, Greece, Malta, Cyprus, Slovakia and Hungary.

Presidential aide Yuri Ushakov strongly criticized those who snubbed the event. "I believe they simply forget where they've been accredited, that's it," Ushakov said. "They simply forget where they are posted, and most importantly, why."

Natalia Abbakumova in Riga, Latvia, contributed to this report.



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ISRAEL-GAZA WAR

Egypt calls incursion into Rafah a ‘dangerous escalation’

GAZA FROM A1

Israel communicated to the United States that its activity in Rafah, which began Monday night, “is an operation of limited scope, scale and duration and aimed at cutting off Hamas’s ability to ship arms across the Rafah border,” National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said at a news briefing Tuesday.

He said it was “absolutely critical” that Israel allow the crossing to be “opened up as soon as possible.”

Several videos and photos geo-located by The Washington Post on Tuesday showed Israeli forces inside the crossing, where they had raised two Israeli flags. One video showed an Israeli tank crushing an “I love Gaza” sign that welcomes visitors.

The operation to take the Rafah crossing came less than 24 hours after the IDF dropped leaflets over the city ordering roughly 100,000 civilians to leave large parts of it. The United States has urged Israel not to carry out an offensive in Rafah without a “credible” plan to evacuate civilians. Egypt has also repeatedly warned Israel not to go ahead with a Rafah operation and said military action on the border could violate a four-decade-old peace treaty between the two countries.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry described the incursion as a “dangerous escalation” that was threatening the cease-fire effort and endangering the lives of the million Palestinians who depend on the crossing for humanitarian aid and a “safe way out for the injured and patients to get treatment.”

Cairo has specifically warned against any Israeli move to secure the no man’s land between Gaza and Egypt, known as the Philadelphi Corridor, a nine-mile-long stretch that Israel controlled before it withdrew from the area in 2005.

But Israel seems intent on pressuring Hamas while giving itself leverage as it negotiates with the group to free hostages kidnapped on Oct. 7. Just hours before the incursion, Hamas said it would agree to a Qatari-Egyptian cease-fire proposal, reviving hopes of an extended pause in the fighting.

“This operation will continue until we eliminate Hamas in the Rafah area and the entire Gaza Strip, or until the first hostage returns,” Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Tuesday as he visited troops in southern Israel.

“We are willing to make compromises in order to bring back hostages, but if that option is removed, we will go on and deepen the operation,” he said.

The IDF said Tuesday that it “attacked and destroyed” Hamas



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ABOVE: Displaced civilians set up tents Tuesday on the ruins of homes in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. RIGHT: Aid-carrying trucks bound for Gaza sit idle in Egypt on Tuesday.

infrastructure in Rafah, including tunnels that it said the militants had used.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Hamas of using the cease-fire talks to “undermine our entry into Rafah.”

“That didn’t happen,” Netanyahu said Tuesday, adding that he was sending a “mid-level” delegation to Cairo to attend a fresh round of talks.

Under discussion is a three-phase deal that would start with the release by Hamas of 33 hostages, including women, children and the elderly, in exchange for Palestinian prisoners. It also includes provisions for the return of displaced Palestinians to northern Gaza and for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from populated areas.

“The ball is in Netanyahu’s court and that of his extremist government,” Osama Hamdan, a senior Hamas official in Beirut, said at a news conference Tuesday.

Israeli officials say Hamas agreed to a modified proposal that Israel had not signed off on. Among the changes was an earlier date for the two sides to begin negotiating a permanent cease-



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fire. Hamas also wants Israel to give up its veto power over the names of high-level Palestinian prisoners, according to an Israeli official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive negotiations.

A former Egyptian official with knowledge of the talks, however, said the proposal that Hamas accepted was approved by the Israeli government. He also spoke on the condition of anonymity to freely discuss the cease-fire talks.

According to Gershon Baskin, a former Israeli negotiator, the two sides won’t agree to a deal because they want fundamentally different things. Hamas wants an agreement that includes a guarantee for a permanent cease-fire. Netanyahu wants to be able to keep fighting the war — and won’t agree to a deal that ends the conflict.

“That’s where we are trapped,” he said.

The back-and-forth between Is-

rael and Hamas caused fear and confusion in Rafah. On Monday, residents celebrated the Hamas announcement saying it had accepted the deal. But hours later, the jubilation was cut short by intense Israeli bombardment and fighting at the Rafah crossing.

“It would be tragic if weeks of intense diplomatic activity for peace in Gaza yield no cease-fire, no release of hostages and a devastating offensive in Rafah,” Guterres said.

Over seven months of war, Rafah has served as a last refuge for Palestinians, with tents and makeshift encampments choking its dusty streets and open areas. On Tuesday, thousands crammed the roads to leave, though there was little transport or fuel available, said Nebal Farsakh, spokeswoman for the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

“There’s no way to evacuate this number of people safely,” she said, adding that people had scant notice to evacuate before the bombardment began.

The IDF said the “vast majority” of the more than 100,000 civilians in the evacuation zone had already left the area, but many people reached in Rafah said they didn’t have the means to leave. Aid groups also warned that the Mawasi region that the IDF has suggested as a “safe zone” is poorly equipped to handle a major influx of people.

“There’s going to be no infrastructure for those people to share,” said Ricardo Pires, a spokesman for UNICEF, the U.N. children’s agency.

Marwan al-Hams, director of the Abu Youssef al-Najjar Hospital in eastern Rafah, said Tuesday that staff were shutting down the building because of the fighting. “Every moving person is a target,” he said.

Hudhayfah Lafi, 43, lives with his disabled parents and around 40 members of his extended family in a house in Rafah’s al-Geneina neighborhood. He said he did not follow the orders to evacuate because there’s nowhere else to go.

“We did not move, not because we don’t want to, but because the most important question is where?” he said, doubting that they could even find space to pitch a tent.

Abeer Maher, 36, a mother of three who was displaced from Gaza City’s Rimal neighborhood earlier in the war and fled to Rafah, said transportation costs made it impossible for many to leave. A car to the southern city of Khan Younis costs more than \$300, she said.

“I am seriously terrified,” she said, adding that the bombing in Rafah had kept the family up all night. Many people left on foot, she said, bundling their few belongings into bags or onto carts.

Moaz Al-Hams, 28, said his uncle, aunt and two cousins had been killed in the bombardment overnight. “We are facing darker and worse days than we can imagine,” he said. “People see death here everywhere.”

Mahfouz and Parker reported from Cairo. Rubin reported from Tel Aviv. Karen DeYoung in Washington contributed to this report.

U.S. signals optimism for a cease-fire deal, but neither side is budging

BY KAREN DEYOUNG AND YASMEEN ABUTALEB

The Biden administration put an optimistic face Tuesday on prospects for a cease-fire and hostage release deal between Israel and Hamas, even as Israel began offensive action inside the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah, closing off all access for humanitarian aid to an area where more than 1 million civilians have crowded to escape Israeli military operations.

Negotiations scheduled to resume in Cairo “should be able to close the remaining gaps,” National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters. “Everybody is coming to the table,” including delegations from Israel and Hamas, he said. “That’s not insignificant. ... We believe that where we see the text right now, we see no reason why” remaining differences can’t be resolved.

But there was no indication that either side had yielded on the yawning divide between them. Israel has said the proposal on the table — three phases of roughly six weeks each, during which fighting would stop and groups of hostages would gradually be released in exchange for Palestinian prisoners; humanitarian aid would flow; and reconstruction of Gaza would begin — would be only temporary, after which its troops would continue their mission of dismantling Hamas and ensuring it has no place in Gaza’s future.

Hamas insists that by the second phase of the cease-fire, it would be made permanent. The document itself, blessed by mediators from Qatar, Egypt and the United States, provides little answer, calling only for a period of “sustained calm.”

“[Israel] has said quite clearly that they want to conduct a major military operation. We have made it clear that we oppose such an operation.”

Matthew Miller, State Department spokesman, on Israel’s moves in Rafah

As negotiators resumed the crucial talks, with CIA Director William J. Burns and top Egyptian and Qatari officials serving as go-betweens, the administration struggled to define Israel’s operations in Rafah as less than the major military operation that President Biden has publicly warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu against.

Even before the move into Rafah, the administration delayed at least two arms shipments to Israel, in what one U.S. official called “a shot across the bow” to take the administration’s concerns seriously. The shipments include 6,500 Joint Direct Attack Munitions and a number of small-diameter bombs.

It was the first known instance of a delay in U.S. arms to Israel since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that began the Israel-Hamas war. When asked about the decision, State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said that U.S. support for Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas remains intact.

The current situation — with negotiations hanging by a thread

and Rafah under threat — began with a rapid series of events last weekend, when Hamas fired rockets at Kerem Shalom, a border crossing from Israel into Gaza; it and nearby Rafah, on the Egyptian border, are the only humanitarian entries into the southern part of the enclave. Israel then declared Kerem Shalom closed.

Separately, Hamas announced that it had responded “positively” to the proposed hostage deal that Israel had signed off on the week before. Israel declared that response unacceptable. On Monday, Israel dropped leaflets over eastern Rafah ordering about 100,000 civilians to evacuate to an area some miles away along the Mediterranean coast. On Tuesday morning, it took over the Rafah crossing, declaring that it, too, was closed.

Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, on near-monthly visits to Israel, for months have warned the Israelis against invading Rafah, concerned that it would set off a humanitarian catastrophe that would overshadow the war’s already heavy civilian toll.

White House officials said they were not certain whether Israel still planned to move ahead with a full-scale ground invasion. A senior administration official, one of several who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said they viewed the Israeli strikes and incursion into eastern Rafah as a response to the Hamas attack on Kerem Shalom, which killed four Israeli soldiers.

Others suggested it was a pressure tactic in the negotiations. But some, veterans of months of tense exchanges with Israel, were sure it was the beginning of the ground invasion to eliminate the

final vestiges of Hamas — believed to be sheltering in Rafah — despite U.S. warnings.

“This appears to be a limited operation, but of course much depends on what comes next,” Miller said. Israel “has said quite clearly that they want to conduct a major military operation. We have made it clear that we oppose such an operation.”

Kirby, speaking at the White House, said that “what we’ve been told by our Israeli counterparts is that this operation ... was limited and designed to cut off Hamas’s ability to smuggle weapons and funds into Gaza ... that this is an operation of limited scope, scale and duration.”

“Rafah right now is closed because of the operations Israel is conducting. Kerem Shalom has been closed now for several days,” Kirby said. Biden, he said, had raised the issue of Kerem Shalom in a Monday telephone call with Netanyahu and was “assured it would be open very soon. We need to see that happen.”

The administration is “watching very closely” and also wants to see Rafah “opened up as soon as possible,” he said, calling it “absolutely critical.”

Meanwhile, United Nations Secretary General António Guterres called this a “decisive moment,” in which an agreement between Hamas and Israel is “essential to stop the inevitable suffering of Palestinians in Gaza and the hostages and their families.” Calling for “political courage” on all sides, he said the negotiations are “a crucial opportunity that the region and indeed the world cannot afford to miss.” Yet, Guterres said, things “are moving in the wrong direction.”

Other U.N. officials described disaster for those in and around Gaza as only days away as all fuel,

food, water, and medical and sanitation assistance has suddenly ceased.

Biden made no comment on the war or the negotiations Tuesday. In an address marking the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, he focused on the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks and forcefully denounced the “ferocious surge of antisemitism in America and around the world” that has followed Israel’s military response in Gaza.

The resulting humanitarian crisis, amid U.S. diplomatic and weapons support for Israel, has reverberated domestically on college campuses and at protests at almost every public event Biden holds. But the president largely avoided mentioning the war or the negotiations, and instead warned against antisemitism.

“There is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech or threats of violence of any kind,” Biden said. “Whether against Jews or anyone else. ... This ancient hatred of Jews didn’t begin with the Holocaust; it didn’t end with the Holocaust either — or after, even after our victory in World War II,” he said. “This hatred continues to lie deep in the hearts of too many people in the world, and it requires our continued vigilance and outspokenness. That hatred was brought to life on October 7th.”

Biden has been forced to walk an increasingly fine line between his commitment to support Israel and the administration’s growing frustration with how Israel has conducted the war in Gaza, where its air and ground attacks have killed more than 34,000, according to Gazan health authorities, and reduced much of the enclave to rubble.

It has also added to political polarization in Congress. Speak-

ing at the Holocaust remembrance before Biden did, House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) criticized those who have questioned Israel’s response to the Hamas attacks.

“There are some who would prefer to criticize Israel and lecture them on their military tactics,” he said. “They would rather do that than punish the terrorists who perpetrated these horrific crimes.”

Even as Republicans have led the charge against any administration questioning of Israel, the issue has divided Democrats, many of whom have demanded that Biden find Israel in violation of U.S. legal restrictions against military aid and sales to countries in violation of U.S. and international human rights law.

This week, the administration was expected to send Congress an assessment of the many charges of rights violations that human rights groups have lodged against Israel.

“I can understand that the Biden administration is trying to determine when that wire is tripped” when it comes to forging ahead with a Rafah invasion, said Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), a leading proponent of conditioning aid to Israel and a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

“But what we’ve seen has been a pattern of the Netanyahu government ignoring the request of the United States,” Van Hollen said. “This has been a constant pattern, so the Biden administration will have to make a determination as to whether and when that red line is crossed. Cutting off a humanitarian corridor is a major escalation.”

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

The iPad lost. Smartphones won.

Steve Jobs predicted the Apple tablet would become a ubiquitous device, but it has instead settled into a niche market

BY SHIRA OVIDE

When Steve Jobs introduced the first iPad 14 years ago, he said there was a place for a third device that was between a laptop and a smartphone — as long as that in-between gadget did some essential tasks better than each of the others.

For some of you, the iPad is exactly that. It's more comfortable than a phone or computer to watch YouTube videos, dash off an email or distract your kiddo.

On Tuesday, Apple released updated iPad models that the company expects to perk up its sagging sales. Apple also boasted about the company's artificial intelligence capabilities, an area where Apple is under pressure to prove itself.

But the iPad has not become as widespread as computers and, especially, smartphones. As the iPhone and other smartphones became more capable, larger and globally ubiquitous, they made the iPad irrelevant.

Many of you love your iPads. Great! Even technology that doesn't reach its hoped-for potential can still be useful. The iPad might have changed your habits, but it and other tablets didn't have a broad impact.

The iPad's history shows that technology founders like Jobs who are revered for seeing the future can get it wrong sometimes. That's a useful lesson when executives like Elon Musk or OpenAI's Sam Altman blare predictions about the future of transportation or AI.

Sales of iPads peaked a decade ago

Months after the iPad debuted in 2010, Jobs made an analogy involving cars and trucks.



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Personal computers, he said in an interview, would still be useful for many people but would increasingly become a niche, as trucks did once Americans moved to cities and fewer people needed a workhouse vehicle on farms.

(Jobs probably didn't mean the light trucks like pickups and SUVs that dominate America's consumer vehicle market.)

Jobs said it was tough to predict

the future, but he believed that the iPad could become a mass-market device as cars became for personal transportation.

Not so much.

Smartphones, including his own iPhone creation, became the way that billions of people got online and scroll, talk, read, watch, listen and socialize.

The smartphone is the car. The laptop *and* the iPad are more like

trucks.

You can see it in the numbers. Each year, there are about 1.1 billion new smartphones sold globally. There were about 260 million computers sold last year, according to research firm IDC. There were nearly 130 million iPads and other tablets sold in 2023, IDC estimates.

IDC research manager Jitesh Ubrani says that thanks to a

pandemic-related purchase binge for iPads — which also affected computers — slightly more people own iPads today than they did when new iPad sales peaked a decade ago.

Still, billions of people use smartphones. At most a couple hundred million people have iPads. IDC expects the number of people using iPads to increase at best marginally from here.

The iPad is replacing tasks, not devices

Walt Mossberg, the pioneering personal technology journalist formerly with the Wall Street Journal and Recode, told me that the best way to measure the iPad's impact is in stealing time that people, including him, would have otherwise spent on laptops.

(Mossberg and Kara Swisher led the 2010 interview in which Jobs made the cars and trucks analogy.)

Mossberg said long before he retired from his day job in 2017, he preferred his iPad for many tasks other than taking notes and writing. He estimated he used his laptop at least 50 percent less because of his iPad.

Still, Mossberg said, the smartphone is “the true personal computer” for him and the world.

He estimates he uses his Mac laptop a couple of times a week, his iPad a couple of times a day — and his iPhone many times a day. He used his iPhone to email me as he waited for a doctor's appointment.

Jobs's missed prediction about iPads feels relevant now, as technologists bet that AI will turn the smartphone into a more niche device.

Altman is among the people imagining you'll use your smartphone less and shift more tasks to AI-specialized voice assistants in devices you wear like glasses or brooch-style clip-ons.

We'll see. I find it instructive that Jobs didn't say in that 2010 interview what came true: that the smartphone — not the iPad or the laptop — became the first computer used by billions of people.

That calls for all of us to be careful about predicting what could be the next technology hit or niche.

MITRE, Nvidia building \$20M supercomputer to advance federal use of AI

BY EVA DOU

A key supplier to the Pentagon and U.S. intelligence agencies is building a \$20 million supercomputer with buzzy chipmaker Nvidia to speed deployment of artificial intelligence capabilities across the U.S. federal government, the MITRE think tank said Tuesday.

MITRE, a federally funded, not-for-profit research organization that has supplied U.S. soldiers and spies with exotic technical products since the 1950s, says the project could improve everything from Medicare to taxes.

“There's huge opportunities for AI to make government more efficient,” said Charles Clancy, senior vice president of MITRE. “Government is inefficient, it's bureaucratic, it takes forever to get stuff done. . . . That's the grand vision, is how do we do everything from making Medicare sustainable to filing your taxes easier?”

This AI project is an example of the flurry of activity prompted by the Biden administration's all-of-government push to ensure the United States remains the world's leading AI power. Biden signed an executive order in October that ordered accelerated research and deployment of AI across federal agencies, as China makes efforts to catch up.

The MITRE supercomputer will be based in Ashburn, Va., and should be up and running late this year.

MITRE was spun out of a Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

nology lab in 1958 and is part of a network of Pentagon-funded research and development centers set up in the early years of the Cold War that also includes Rand and the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill.

For decades, MITRE has been a supplier of surveillance, communications and cybersecurity technologies to the Pentagon and U.S. intelligence agencies. “We go way beyond what people would typically call IT,” is how a former MITRE chief executive described the organization's research to Forbes magazine, which reported its projects included a prototype tool that could hack smartwatches and software for the FBI that can capture fingerprints from photos of suspects' hands on social media websites.

Other recent MITRE projects include technology to counter GPS interference, a study on pathogens in Arctic permafrost and a small drone for the U.S. Navy designed to operate autonomously at sea.

Among MITRE's funding agencies are the departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Commerce and Treasury, as well as the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Social Security Administration. The think tank has 9,000 employees — more than Nintendo or Airbnb — and booked \$2.2 billion in revenue in 2022. Clancy said half of MITRE's R&D funds are currently devoted to AI.

Clancy said the planned supercomputer will run 256 Nvidia graphics processing units, or



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A view of the Pentagon. Defense think tank MITRE, a key Pentagon supplier, said the \$20 million AI “sandbox” it is developing with chipmaker Nvidia should be up and running late this year.

GPUs, at a cost of \$20 million. This counts as a small supercomputer: The world's fastest supercomputer, Frontier in Tennessee, boasts 37,888 GPUs, and Meta is seeking to build one with 350,000 GPUs. But MITRE's computer will still eclipse Stanford's Natural Language Processing Group's 68 GPUs, and will be large enough to train large language models to perform AI tasks tailored for government agencies.

Clancy said all federal agencies

funding MITRE will be able to use this AI “sandbox.”

“AI is the tool that is solving a wide range of problems,” Clancy said. “The U.S. military needs to figure out how to do command and control. We need to understand how cryptocurrency markets impact the traditional banking sector. . . . Those are the sorts of problems we want to solve.”

The contract is the latest success for Nvidia, which is riding high on the AI boom. The Santa Clara, Calif.-based chipmaker is

the world's leader in designing the GPUs used to train advanced AI models, and there has been a global mad scramble for its chips. Nvidia's stock price is up more than 200 percent from a year earlier.

Anthony Robbins, vice president of federal for Nvidia, said that the AI sandbox could assist the U.S. government with tasks such as securing infrastructure against cyberthreats, cracking down on fraud, and rolling out chatbots and digital assistants.

“This is a platform by which MITRE can train these large language models,” he said. “You can't do this important AI work if you don't have this infrastructure.”

The MITRE-Nvidia AI project is one of a spate of initiatives since Biden's AI executive order. Silicon Valley giants, defense contractors and universities are all scrambling for a flood of AI contracts.

Graham Gilmer, senior vice president for defense contractor Booz Allen, which is also supplying AI products to the Defense Department and other federal agencies, said that there has been a lot of activity since the executive order and that the deployment of these AI technologies across the government will probably continue through the decade.

“It's certainly a major shift that we know all of government is going to have to undertake,” he said.

Other federal AI projects are also underway. The National Science Foundation launched an AI research program in January with companies such as Amazon, Google and OpenAI as partners, along with agencies such as the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The Pentagon has begun studying military applications of generative AI in a program called “Task Force Lima.”

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has also launched a U.S. AI Safety Institute that is researching AI risks with the input of industry.

DIGEST

AUTOMOTIVE

Investigators ask Tesla about Autopilot fixes

Federal highway safety investigators want Tesla to tell them how and why it developed the fix in a recall of more than 2 million vehicles equipped with the Autopilot partially automated driving system.

Investigators with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have concerns about whether the recall remedy worked because Tesla has reported 20 crashes since the remedy was sent out as an online software update in December.

The recall fix also was to address whether Autopilot should be allowed to operate on

roads other than limited-access highways. The fix for that was increased warnings to the driver on roads with intersections.

But in a letter to Tesla posted on the agency's website Tuesday, investigators wrote that they could not find a difference between warnings to the driver to pay attention before the recall and after the new software was released. The agency said it will evaluate whether driver warnings are adequate, especially when a driver-monitoring camera is covered.

The agency asked for volumes of information about how Tesla developed the fix, and it zeroed in on how the company used human behavior to test the recall effectiveness.

“It's pretty clear to everyone

watching that Tesla tried to do the least possible remedy to see what they could get away with,” said Phil Koopman, a Carnegie Mellon University professor who studies automated-driving safety. “And NHTSA has to respond forcefully or other car companies will start pushing out inadequate remedies.”

NHTSA could seek further recall remedies, make Tesla limit where Autopilot can work or even force the company to disable the system until it is fixed, safety experts said.

— Associated Press

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Grocery delivery company Instacart is partnering with Uber Eats to offer a new perk to

its customers: restaurant delivery. Instacart said that its U.S. shoppers will see a “Restaurants” tab in the company's app in the coming weeks. Restaurant orders will be delivered by Uber Eats drivers. Instacart said its Instacart Plus members — who pay \$99 per year or \$9.99 per month for free grocery deliveries over \$35 — will also get free restaurant delivery for orders over \$35. Regular Instacart members will be charged Uber Eats delivery fees.

Google rolled out a new version of its \$499 lower-end Pixel smartphone, aiming to entice budget-minded shoppers with an updated screen and artificial intelligence features. The Pixel 8a device, which comes a year

after the 7a model, adds a faster processor, brighter screen, an option for double the storage and new AI features for the camera, the company said. Google is also cutting the price of its Pixel Tablet by offering a new \$399 version that doesn't come with a charging stand. The \$499 model continues to include 128 gigabytes of storage, but a pricier 256-gig version also is newly available.

Walt Disney's surprise profit in its streaming entertainment division was eclipsed by a drop in its traditional TV business and weaker box office, sending its stock tumbling. Like other media companies, Disney has been trying to adapt to consumer migration from cable television

to streaming entertainment, and it had promised Wall Street that its streaming operation would become profitable by September. The direct-to-consumer entertainment division, which includes the Disney Plus and Hulu streaming services, reported operating income of \$47 million for the January-March period, compared with a loss of \$587 million a year earlier. But the streaming business that combines Disney Plus and Hulu with ESPN Plus lost \$18 million, compared with a loss of \$659 million in the prior year. Also, revenue from the traditional television business declined 8 percent to \$2.77 billion, and operating profit fell 22 percent from a year ago.

— From news services

TikTok faces a law crafted with legal challenges in mind

TIKTOK FROM A1

“We aren’t going anywhere,” TikTok chief executive Shou Zi Chew said in a TikTok video last month. “The facts and the Constitution are on our side.”

The Justice Department declined to comment.

In its 67-page petition for review of the law’s constitutionality, filed against Attorney General Merrick Garland, TikTok and ByteDance argue that the law would give the government unprecedented power to control or dismantle a speech platform it dislikes.

It also challenges the government for targeting TikTok and ByteDance by name in the law, as opposed to passing broader tech regulations for privacy or transparency that would cover the industry at large.

“If Congress can do this, it can circumvent the First Amendment by invoking national security and ordering the publisher of any individual newspaper or website to sell to avoid being shut down,” the filing says. “Congress has never before crafted a two-tiered speech regime with one set of rules for one named platform, and another set of rules for everyone else.”

The United States has yet to show evidence that China has collected TikTok’s user data for espionage or skewed its recommendation algorithm for propaganda, though the law’s sponsors have said the possibility of future influence is cause enough for aggressive action.

TikTok and ByteDance contend that the government has acted not with “any proof of a compelling interest, but on speculative and analytically flawed concerns about data security and content manipulation — concerns that, even if grounded in fact, could be addressed through far less restrictive and more narrowly tailored means.”

The companies also claim that the government did not engage seriously with TikTok’s efforts to assuage national security concerns, including its \$2 billion plan, known as “Project Texas,” to safeguard Americans’ user data in a U.S. subsidiary closely overseen by federal authorities.

The companies said they made “extraordinary” commitments as part of a 90-page draft National Security Agreement that would have given the government the



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Two women walk past the headquarters of TikTok parent company ByteDance in Beijing. In a legal petition filed Tuesday, TikTok and ByteDance argued that a law that could lead to the app’s ban in the United States violates the First Amendment rights of its U.S. accounts.

authority to shut TikTok down if the companies violated the agreement.

“Congress tossed this tailored agreement aside, in favor of the politically expedient and punitive approach of targeting for disfavor one publisher and speaker,” the challenge says.

Extracting TikTok from the company that has developed and managed it, the challenge says, would be infeasible given the platform’s technical underpinnings, including its globally produced library of videos, its interwoven network of data centers and its integrated systems for video editing, promotion and moderation.

China has also vowed to use its export controls to block the sale of TikTok’s backbone, its video-recommendation algorithm, which would force any new buyer to rebuild a critical component that many in Silicon Valley have spent years working to emulate.

“The platform consists of millions of lines of software code that have been painstakingly developed by thousands of engineers over multiple years,” the challenge says. “Such a fundamental rearchitecting is not remotely feasible” under a 270-day deadline.

The challenge notes a fact that it says “undermines the claim that the platform poses an actual threat to Americans”: that Biden’s campaign continues to use TikTok, even after the law was signed. The Washington Post reported on Sunday that Trump’s campaign also is discussing whether to create an account.

The challenge also seeks to use Congress members’ words against it, noting that the law’s supporters said they were also motivated by their distaste for the videos on the platform related to the Israel-Gaza war and other issues — a content-specific decision that First Amendment scholars say could weaken the

government’s case.

What’s more, the challenge says, it would force the TikTok U.S. platform to “become an ‘island’ where Americans would have an experience detached from the rest of the” world.

TikTok sued the United States in 2020 and won, with a district judge in D.C. saying then-President Donald Trump’s ban order had overstepped its legal bounds. A federal judge in Pennsylvania later that year sided with TikTok creators over administration officials, and a third federal judge in Montana last year said the state’s TikTok ban “violates the Constitution in more ways than one.”

But TikTok has never fought in the court it’s stepping into: the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the main venue for appeals of administrative and constitutional law. The law designated the high-level appeals court as the “exclusive jurisdiction” for any challenge, meaning a loss for

TikTok can only be overturned by the Supreme Court.

And while Trump’s executive order was grounded in an ill-fitting 1977 law expanding the president’s power over international commerce during a national emergency, TikTok and ByteDance must grapple with a law drafted specifically with help from Justice Department officials intended to help it survive legal assault.

The companies are asking that the law’s enforcement be halted until the challenge is resolved, but such injunctions are not guaranteed. ByteDance’s current sale deadline is Jan. 19, a day before the presidential inauguration, though the government could grant a 90-day extension if it declares progress on a sale is underway.

The legal challenge is being led by Erich Andersen, a former Microsoft attorney who worked as ByteDance’s general counsel during its past legal skirmishes

Trump advisers are eyeing vast new powers for a second-term trade agenda

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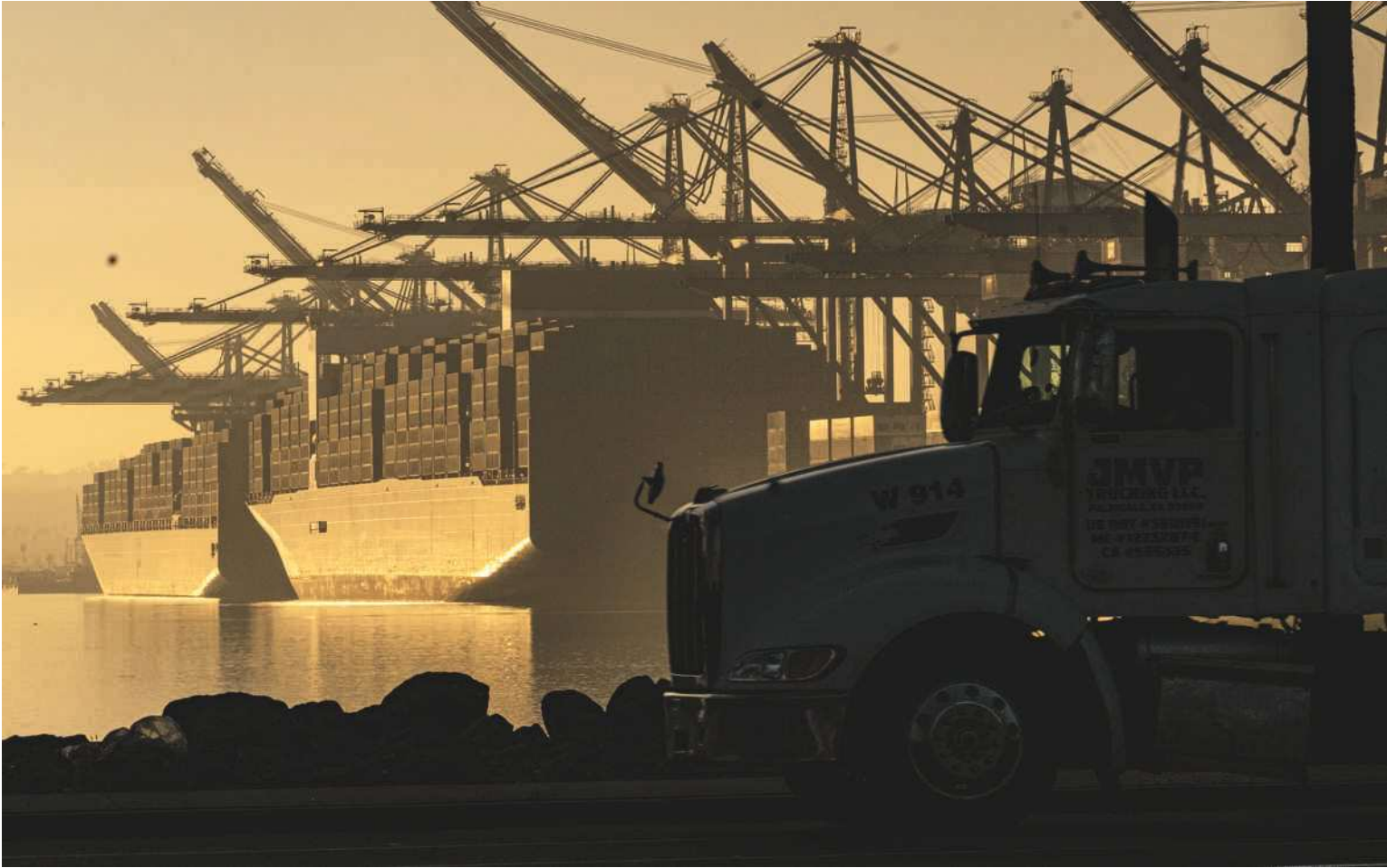
to Congress, which complicates the extent to which the president can impose tariffs through executive action. Robert E. Lighthizer, Trump’s top trade counselor, has said publicly that the former president could invoke one of two legal theories to justify a “universal” tariff on all U.S. trading partners. Some Trump allies are concerned these efforts would not pass legal scrutiny, though, and have in recent weeks tried to find other bases for the plan, according to GOP policy analyst Doug Holtz-Eakin, as well as four additional people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

“Trump said it, and so now his advisers are all trying to figure out how to make it work legally,” said Holtz-Eakin, president of the American Action Forum, a conservative think tank. Holtz-Eakin said he has spoken to several Trump advisers over the past several weeks about their efforts to design a framework for implementing the new tariff policy in the face of legal challenges. “It’s a live option. . . . Some of his advisers think it’s a great idea, and some just say, ‘He’s the boss, and we’ll have to figure out a way to do this.’”

Trump spokesman Jason Miller denied that any Trump officials or advisers are working on a legal strategy to implement his trade agenda, expressing confidence the former president would have plenty of legal tools available if he wins. There is no evidence Trump has personally signed off or reviewed any of the plans under discussion.

“The claim that President Trump’s advisers have been working recently to craft a legal strategy to implement his trade agenda is false, and anyone stating otherwise does not speak for President Trump or his campaign,” Miller said in a statement. “President Trump and his team have a wealth of experience on this issue, and they are already confident that President Trump will have a wide range of tools, options, and authorities at his disposal.”

Miller also referred to a De-



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The Port of Los Angeles in 2021. On the campaign trail, Donald Trump has repeatedly vowed to enact a “ring” around the U.S. economy.

cember campaign statement noting that “no aspect” of policy statements could be considered official unless they came from Trump or from authorized spokespeople.

Although most economists believe the cost of tariffs is borne by U.S. consumers because companies typically raise prices to match them, Trump declared the import duties of his first term an unmitigated success and has vowed to expand the policy massively in a second term.

Trump’s advisers have divergent views on the purpose of his aggressive trade proposals. GOP allies on Wall Street and among the business elite see his rhetoric as a negotiating tactic aimed at winning concessions from trading partners, such as more favorable conditions for U.S. exports. Other Trump advisers believe more lasting trade restrictions are necessary to achieve a funda-

mental rebalancing of the U.S. economy, as the key to revive domestic manufacturing and insulate production from unfair foreign practices.

The former president has given hints of holding both worldviews in his interviews, but there is little doubt his plans would prove extremely disruptive to the global economy. President Biden has largely left Trump’s tariffs intact thus far, and Democrats supported many of Trump’s trade initiatives during his first term.

In addition to the 10 percent “universal” tariff, Trump has proposed pushing import duties on China as high as 60 percent. That could raise prices on more than \$5 trillion in goods between 2026 and 2035, while also bringing in an additional \$2 trillion in government revenue, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a Washington think tank.

Asked about the 10 percent tariff proposal, Trump told Time in an interview published last week: “It may be more than that.” He added: “I call it a ring around the country. We have a ring around the country. . . . A lot of people say, ‘Oh, that’s going to be a tax on us.’ I don’t believe that. I think it’s a tax on the country that’s doing it.”

The Center for American Progress, a center-left think tank, has found the 10 percent tariff would cost roughly \$1,500 each year for the typical U.S. household.

Trump has also threatened a 100 percent tariff on any imports of electric vehicles made in Mexico by Chinese firms, despite the trade agreement he reached with Mexico and Canada in 2018.

Much of Trump’s economic agenda requires congressional approval, including his plan to expand the 2017 tax cuts enacted during his first term. But there is

little doubt he could substantially raise tariffs on China, or place aggressive tariffs on specific imported products such as steel, without fear of judicial intervention.

His plan for a “universal tariff” on all imports, however, rests on shakier legal ground.

Lighthizer, the Trump trade adviser, previously told the New York Times that he believes two separate laws could form the basis of Trump’s universal tariff idea. But experts, including many former Trump officials, see problems with both, prompting advisers to mull the best approach.

One option, based on a 1977 law, gives the president power over international commerce if the chief executive determines the existence of an “unusual and extraordinary threat” to national security, the economy or foreign policy. Trump could declare the U.S. trade deficit to represent a

and represented the company in its negotiations with federal officials before the law was passed.

Underscoring the severity of the fight, ByteDance said Andersen will shift into a new role as “special counsel,” focused exclusively on driving “the company’s effort to overturn the unconstitutional ban legislation in the U.S.”

The Trump administration had appealed the district-court freeze of its TikTok ban in 2020 to the D.C. Circuit, where the new challenge will be tried. But the Biden administration, upon taking power in 2021, asked the court to dismiss the government’s appeals, saying it wanted to establish a more deliberative process than the Trump orders that one official said then hadn’t been “implemented in the soundest fashion.”

Some legal scholars said TikTok will have a solid case in arguing that the government failed to consider potential resolutions for its concerns that wouldn’t be so disruptive to Americans’ rights of free expression.

But others suspect the new effort could succeed because of its firmer legal footing and the court’s traditional deference to the legislative branch on national security threats, even in cases involving restrictions of speech.

The D.C. Circuit in 2018 said Congress was within its rights to ban software by Russia-based cybersecurity firm Kaspersky Lab from federal devices, siding with the government’s claims of protecting American security and overruling the company’s complaints that the move was targeted punishment.

TikTok and ByteDance’s challenge is expected to be joined later by separate legal action from TikTok creators, who could contend, as they have in previous cases, that the government would block them from an important channel for small businesses and self-expression.

Free-speech groups are also expected to lend their support to the companies’ challenge. The Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University filed a brief late Monday supporting the legal challenge to Montana’s TikTok ban, writing that “the practice of restricting citizens’ access to information, ideas and media from abroad is one that has historically been associated with repressive regimes.”

national emergency, although it’s unclear how courts would assess that claim.

The other option cited by Lighthizer is a 1930 law that allows presidents to impose duties on countries that “have discriminated against the commerce of the United States.” Trump could argue that every country in the world has discriminated against U.S. commerce by pointing out most countries have far higher tariff rates, but that could also prompt litigation.

A third option discussed by some Trump advisers is to cite a 1974 law that gives the executive branch authority to act in retaliation against foreign trade practices, which was the power Trump relied on for tariffs against China in his first term. But this, too, would require a sweeping finding that every foreign country had acted to undermine the U.S. economy.

President Richard M. Nixon also imposed a 10 percent across-the-board tariff in 1971, when the United States went off the gold standard, but the legality of such a move remains unsettled.

“The vast majority of legal experts agree that none of these laws were intended to impose an across-the-board tariff on all our trading partners,” said Scott Lincicome, director of general economics at the Cato Institute, a think tank that typically supports free trade. “The president doesn’t, or shouldn’t, have the power to simply bypass Congress and put tariffs on everything we import.”

Trade experts, including Lincicome, note that courts have proved so deferential to presidential powers on questions involving national security that the limits in the law may not matter.

Erica York, a policy analyst at the Tax Foundation, a conservative think tank, said that it is likely the former president’s team would be able to find some legal justification for his trade plans, regardless of the merits.

“We saw in the first Trump administration that they were not hesitant to use very obscure sections of trade law to impose strange trade restrictions,” York said. “I’m sure there would be ways for them to try here.”

Social Security has to be fixed. But you still need your own retirement savings.



Michelle Singletary
THE COLOR OF MONEY

Social Security isn't broke, but it's badly broken. There's enough money currently coming into the retirement program to pay benefit recipients. However, without intervention, it will be like many struggling Americans, unable to pay everyone the full amount due each month.

Each year, the trustees of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds issue reports on the current and projected financial status of the two programs, which are critical for keeping so many seniors above the poverty line. This year's report, released this week, repeated the long-standing concern about the program's financial stability: More money will be going out than coming in.

Social Security is financed by payroll taxes. The total cost of the program in 2023 was \$1.392 trillion, and total income was \$1.351 trillion, according to the trustees' report.

The Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund, which pays retirement and survivor benefits, will be able to pay 100 percent of benefits until 2033. After that, the income received is projected to cover only 79 percent of scheduled benefits.

That means Congress has less than a decade to fix the

shortfall. Proposals include reducing benefits, raising the retirement age for younger workers or lifting the cap on how much of a person's payroll is subject to the Social Security tax.

The trustees have continued to warn lawmakers that failing to address the funding issue won't give workers and beneficiaries time to adjust to changes to the program. This is such an important point. The longer the wait, the more painful the adjustment will be.

But here's what concerns me. While the politicians bicker over the right fix, Americans are losing confidence in a program that's the financial safety net for not just seniors, but also for workers and families in which a spouse or parent dies.

Many young adults are convinced that Social Security won't be around when they're ready to collect, and seniors are concerned about a cut in their benefits.

Early findings from an upcoming West Health-Gallup Aging in America report show that 80 percent of adults ages 18 to 61 are worried or extremely worried that Social Security will not be available when they become eligible.

Yet when asked how important Social Security will be to them as they age, 83 percent said important or extremely important, according to the data, scheduled to be released in early June.

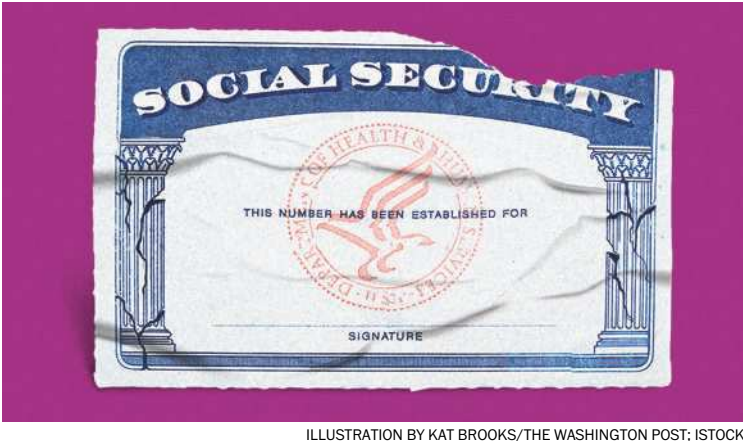


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“The perceived fears over the future of Social Security match the reality of the situation,” said Timothy Lash, president of West Health, a nonprofit focused on aging and health care. “This program is part of the fabric of growing older in America and must be protected for future generations.”

We'll have to wait to see how our dysfunctional political system will solve the problem. In the meantime, here are three moves that you can make to prepare for changes to Social Security.

Don't just worry. Get a plan.

The old retirement plan relied on people having three income streams — often referred to as a three-legged stool. One leg represents their own savings and investments. One might be a traditional defined-benefit plan or pension — if they were

fortunate to have one. The third leg is Social Security.

The three-legged stool is extremely wobbly.

We know Social Security is unstable. Fewer Americans have a pension through their employer, and now that leg is more likely to be a defined-contribution plan such as a 401(k).

The Federal Reserve Board's 2022 Survey of Consumer Finances found that the median value of retirement accounts, including employer-sponsored accounts, was \$86,900. However, only 54.3 percent of families held such accounts in 2022.

Young or old, you need to determine which income sources will cover your retirement. If you see a shortfall, now is the time to develop a strategy to bridge the gap.

If you had planned to collect

Social Security early, you might have to reconsider and wait. If you claim early at 62 rather than waiting until your full retirement age (which falls between 66 and 67 depending on your birth year), your monthly benefit may be reduced by up to 30 percent. Every year you delay beyond your full retirement age up to 70, your benefit will increase by 8 percent.

Get your Social Security statement

I have worked with many individuals who haven't looked at their Social Security statements in years, and some never have.

If you haven't already, you can check online for what you might collect in estimated Social Security benefits under the current program. Yes, the numbers might change, but regularly reviewing your Social Security statement should be a key part of retirement planning.

Your annual statement also shows the estimated amount you would get if you became disabled, plus information about spousal and survivor benefits. Although you won't find out the exact final amounts until you apply for benefits, you need to have an idea of how much you'll get from Social Security.

To set up an account, go to ssa.gov and look for the sign-in link for “my Social Security.”

If you've placed a security

freeze, fraud alert or both on your credit report, you won't be able to open the account until you unlock your file. Social Security uses information in your report to verify your identity. Once you establish the account, you can freeze your file again.

Make retirement savings a budget priority

Last year, 59 percent of retirees said they rely on Social Security as a “major” source of income, according to a Gallup poll. This year, the figure is 60 percent, which is nearly twice the percentage who cite any other source as a major source. Pensions are second at 33 percent.

But consider this: If you have average earnings, your Social Security retirement benefits will replace only about 40 percent of your preretirement income, according to the Social Security Administration.

Budget as best you can to find money to save and invest for retirement. For instance, if your employer automatically enrolled you at a 3 percent rate for its workplace retirement plan, try to increase that percentage every year.

Given the political urgency, Congress will eventually have to come up with a solution to deal with Social Security's shortfall. But the personal responsibility that its inaction forces on us means you can't afford to wait to prioritize retirement.

Scientists make strides in decoding the complex language of sperm whales

BY MARK JOHNSON

Researchers studying thousands of recorded calls have discovered a kind of “sperm whale phonetic alphabet” embedded in their strings of “click” sounds. The finding suggests these whales have a communication system considerably more complex than previously thought.

It also adds to almost a century of research on animals and insects that has chipped away at the long-held notion that humans alone possess an intricate system for conversing with one another.

For sperm whales, bursts of clicks known as a codas come in different varieties and form the building blocks of speech, just as human language emerges from the different vocal sounds we combine to form words and sentences.

The whales shape these codas into some 300 types by varying their duration, rhythm and tempo, and sometimes by adding an extra click. The researchers describe their discovery in a study published Tuesday in the journal *Nature Communications*.

“The very important caveat to add here is that we still don't know whether you want to think of a coda as being a word, or like a sentence, or like an individual vowel or consonant,” said Jacob

Andreas, an associate professor in electrical engineering and computer science at MIT who is one of the authors of the new study.

“The big payoff here, the way you figure out what they're actually talking about, how this communication system works and what things mean,” he added, is by trying to link the specific calls to a whale's behavior. “And that is something we're actively working on now.”

Robert Seyfarth, an emeritus professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania who was not involved in the research, called the study novel and important. “It is also a technological achievement, because studying whale communication poses problems not encountered when studying terrestrial species that are easy to observe,” he said.

Clicking to communicate

Sperm whales do not sing like humpback whales. They make clicks to detect prey as well as communicate using their phonic lips, organs composed of fat and connective tissue located at the opening of the nose. The phonic lips open very briefly and slap back together, creating a loud click that is then amplified in the nasal complex.

The sperm whale clicks reach the equivalent of about 170 decibels in the ocean, as loud as a



AMANDA COTTON

Sperm whales don't sing; they make clicks as loud as shotguns.

shotgun blast. Sounds above 120 decibels can cause immediate damage to the human ear, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As they roam the ocean, sperm whales will dive more than 3,200 feet below the surface in pursuit of squid and other prey.

“They come up 45 minutes later, and you don't know where they are going to come up,” said Gasper Begus, assistant professor of linguistics at the University of California at Berkeley. Begus works with the nonprofit Project CETI, which was instrumental in the research, but he did not participate in the *Nature*

Communications study.

Under such challenging conditions, Project CETI researchers have been recording a community of about 60 sperm whales in the eastern Caribbean Sea, near the island of Dominica. Staff in boats must get close enough to the whales to use long plastic rods to attach a suction tag with a recording device.

For the new study, scientists from Project CETI, MIT and the Dominica Sperm Whale Project used algorithms to group the recorded sperm whale codas. They found 18 different rhythms, five tempos and two different types of extra clicks, which they

call ornaments.

“These ornaments come at critical times in the exchange. A lot of times when an ornament is made, another whale joins the conversation, or there's an end in the conversation,” said Pratyusha Sharma, another of the paper's authors and a graduate student in the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

Researchers also found three different types of what they call rubato, a slight change in the duration of codas. They plan to use their analysis to produce tools that can be used in machine learning.

The many ways animals ‘speak’

Research into communications among animals and insects dates back to the work of the Austrian scientist Karl von Frisch, who in the 1940s studied the honeybee waggle dance. He discovered that bees used the dance to communicate to nest-mates the distance and direction of food sources. For his honeybee studies, von Frisch shared the 1973 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine.

Scientists have since found that birds, nonhuman primates, elephants and Egyptian fruit bats, among many other animals, have their own systems of communication.

Con Slobodchikoff, author of the 2012 book “Chasing Doctor Dolittle: Learning the Language of Animals,” spent 35 years studying prairie dog speech and found that they use distinct calls to communicate the type, size and color of a potential predator. They also added a segment when one potential predator — a man — fired a shotgun in the air.

After reading the sperm whale paper, Slobodchikoff said, “I think it's great that they're finding for a marine mammal the kinds of things that we found for land animals.”

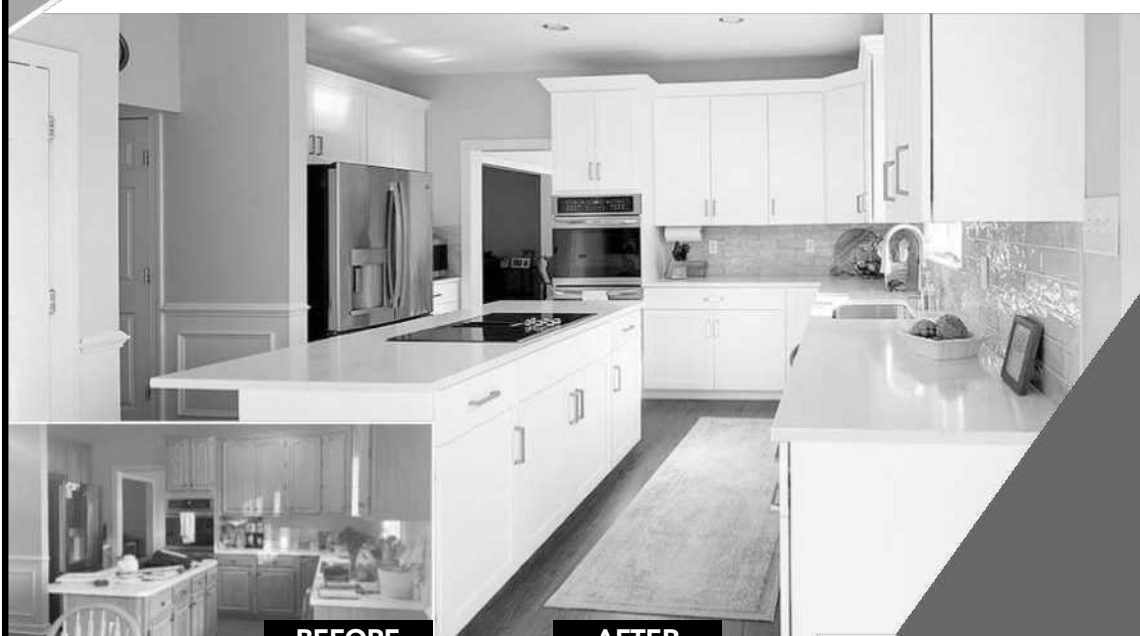
Just a few weeks ago, Slobodchikoff and other researchers discussed the potential for decoding the communication systems of other species using artificial intelligence and machine learning at an internet seminar hosted by the nonprofit Santa Fe Institute and the think tank Interspecies Internet.

“AI can really help us out because it is good at detecting patterns,” Slobodchikoff said.

Though he no longer goes out in the field to study prairie dogs, he is now the founder and chief scientist for a company called Zoolingua, which is building a dog translator. He said the device would be a cellphone app with a built-in AI program, “which would tell you [when the dog] says something like, ‘I'm hungry’ or ‘I really need to go for a pee.’”

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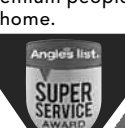


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Members of the media hold placards during a protest at the Press Club of India in New Delhi on Oct. 4.

RANA AYYUB

In India, report at your own risk

Journalism has become a dangerous occupation in India.

Indian journalists, especially from the region of Kashmir, have been incarcerated on terrorism charges or forced to self-censor. Elsewhere in the country, journalists' homes have been raided and some have been charged with money laundering and income tax evasion. Many have been jailed before their cases are adjudicated. India ranks 161st out of 180 countries in the World Press Freedom Index, published annually by Reporters Without Borders.

In the past few months, two foreign journalists — one a bureau chief with the Australian Broadcasting Corp., one a French reporter who had lived in India for 23 years — had their credentials revoked or blocked for renewal, and left the country after the government criticized their work.

To find out more about the state of journalism in India, I interviewed N. Ram, a veteran journalist and former editor in chief of the Hindu, one of the most respected publications in the country, at his home base in Chennai.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Rana Ayyub: The Indian election has begun. And there is an inevitability to it, in the sense that Narendra Modi will have a third term. What do you think will happen?

N. Ram: Yes, people do expect the BJP [Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party] to emerge with enough numbers, either by itself or with allies, to form the next government. But we don't know. I wouldn't despair at this point at all, although Hindutva [Hindu-centric] authoritarianism is very aggressive. A lot of it is clearly against the spirit and values of the constitution and in some cases also against the letter of the constitution.

The other important thing is Prime Minister Modi himself. He has campaigned with appeals to the Hindu religion, and speaking against Muslims specifically. The CPI(M) [Communist Party of India (Marxist)] has filed a formal complaint with the Election Commission of India, pointing out that this is both against the Model Code of Conduct, which is supposed to be binding on political parties and candidates, and in some cases against particular sections of the Indian Penal Code. So far, silence. We

don't know whether the election commissioners have even discussed it.

When you say you don't despair, what gives you hope?

That India is so diverse and pluralistic. And I don't think any central dispensation will be able to control all of India, given the diversity in terms of religion, in terms of language, in terms of ethnicity, in terms of culture. I don't think any strongman or authoritarian regime would be able to suppress the divergences. And sooner rather than later, I think, these are going to burst out.

I lived through the Emergency [the state of emergency declared in India from 1975 to 1977, when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi suspended civil liberties and ruled by decree]. We saw a total clampdown. We were thinking that democracy would never return. But as you know, very quickly — in 21 months — the people of India were able to defeat the Emergency regime.

But now, I think, the electoral bond scandal [a scheme that allowed companies to secretly make unlimited campaign contributions] surely has had an impact. It's a scandal of the worst kind. It has involved the use of coercive agencies of the state to punish those who didn't cough up money for the ruling party. Then the Hindenburg report [a report by a U.S. investment firm accusing an Indian firm close to the government of stock manipulation and accounting fraud]. All of this must have taken a toll. Plus, of course, the real issues on the ground: Youth unemployment runs at 40 percent. Fewer women are in the workforce today, the lowest participation rate among all the Group of 20 countries.

Here is a prime minister who, in 10 years in power, has not held a single press conference. He gives one-on-one interviews with chosen journalists but no hard questions are being put to him. We have seen the raids on NewsClick, the tax notices to Newslandry, the cases against The Quint and The News Minute, and the incarceration of independent journalists. They are getting investigated for money laundering and income tax evasion. How do journalists survive in this atmosphere?

It's becoming increasingly difficult. It's taking a toll.

Yes, the prime minister doesn't believe in giving

interviews to independent journalists. He wants somebody to basically be in awe of him. It's shameful that there are journalists like that, willing to let themselves be used, and they don't ask any serious questions. I have no respect for journalists of that kind.

But another issue, which is even more serious: the number of journalists who have been arrested. And then even more seriously, I looked at the Committee to Protect Journalists database, the number of journalists killed in connection with their work in India. In the decade this government has been in power, 19 have been killed. And in the previous decade, before this government came in, it was 10, which was bad enough.

And even worse, India figures in the Global Impunity Index. Journalists are killed in connection with their work — targeted and murdered. Those who cover corruption, crime, politics, human rights. And there is impunity for the killers. The killers are not arrested in several cases, or when they are arrested, they are let out on bail and the case is not resolved. So we have been a founding and permanent member of this club of shame.

Kashmiri journalists' passports are being impounded. They're not allowed to travel outside the country. A photojournalist was not allowed to collect her Pulitzer Prize. Do you think the press is doing enough for these Kashmiri voices?

Of course not. I think the Press Council of India should do much more. The families of journalists are being harassed and intimidated. Media freedom and independence have been extinguished. It's a different level of repression and authoritarianism in Jammu and Kashmir, and journalists just can't function professionally. And yet there are heroic voices among journalists who work there.

When you heard about the raids on the houses of 46 NewsClick journalists, what did you think? I also wonder about what happens to the minds of young journalists when they see these raids. They will be disillusioned, they will not want to be a part of the setup.

Some would not want to be, a good number. But others would want to meet the challenge. I know a number of, increasingly, women who are quite willing to accept the challenge and stand up.

Recently, Newsweek did an interview with Modi. That interview was shared by the prime minister and almost every Indian embassy across the world. But whenever any criticism of Modi comes in the international press, it is seen as an attack on India, on the sovereignty of the country. A lot of people in India don't want to speak to the international press because they don't want to be seen as enemies of the state.

I see plenty of criticism, exposés of the Modi regime's authoritarianism, out there. I see people like you, like me, who talk freely to the international media. The point I'm making is they haven't been able to completely control or suppress these critical voices. Recently, I did such a piece for Prospect magazine, "The Making of Modi."

How has the Hindu newspaper been able to maintain its independence?

The Hindu was founded in 1878, and the family I'm part of took over in 1905. I think there's a certain bond of trust that's been built up. Secondly, we are in the south — this is alien territory for the BJP. And that, I think, is a great help. And people like me, we were brought up in the old school, and we believe in the independence of journalism. If you're independent, have an ingrained independent mind-set as a journalist or writer, I think nothing can really, truly rule you out of the game.

Even if Modi were to lose this election, do you think irreversible damage has been done to the country?

I don't think it's irreversible. It's deep damage, no question about it, because it's also in educational institutions and the judiciary. There are judges who make no secret of their affiliation with the BJP or indeed the RSS [a right-wing paramilitary group of Hindu nationalists]. So it's deep damage. But irreversible? No. I think things change quickly. Realities on the ground quickly change. So all this gives me hope.

Do you think the world really understands Modi and his motivations?

I think a lot of perceptive people in the world understand Modi, and people like us are trying to inform them about the nuances of what's happening here. Remember when Modi was denied a visa [in 2005, before he became prime minister]. The United States invoked laws to say that anyone who has indulged in severe religious persecution must be denied a visa. He was actually blocked. And then ambassadors of the various countries of the European Union informally boycotted him — until the political situation began to change. These governments then realized that you couldn't boycott a prime minister of India, especially when they were looking for allies against China. And then they started praising Indian democracy.

But I have very little respect for these regimes, whether it's a Biden administration or, before that, the Trump administration or the Rishi Sunak dispensation. Because they look to their so-called strategic interests, these principles and values — democracy, secularism, freedom of the press, human rights — take a back seat.

Last year, emergency powers were invoked to ban the BBC documentary on Modi. Twitter was asked to remove all links. Have you ever seen an assault on the press like this?

I won't compare it with the Emergency, when there was total censorship. They cannot impose total censorship today on all of us, the entire press. But look at what happened with the two-part BBC Two documentary, "India: The Modi Question." It was not meant for telecast in India. But thanks to the government's blocking of the first part — the second part they didn't block — more people saw it than would have seen it otherwise. It's called the Streisand effect — that if you block something, more people end up seeing it. And I'm a petitioner in that case before the Supreme Court of India, challenging this blocking of the BBC documentary. It's not over yet.

But the BBC had their offices raided and were later investigated for alleged violations of foreign exchange rules.

That's the government's crude way of functioning. But this did not stop the BBC. The government cannot afford to kick the BBC out of India. It would seriously imperil bilateral relations with the United Kingdom. Noam Chomsky and others have written on this: that if you are smart, you do it through persuasion and the "manufacture of consent." But if you're crude, you do it like this.

What is the way forward to protect free speech and the press in India?

The only way is to exercise your right to free speech and independence, come what may. Journalists in India are lucky that a number of lawyers, including some of our top lawyers, are coming forward to appear pro bono in their defense. I think we can maintain our independence, whatever pressure comes at us.

LEANA S. WEN

How the medical field is failing menopausal women

Imagine a medical condition that disrupts people's sleep, impacts their mental health and interferes with their work. It's also associated with a range of uncomfortable symptoms, including night sweats, brain fog, joint aches, fatigue, weight gain, decreased libido and heart palpitations — all of which can last more than a decade.

Now imagine this condition affects half of the world's middle-aged adults. Yet fewer than 1 in 10 physicians treating these individuals feel prepared to do so.

The condition, of course, is menopause, which approximately 2 million American women will reach every year. For such a ubiquitous experience, it's shocking how little it is discussed by the medical profession and the public at large.

Last week, lawmakers led by Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) introduced bipartisan legislation that would fund additional clinician training, menopause-related research and public education campaign. This is a crucial effort that will help women access the care they need for this sorely neglected part of their life.

Menopause is typically diagnosed after a woman has gone 12 months without a menstrual period. Most women experience it between the ages of 40

and 58, with the average age being 51. (People who have both ovaries removed go through surgical menopause after the procedure, regardless of age.)

As many as 90 percent of women experience menopausal symptoms. Hot flashes are the most common manifestation, and about 25 percent experience such severe symptoms that they seek relief from a clinician. In one study, about 10 percent of women ages 45 to 60 reported missed work in the preceding year due to menopausal symptoms.

Because menopause is diagnosed retrospectively, women also need to know about the transition phase before their last menstrual period, known as perimenopause, which typically lasts four to eight years. JoAnn Pinkerton, an OB/GYN at the University of Virginia and executive director emeritus of the North American Menopause Society, said someone reaches this phase when they have missed periods for three months or have shortenings in cycles.

"I'm seeing more and more women in perimenopause who feel that their symptoms are being dismissed," Pinkerton told me. Clinicians might not recognize the symptoms, and even if they do, women are often told it's just life and that there is nothing to be done.

As a result, women are often unaware of the many medications, both hormonal and non-hormonal,

that can alleviate symptoms. Health-care providers also fail to mention "even lifestyle changes that could help, like healthier eating, avoiding alcohol, regular exercise and stress reduction," Pinkerton said.

Stephanie Faubion, director of the Mayo Clinic's Women's Health Clinic, said she has seen women travel to her facility to be evaluated for "a whole host of things that together sound really scary," but in the end, they were all related to menopause. These patients are sent to various specialists, when it probably "could be managed by one person," she said, if only the physicians recognized it for what it was.

Faubion was the senior author of a 2019 study that uncovered a huge knowledge gap in menopause care among physicians. It surveyed resident physicians in family medicine, internal medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology and found that nearly two-thirds gave the wrong response to a basic question about treatment. One in 5 reported not receiving any lectures on menopause during residency. Less than 7 percent said they felt adequately prepared to manage women experiencing menopause.

I asked Fabion whether medical training has improved since her study was published. "I don't think we are making a lot of progress," she replied.

She is looking into ways artificial intelligence can aid clinicians by identifying menopausal symptoms in patients' medical records. The technology can then "cue the doctor and say, 'Your patient is probably menopausal. Here's what you do.'"

In an ideal world, every clinician who treats women should ask them, starting age 40 or earlier, a series of questions to screen for perimenopause. They should then discuss treatment options to reduce current symptoms and talk about what to expect in the years ahead.

This is far from reality. Currently, women must proactively bring up concerns themselves. Those who do not have receptive clinicians should consider looking through the North American Menopause Society's searchable database to find a provider certified to care for women in perimenopause and beyond.

Hopefully, efforts in Congress might make this database unnecessary, though what we need is wholesale change in how our society perceives menopause. It's normal for parents to talk to girls about their first period. Virtually everyone has some idea of what to expect during puberty. We should have similar conversations to normalize and increase awareness of perimenopause and menopause.

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The FTC’s noncompete ban goes too far

ABOUT 1 IN 5 U.S. workers — 30 million people — are subject to a so-called noncompete clause as a condition of employment. These typically forbid an employee who leaves one company from starting a similar one of their own, or working for a rival firm, for periods that can range up to several years. Defended as necessary to help companies protect trade secrets and their investments in worker training, noncompetes have now spread well beyond what’s necessary for such legitimate purposes. On balance, their impact is negative for both workers and the economy more generally. A number of states — red and blue — have limited noncompetes. But what’s really needed is a uniform federal rule. The key questions are what that rule should be, and what part of the federal government can most appropriately enact it.

The Federal Trade Commission has precipitated the issue with a sweeping new regulation banning noncompete agreements. It takes effect 120 days from Tuesday, which is when the FTC published it in the Federal Register. The new rule both nullifies existing noncompetes for workers who earn less than \$151,164 a year and bars new noncompetes — even for senior executives who make more than that

amount. If the FTC has its way, pretty much the only allowable use of a noncompete would be to protect the buyer of a business against competition from a new firm set up by the seller.

As a matter of policy, the FTC’s rule has a lot going for it. On both equality and efficiency grounds, there should be a strong presumption in favor of letting workers take their talents where they can earn the highest reward. And yet at present, even some low- and semiskilled hourly workers at fast-food chains have had to accept noncompetes. At one point, even sandwich-makers at Jimmy John’s had to agree not to join a rival firm for two years after leaving. (The company dropped it as part of a 2016 agreement with the New York attorney general.) A body of economic research shows that noncompetes depress wages, hamper people’s ability to change jobs and “chill” entrepreneurship. Yes, companies that use noncompetes do tend to train workers a bit more than other firms, but they do not necessarily raise pay afterward. As for trade secrets, if companies want to protect them — as they do and should — nondisclosure agreements offer an alternative.

There’s substantial bipartisan support for abolishing noncompetes. With limited exceptions, four states already have: California, North Dakota,

Minnesota and Oklahoma. Ten other states, plus the District of Columbia, ban noncompetes for workers who earn less than a certain amount, or for hourly workers generally. Other states limit noncompetes for certain job categories, such as health care, to enable doctors and other specialized personnel to switch workplaces as needed.

Noncompete clauses depress wages, hamper people’s ability to change jobs and have a ‘chilling effect’ on entrepreneurship.

There are two problems with the FTC’s rule. The first is that it sweeps too broadly. We favor a ban focused on workers earning under about \$100,000 a year. That would cover 80 percent of the workforce, leaving companies free to impose the restrictions on higher-earning personnel, who are likeliest to possess trade secrets or to have received expensive training. The second problem is that the FTC might

not actually have the legal authority to enact any rule in this area. Business groups have already filed lawsuits making that argument — and it’s not a trivial one. The FTC based its regulations on aggressive interpretations of both the agency’s jurisdiction over “unfair methods of competition” and its power to combat such practices through regulatory action. Extended litigation looms and could result in an injunction blocking the rule before it takes effect.

As difficult as it might be to get any legislation through Congress these days, that remains the best way to ensure that a noncompete ban stands on solid legal and political ground — and that a politically accountable branch makes the inevitably difficult decision about which workers to cover. Multiple bipartisan bills in Congress address the issue, though they have yet to advance. (The fact that some lawmakers deemed legislation necessary undercuts the FTC’s argument by implying that new authority was needed to rein in noncompetes.)

The United States just went through a great reassessment of work during the pandemic. Tens of millions of people changed jobs — and even industries — as the economy evolved. We need more, not less, labor market flexibility, which has served the economy so well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College protesters take an awful risk

On May 6, *The Post* shared dispatches from Columbia University on the protests against the Israel-Gaza war. On May 7, we published letters from readers in support of students across the country. Today’s letters are a roundup of concerned and critical voices. To join the conversation, email letters@washpost.com or go to <https://wapo.st/letter>. — Alyssa Rosenberg, letters and community editor

I was one of the students who chanted, sat in, boycotted and marched against the Vietnam War. In 1967, we took part in the giant peace march that extended all the way across San Francisco, as what had started as a student movement spread to the wider population.

President Lyndon B. Johnson announced in March 1968 that he would not stand for reelection, in response to the national sense that he was responsible for the ongoing death and destruction in Southeast Asia. Many peaceniks, me included, cheered his decision and treated it as a great victory. There have been and will always be debates about it, but one thing we know for sure: Johnson’s decision not to run again gave us President Richard M. Nixon, a turn that could not have been worse for Democrats and, I would argue, for the United States itself. Johnson inherited the Vietnam conflict and was not happy about it, but it was through his initiative that the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act were passed.

We threw out the good with the bad, and maybe we got what we deserved.

Today’s campus protests look eerily similar to those sit-ins and marches of 1967. And as history repeats itself in this endless cycle of hatred, outrage and killing, many in this country want to hold President Biden responsible.

But I hope the war in Gaza doesn’t blind us to the looming threat of a second Donald Trump presidency. This idealistic teenager has, sadly I guess, grown into a pragmatic old man. Threats to stay home on Election Day or vote for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. are self-defeating. If we can scare Mr. Biden into dropping out, or if our “protest votes” prevent his reelection, we are again throwing out the good with the bad, and we’ll again be getting what we deserve — and I don’t mean peace in the Middle East.

Lou Caron, Riverview, Fla.

I went to Columbia, graduated, became an officer and went to Vietnam. I knew Grayson Kirk, Columbia’s president at the time, and was dismayed at the treatment of his office by antiwar protesters. I view the protesters today with the same repugnance. They are wrong, allow themselves to be instigated by others, and are made more important than they actually are by TV and news coverage.

Columbia President Minouche Shafik was right to call police to evacuate protesters from university property. College students are there to learn; if they don’t like the school or its policies, they shouldn’t enroll or stay there. I thought that in the ’60s and believe it true now. We were taught and expected to think for ourselves and not be agitators led by others. What do the protesters really want? They want to disrupt their own school — to change what? This is certainly not what I was in combat for.

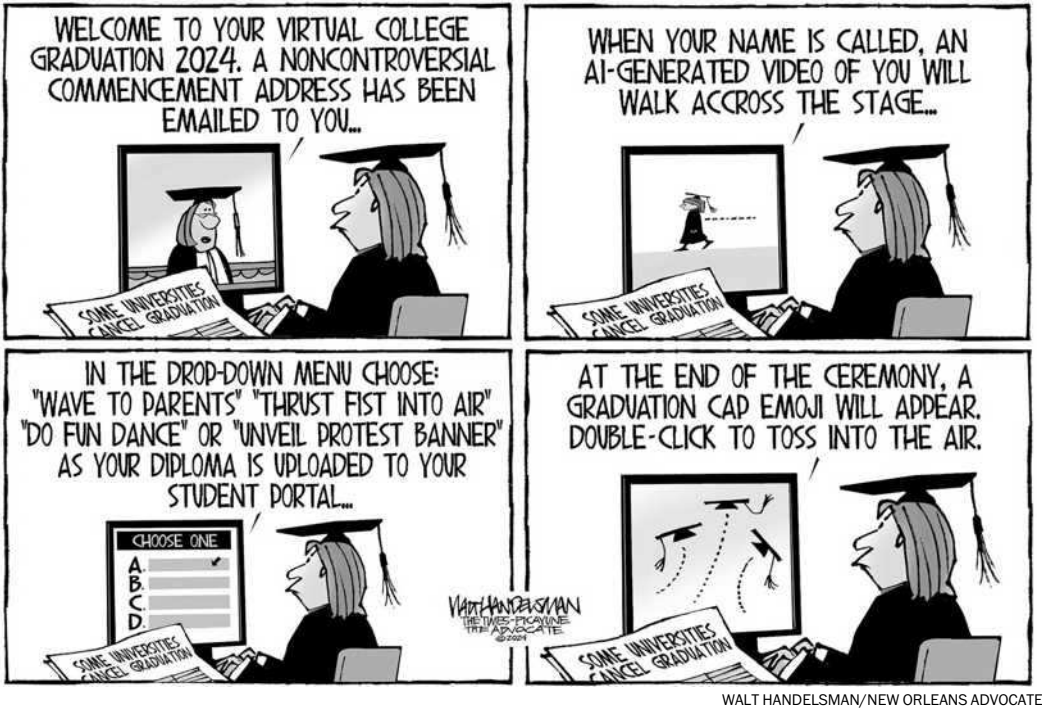
Peter Hutchinson, Gaithersburg

The continuing demonstrations on college campuses are misdirected.

The United States, with the help of Egypt and Qatar, has proposed a cease-fire in exchange for Hamas’s release of hostages. Yet in late April, a senior Biden administration official announced that Hamas was solely responsible for blocking the deal, and this was recently repeated by Secretary of State Antony Blinken. This is the second time I know of that Hamas has refused to agree to the terms of an internationally sponsored cease-fire agreement.

Perhaps, instead of insisting that Israel end its attacks on Gaza, the protesters should start insisting that Hamas agree to the terms of a deal. It is Hamas that began this conflict, and it is Hamas that appears

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committed to continuing it. Demonstrators’ placards might better read, “Hamas must support peace.”

Ken Lefkowitz, Medford, N.J.

Covering the war in Gaza is surely the greatest journalistic challenge of our age — it’s almost inevitable that any reporting on it will be criticized. Covering the protests sweeping across U.S. college campuses is similarly challenging. But given the media’s outsize role in shaping the way these protests affect the national narrative, it is critical that they be correctly identified.

Considering the wide array of ideologies — and, frankly, tactics — present among the protesters, the media can be forgiven for struggling with how to refer to them. But two oft-used monikers for the protests should be dispensed with out of hand: “antiwar” and “pro-Palestine.” The first makes little sense as a descriptor of this new wave of protests since, although the war has been winding down, a number of protesters explicitly call for attacks on Israel. Such sentiments are hardly antiwar; in fact, were these calls heeded, they would actively prolong the conflict. The second makes just as little sense, since virtually none of the protesters appear to call for a two-state solution, the only realistic path to a Palestinian state. Further, the bad behavior seen at of some of these protests damages those of goodwill advocating for a practical route to a Palestinian state.

Given the diverse views of those involved, it is genuinely difficult to divine exactly what the

protesters are for. Less hard to figure out, though, and what clearly unites them, is what they’re against. We should refer to these not as “antiwar” protests, nor as “pro-Palestine” protests, but as “anti-Israel” protests.

Oliver Kendall, Barcelona

Student protesters at Columbia and on other campuses who rally against Israel’s killing of Gazan civilians are missing an opportunity to justify their cause. The media seem to focus on the abhorrent few who turn the protests into antisemitic tirades, harass Jewish students and obscure the true intent of the majority of protesters, many of whom are themselves Jewish.

The point of the protests is the cruel and inhumane actions of the Israeli government against defenseless civilians in Gaza, where more than 30,000 have been killed, many of them women and children, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. What these student protesters should do immediately is publicly dissociate themselves from the few who are genuinely antisemitic, denounce the harassment of Jewish students, and even offer the harassed students aid and comfort.

The protests are not about harassing Jewish students; they are about the inhuman treatment of civilians by a foreign government that receives billions in military aid from the United States. So, kids, put it all in perspective and do the right thing to elevate your cause to its true, worthy intent.

Peter Tanous, Washington

I am a retired professor who taught higher education policy, and I worry now that the media are not covering the probable outcome of the campus protests.

Despite what they may say, Republican leaders care less about protecting Jewish students than about using the protests as an entry point to “reform” U.S. higher education, especially at elite universities. The congressional hearings for university presidents and House Speaker Mike Johnson’s trip to Columbia are examples of Republican efforts to erode public trust in higher education so that they can pass legislation to accomplish their policy agenda, which includes the following: tapping into universities’ high endowments; hiring more conservative faculty; dismantling diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and affirmative action; ending tenure; highlighting the Western canon in liberal arts curricula; and hiring politicians and businesspeople instead of academics for college presidencies.

I wish the media would note that the current campus protests are offering Republicans a chance to accomplish their long-term objectives.

Constance Cook, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The April 27 front-page article “At Columbia, the seeds of a revolt” quotes Columbia University student body president Teji Vijayakumar as saying that graduating college seniors like herself had “never lived in normal times” because they were in elementary school during the Occupy Wall Street protests, middle school during the walkouts over gun control and high school during the Black Lives Matter protests.

Oh, same as it ever was. My peers entered kindergarten with a president shot dead, were in middle school as the United States pulled out of Vietnam in shame (but only after our older brothers had died serving there), started high school while President Richard M. Nixon was resigning and became drivers as gas was being rationed and the threat of nuclear war hung over our heads. We thought we were the first, but our parents were happy to point out that they volunteered to fight Hitler after growing up in three-generation households during the Depression of the 1930s. And our grandparents had it rougher still.

No one lives in “normal times.” A Columbia education ought to teach perspective. This does not invalidate moral opposition to war and unnecessary suffering, but it might dial down the generational self-righteousness.

Will Layman, Washington

College students who have disobeyed the law by occupying or trespassing among buildings as part of their protests have gone far beyond what the First Amendment or reasonable accommodations of protest allow. How devoted these students are to their mission. But they should accept the natural consequences of their choices. They have placed themselves in violation of their colleges’ codes of conduct and the law, so they should be ready to accept arrest, prosecution, suspension and expulsion. If they barricade themselves in buildings, let them stay there the entire summer, but without air conditioning. I hope they are smart enough to stay well hydrated, and I hope they brought plenty of snacks.

Bruce J. Berger, Silver Spring

CORRECTION

Kathleen Parker’s April 21 op-ed, “Cry for the wolf,” incorrectly ascribed to Wyoming a law passed by the Idaho legislature targeting the state’s gray wolves.

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OPINION

BRIAN BROOME

Jerry Seinfeld’s last laugh bombs

From where I sit, firmly in the grasp of late middle age and hurtling toward oblivion, I am confident in only two things.

The first is that my body will soon give out. It has already started. My knees have become my enemies, and my skin has begun to wrinkle in places I barely knew I had skin. The noises I make in the morning as I rise and stretch my muscles seem foreign but somehow familiar. And I remember now that they are the same sounds my father used to make when he would stand or sit at my age. Nature has whispered in my ear: “This is your new body. Good luck.”

The second thing I know for sure is that, one day soon, I will wake up and something in the culture will deeply offend me. I don’t know what it will be, but I know that something that I believed in (or long ago became accustomed to) will have fallen dramatically out of fashion. I won’t understand why. But I know it’s inevitable.

Some of this is already happening. For instance, I find modern rap unlistenable. My students often bring new tracks to my attention that they call “fire.” I rarely get even 15 seconds in before I ask them to turn it off. It’s gibberish to me, and I can’t imagine why anyone would think differently. I’ll stick to my ’80s and ’90s rap, thank you very much.

My likes and dislikes were forged a long time ago. When the culture was different. When we were rebelling against the values of people who were born in the 1940s. But all things must change: As a kid, I was told that marijuana would ruin my life. Now, there are ads for it in candy form all over my news feed.

Tastes change. And I think some comedians cannot wrap their heads around that.

I have never found Jerry Seinfeld funny. Even in the ’90s when his show was all the rage, I didn’t get why people thought it was hilarious. It always seemed to me to be about immigrants being odd or unhygienic or making fun of women’s faces or body parts. The show always seemed mean-spirited to me, and that’s just not my kind of humor.

During an interview with the New Yorker to promote his upcoming Netflix film traversing the rather well-worn comedic landscape of the Pop-Tart, Seinfeld stated: “It used to be you would go home at the end of the day, most people would go, ‘Oh, ‘Cheers’ is on. Oh, ‘M*A*S*H’ is on. Oh, ‘Mary Tyler Moore’ is on.’ You just expected, there’ll be some funny stuff we can watch on TV tonight. Well, guess what? Where is it? This is the result of the extreme left and PC crap, and people worrying so much about offending other people.”

This comment didn’t surprise me. And I was equally unsurprised to read that the political right embraced Seinfeld’s comments. That group wants to keep everything the way it used to be. Perhaps conservatives feel safe only when they have assurances that things aren’t changing and that they are still the ones on top.

But the saddest thing in Seinfeld’s remarks is the lack of perspective. ‘Cause nothing lasts forever, Jerry.

Blackface, for example, was considered funny at one time, and I’m positive that, when it fell out of fashion, there was some old White guy complaining about how nothing is funny anymore and people have lost their sense of humor and it’s a shame he can’t say the n-word like he used to. The violent Punch and Judy shows, in which one puppet (Punch) would lay into his wife (Judy) and others with a stick, sometimes beating the daylight out of them, were meant for children. Punch was popular in its time. When it was called out for being problematic, I’m sure there were people who complained about that, too.

Tastes change. The culture changes. And I think some comedians cannot wrap their heads around that. The best catch the culture in a story or a moment that make people laugh. That’s a gift, but then the culture moves on. You have to keep up.

When I want a laugh, I admit, I go looking for it in old sitcoms. But I wouldn’t want the rules that those people followed to be the rules forever. And you are still very much allowed to find funny what you’ve always found funny. The difference now is that there will be people pushing back when you try to put it out to a wider audience. Those people have always been here. They just didn’t have a voice until now.

So, yes, if you make ham-fisted jokes about women or the LGBTQ+ community or people living with disabilities or the French, someone will come for you. And I don’t think it’s because they “don’t have a sense of humor.” I think it might just be because you’ve been living in a bubble and they are tired of playing Judy to your Punch.



Former president Donald Trump with lawyer Emil Bove in a Manhattan courtroom on Friday.

RUTH MARCUS

Heads, Trump wins. Tails, Trump still wins.

Donald Trump might be playing his bad legal hand to maximum political advantage. The first former president to stand criminal trial might have managed to convert that humiliating fact into a political windfall for the moment — and I worry there could be more to come.

This phenomenon is unfolding in the contempt proceedings now before New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan, presiding over Trump’s Manhattan trial on charges of falsifying business records as part of his hush money payments to adult-film star Stormy Daniels in the final days of the 2016 campaign.

Merchan finds himself in an exquisitely difficult position. On one hand, he doesn’t want to let Trump make a mockery of his gag order. On the other, he doesn’t want to order Trump jailed and thereby allow the former president to portray himself as a victim of a crooked criminal justice system deployed against him and — chutzpah alert — a martyr to the cause of free speech.

Merchan laid out that dilemma on Monday in again finding Trump in contempt of court for violating a court order prohibiting him from attacking witnesses or others involved in the case — this time the jurors. Merchan’s ability to fine Trump is limited to \$1,000 per incident, a self-evidently toothless remedy.

“Mr. Trump, it’s important to understand that the last thing I want to do is to put you in jail,” Merchan told him. “You are the former president of the United States and possibly the next president, as well.”

But, he said, “your continued violations of this court’s lawful order threaten to interfere with the administration of justice, in constant at-

tacks which constitute a direct attack on the rule of law. I cannot allow that to continue.”

So it could be that heads, Trump wins — and tails, he wins, too. He is already turning the gag order into a campaign talking point, claiming — falsely, but when has that ever stopped Trump? — that it has prevented him from defending himself or even taking the witness stand. Speaking to reporters after court on Monday, Trump asserted that “even more disgraceful” than the trial itself “is the gag order where, basically, I have to watch every word I tell you people.”

But Trump also seemed to recognize the potential PR value of, if not to welcome, the prospect of what would likely be a brief stint behind bars. “Our Constitution is much more important than jail,” he proclaimed. “It’s not even close. I’ll do that sacrifice any day.” Bravado, but recall Trump’s response when the judge presiding over the civil defamation lawsuit filed by E. Jean Carroll threatened to exclude Trump from the courtroom for being disruptive.

“Mr. Trump, I hope I don’t have to consider excluding you from the trial, I understand you are very eager for me to do that,” Judge Lewis A. Kaplan told Trump in January.

“I would love it, I would love it,” Trump replied.

Indeed. This is a man who uses his mug shot as a fundraising tool. Imagine what he could do with a night in jail. The bed won’t be as comfy as his Trump Tower mattress, but the martyrdom in the eyes of his fans might be worth it. Trump campaign spokesman Steven Cheung assailed Merchan’s latest contempt citation as a “Third World authoritarian tactic.”

I won’t be surprised if Trump goads Merchan yet again — and I don’t envy

Merchan his choice of two terrible options. Having twice threatened Trump with the consequence of jail, I guess he’s bound to follow through, but that’s also playing right into Trump’s hands.

And that brings me to my larger worry about the New York trial — that the ultimate outcome could provide an even bigger platform for Trumpian victimhood. Acquittal is not in the cards for Trump. But it takes just one holdout to hang a jury. And while I think a conviction is more likely than not, a hung jury is not a remote prospect in this case, the shakiest of the four criminal indictments Trump faces.

Imagine how Trump would run with that. He would claim that a hung jury vindicates his argument that the criminal charges against him represent yet another witch hunt, this one somehow orchestrated by his opponent. “It’s a Biden trial,” Trump asserted last week, with no basis.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg brought the case; the Biden link, such as it is, involves the lead prosecutor, Matthew Colangelo, a former senior official in the Biden Justice Department.

House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik (N.Y.) has called Colangelo “part of the far left’s witch hunt to wrongfully prosecute President Trump.” On Monday, she posted on X, “I just uncovered that the Far Left NYC prosecutor sent from Biden’s DOJ to arrest President Trump was PAID BY THE DNC. This is ILLEGAL ELECTION INTERFERENCE.”

Unhinged? Yes. But a taste of what would come if the jury were to hang, and of how Trump could once again benefit from circumstances that would doom an ordinary politician.

ROBERT GEBELHOFF

Biden’s dazed and confused pot policy

For years, the federal government has taken the back seat on marijuana policy — and the result has been a disaster. Yet the Biden administration just made clear it has no interest in taking the wheel.

Attorney General Merrick Garland announced last week a proposal to change marijuana’s drug classification from Schedule I to Schedule III. Doing so would recognize that the drug has accepted medicinal uses and would make it easier for researchers to study it while also maintaining its status as a controlled substance.

But to think the federal government has “control” over cannabis smacks of delusion. Colorado became the first state to legalize recreational cannabis in 2012, effectively raising a middle finger to Washington. In response, the federal government furrowed its eyebrows and shrugged — and then continued shrugging as 23 other states joined the open rebellion. The result is a patchwork of state regulations that have allowed marijuana companies near-free rein, even as the drug’s negative consequences have become clearer.

If President Biden really wanted to have an impact, he would work with Congress to finally legalize marijuana federally so that the Food and Drug Administration can properly regulate it. Instead, his proposal to reschedule the drug suggests he’s uncomfortable pretending that it is still illegal, providing no effective federal oversight.

Make no mistake: The longer marijuana companies are allowed to escape federal regulation, the more dangerous the drug becomes. Growers are constantly cultivating the plant to make it more potent. Whereas decades ago, a typical marijuana plant would contain less than 1.5 percent THC, the main

psychoactive ingredient in the drug, today typical marijuana plants contain more than 10 times that amount. There are even oil products that are *more than 90 percent* THC.

That makes marijuana more addictive, research shows. That’s particularly alarming given the health consequences from the drug that we’re just starting to uncover. This year, the National Institutes of Health found that cannabis use is linked with cardiovascular disease, with daily use raising the risk of heart attack by 25 percent and stroke by 42 percent.

Studies also suggest that heavy marijuana use increases a person’s risk of developing mental health problems such as depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Researchers believe this is especially true of highly potent cannabis.

Not concerned yet? Consider that regular marijuana use is rising rapidly among young adults. In 2021, 29 percent of 19- to 30-year-olds reported using the drug within the past month, compared with just 17 percent 10 years earlier. That suggests young Americans are forming habits that could have substantial effects on their health for decades. A strong federal response would place caps on potency and strictly regulate how marijuana products are marketed. But Biden’s proposal to reschedule the drug merely reinforces the status quo.

That’s because reclassifying marijuana as Schedule III would keep marijuana under the auspices of the Drug Enforcement Administration — that is, as a substance that cannot be consumed legally for nonmedical purposes. Given how almost half of states have already decided to subvert the DEA’s authority, you’d have to be high not to see the problem.

In fact, Schedule III status might cause more problems than it solves. Other Schedule III drugs such as codeine or ketamine are available only under prescription, which would require FDA approval. But the FDA hasn’t approved marijuana for medical purposes (it has approved only one cannabis-derived and three cannabis-related products), throwing companies that dispense the drug for medicinal purposes into complicated, uncharted territory.

Moreover, with the DEA remaining the primary regulator of the drug, the nation’s 15,000 marijuana dispensaries would likely have to register with the agency. That’s a logistical headache as well as a political one. How many dispensaries would be willing to register with a government entity that believes the recreational side of their business is illegal?

Unfortunately, a more responsible approach to marijuana — putting it in the hands of federal regulators — has its own political obstacles. Many pro-marijuana activists, like their predecessors in the tobacco industry, are largely uninterested in taking the public health consequences of this product seriously.

On the other hand, those who oppose marijuana would much rather keep it illegal federally. But the skunk is out of the bag, and it’s not going anywhere, even if people don’t like the smell. It’s not realistic at this point to expect people to give up recreational marijuana, especially considering how politically popular it is.

Given these realities, it’s unsurprising that Biden doesn’t want to take a stronger stance on marijuana. But the only way to mitigate the consequences of America’s recalcitrant marijuana industry is for the adults in the room to damn the politics and let the FDA do its job. This farce has gone on long enough.

JOSH ROGIN

Why was the U.S. Iran envoy suspended? Clues emerge.

Considering Iran’s collaboration with U.S. adversaries in the Middle East crisis and the Ukraine war, not to mention the Islamic republic’s nuclear ambitions, the Biden administration would surely like to have its top diplomat for Iran on the playing field. But the State Department’s special envoy, Robert Malley, has been sidelined while under federal investigation for going on one year — without any official explanation. Now, new information about the case is coming to light.

Malley, who was appointed to his role by President Biden in 2021 and was intimately involved in back-channel talks with Iran, was placed on leave and had his security clearance suspended in April 2023. On Monday, the top Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees sent a letter, a copy of which I obtained, to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, decrying the lack of information about the official investigation and laying out the results of their own inquiry.

“Due to the Department’s evasiveness and lack of transparency, we have worked to glean information from other sources,” Sen. James E. Risch (Idaho) and Rep. Mike McCaul (Tex.) wrote in the letter. “Our own investigations have uncovered the following information and troubling allegations. We ask that you confirm the information we have learned.”

Risch and McCaul are asking the State Department to confirm that Malley’s security clearance was suspended by the State Department’s Diplomatic Security Service because he “allegedly transferred classified documents to his personal email account and downloaded these documents to his personal cell phone.” Through leaks in the Tehran Times, an Iranian state-controlled media outlet, it had already been reported that Malley was under federal investigation for potentially mishandling classified documents, but Risch and McCaul are claiming to have discovered more details.

In the letter, the Republican lawmakers also ask the State Department to confirm their belief that “a hostile cyber actor was able to gain access to his email and/or phone and obtain the downloaded information.” In August, the Tehran Times also published multiple articles it claims were based on leaked secret U.S. government documents, including one about Biden’s internal diplomatic strategy. The State Department inspector general’s office is investigating those leaks. Risch and McCaul contend they are connected to a hack of one of Malley’s personal devices.

“When and how did the cyber actor compromise Mr. Malley’s account?” the letter asks. “Did the compromise of Mr. Malley’s device enable subsequent compromise of other senior officials at the State Department, National Security Council, or other agencies? How did the malign cyber actor utilize the information obtained from Mr. Malley?”

Last June, the State Department did acknowledge that Malley had been placed on leave, and subsequent reports revealed that the FBI is also participating in the investigation. But the Justice Department has produced no charges and has made no comment on the matter. Malley, who is teaching at Princeton and Yale, declined to comment. His deputy has been serving as acting envoy.

The State Department also declined to comment on the case, and the Justice Department did not respond to a request for comment.

Risch and McCaul are demanding that the State Department answer several questions about the investigation, including how many classified documents are at issue, to whom they were allegedly transferred, and what if any assessment has been done as to the national security implications of the alleged mishandling of classified information.

“The allegations we have been privy to are extremely troubling and demand immediate answers,” the letter concludes. “These allegations have substantial impact on our national security and people should be held accountable swiftly and strongly.”

Mishandling of classified documents can be a felony in some instances, but the Justice Department’s approach to such investigations varies greatly case to case. Biden, former vice president Mike Pence and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton were all investigated but never charged. Former president Donald Trump was charged, albeit under very different circumstances.

The letter is a sign of the deep frustration on Capitol Hill about the lack of public information regarding the case. Risch and McCaul also ask whether the FBI has recommended charges and what, if anything, the White House or State Department has done to weigh in on the matter behind the scenes.

Meanwhile, Malley sits in limbo, unable either to clear his name or avail himself of legal remedies. In many cases, officials are able to contest allegations of mishandling of classified information and thereby avoid charges (as in the Clinton case). If Malley were formally charged with a crime, at least he would then be afforded due process to defend himself.

Malley has critics in Congress who see him as too cozy with the Iranian regime and its allies. Lawmakers and the public have a right to know the details of any alleged transgressions. But Malley also has a right to know his fate, one way or the other. And the administration should have its top Iran envoy either cleared or charged, so it can effectively manage this crucial foreign policy challenge.

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‘What should the name be in 2024?’

Activists and historians call for Baltimore’s bridge, which honors enslaver Francis Scott Key, to get a new moniker

BY RACHEL HATZIPANAGOS

It could take years and nearly \$2 billion to rebuild the 1.6-mile Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore.

But in the meantime, activists and historians say it’s time to rethink the name of the 47-year-old bridge near the site where enslaver Francis Scott Key could have witnessed British ships bombing Fort McHenry in 1814, inspiring the lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Activists say it’s time to acknowledge the harm done by notable figures in U.S. history, including Key, who enslaved at least a dozen people, historians say. They have begun pressuring government officials and holding public meetings lobbying for the bridge’s name to be changed.

“We think this is an excellent opportunity to make a statement about what Marylanders believe,” said Carl Snowden, the head of the Caucus of

African American Leaders, a coalition of African American organizations, elected officials and advocates in Maryland.

But the effort is being met with resistance from Republican lawmakers and local conservative groups, who see it as an effort to rewrite history.

“I support keeping the current name, and will seek to require it as a condition of any federal funding,” U.S. Rep. Andy Harris (R-Md.), whose district includes the eastern shore of the state, including Salisbury, said in a statement.

In late March, a container ship, the Dali, struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, killing six people. The FBI has opened a criminal investigation into the incident. The collapse has cut off access to the city’s port, putting stress on the supply chain of autos, construction machinery and coal across the country.

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TOP: The Dali cargo ship and the wreckage of the Key Bridge in Baltimore on April 25. ABOVE: A 1912 painting dramatizes Francis Scott Key writing the poem that became the national anthem.

Circuit judge removed in Md.

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‘Egregious’ actions cited, but specifics unclear

BY KATIE METTLER AND JASMINE HILTON

The Maryland Supreme Court removed Judge April T. Ademiluyi from the Prince George’s County bench this week, citing “egregious” behavior in violation of the state’s code of judicial conduct, an extreme and rare move for the state’s high court.

The specifics of the alleged misconduct are unclear because the high court did not include an explanatory opinion with its brief ruling. The court broadly cited at least a dozen codes Ademiluyi allegedly violated as a Circuit Court judge, involving her behavior with jurors, her impartiality and fairness, her compliance with the law and her cooperation with disciplinary authorities, but it did not offer specific details of the purported misconduct.

The justices wrote that a complete opinion would come at a later date.

Ademiluyi has presided over cases in the county’s circuit court since 2020, when she was elected as a judge by Maryland voters after running a grass-roots campaign.

She has alleged in complaints and court documents that her outsider status drew hostility from her judicial colleagues, creating a working environment that prompted her to file what she said was a whistleblower complaint

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Bowser fails to veto housing legislation

D.C. Council votes to keep pandemic-era rules for voucher eligibility

BY MEAGAN FLYNN

The D.C. Council on Tuesday overrode a veto by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) targeting relaxed eligibility rules for some of the city’s major housing voucher programs, another example of the power clashes between the lawmakers and executive that tend to surface in debates over housing.

Bowser had vetoed emergency legislation passed in April by the council that continued laxer pandemic-era rules allowing voucher applicants to self-certify their information if they had trouble obtaining the required supporting documents. The changes, lawmakers said, were intended to help homeless or undocumented applicants who could face significant hurdles gathering the documents. The legislation also prohibited the D.C. Housing Authority (DCHA), which administers D.C.’s local voucher programs, from inquiring about applicants’ criminal history or immigration status.

Bowser had argued that those changes posed a threat to public safety and the programs’ integrity, telling the council in a letter Tuesday morning that “background checks and identity veri-

SEE OVERRIDE ON B2

U-Va. defends its protest response

Campus leaders respond to criticism by faculty members after arrests

BY KARINA ELWOOD AND OLIVIA DIAZ

University of Virginia and police officials defended actions that led to the arrests of more than 25 pro-Palestinian protesters on campus grounds over the weekend, even as faculty members and others criticized what they saw as an overly aggressive response.

In a virtual town hall Tuesday, Tim Longo, chief of police at U-Va., said that officials offered to let demonstrators stay if they took down their tents and that authorities moved in Saturday only when they refused. James E. Ryan, the university’s president, said that police were met with “physical confrontation and attempted assault” and that officials then called in Virginia State Police.

“We felt like this was escalating and had the potential to get out of



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Pro-Palestinian protesters demonstrate behind law enforcement personnel Saturday at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

hand,” Ryan said at the town hall.

But faculty members who witnessed the arrests questioned that account, saying law enforcement personnel were too heavy-handed in breaking up a peaceful demonstration.

“What we saw on Saturday was brutal,” Laura Goldblatt, an assistant professor of English and global studies who has been helping

student demonstrators and witnessed Saturday’s arrests, said in an interview.

The arrests came after dozens of law enforcement officers in riot gear surrounded a student encampment at Virginia’s flagship university in Charlottesville and used pepper spray to disperse people from the area. Demonstrators

SEE ARRESTS ON B4

Aid student raised for homeless man refunded

BY KYLE SWENSON AND AMBER FERGUSON

A college student who raised nearly half a million dollars for a D.C. homeless man says the money has now been refunded, a sharp reversal in a saga that drew widespread attention online.

In a series of TikTok videos posted last week, Sanai Graden explained she had lost contact with Alonzo Douglas Hebron, the man she met in late January on the streets of downtown D.C. After she posted a video of her getting his medication and paying for his hotel room, the 21-year-old college student and Hebron were catapulted into viral fame. Graden raised more than \$400,000 on GoFundMe for Hebron, and several local outlets covered their story.

The college student remained committed to helping Hebron even after his violent criminal record, including an assault on another homeless woman, became public. But since The Wash-

ington Post reported on their story in March, Graden said she has had difficulty staying in touch with Hebron. He became evasive, ran through gift cards Graden provided him for food and lost the cellphone she purchased for him, she said.

“I really did try to help him,” Graden said in a video with more than a million views. “I tried to transform his whole life. But sometimes when you want something for somebody, they may not want that for themselves.”

Graden said she decided to return the money to her donors.

In a statement, GoFundMe confirmed that at the “request of the organizer, donors have been refunded” for Graden’s original fundraiser.

“Since the fundraiser’s launch, GoFundMe remained fully committed to helping deliver the funds raised to Mr. Hebron, just as the donors intended,” the company said. “However, without the cooperation of the organizer or

SEE FUNDRAISER ON B3

Key Bridge could be renamed

BRIDGE FROM B1

The call to rename the bridge comes amid a larger debate about how to acknowledge the harm done by some of America's most prominent figures. Like efforts to remove Confederate memorials, including a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Richmond and a five-story-tall monument to Confederate troops in Birmingham, Ala., monuments to Key's legacy have been called into question by historians and advocates across the country who say it's time to re-examine whether an enslaver's name belongs on a place of honor.

Proponents for the name change acknowledge it will be an uphill battle.

"Realistically, nothing's going to happen for a while," Snowden said. "What we are now trying to do is build political support for this, to get people to understand why this is important and to make it crystal clear that this issue is not going away."

The bridge was built in 1977 and was named after Key, who descended from a wealthy plantation family. In an 1838 letter, Key spoke of Black people as "a distinct and inferior race."

Key freed some of those he enslaved, but it's unclear why. "That would be a matter of speculation," said Mark Clague, a professor of music at the University of Michigan and the author

of "O Say Can You Hear: A Cultural Biography of The Star-Spangled Banner."

Key was a contradictory figure, Clague said. As a lawyer, Key defended both enslaved people who had escaped and the people who tried to hunt them down. But he was also a founding member and spokesperson of the American Colonization Society, which advocated for sending for-

"I think it's a good idea to use someone else's name who is more representative of the people of Maryland."

Marc Leepson,
historian and author of
"What So Proudly We Hailed:
Francis Scott Key, a Life"

merly enslaved people to Africa, Clague said.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was based on a song written by Key called "The Defense of Fort M'Henry," which included a verse some historians have said was directed at African Americans who escaped slavery to join the British forces.

The verse says:
No refuge could save the hireling and slave

*From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

Key may have been using the word "slave" in the song to describe the White subject of a king rather than Black enslaved people, Clague said. Some racist statements attributed to Key may have reflected others' views, not his own, he said.

But Clague said he understands the desire for a change.

"I think that the name of the bridge should reflect the community of Baltimore and Maryland's aspirations for where they want to go in the future," Clague said. "So, I think it's a completely reasonable question to ask, what should the name be in 2024?"

Added historian Marc Leepson, author of "What So Proudly We Hailed: Francis Scott Key, a Life": "I think it's a good idea to use someone else's name who is more representative of the people of Maryland."

The Caucus of African American Leaders is lobbying for the bridge to be renamed in honor of Parren J. Mitchell (D), Maryland's first Black congressman.

The Maryland Transportation Authority, which could change the bridge's name, didn't respond to a request for comment.

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott (D) and Maryland Gov. Wes



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Parren J. Mitchell, left, outside the White House in 1985. The Caucus of African American Leaders is lobbying for the Key Bridge to be renamed in honor of Mitchell, Maryland's first Black congressman.

Moore (D) also haven't weighed in on the issue. "My mind right now is fully focused on making sure we can bring comfort to these families, making sure we can get this channel reopened, making sure we can take care of these port workers, and rebuilding the bridge," Moore said in a statement.

Meanwhile, some Maryland activists are preparing to fight a potential name change. The effort to remove Key's name is another sign of too much "woke-

ness," said Fred Propheter, president of the Frederick County Conservative Club.

He also opposed the 2022 renaming of Lee Highway, named after the Confederate general in Fairfax County, to Route 29.

"There's been too many things in the last few years that have been canceled due to people's woke feelings over stuff," Propheter said. "We need to preserve our history, and Francis Scott Key is very much a part of our

history."

The club launched an online petition in early April but so far has collected only 78 of the 5,000 signatures it wants. The group is also reaching out to local leaders on the issue, Propheter said.

"The bridge was named Francis Scott Key Bridge, and it should remain Francis Scott Key Bridge," Propheter said. "I see no reason to rename it."

Nicole Asbury contributed to this report.

Md. Supreme Court removes judge over misconduct allegations

JUDGE FROM B1

against her supervisors in 2022.

In a statement, she asserted that her removal from the bench is retaliation for that complaint. After reporting her supervisors to the Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities, they responded with a complaint of their own, alleging misconduct by Ademiluyi in hundreds of pages of documents that the commission and Maryland Supreme Court deemed valid.

Her fellow judges alleged that she behaved inappropriately at the courthouse, including insubordination, unprofessionalism, tardiness and lack of participation in critical judicial training sessions.

"I continue to believe that I did not commit any sanctionable misconduct," Ademiluyi said in her statement. "It is a disservice to the community for me to be punished for doing the right thing."

The case, which has been going on for nearly the entirety of

Ademiluyi's time on the bench, offers an unusual and messy glimpse into the interpersonal dynamics of the Prince George's courthouse and the Maryland judiciary, interactions that judges work hard to keep tidy and out of the public eye.

"The entire situation was eroding the public's confidence in the judiciary," said Steven B. Vinick, a Prince George's County defense attorney. "That's exactly what was happening. It's like a soap opera. This is the last thing you want to see from the courthouse."

The high court's decision to remove Ademiluyi the same day as her hearing before the justices — issuing an immediate ruling without a complete opinion — signals an urgency to put the increasingly public saga to rest, Vinick said.

It also draws attention to the way Ademiluyi made it to the bench — by running as an independent challenger to a slate of judicial candidates.

When there is a judicial vacancy, interested candidates

can apply for consideration through the governor's office. They are scrutinized by various bar associations before coming before county-level nominating commissions, which make recommendations to the governor's office on potential one-year appointees.

Despite a gubernatorial appointment, all judges must be elected to their jobs by Maryland voters. But candidates such as Ademiluyi can still win despite not going through the official vetting process.

Ademiluyi was an intellectual property and real estate attorney before her long-shot campaign in the 2020 election. Amid the #MeToo movement, she told voters about her experience as a sexual assault survivor, pledging to take on "the establishment" within the courthouse and give a voice to victims.

Soon after Ademiluyi became a judge, tensions with her colleagues began to develop, according to court and commission documents.

But Ademiluyi took the first action before the commission, filing a complaint against Sheila Tillerson Adams, then serving as the county's longtime chief administrative judge, and Daneeka Varner Cotton, who would soon take over for Tillerson Adams.

Ademiluyi alleged that Tillerson Adams forged her signature on a ruling and that the two had been monitoring her emails in an attempt to sabotage her, according to commission and court documents. In a letter to the commission, Cotton replied that it would be "extremely difficult to respond to the blatant falsehoods" alleged in Ademiluyi's complaint.

"I am deeply concerned that a jurist would file such egregious and dishonest allegations," Cotton wrote. "There should be some repercussions for such disregard of the truth."

Tillerson Adams told investigators that dealing with Ademiluyi had been a "nightmare." The commission ultimately dismissed Ademiluyi's complaint, ruling that there was not sufficient evi-

dence to support her allegations.

Then came a second commission complaint from Tillerson Adams against Ademiluyi, alleging misconduct. The commission would ultimately find that, among other conclusions, she refused to talk to certain judges, instructed her law clerks to not speak to other judges and sent emails saying, "I don't look forward to meeting you or communicating with you at anytime."

While the commission was considering the second complaint, it received another charge against Ademiluyi, accusing her of bias and harassment. The accusation stemmed from her alleged behavior toward fellow Circuit Court Judge Michael Pearson, according to court documents.

That case has not yet been resolved. A spokesperson for the Maryland judiciary said in a statement judges cannot comment on pending matters.

The Maryland Supreme Court's decision Monday went far beyond the punishment the commission had unanimously recom-

mended in February, which included a censure and six-month unpaid suspension, with two months served immediately and four months suspended depending on her compliance with certain conditions.

In addition to those conditions, the commission recommended that the Supreme Court institute a one-year probation with a monitor; an assigned mentor judge who would provide monthly reports; "a complete emotional, behavioral and prosocial assessment" followed by Ademiluyi's cooperation and compliance with any recommended treatments; and attendance at Maryland judiciary, educational and ethics trainings.

The Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities consists of jurists, attorneys and members of the public. It was established in 1966 and has the power to "investigate complaints against Maryland judges and justices and, when warranted, conduct hearings concerning such complaints and take certain actions or make recommendations for other actions to the Supreme Court of Maryland," according to the Maryland Courts website.

D.C. Council clashes with Bowser over her veto of housing program rules

OVERRIDE FROM B1

fication practices are industry standard and serve a vital role in ensuring clients meet the legal standards applicable to the housing for which they are applying."

But Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) pushed back. He argued that the self-certification rules remove barriers to accessing a voucher quickly for people who can't readily obtain the documents, particularly people living on the streets, but that nothing prevents private housing providers from performing background checks or verifying identity when people apply to move in.

"The genesis of this is primarily homeless individuals and undocumented individuals — it can take a long time, a very long time, for them to get the documents," Mendelson said.

The council's changes to the eligibility rules impact the District's permanent supportive housing voucher program, one of the major programs the District has in place to create a pathway to housing for people without it, and the similar targeted affordable housing program. But the programs have had problems with large backlogs and, for permanent supportive voucher hold-

ers, challenges connecting recipients who may need help with mental health or substance abuse issues with the appropriate services. It could take months for someone to actually receive a voucher after starting the application process, often due to paperwork hurdles and red tape — challenges that both Bowser's administration and DCHA were working to improve last year.

Bowser initially supported the changes to the eligibility process and signed legislation supporting them in 2022. But the mayor gradually turned against the policy, allowing the council to reauthorize it without her signature last summer and outright vetoing it last month. "While I understand that compiling and collating official documents for application can be onerous and time-consuming for residents, I do not think it is prudent for the Housing Authority to simply take someone's word about their identity," Bowser said.

It's just one of numerous disagreements on housing programs between her and council members in recent years, including over the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Bowser has similarly bristled against the laxer self-certification rules she has argued could open up that pro-



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D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), seen in April, had targeted rules allowing self-certification on housing voucher applications.

gram to abuse — suggestions that council member Robert C. White Jr. (D-At Large) said lacked evidence in a tense exchange between the two during last month's budget hearing.

Similarly, multiple lawmakers on Tuesday said it would be prudent to gather more data about how the self-certification process is working before making major changes. Only council member Matthew Frumin (D-Ward 3) voted against overriding Bowser's veto, saying he shared many of the mayor's concerns and believed the council should not continue to allow the looser eligibility rules. Council member Zachary Parker (D-Ward 5) voted present.

"We need to take a hard look at this program and figure out how we can make it work for everyone, including other tenants in

the buildings," Frumin said. "I'm reluctant to just keep the status quo."

Council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), however, said he was concerned about trying to solve one problem by removing self-certification but in turn creating "a bigger one by blocking access to housing for a lot more people."

"Then they end up in encampments," White added, "and we say it's a health and safety issue. These are difficult issues."

White, the chairman of the housing committee, said in an interview that he would take any concerns about public safety or concerns about fraud "very seriously" while continuing to work on a permanent version of the legislation. His committee held a hearing on the permanent bill last summer, but Bowser administration officials did not raise

concerns in that forum.

An official with DCHA, which administers federal housing programs but also works with D.C. officials, testified at that hearing saying the agency generally supported the goals of the bill but had some suggestions to improve it: Namely, while they agreed people should be able to self-certify when they can't readily provide the documentation — such as Social Security numbers or income levels — they said officials should be able to follow up to verify with people if they come across conflicting information. And DCHA wanted to see documentation when a person is up for "recertification" two years after moving into their housing. Bowser on Tuesday echoed that concern in her opposition.

DCHA changed leadership since last year's hearing; Alison Burdo, a spokeswoman for the new administration, declined to comment Tuesday.

Also on Tuesday, the council passed legislation from Allen that would offer subsidies for low-to-moderate-income residents to voluntarily convert gas appliances to electric, drawing applause from environmental advocates who filled the chamber. Allen said he'll be pushing to restore funding for the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund in the council's budget, which he hopes can serve as a vehicle to fund the program, known as Healthy Homes.

On an emergency basis, the council also passed legislation allowing homeowners or homeowners' associations to remove discriminatory housing covenants from their property rec-

ords; although courts have long held covenants that excluded Black people, Jewish people or others from a community to be legally void, the covenants remain on the record. Others that restrict multifamily housing have continued to draw debate — particularly in Chevy Chase.

And in a final, extended debate that seemed a bit unexpected for some lawmakers, the council passed an emergency bill to halt the installation of a turf field at Lafayette Elementary School after a group of residents brought concerns to council member Janeece Lewis George (D-Ward 4), desiring a grass field. They cited emerging but inconclusive research about potential risks from certain chemicals that may be in the turf. Lewis George acknowledged that everyone agreed the science appeared unsettled — "we aren't scientists," she said — but said residents she heard from didn't want to take a chance and neither did she.

"To move forward when our children are the test of this, that is a concern that should be considered here," Lewis George said.

The mayor's chief of staff took a seat in the chamber pathway through the debate, at times expressing visible disappointment. Mendelson said the mayor texted and called him before the vote, saying that the plan was already underway and that the turf was more economical long-term than grass. Lawmakers wondered if passing an emergency bill over a single field in D.C. was the right thing to do, but they were ultimately swayed by Lewis George's appeals.



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VIRGINIA

Fairfax County votes to raise residential tax rate

Area looks to make up for pandemic losses in commercial tax revenue

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

Fairfax County lawmakers Tuesday approved a budget that raises the residential tax rate by 3 cents, a reflection of the lingering economic impacts of the pandemic and uncertainty over the Virginia state budget.

Fairfax's increase in the residential tax rate, to \$1.125 per \$100

of assessed value, means the annual tax bill for county homeowners will increase by an average of \$450. The move came as revenue from the county's struggling commercial office sector remains weak while Fairfax schools requested more funding due to higher enrollment and other pressures, most of which the board met by allocating an extra \$165 million to the school budget.

Under the plan, county employees will see raises of between 3.25 percent and 6 percent, with some getting extra merit boosts in pay. A variety of county services will be cut, including a net reduction of 42 jobs, either through

retirements or by not filling open positions, to save \$34 million.

The Board of Supervisors approved the budget on a 9-1 vote without comment, with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) opposing.

"We understand the pressure this will place on our residents and this budget strives to find a balance between taxing levels and addressing our most urgent priorities," Jeffrey C. McKay (D), the board's chair, said during a "budget markup" meeting last month.

With remote work keeping office vacancies high, Northern Virginia localities have had to find

ways to make up for the loss in commercial tax revenue while trying to maintain the quality of schools and other services.

Neighboring Arlington County increased its tax rate for homeowners by 2 cents last month, to \$1.033 per \$100 of assessed value, while the city of Alexandria raised its rate by 2.5 cents, to \$1.135 per \$100 of assessed value.

In the exurbs, Prince William and Loudoun counties — less affected by the transition to remote work and buoyed by tax revenue from data centers — cut their tax rates for homeowners.

Prince William's board last month lowered the residential

tax rate by 4.6 cents — to \$0.920 per \$100 of assessed value — after raising its tax rate on the equipment inside data centers by 72 percent, a move expected to generate an extra \$60 million.

Loudoun County, home to the largest concentration of data centers, lowered its residential tax rate by a penny, to \$0.865 per \$100 of assessed value.

Fairfax's board avoided an even higher tax increase proposed by County Executive Bryan Hill earlier in the year after revenue projections from the county's financial investments and other resources grew by about \$11 million.

During last month's meeting, several supervisors expressed frustration with the ongoing negotiations over the state budget between Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) and the General Assembly. Last

month, the state's leaders agreed to set aside that spending plan and work toward a new budget document by the middle of this month.

In an April 19 letter to county supervisors, Hill noted that Youngkin's budget amendments eliminated additional state funding for Metro that the General Assembly had approved, leaving the county to cover its entire \$18 million obligation to fund the struggling agency.

McKay said state funding for schools has also been lacking.

"Fairfax County Public Schools, as with all schools across the state, remain significantly underfunded," he said.

Those pressures are impacting county homeowners, said Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik (D-Providence), arguing for the county to do more to diversify its tax base.

MARYLAND

Taking aim at nursing shortage, county covers education costs

BY ANGELA ROBERTS

Becoming a nurse sounded like the perfect job for Danielle Gonzalez — at least on paper.

She already had experience working in health care. Before leaving the workforce to look after her third child, who was born with health problems, she worked as a certified medical assistant for about 10 years. Plus, she loved caring for others.

But when Gonzalez looked into how much it would cost to go back to school, she became less optimistic. Her husband, a carpenter, supported the family on a single income. They were living paycheck to paycheck. It was hard enough keeping up with the cost of living and putting food on the table.

"Okay," she told herself. "This is not a reality. I can't do this."

Then she read about Public Health Pathways — a workforce development pilot program created by Baltimore County, University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center and the Community College of Baltimore County. Suddenly, a nursing career didn't seem so unattainable.

The program, which accepted its first cohort last June, covers the cost for unemployed and underemployed Baltimore County residents to attend the community college to first become certified nursing assistants, then licensed practical nurses — a job that requires more training but also comes with a higher salary.

After students become certified nursing assistants, they are offered guaranteed employment with full benefits at St. Joe's in Towson, where they can work while continuing their education. They also receive a monthly \$1,000 stipend to help with child care, transportation, rent or other needs that could make it difficult to participate in the rigorous program.

Jennifer Lynch, senior policy adviser for education and workforce for Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr., described the program as the brainchild of Olszewski and Mohan Suntha, president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System. It's meant to tackle two problems at once: the dire need for more health-care workers and challenges faced by economically disadvantaged county residents trying to enter or advance in the workforce.

To kick-start the program, the medical system contributed \$500,000 and Baltimore County contributed \$675,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act funding. It's part of the county's push to "reimagine" workforce development, Lynch said. While it's great to help someone get hired in an entry-level position, she said, efforts shouldn't stop there.

"Our goal is always not to just get somebody in the door, but to get them to that family-sustaining wage," Lynch said.

The median annual wage for



Danielle Gonzalez, right, who is taking part in Public Health Pathways, talks with Michelle Lucas, the senior clinical nurse on the heart care unit at University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center.

licensed practical nurses was \$59,730 in 2023, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

More than 500 people applied for the Pathways program when the application was released early last year, said Sandra Kurtini-

Health Pathways program on Instagram, she said it felt like divine intervention.

Before enrolling in the program, Saunders worked in a variety of administrative assistant roles at Baltimore-area nonprofits. Becoming a licensed practical

number of students served and the services provided, according to the legislation's fiscal and policy note.

The program has the power to change the families' lives by increasing their earning potential, Olszewski said. Hospitals in Maryland also are in desperate need of more nurses, with 1 in every 5 positions vacant, according to data from the Maryland Hospital Association. Ultimately, Olszewski said, it's an investment that would "more than pay for itself."

"You're going to see individuals who are able to maybe buy a house or a more expensive house,

and they'll pay more in property taxes," he said. "You'll see individuals who are earning more and will be paying more in income taxes."

Lawmakers agreed with him and other supporters of the program. The legislation now awaits Gov. Wes Moore's signature to take effect in June.

Even though St. Joe's has a relatively low turnover rate, as many as 1 in 4 nursing positions are vacant in some departments, said Nicole Beeson, the hospital's senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer. The Pathways program has "absolutely" expanded the medical center's workforce pipeline, Beeson said, and it is helping it attract diverse employees so its staff represents the community it serves.

To support students participating in the program, St. Joe's created a new staff position to provide full-time mentorship and coaching to them, Beeson said. The hospital also provides the students with paid study time, allowing them to carve out a few hours during shifts for classwork.

Helping with the Pathways program has been a "joy project" for her, Beeson said. She's a graduate from a nursing program at Baltimore County's community college herself. Taking weekend and evening classes, she was able to care for her three young children while earning her degree — which ultimately transformed her family's life, she said. Now, one of her children is a nurse and another is a physical therapist.

"When you go into a caring profession, you think you're going there to care for other people," she said, "and you realize that in caring for others, it's really restorative for the caregiver."

— Baltimore Sun

Student raised over \$400K for D.C. man

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the beneficiary, delivering these funds to Mr. Hebron has not been possible."

Neither Graden nor her attorney responded to questions from The Post, including what Graden planned to do with the more than \$25,000 raised in a separate GoFundMe for the college student's expenses. Hebron also could not be contacted for this article.

Graden said her life as a California college student in a D.C. internship was upended when she met Hebron in Logan Circle. "I was a nobody," Graden said in her recent posts. "My life forever changed when I went on that walk to the grocery store, and I was stopped for tea."

But as the GoFundMe began collecting funds from around the world, Graden said "the situation went from being positive to negative real quick."

Hebron became harder to contact, and the unhoused man did not take steps to get identification, which she had encouraged. "Every time I asked about the ID, there was an excuse," she said.

Eventually Hebron stopped contacting her, Graden said. She said she fell into depression and stopped focusing on her internship. "All I wanted was to get him housing, get him medical care," she said. "There's only so much I can do. I cannot force him to do certain things. At the end of the day, he's grown."

In her TikTok posts, Graden said now she is focusing on her upcoming college graduation.

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U-Va. president faces faculty criticism after arrests

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first set up the encampment on a lawn outside the school chapel on April 30, joining other protests over the Israel-Gaza war on college campuses around the nation. Tents were erected on the site Friday night because of rainy weather, demonstrators said. The next day, law enforcement officers arrived in increasing numbers. By Saturday afternoon, police with riot shields and headgear began to clear the encampment, pushing students to the ground and pulling them by their arms. Police used zip ties and pepper spray, causing protesters to flee while clutching their eyes. U-Va. officials said 27 people were arrested: 12 students; four

professors; three former employees and students; and eight with no affiliation to the school. More than 2,300 people have been arrested on campuses across the country over the past two weeks, according to a Washington Post tally of news reports and police and university statements. Walt Heinecke, president of the American Association of University Professors of U-Va., said that the decisions on Saturday were miscalculated. Heinecke, who spent days in the encampment as a faculty liaison to the student protesters, said the encampment had been a peaceful space until the police showed up. “It didn’t need to happen. It could have been avoided,” Heinecke, an associate professor in the

school of education and human development, said in an interview. “Our president has missed the boat on this one.” At the virtual town hall, Ryan addressed the frustration about what unfolded Saturday but said the response ultimately came down to safety. “My colleagues and I have worked quite hard to build a level of trust with students, faculty, staff and members of the broader Charlottesville community,” said Ryan, who has led U-Va. since 2018. “I’m fully and painfully aware that we lost some of that trust on Saturday, and that it’s very difficult to regain trust. “At the same time, as a president, I make decisions that I think are in the best interests of the

entire community, not one segment of it. And that includes making decisions that others vehemently disagree with.” Officials said the encampment violated a university policy that all tents require a preapproved permit. On a public document outlining health and safety regulations, officials originally wrote that there was an exemption for “recreational tents.” But the language was deleted by Saturday morning. Saturday’s clash came nearly seven years after the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, in which a self-professed neo-Nazi drove his car through a crowd of counterprotesters, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring 35 others.

On Tuesday, university officials said some decisions made over the weekend were partly an attempt to not repeat failures made at the fatal rally. “I think in hindsight, some of the difficulties with 2017 was not reacting quickly enough,” Ryan said. “And so I was thinking that if we don’t act and we don’t move, and we just let this unfold, are we going to be faced tomorrow with not 22 tents, but 50 tents or 75 tents?” Heinecke and other faculty members rejected the university’s claims that the demonstration posed a safety threat. The university’s AAUP chapter issued a letter Tuesday condemning the university’s decisions and calling for the legal and disciplinary actions taken against students to be reversed. “From our own ample firsthand accounts, we find allegations that the demonstrators were un-

usually disruptive or a source of any danger to others unfounded,” the letter reads. The Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer, a religious studies doctoral student, was not a part of the encampment but said in an interview that he watched the police confrontation and felt shocked by the events that played out. He said other students have voiced their frustrations with the university’s response and want more answers. “There was a decision at some point to perceive a threat,” he said. “But there was no actual threat.” Heinecke said he spent the afternoon on Saturday checking in with students as they were being confronted by police. Since then, he and other faculty members have offered support to students who were jailed. “All I cared about on Saturday was about the safety of our students,” he said.

OBITUARIES

DANIEL KRAMER, 91

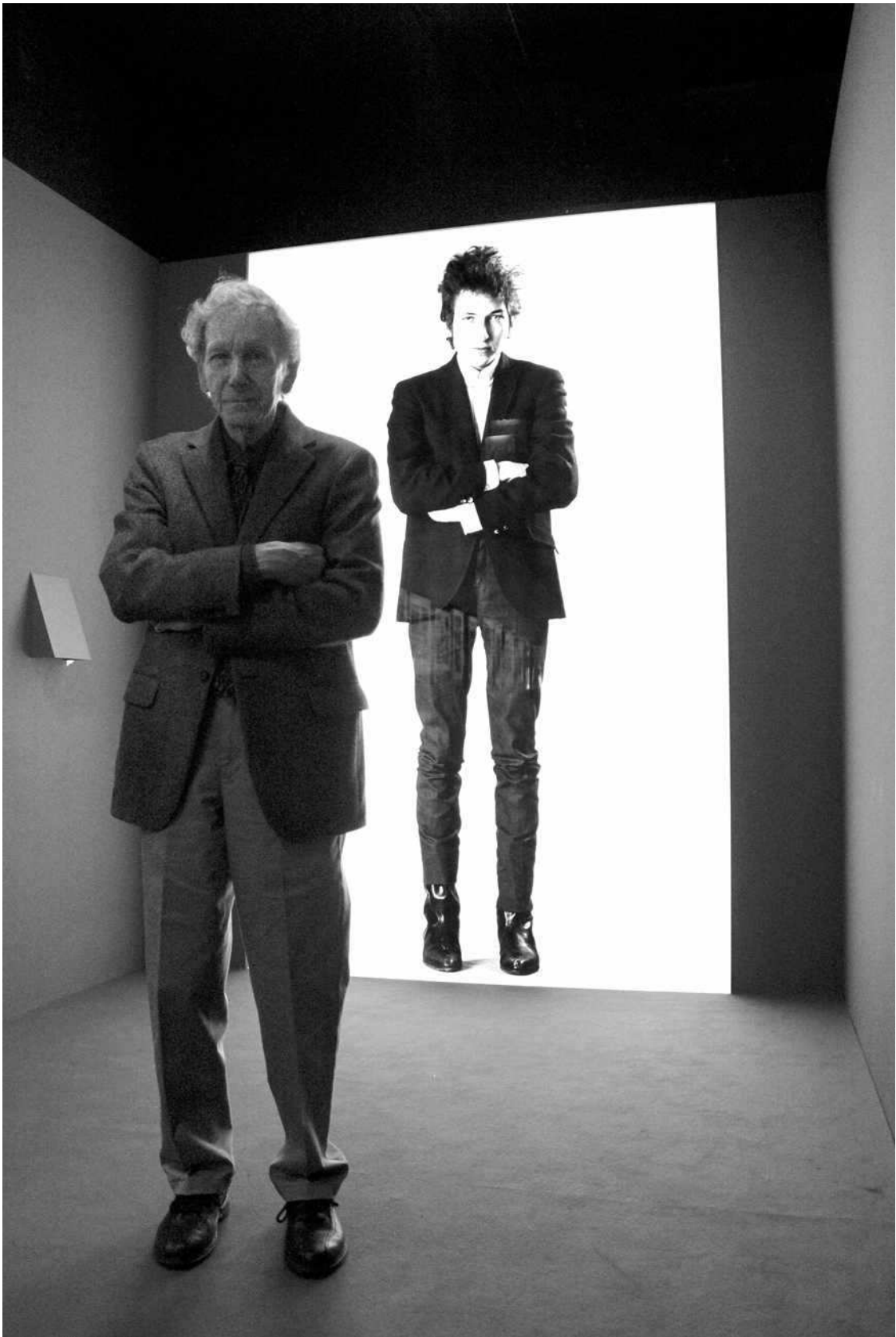
Photographer of iconic Dylan images

BY HARRISON SMITH

Daniel Kramer, a photographer whose strikingly intimate portraits of Bob Dylan captured the singer-songwriter during a pivotal year in popular music, tracing his evolution from a cheery, tousle-haired folk act to an enigmatic, sunglass-clad rock star, died April 29 in Melville, N.Y. He was 91. His death, at an assisted-living center, was confirmed by one of his nephews, Brian Bereck. He did not give a specific cause. Mr. Kramer, a freelance photographer who had apprenticed under Diane Arbus and Life magazine stalwart Philippe Halsman, had no idea who Dylan was until he saw him perform “The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll” on “The Steve Allen Show” in 1964. “I hadn’t heard that kind of fresh poetry in years,” he told the Boston Globe much later. “When he was finished, I said, ‘I want to photograph him.’” It would take six months of begging and pleading, including calls and letters to Dylan’s manager Albert Grossman, before he got his chance. Invited to come up to Woodstock, N.Y., for a one-hour shoot in August 1964, Mr. Kramer managed to stay for more than five hours, photographing the singer-songwriter at Grossman’s home (climbing trees, swinging on the porch, watching a movie) and at a cafe where Dylan had lunch and played chess. “It was like a courtship,” he recalled. “I guess I passed the test.” For the next year, Mr. Kramer served as Dylan’s unofficial staff photographer, taking pictures of the musician at home, in the studio, on the road and in concert. His photographs — staged and spontaneous, in color and black-and-white — chronicled a period when one of folk music’s most renowned figures set aside his acoustic guitar and embraced a high-voltage sound, horrifying traditionalists while charting a new course for blues-based rock. “There are other great photos of Bob Dylan, of course, but Dan Kramer’s pictures — at a certain place and time, and in the depth that he did it — are unparalleled,” said Washington gallery owner Chris Murray, who organized the first exhibitions of Mr. Kramer’s work, in a 2001 interview with

American Photo magazine. Like Alfred Wertheimer, who photographed a young Elvis Presley, and Astrid Kirchherr, who took pictures of the Beatles during their early days in Hamburg, Mr. Kramer captured his subject on the verge of breakout success. Many of his pictures revealed a playful side of the musician, wearing a top hat and sneering like the Mad Hatter outside Town Hall in Philadelphia; pretending to iron the hair of singer-songwriter Joan Baez, his girlfriend at the time; or mugging for the camera with Johnny Cash, who visited him backstage at a show in New Jersey. Others were more carefully choreographed and helped establish Dylan’s new public image. For the musician’s 1965 album “Bringing It All Back Home,” his first to incorporate electric instruments, Mr. Kramer orchestrated a cryptic cover photo showing Dylan sitting with a cat in his lap, surrounded by an eclectic mix of books, magazines, albums and artifacts, including a fallout shelter sign. A woman lounged in a red jumpsuit behind him, cigarette in hand. Adding to the mystery was a blurry swirl around the edge of the picture, a double exposure effect that Mr. Kramer created by building a rig that allowed him to rotate the camera. “I wanted it to feel like the universe was moving around him,” Mr. Kramer explained. The image was “as striking as Dylan’s new electric sound,” wrote British music critic Barney Hoskyns, assessing its impact in his 2016 book “Small Town Talk.” Fans investigated each detail, asking after the origins of a clown collage on the wall (made by Dylan himself from cut glass) and conspiratorially wondering whether the mystery woman wasn’t Dylan himself, donning drag. (In fact it was Sally Grossman, his manager’s wife.) Mr. Kramer received a Grammy nomination for the photo, which was credited as a precursor to conceptual album covers like the photo collage used for the Beatles’ “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.” He went on to photograph the cover for Dylan’s acclaimed follow-up album, “Highway 61 Revisited,” which was released later that year and opened with “Like a

Rolling Stone,” the singer’s first Top 10 hit. The cover photo showed Dylan wearing a Triumph motorcycle T-shirt under a jacket, sitting on a Manhattan stoop with his friend Bob Neuwirth partly visible behind him. Unlike the cover for “Bringing It All Back Home,” the picture came together in a matter of minutes when the group arrived outside Grossman’s apartment. “Bob sat down and I thought it could be a cover — I knew he was trying to give me something,” Mr. Kramer told the Globe. “I asked my assistant for a camera and *bing bing bing* — done. Fifteen or 20 minutes. I think Bob lent himself to my ideas. I had to come up with these ideas pretty fast, day after day, and put it all together. Give Bob a stage to work on; give me a palette to draw from.” Mr. Kramer said that after a year and a day of photographing Dylan, culminating with a rowdy concert at Forest Hills in New York City (some fans booed and shouted “we want the old Dylan” after he played his new electric songs), he and the musician went their separate ways. By his account, he and Dylan remained friendly, although there appeared to be bad blood for a time, as Dylan’s management team unsuccessfully sought an injunction to block the release of Mr. Kramer’s 1967 photo book “Bob Dylan,” published by the Citadel Press. The rift seemed to have healed by 1985, when one of Mr. Kramer’s early portraits of Dylan was used for the musician’s “Biograph” box set. Mr. Kramer continued to work as a freelance photographer, taking pictures of subjects that included author Norman Mailer, for Look magazine; former president Harry S. Truman, for Holiday; presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, for Fortune; and Mario Puzo, the author of “The Godfather,” for the cover of New York. He also found work in the corporate world, taking pictures that appeared in annual reports for Morgan Stanley. But he maintained a special fondness for his year with Dylan, which he credited with transforming his approach to photography, leading him to take a more open-ended approach to shoots, and with introducing him to a joyous new artistic milieu. While accompanying Dylan to Woodstock’s Cafe Espresso one night in 1964, he found himself participating in a jam session with a group that included Baez, Peter Yarrow, and Richard and Mimi Fariña. “I played the spoons,” he said, recalling a rare moment when he put aside his camera. “I was so thrilled. It was one of the great nights of my life.” The oldest of three children, Daniel Kramer was born in Brooklyn on May 19, 1932. His mother had an administrative job at what is now Brookdale hospital, and his father was a dockworker and amateur filmmaker who inspired Mr. Kramer’s inter-



ABOVE: Daniel Kramer poses in front of one of his photographs of Bob Dylan in Paris in 1912. BELOW: Kramer’s images of Dylan were compiled in the 2018 book “Bob Dylan: A Year and a Day.”

est in photography. “By age 14, I had a one-boy show at the junior high school,” he told the New York Times. “I became a professional when someone offered me \$5 to take a photo. I remember feeling embarrassed to take so much money for something that came so easily to me.” Mr. Kramer served a stint in the Army’s Military Police Corps and studied at Brooklyn College. He worked as an assistant to Arbus and her then-husband, actor and photographer Allan Arbus, before spending three years with Halsman, who taught him how to work with celebrities (Mr. Kramer once went into the ring with boxer Muhammad Ali for a photo shoot) and to print his own photographs. Halsman also enlisted Mr. Kramer for projects like the “Jump Book,” a 1959 collection of portraits showing celebri-

ties and statesmen leaping into the air. “One of my jobs was to wash the bottoms of Marilyn Monroe’s feet after each jump,” Mr. Kramer recalled. By 1964, Mr. Kramer had a Manhattan studio of his own. He was aided for decades by his wife and collaborator, Arline Cunningham, a music-industry veteran he met one summer in the Hamptons as a house guest of her boss, singer-songwriter Judy Collins. Cunningham died in 2016. Mr. Kramer, who leaves no immediate survivors, was deeply private, resisting calls to create a website or promote his work on social media. But he received renewed attention after Murray, the owner of Govinda Gallery in Georgetown, organized his first shows in 1999, curating exhibitions of Mr. Kramer’s Dylan pictures at Govinda and at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

His photos were later featured in exhibitions in Amsterdam, Havana, London and Los Angeles and were acquired by institutions including the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. A limited-edition book of his work, “Bob Dylan: A Year and a Day,” was published by Taschen in 2018. That success was difficult for Mr. Kramer to imagine when he first pitched his Dylan photos in 1964, showing them to an editor at Pageant, a now-defunct national magazine, the year before Dylan rose to superstardom. “The editor said, ‘I don’t need another scruffy kid with a guitar,’” he recalled. “But two weeks later, he called me and said, ‘Do you still have those pictures of that guitar player?’ Let’s look at them again. I have a 15-year-old daughter, and she said if I don’t publish them I’m crazy.”



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ADELSTEIN

ROBERT ADELSTEIN

Dr. Robert Simon Adelman, of Baltimore, MD, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the age of 90. He is survived by his beloved wife, Miriam Adelman (nee Appleman); loving children, Benjamin (Sean-Ha) Adelman, Sandy (Oscar) Matatquin and Michael (Michelle) Adelman; dear brother, James (Mary) Adelman; and cherished grandchildren, Jacob Adelman, Josh Adelman, Anna Adelman and Jason Adelman. Robert was predeceased by his devoted daughter-in-law, Janean Adelman; and loving parents, Belle and George Adelman. Dr. Adelman spent 61 years at the NIH as a physician scientist, devoting his life to bettering the lives of others as a noble and humble mentor and leader. He was particularly devoted to his family and loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Sol Levinson's Chapel, 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208, on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Interment Beth Tfilim Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Building 31 Room 5A48, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2486, Bethesda, MD 20892; or the University of Maryland Medical Center Foundation - R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, P.O. Box 64573, Baltimore, MD 21298. Please see the Sol Levinson website for Shiva information.

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CLIMENSON

DAPHNE DION CLIMENSON

Daphne Dion Climensson, 94, Reston, VA, passed away on May 3, 2024 in McLean, VA. Daphne is survived by her son Bob Bretz and his wife, Kathy; and grandson, Kevin Bretz.

Born in Long Beach, CA to Stanley King and Delphine De Izuze, she grew up in California and Cuba. She joined the Air Force and met her late husband Walter Bretz, and raised Bob while earning her Bachelor's degree at Sacramento State. She got her Master's degree from George Washington University, worked as a teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, and did administrative work and educational program development for the Marine Corps, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Personnel Management.

Dion enjoyed extensive travel during her lifetime - mostly in Europe, East Asia, North Africa, and Latin America. She was a student of world history, culture, and the arts. A talented artist and art aficionado herself, she met her late husband Doug Climensson at an art gallery in DC. She loved sketching, painting in watercolors and acrylics, and had her work displayed and sold in several DC and Chesapeake area art shows. She was also an excellent and fearless cook, and hosted wonderful dinner parties for her many cherished friends.

Many thanks to all who made her last days comfortable. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to World Central Kitchen, ASPCA, or Alzheimer's Association. Services are private. Online condolences and fond memories may be offered to the family at

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D'AMATO

MAE CHRISTINA D'AMATO (Age 92)

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, entered eternal rest. Loving mother of Judy D'Amato, Tony D'Amato, Debbie Bergstrom (Ray) and son-in-law, Jim Tierney. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren are left with sweet memories. Friends may call at the Little Chapel on Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, MD, on Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10 a.m. Memorial Gathering, 11 a.m. Memorial Service, 12 p.m. Inurnment, Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

FOX



CRAIG LAMBERT FOX

Craig Lambert Fox, 87, passed away on May 5, 2024. A lifelong resident of the DC area, Craig was born January 8, 1937.

Lucky is the man who finds his calling. By that measure of a life, Craig was blessed.

He established fine men's clothier Wm. Fox & Co. in 1965 with William Frank, and assumed sole ownership in 1975. He retired in 2020, but the tradition continues under master tailor Shafiq Halim.

He was respected by clients for his impeccable taste, and beloved by friends and family for his generosity, even temper, and unique sense of humor. Craig had an uncommon ability to remain friends with ex-wives and girlfriends.

He is survived by daughter Laura (Sol Schott) and sons Billy and Ryan; significant other Cidette Perrin; and former wives Lenora Rose and Judith Wenerberg. The family welcomes contributions to Culp-ergarden.org/donate.

A celebration of life will be held July 29 at 4 p.m. at Old Dominion Boat Club.

DEATH NOTICE

LEVIN



RUTH LEVIN

Ruth Levin of Potomac, MD, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late Ephraim Levin; devoted mother of Joshua (Joy), Rebecca (Jonathan), Daniel (Gemma) and the late Michael; cherished granddaughters of Austin, Shayna, Stephanie, Talia, Noah, Esther, Adam and Sofia.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12 p.m. at Judean Memorial Gardens. The family will be sitting Shiva on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday 8 p.m. at the home of Joshua and Joy Levin, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Foundation of America (https://alzfdn.org/). Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

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BROWN



BARBARA DAY BROWN

Barbara Day Brown, formerly of Potomac, Maryland, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2024, of natural causes at the age of 97. Barbara was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was raised on U.S. Army bases in Texas and Oklahoma.

She was a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, and received her bachelor's degree from the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Barbara was a classically trained pianist. In addition to performing piano concerts, she taught at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music and The Catholic University of America.

She is predeceased by her former husband Crawford Brown, MD, and survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Brown of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and Janet Weisman of Alameda, California, two nieces and a number of great and great, great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037.

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DANGLER



BARBARA JANE HURT DANGLER

Barbara Jane Hurt Dangler, age 91 of Gaithersburg, Maryland passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Homewood at Cumland Farms in Frederick, Maryland.

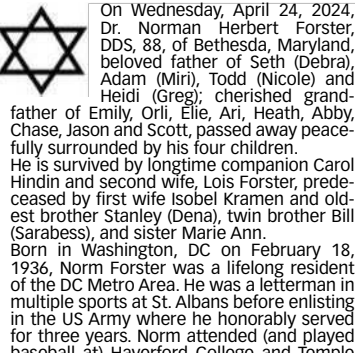
Barbara was born on February 2, 1933, to Earl and Pauline Hurt in rural Todd County, Kentucky. Barbara's mother, Pauline, died one year later of pulmonary tuberculosis. Barbara was raised by her grandmother. During her formative years, the events of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and WWII gave her a deep and enduring sense of what it means to help friends and neighbors.

In 1951, she graduated Salutatorian from Clifty High School in Clifty, Kentucky. Barbara attended Murray State College in Murray, Kentucky where she graduated as a registered nurse. Her nursing career spanned over 40 years and included positions in both hospitals and private practices.

She made a difference in the lives of many people through her work with Hope Alive, a support system for women transforming their lives. She worked tirelessly at the Frederick Soup Kitchen from shopping for ingredients to scrubbing pots and pans. At

DEATH NOTICE

FORSTER



NORMAN FORSTER (Age 88)

On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Dr. Norman Herbert Forster, DDS, 88, of Bethesda, Maryland, beloved father of Scott (Debra), Adam (Mirri), Todd (Nicole) and Heidi (Greg); cherished grandfather of Emily, Orii, Elie, Ari, Heath, Abby, Chase, Jason and Scott, passed away peacefully surrounded by his four children.

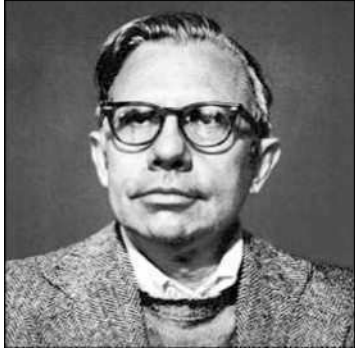
He is survived by longtime companion Carol Hindin and second wife, Lois Forster, predeceased by first wife Isobel Kramen and oldest brother Stanley (Dena), twin brother Bill (Sarabess), and sister Marie Ann.

Born in Washington, DC on February 18, 1936, Norm Forster was a lifelong resident of the DC Metro Area. He was a letterman in multiple sports at St. Albans before enlisting in the US Army where he honorably served for three years. Norm attended (and played baseball at) Haverford College and Temple Dental School.

Norm practiced dentistry in DC for over 50 years receiving recognition as a Top Dentist by peers (Washingtonian Mag) and patients (Checkbook Mag). He donated free dental work to children through Head Start, and to

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MERKEL



GEORGE MERKEL PHD

George Merkel, PhD nuclear physicist, passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of March 27, 2024 at Paul Spring Retirement Community in Alexandria, VA. He was 94 years old. George is survived by his son, Professor William George "Bill" Merkel, daughter-in-law Gayle Goudy, PhD, and his grandchildren Clara May Goudy Merkel (age 11) and William "Willie" Goudy Merkel (age 10), all of Charleston, South Carolina. He was predeceased by his wife Nancy Sabin Merkel (nee Winter) of more than 50 years in 2015.

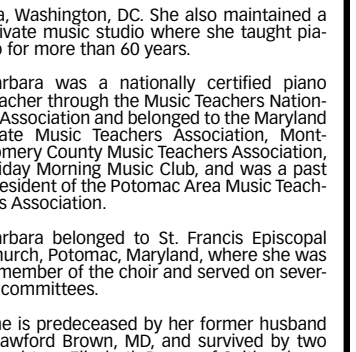
George was born in San Francisco to sailor/dockworker Will Merkel and skilled seamstress Martha Merkel, both German emigres, in 1929. He spent his early childhood years in the Butcher Town section of San Francisco with an extended stay in Germany, before moving to the Sunset section of San Francisco in 1940 where his parents were able to buy a home. His boyhood interests included radio, electronics, and railroads. As a child, he worked summers picking fruit in the Central Valley, often under the auspices of alleged summer camps that taught socialist solidarity but did not necessarily pay child laborers. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco (1943-1947), where he played on the soccer team and ran track. He won a scholarship to Cal Tech, where he studied with Noble Prize winners including Carl Anderson and Linus Pauling, graduating with a BS in physics 1951. During his high school and college years, he kept himself afloat by working for the Post Office and enrolling in the Naval Reserves, but he was not called up to service in the Korean War because the Department of Defense valued his scientific prospects more highly than his handiness at sea. After Cal Tech, he moved on to graduate work in nuclear physics at the University of California Berkeley and the newly established University of California Radiation Laboratory, now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he performed experiments in radiation under Earnest Lawrence, Edward Teller, and Enrico Fermi, leading to his PhD thesis "Energy and Angular Distributions of (a, a') and (d, a) Reactions" completed in 1961 and linked here q4n90c99b.pdf (scholarship.org).

At Berkeley, he met Nancy Winter of Vermilion, South Dakota, a graduate student in bio-chemistry. The two were married at the Unitarian Chapel on the Berkeley campus in 1959. He continued to work at the California Radiation Laboratory until 1963, when he and Nancy moved to service in the Korean War because the Department of Defense valued his scientific prospects more highly than his handiness at sea. After Cal Tech, he moved on to graduate work in nuclear physics at the University of California Berkeley and the newly established University of California Radiation Laboratory, now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he performed experiments in radiation under Earnest Lawrence, Edward Teller, and Enrico Fermi, leading to his PhD thesis "Energy and Angular Distributions of (a, a') and (d, a) Reactions" completed in 1961 and linked here q4n90c99b.pdf (scholarship.org).

George was buried next to Nancy at a private ceremony at Fairfax Memorial Garden on April 12. All who knew him are invited to a memorial and celebration of his life at Paul Spring Retirement Community, 7116 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, May 11, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. His family would be delighted by your company, and reflections on his scientific work that neither his son nor grandchildren (at least not now) are quite able to grasp.

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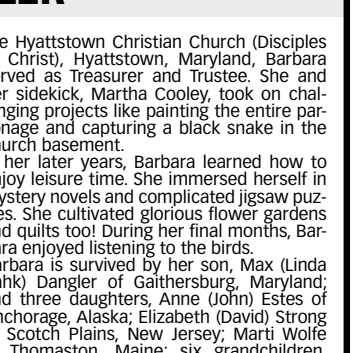
RICHARD HENRY PRATT "Dick"

Dick Pratt, 89, of Garrett Park, MD, died Tuesday April 23, 2024 at home. He is best known for his love of trains and trolleys, his work on designing the Washington, DC Metro Rail, VRC, and MD Rt 200. The culmination of his career was the three editions of the Traveler Response to Transportation System Changes Handbook. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Laura "Peggy" Pratt, his three children: Laurie, Harriet and Rob and their spouses, and their four grandchildren: Henry, Ben, Haley and Hope.

Memorial to be announced at a later date. Please mail condolences to PO Box 158, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Memorial contributions may be made to: ACLU, Rails for Trails.

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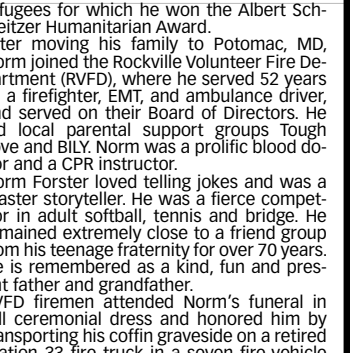


DELORES M. SAVOY

On Monday, April 29, 2024, Visitation 10 a.m.; Mass 11 a.m., Thursday May 9 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 4265 4th St., SE, Washington, DC; Interment Harmony. Services by HS Washington and Sons.

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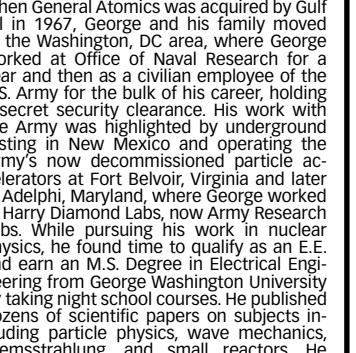
MARY JANE THORNTON

Mary Jane Thornton, born in Manassas, VA to Dorothy and Walter Breeden passed away on April 14, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Fielding Thornton and the cherished mother of five children, Carol Thornton, Mary Beth Jordan, Ginger Wootton, Richard Thornton, and Ronald Thornton, 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. A celebration of Mary Jane's life will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church. Please view and sign the family guestbook at

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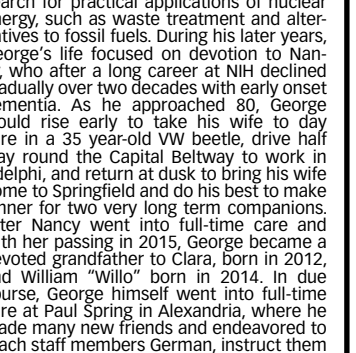


ROSALIE CORNELIUS

Rosalie Cornelius, January 27, 1941 - April 24, 2024, died peacefully at Forest Hills of Dementia at the age of 83. Originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Rosalie had lived in Washington, DC, since 1978 and spent her career as a devoted and kind nurse. She was preceded in death by parents James and Margaret Cornelius, sisters LuAnn Cornelius Morris and Molly

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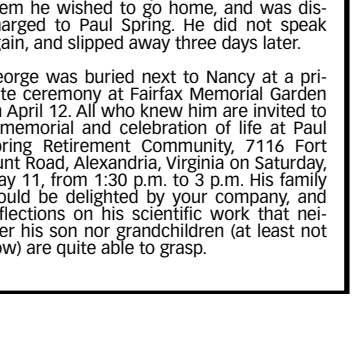


MARILYN MILLS NEJESKI

Marilyn Mills Nejeski of Bethesda, MD passed away April 14, 2024. Born in Horton, Kansas July 12, 1934 and raised in Guthrie, Oklahoma, she came to Washington to attend George Washington University, graduating in 1957. After working at the Washington Post and the American Historical Association, she joined the 1960 presidential campaign

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WISE TOLSON

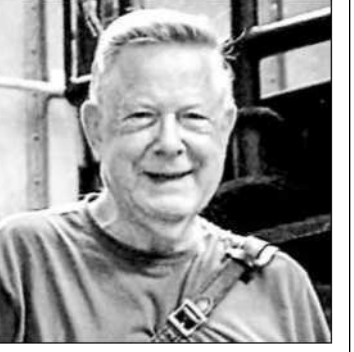


MARY BERNADETTE WISE TOLSON "Bernie" "Berna" (Age 81)

Mary Bernadette Wise Tolson entered into eternal rest on Monday, April 22, 2024 in Clinton, Maryland. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Dana Tolson Blake and

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Mary Jane Thornton, born in Manassas, VA to Dorothy and Walter Breeden passed away on April 14, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Fielding Thornton and the cherished mother of five children, Carol Thornton, Mary Beth Jordan, Ginger Wootton, Richard Thornton, and Ronald Thornton, 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. A celebration of Mary Jane's life will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church. Please view and sign the family guestbook at

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DEATH NOTICE

CORNELIUS



ROSALIE CORNELIUS

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DEATH NOTICE

NEJELSKI



MARILYN MILLS NEJESKI

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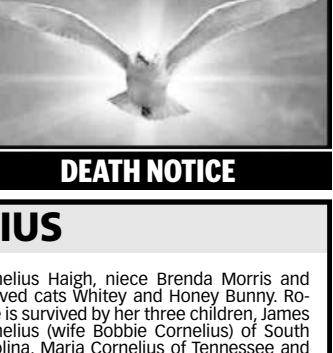
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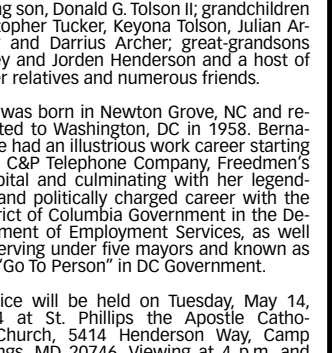


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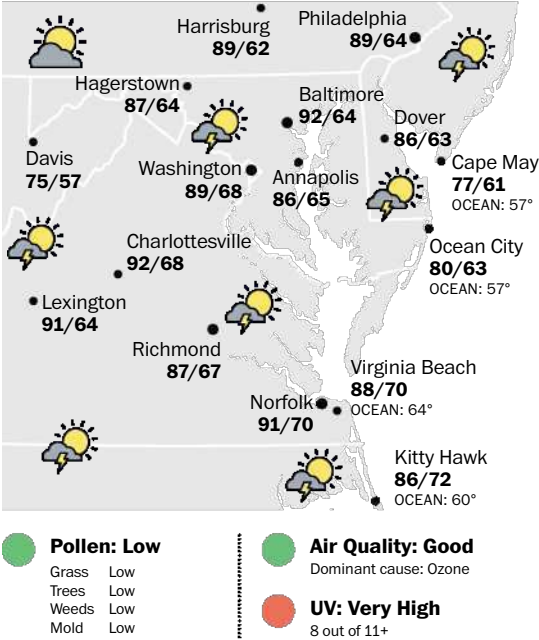
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Scattered showers stick around



Our warmest day of the week brings mid- to upper 80s for highs with some better chances of sunshine at times. Scattered showers and thunderstorms could pop again in the afternoon. Winds are from the west and southwest at 5 to 15 mph with slightly lower humidity (dew points in the low 60s). We'll have a chance of a few showers or a thunderstorm along with partly to mostly cloudy skies. Lows are in the warm mid- to upper 60s.

REGION



Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny, warm. A thunderstorm in spots; arriving in the afternoon in central parts. Storms can bring hail and damaging winds. High 73 to 80. Winds west 8-16 mph. Tonight, a heavy thunderstorm. Low 58 to 62.

Atlantic beaches: Today, a strong thunderstorm this afternoon; storms can bring hail and damaging winds. High 80 to 91. Winds southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots; a couple of showers, a thunderstorm, mainly later in the south. Low 63 to 70.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River:* Today, clouds breaking, a strong thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind west 4-8 knots. Waves 0-1 foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, clouds breaking, a strong thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind south 4-8 knots. Waves 1-2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 1-3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.80 feet today, rising to 3.90 Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides

	(High tides in Bold)		
Washington	3:14 a.m.	8:40 a.m.	4:09 p.m. 9:17 p.m.
Annapolis	6:10 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	6:06 p.m. none
Ocean City	2:22 a.m.	8:14 a.m.	2:17 p.m. 8:40 p.m.
Norfolk	4:27 a.m.	10:23 a.m.	4:19 p.m. 10:44 p.m.
Point Lookout	1:56 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	2:14 p.m. 7:57 p.m.

Today
A p.m. t-storm



89° 68°
FEELS*: 91°
CHNCE PRECIP: 40%
WIND: W 7-14 mph
HUMIDITY: High

Thursday
T-storms



77° 61°
FEELS: 79°
P: 95%
W: WNW 6-12 mph
H: High

Friday
Cooler with a shower



66° 52°
FEELS: 70°
P: 45%
W: WSW 10-20 mph
H: Low

Saturday
Becoming cloudy



67° 53°
FEELS: 69°
P: 20%
W: WSW 4-8 mph
H: Low

Sunday
A t-shower



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FEELS: 68°
P: 80%
W: NW 8-16 mph
H: Low

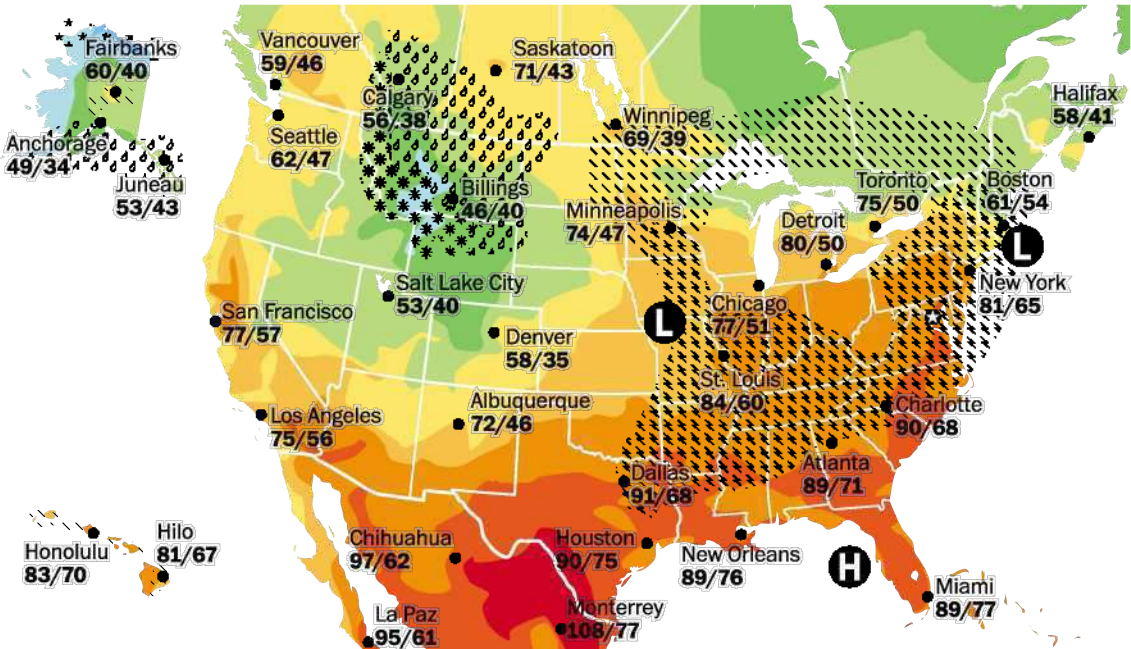
Monday
Sunshine and pleasant



73° 57°
FEELS: 75°
P: 15%
W: SW 7-14 mph
H: Low

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

Yesterday's National
High: Del Rio, TX 99°
Low: Dakota Hill, CO 18°
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Mongo, Chad 116°
Low: Grise Fiord, Canada -8°
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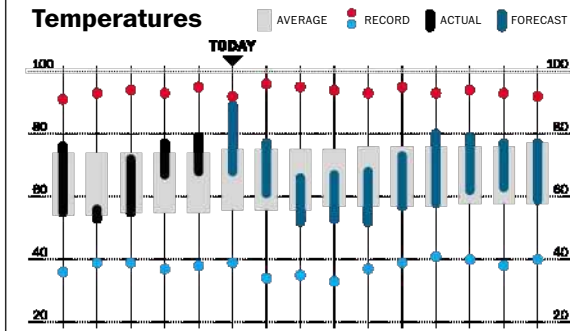
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Austin	92/72/c	84/64/t
Baltimore	92/64/t	78/60/t
Billings, MT	46/40/r	59/41/r
Birmingham	88/71/t	87/63/t
Bismarck, ND	62/45/c	70/47/p
Boise	62/39/p	70/45/p
Boston	61/54/r	58/46/r
Buffalo	69/49/t	55/46/r
Burlington, VT	62/47/r	58/46/c
Charleston, SC	93/73/s	94/70/t
Charleston, WV	88/62/t	77/51/t
Charlotte	90/68/t	83/65/t
Cheyenne, WY	48/33/c	48/32/sh
Chicago	77/51/p	57/45/r
Cincinnati	83/63/t	71/49/t
Cleveland	81/53/p	58/47/t
Dallas	91/68/t	76/61/t
Denver	58/35/p	53/37/sh

Des Moines	75/52/t	62/46/c
Detroit	80/50/p	58/46/sh
El Paso	88/64/s	88/62/s
Fairbanks, AK	60/40/p	59/37/p
Fargo, ND	70/48/c	72/52/p
Hartford, CT	73/52/r	68/48/r
Honolulu	83/70/sh	84/70/sh
Houston	90/75/p	90/69/t
Indianapolis	84/61/t	68/45/p
Jackson, MS	92/72/c	91/66/t
Jacksonville, FL	95/70/s	97/73/s
Kansas City, MO	77/50/c	70/49/p
Las Vegas	75/59/s	78/62/s
Little Rock	91/66/t	85/61/t
Los Angeles	75/56/p	76/57/p
Louisville	87/67/t	79/54/t
Memphis	85/68/t	84/60/t
Miami	89/77/s	90/76/s
Milwaukee	71/49/p	54/43/r
Minneapolis	74/47/sh	65/46/c
Nashville	82/67/t	84/57/t
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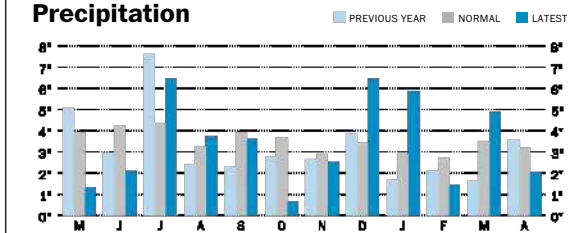
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OFFICIAL RECORD



	National	Dulles	BWI
High	79° 3:00 p.m.	81° 2:47 p.m.	79° 1:32 p.m.
Low	68° 4:00 a.m.	65° 5:37 a.m.	64° 6:00 a.m.
Normal	74°/55°	73°/50°	73°/51°
Record high	95° 1930	90° 2000	96° 1930
Record low	38° 1970	28° 1970	33° 1970

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: +4.6° yr. to date: +3.4°



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.03"	0.02"	Trace
Total this month	1.43"	1.50"	1.12"
Normal	0.87"	0.99"	0.83"
Total this year	15.67"	14.58"	18.65"
Normal	13.16"	13.61"	14.32"

	Moon Phases	Solar system
May 15	First Quarter	Sun 6:02 a.m.
May 23	Full	Moon 6:04 a.m.
May 30	Last Quarter	Venus 5:47 a.m.
June 6	New	Mars 6:29 a.m.
		Jupiter 3:35 a.m.
		Saturn 2:58 p.m.

Islamabad	99/72/c	100/74/c	Rio de Janeiro	86/74/s	88/75/p
Istanbul	74/59/c	68/58/c	Riyadh	98/71/s	96/69/s
Jerusalem	77/61/s	87/66/s	Rome	70/57/t	76/56/c
Johannesburg	80/53/s	80/54/s	San Salvador	91/72/c	88/72/t
Kabul	81/54/s	81/54/p	Santiago	61/34/s	64/39/s
Kingston, Jam.	89/79/sh	89/79/c	Sarajevo	73/55/r	62/52/r
Kolkata	92/78/t	90/75/t	Seoul	70/49/s	69/52/s
Kyiv	60/40/s	56/40/p	Shanghai	75/52/p	76/58/p
Lagos	92/80/t	92/80/p	Singapore	89/80/t	90/81/sh
Lima	73/64/p	71/65/p	Stockholm	38/36/sn	54/42/c
Lisbon	86/60/p	81/59/p	Sydney	67/59/c	65/57/sh
London	70/51/p	73/52/c	Taipei City	86/67/c	82/69/p
Madrid	76/52/p	79/55/p	Tehran	73/55/s	74/57/t
Manila	95/82/t	96/82/c	Tokyo	71/53/r	62/55/p
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Montreal	53/45/sh	57/46/c	Vienna	60/50/r	69/46/s
Moscow	43/28/sn	45/31/sn	Warsaw	64/43/p	67/44/p
Mumbai	93/82/s	93/82/s			
Nairobi	75/61/t	75/60/t			
New Delhi	104/80/p	103/81/p			
Oslo	61/47/sh	64/45/sh			
Ottawa	52/45/r	59/45/c			
Paris	66/48/p	71/51/c			
Prague	60/43/c	66/44/s			

Key: s=sunny, p=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, r=rain, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, ice
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The Met Gala's dreamy spectacle

Loewe may have been an event sponsor, but
Maison Margiela's John Galiano won the night

BY RACHEL TASHJIAN

This year's Met Gala was sponsored in part by Loewe, the Spanish brand designed by Jonathan Anderson. Loewe's designs are featured in the exhibition, and at the entrance to the gallery is a pop-up filled with branded candles, hats and T-shirts. Loewe dressed 17 high-profile guests — including Ayo Edebiri, Greta Lee, Josh O'Connor and Ariana Grande — and hosted an after-party.

But it was not Anderson's Met Gala. The night belonged to John Galiano.

Galiano, the designer of Maison Margiela who was fired from his job as creative director of Dior following antisemitic rants, has been quietly

SEE FASHION ON C2

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The singer Tyla in her limousine before the Met Gala. Rapper Cardi B arrives at her after-party. Model Madisin Rian, left, and designer Romeo Hunte attend another Met Gala after-party.

In the city that never sleeps, the annual fete of
fashion forges ahead with its visions of fancy

BY JADA YUAN IN NEW YORK

You know the city is *really* going through it when fashion's biggest night of the year is only the third-most-tumultuous thing happening on a Monday.

At 6:30 p.m., as five tuxedoed men helped carry Gigi Hadid's yellow-rose-adorned Thom Browne gown up the green-and-beige steps of the 2024 Met Gala, hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters in kaffiyehs were met (and, in some cases, arrested) by police at barricades along Madison Avenue and East 80th Street, just out of sight and earshot from the celebrities pouring out of their black SUVs. Earlier that day, 30 blocks to the north, Columbia University had canceled its main commencement ceremony amid weeks-long protests

SEE SCENE ON C3

Is this rap beef taking low blows to new heights?

BY CHRIS RICHARDS

It's hard to know when the smoke might clear in a rap beef this crisply charred, but musically, all was quiet between Drake and Kendrick Lamar on Tuesday afternoon. For how long, nobody knows, but everybody cares, and probably a little too much. Social media's refractive powers have blown this millionaires' quarrel so wildly out of proportion, it's difficult to even want to get your arms around it. What's really at stake in the battle of Goliath and Goliath? Maybe it's best to revisit a little axiom that the late culture critic Greg Tate — who, amid all this, was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer Prize on Monday — posted on social media way back in 2015, when Meek Mill was first accusing Drake of using ghostwriters.

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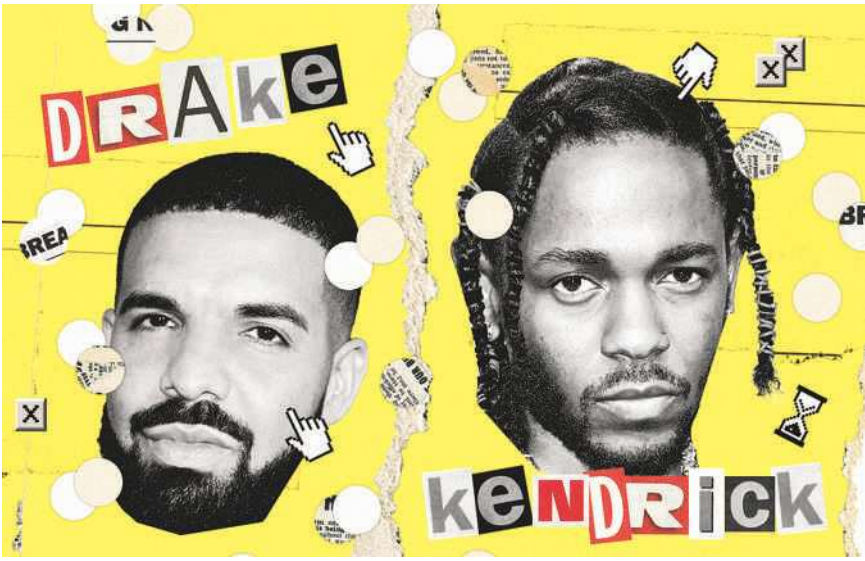


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Dissecting the diss tracks keeps commentators busy

BY ANNE BRANIGIN
AND BEN BRASCH

Culture columnist Panama Jackson woke up to a "litany of texts" on Saturday morning. "I thought something had happened to a friend of mine," he said. "It *was* something bad, but it was Kendrick and Drake."

That something has gobbled up hip-hop fans' attention in recent days, and it has been inescapable.

Legions of YouTubers live-streamed their astonished reactions to the diss tracks from the two most significant rappers of their cohort: eight songs over six days in an unprecedented volume of vitriol. Podcasters and media personalities debated the songs' layers of allusions and low blows. There were X memes and TikTok explainers, with one breakdown of Drake's

SEE RAP MEDIA ON C8

FASHION FROM C1

creeping back into public consciousness. A longtime friend of Wintour, he designed a ravenously received couture collection in January that’s already considered one of the standout fashion experiences of this decade, and a documentary, “High & Low: John Galliano,” seemed to grease the wheels for a more public return for the designer, even a new job. Or at least the opportunity for him to be less private, less apologetic or less guilty.

On Monday, he dressed six guests, far fewer than Loewe, but they were names with big impact: Zendaya, who hadn’t been at the Met Gala in five years; Kim Kardashian, with a corset that shrunk her waist to a frightful circumference; Bad Bunny, probably the most influential male musician in the world of style; Gwendoline Christie, who held court on Vogue’s live stream for nearly three hours; Natasha Poonawalla, a London School of Economics grad with many close friends in the fashion industry; and actor Adrien Brody.

Galliano was not there, but he hovered over the evening. (Notably, Anna Wintour wore Loewe.) There had been rumors that the “Sleeping Beauties” exhibition was supposed to be a retrospective for Galliano; there have also been suggestions that he will move from Margiela, a low-key house owned by Renzo Rosso’s OTB, which also owns Diesel, Marni and a handful of other sassy art-house brands, back to LVMH, where he began his career at Givenchy before heading to Dior.

But even without the exhibition dedicated to his work, Galliano seized the stage. As if all those celebrities weren’t enough, after the red carpet had effectively wrapped up, Zendaya came out and walked again in a Galliano design, made when he was at Givenchy, in the mid-’90s. Law Roach, Zendaya’s stylist, helped make vintage designs on the red carpet cool, so in a way, this was not unexpected. But whether he and Zendaya intended to participate in the campaign to bring Galliano back into the spotlight, the takeaway was that he is a designer worth celebrating — so much so that one of his dresses is not enough.

The real newsmaker dress of the night, though, was certainly Kardashian’s. On the carpet, she looked as though she was in pain, struggling to move or perhaps even breathe as she grasped at her cozy gray cardigan.

The look was a custom one but similar to those seen in designer Galliano’s couture show in January. That show, inspired by Brasai’s photographs of Parisian creatures of the night, was so successful because it brought together so many of Galliano’s personal demons — his status as an industry outcast, the way he now “lurks” around the industry — and our own contemporary obsessions with body modifications, such as Botox and plastic surgery, and grafted them onto historical garments freighted with ghostly seriousness. We think we have escaped controlling absurdities like the corset, but our need to “fix” and “tweak” and even rebuild ourselves with lasers, needles and knives is just as disturbing.

Kardashian’s look and figure have morphed tremendously before the world’s gaze, and she has single-handedly rewritten the global beauty standard into something less like a suggestion and more like a preset menu with no substitutions. Not since Marilyn Monroe, whom she has channeled before, have the media and young women had such specific ideas about what is attractive — long black hair, plush lips, tiny waist and a large butt — but they’re all the more shocking because we believe anyone can pay for them.

At the Met Gala, florals, for spring. (And the theme.)



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Elle Fanning in a Balmain dress that looked like gooey glass or plastic. Law Roach, Zendaya’s stylist, in Rahul Mishra. Kim Kardashian in her waist-shrinking Maison Margiela corset. Ayo Edebiri in a floral Loewe dress that erupted into a riot of color. The theme of the night was “The Garden of Time,” inspired by a J.G. Ballard short story.

We have so much more control over our appearance than we’ve ever had before, yet so limiting an idea of what to do with that control.

Otherwise, many guests looked classic but not boring. Loewe and Balenciaga had the best looks of the evening, because their creative directors, Anderson and Demna, respectively, know how to make dresses that look new without looking stupid. Edebiri and Lee both looked especially great in Loewe: Edebiri in a floral dress that erupted into a riot of color and that was a technical sight to behold, and Lee in a dress that floated around her like a ghost in search of a worthy wearer. (Good news for the ghost that it found Lee!) Nicole Kidman was Balenciaga’s standout, in a vintage-inspired dress by Cristóbal Balenciaga. Balenciaga’s dresses looked almost sci-fi in their time, and Demna knows how to update old clothes to make them look utterly strange but completely timeless.

Also notable were Amanda Seyfried in her crinkly silver Prada and headpiece, looking like a woman who pops out of a cake in a 1950s musical to sing you a creepy lullaby. Jeremy Strong wore a stark-white suit with flowers crawling up the lapel and one pompously at the throat. Rosalía wore a black column dress with a rounded train, with a veiled fascinator hovering over her face that kept her from looking too vintage-y. Michelle Williams, who often dresses with subdued crispness, dyed her hair pink and wore an appealing mountain of Chanel tulle. (Perhaps this is the tulle rule of thumb: Wear a mountain of it, not a cake.)

Several guests struck a perfect note between nutty and elegant (which is just the spot where chic exists), such as Elle Fanning, in a Balmain dress that looked like translucent gooey glass or plastic, with birds on her shoulders helping her get dressed, which made the near-nudity look cheeky; and Cole Escola in a little Thom Browne skirt suit and a pillbox hat with a veil. Escola looked ridiculous and he knew it — he had the most mischievous little smile — but it worked because everything fit so precisely.

This year, whether it was the machinations of Wintour or the less fantastical theme, “The Garden of Time,” inspired by a J.G. Ballard short story that few of the attendees seemed aware of, things reeled back to tastefulness after years of tackiness. Fashion should be fun, of course, but the gamesmanship of the Met Gala got out of hand, such that to “win” meant you wore something outrageous, ridiculous, even hilarious. But you weren’t sure whether you could laugh at it because everyone seemed ... a little on edge. We do indeed live in tacky times. But the Met Gala is supposed to be an annual memo on the definitions of glamour and fantasy — not a reflection of the world in which the rest of us live.

All that tactfulness threw into relief how dated the idea of the “big spectacle dress” has become. Lana Del Rey in an Alexander McQueen dress with branches on her head and a veil on top looked like she was attending a gala several years ago, when those costume dresses (Blake Lively as the Statue of Liberty, or Katy Perry as a chandelier) were all the rage.

Even Cardi B in her enormous black dress was a shrug. We’ve seen that before, when Rihanna wore her enormous saffron Guo Pei cape in 2015. Amelia Grey wore a dress from a fantastic collection by Undercover, but what was electrifying on the runway just looked chintzy here, like a woman carrying around her science experiment. These dresses are like events unto themselves. Maybe it’s because it feels there is little to celebrate now, but they look off, the way a dress with huge shoulders reads as too ’80s.



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An illustrated recap

For this year’s Met Gala, The Washington Post asked cartoonist Anjali Chandrashekar to create images of the night’s most intriguing ensembles. She reported live from New York City — from her apartment, that is.

Met Gala adds to the frenzy in New York City

SCENE FROM CI

calling for a cease-fire in Gaza that have led to clashes with students and police in riot gear.

And all the way downtown, former president Donald Trump had been appearing at his criminal hush money trial, where that very morning he'd been held in contempt of court for his 10th violation of a gag order.

This dress code of this year's gala is based on a J.G. Ballard short story, "The Garden of Time," about a rich count and countess who wall themselves off in splendor as a mob descends upon them, which seems eerily apropos.

There was plenty of screaming going on inside the tent for this splashy fundraiser, headed by Vogue editor in chief Anna Win-tour, which raises millions each year for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. But it was mostly for Zendaya, a co-chair of the night, alongside Bad Bunny, wearing a black hat that looked like an old-timey hot-water bottle; Jennifer Lopez in head-to-toe silver crystals; and Chris Hemsworth, who'd joked he might show up in sweatpants but instead wore a simple cream suit. "Tom Ford sweatpants," he explained.

Hemsworth and Zendaya might as well have been the James Franco and Anne Hathaway of this gala (the one who seems stoned vs. the one who's carrying the whole thing). Zendaya showed up with not just one, but two elaborate looks, both by John Galiano. When mainstay gala closer Rihanna called in sick with the flu, Zendaya came to the rescue with a second look, which included a flower-laden Philip Treacy for Alexander McQueen hat that was serving Kate Winslet-in-the-opening-of-"Titanic" drama and probably took out a few people every time the actress turned her

head.

Most of those on the carpet seemed unfazed about the tumult happening outside the tent. "There's always chaos in the city," said singer-actress Teyana Taylor, who's been busy with two kids and performing a burlesque show, and seemed more concerned about ripping her archival rose-shaped dress from the Blonds. "I'm a New York girl. There's chaos in the train car. New York is New Yorkin'."

A few, though, such as the Rev. Al Sharpton, who's been covering Trump's trial, have been paying close attention. "I think so far he's got a high hill to climb," said Sharpton, who was accompanying his girlfriend, designer Aisha McShaw. "I remember many years ago we marched on Trump about the Central Park Five. He's in the same [courthouse] building now facing his own fate. We call it karma."

Did Sharpton sense something new in the atmosphere? "I just think it shows you that the city can grow," he said. "Donald Trump is at the criminal court and Al Sharpton is at this mega event, and it shows you, if you hold on long enough, things will change."

Change, decay and the march of time were all woven into the way that celebrities interpreted this year's inscrutable theme: "Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion." What? Yeah, you've got us, too. The Costume Institute exhibition that opened to the press the morning before the gala features beautiful clothes so old and fragile that they have to be displayed lying flat, as well as a kind of Odorama twist wherein you can smell the molecules of very musty old clothes. It is not entirely pleasant.

Nicole Kidman, who said she'd read the Ballard story ("It's required by Anna!"), was dressed in '50s black-and-white Balenciaga as "a sleeping beauty that's



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ABOVE: Musician Sam Smith on their way to the Met Gala. RIGHT: New York police officers detain a pro-Palestinian protester outside the Met Gala.

brought back to life" — although the bodice was so tight one presumes the beauty is back at death's door in short order.

Her bestie Naomi Watts, also in Balenciaga, had gone more funereal than literal, in all black with a widow's veil. Her dress, she explained, had been made from an old tablecloth that the atelier had bought on eBay and covered in embroidery and bead-ing. But true to the themes of the story — preservation of art and whatnot — the designers had not cut the fabric and "only added to it in its original form," said Watts.

"Who knows whose table it sat on, what meals were eaten, who came to the dinner party?" she pondered. And here she was, bringing that tablecloth to another fabulous party, where Nicki Minaj had brightly colored metal flowers sticking out of her back. Watts also pointed out that she, too, would be a sleeping beauty, when she collapsed somewhere from exhaustion and used the puffy stole she was wearing as a pillow.

Past years at the Met Gala have featured pigeons flying inside the tent, and, last year, a hero roach



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that almost crashed the party, but this year was sadly devoid of animals, unless you count Doja Cat who showed up in what

looked like a giant wet T-shirt, or Colman Domingo, who'd changed his eye color to a feline bright green just for kicks.

TELEVISION

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7.1 WJLA (ABC)	• Wheel	• Jeopardy!	• Jeopardy! Masters	• Abbott	• Conners		• Pyramid	• News	
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	• InsideEd..	• ET	• Survivor		• The Amazing Race			• 9 News	
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	• Rosa		• Tu vida es mi vida	• El gallo de oro	• El amor no tien	• Noticias			
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	• FamFeud!	• FamFeud!	• Fox 5 News	• FamFeud!	• FamFeud!	• Puzzler	• Dateline		
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	• Made...	• MotorW...	• Nature	• A Brief History (F)	• NOVA	• Amanp...			
26.1 WETA (PBS)	• PBS NewsHour	• Nature	• Nature	• A Brief History (F)	• NOVA	• Amanp...			
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	• Daily Drum	• Frontline	• Arc 12 Open Lines	• Undercover		• DailyDr...			
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AMC	(5:30) Movie: Rocky II ★★★★★ (1979)		Movie: Caddyshack ★★ (1980) A vulgar newcomer clashes with the country club set.			Movie: Major League II ★ (1994)			
Animal Planet	The Vet Life	The Vet Life	The Vet Life	The Vet Life	The Vet Life	Vet Life			
BET	Payne	Payne	Payne	Black (SF)	The Black Hamptons	Martin			
Bravo	Below Deck Sailing Yacht	Top Chef		Top Chef	(15) (15) Housewives of Watch ...	(45) Housewives of NJ			
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	
CNN	E. B. OutFront (Live)	Cooper 360 (Live)	The Source (Live)	CNN (Live)	Laura				
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Disney	Big City	Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Marvel's	Hailey	Hailey	Raven
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ESPN	(6:00) SportCtr	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins at Florida Panthers (Live)	NHL Hockey	Edmonton Oilers at Vancouver Canucks (Live)				
ESPN2	College Baseball	Penn State at West Virginia (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	SportCtr (Live)				
Food Network	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Supermark. Stakeout	Supermark. Stakeout	S.Stakeo...				
Fox News	Ingraham (Live)	Jesse Watters (Live)	Hannity (Live)	Gutfeld!	Fox News				
Freeform	(5:30) Movie: B... joins forces with a wily fox.	Movie: Zootopia ★★★★★ (2016) Police rabbit Judy Hopps	grown-ish	grown-ish	The 700 Club				
FX	(6:30) Movie: Free Guy ★★★★★ (2021)		Movie: Deadpool 2 ★★★★★ (2018) Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable.						
Hallmark	Movie: Romance in the Air (2020) Sparks fly between a woman and a childhood friend.		Movie: Hearts Down Under (2020)			Golden Girls			
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HBO	(6:05) Movie: Devil Wears Prada (2006)	Movie: Brandy Hellville & the Cult of Fast Fashion (2024)	(35) Movie: Don Jon ★★★★★ (2013) (P)			(10) Jerrod Car			
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MSNBC	The ReidOut (Live)	All In With (Live)	Wagner (Live)	Last Word (Live)	11th Hour				
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		Teen Mom	Movie: Titanic ★★★★★ (1997)					
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch				
Nickelodeon	Patrick	SpongeB...	SpongeB...	SpongeB...	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
NWSN	On Balance (Live)	Cuomo (Live)	Dan Abrams (Live)	Banfield (Live)	Cuomo				
Paramount	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Movie: Wedding Crashers ★★★★★ (2005) Partygoers spend a wild weekend with a politician's family.		Movie: Old School (...)				
Showtime	(6:35) Movie: Forrest Gump ★★★★★ (1994)		Movie: Saving Private Ryan ★★★★★ (1998) U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II.						
Syfy	(5:00) Movie: The Da Vinci Code (2006)	Movie: Captain America: The First Avenger ★★★★★ (2011)	Reginald the Vampire (SP)	Movie: Ghost Ri...					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	King		
TCM	(6:15) Movie: A Big Hand for the Little La...		Movie: Shane ★★★★★ (1953)	(15) Movie: Hud ★★★★★ (1963)					
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life: Where Are They Now?	Take My Tumor	Dr. Pimple					
TNT	Impractical Jokers	NBA Tip-Off (Live)	NBA Basketball	Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks	Inside the NBA (Live)				
Travel	Paranormal Cam.	Paranormal Cam.	Paranormal Cam.	Paranormal Cam.	Paranor...				
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TV One	CosbySh...	CosbySh...	Fatal Attraction	Fatal Attraction	Fatal Attraction	Attraction			
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU				
VH1	(5:30) Movie: Boyz N t...	Movie: Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral ★ (2019)	Movie: Cookout (2004)						
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LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Rebecca Goldstein & Rachel Fabi

ACROSS

- Day on Mars
- Crunched numbers
- Shockingly vivid
- Clean water org.
- Inner selves
- Wretchedness
- Region of severe drought in the 1930s
- Structures that provide shade
- At the ready
- Massive
- Craigslist abbr.
- Attress Polo
- Diner, e.g.
- Head physician, briefly?
- Feeds the pigs
- Light units
- Assume, as a responsibility
- Bank vaults
- Rochester, New York, dish with meat, fries, and baked beans
- Question type
- SoFi Stadium pros
- Actor Hawke
- Runs up against?
- Light touch
- Hazard for bare feet in a beach parking lot
- Cooked up
- Bluff, maybe
- Force from power
- Gives for a while
- "Doesn't look good for me!"
- Army dining area, or a punny description of where to find 16-, 24-, 36-, and 49-Across
- Apt name for someone born on Christmas
- Operatic solo
- Narc's org.
- Class
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- Mule kin

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- Hardly rowdy
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Canceled Apple TV Plus show ‘Schmigadoon!’ to become stage musical

BY THOMAS FLOYD

“Schmigadoon!,” the musical parody series canceled by Apple TV Plus after two seasons, will find a second life as a stage show making its world premiere at the Kennedy Center in Washington next year.

Co-creator Cinco Paul wrote the book, music and lyrics for the stage production, which will run from Jan. 31 to Feb. 9 at the Eisenhower Theater. Tony winner Christopher Gattelli has been tapped as the show’s director and choreographer, with casting to be announced.

“‘Schmigadoon!’ is by far the highlight of my career,” Paul said in a phone interview Monday. “It’s really just been delightful from start to finish, and that’s why I’m looking forward to expanding our audience in any way we possibly can.”

The series aired from 2021 to 2023 and starred Keegan-Michael Key and Cecily Strong as a bickering couple who stumble upon a fantastical town where the denizens express themselves via show tunes. The self-aware

show’s first season, which riffed on such canonical musicals as “Brigadoon,” “South Pacific” and “The Music Man,” premiered to critical acclaim and earned Paul an Emmy for original music and lyrics.

After the second season shifted to a seedier 1970s aesthetic, referencing the likes of “Chicago,” “Sweeney Todd” and “Cabaret,” the third season — for which Paul finished 25 songs before Apple pulled the plug — would have moved to the 1980s and ’90s, he said. But the Kennedy Center production will be an adaptation of that Golden Age-influenced first season, with a streamlined script and some new songs.

The series’s ensemble featured a slew of decorated stage veterans, including Kristin Chenoweth, Alan Cumming, Aaron Tveit, Dove Cameron, Jane Krakowski and Ariana DeBose, and Paul hinted that at least some cast members will reprise their roles at the Kennedy Center.

“Ideally, we’d bring everybody from the show to the stage,” Paul said. “But unfortunately, these



Cinco Paul, co-creator of Apple TV Plus’s “Schmigadoon!,” wrote the book, music and lyrics for the new stage production.

people are very busy, so we’re going to do what we can.”

Paul is also working on finding a home for the series’s third season, on-screen or onstage, and getting “A.D. 16,” the biblical musical he co-wrote that premiered in 2022 at Olney Theatre Center, to Broadway. And if the “Schmigadoon!” world premiere finds an audience, he’d aim to land that

show on the Great White Way as well.

“I’d be lying if I didn’t say I had those aspirations,” Paul said, “deep down in my heart.”

“Schmigadoon!” will be the first new musical produced for the Kennedy Center’s Broadway Center Stage series, which typically revives classic musicals for limited runs with accelerated re-

hearsals. In recent years, the series has yielded a Neil Patrick Harris-directed staging of “Tick, Tick ... Boom!,” an acclaimed run of “Guys and Dolls” and a “Spamalot” production that earned a Broadway transfer.

The 2024-2025 Broadway Center Stage lineup will also feature productions of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” in

October and “Legally Blonde the Musical” in June 2025. The Kennedy Center’s full theater season will include the Manhattan Theatre Club’s staging of the vaccine comedy “Eureka Day,” which will transfer to the Eisenhower Theater in March following a fall run on Broadway, and stops by the touring productions of “& Juliet,” “Life of Pi” and “Parade.”

Sweetgreen adds beef to its protein options

BY EMILY HEIL

Sweetgreen, the fast-casual chain known for healthful salads and bowls, on Tuesday introduced steak to its menu for the first time.

Customers can now order caramelized, garlic-flavored steak in several new dishes and as an addition to the lineup of existing entrees. Beef — whose production is notoriously climate-dam-

aging — seemed to be an unlikely addition to what the company touts as its “plant-forward, Earth friendly” food.

Sweetgreen co-founder and chief concept officer Nicolas Jammet said that the company is looking to expand its appeal from lunch into dinnertime and that it had taken the step carefully. The company sought out “trusted suppliers” for the beef, according to a news release,

which is grass-fed and pasture-raised.

“By supporting farming practices that are gentle on both the animal and the land, Sweetgreen remains steadfast in its ethos while connecting more people to high-quality, nutrient-dense food,” it said.

The company, which started out with a small location in Georgetown and has grown over nearly 20 years to 225 locations, had tested the new protein in the Boston area. The chain was previously an outlier; competitors such as Panera, Chipotle and Shake Shack all serve beef.

On social media, the move was applauded by many fans. Some,

though, found it surprising. “Explain how this contributes to your Carbon Neutrality goals?” one commenter asked on Instagram. “For a company that touts sustainability, steak seems like a misstep,” another wrote.

Sweetgreen has publicly committed to becoming carbon-neutral — meaning carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere resulting from a company’s activities is balanced by an equivalent amount being removed — by 2027. Beef is considered an environmental enemy No. 1: Its carbon footprint is more than 10 times that of chicken and 200 times that of potatoes.

Some companies have

launched efforts to make cattle farming less harmful to the environment, promoting farming methods that create fewer emissions and changing livestock diets. Still, experts say there is only so much you can do. “There is no such thing as a climate-friendly hamburger,” Scott Faber, who heads government affairs at the watchdog Environmental Working Group, told The Washington Post this year.

Sweetgreen has long made environmental sustainability one of its core principles. “We believe that climate change is the defining challenge of our generation, posing a real and systemic threat to the health of people and

the planet,” it said in announcing the 2027 carbon neutrality goal. “As restaurant leaders in an industry that drives 25% of global greenhouse gas emissions, it is our responsibility to use our platform and resources to confront this crisis head on.

Some companies, including Amazon and BP, have scaled back bold climate goals.

Sweetgreen has taken other steps, including introducing a limited-time item that incorporates farmed kelp — which has won praise for helping to capture carbon in seawater and for helping diversify the portfolios of lobstermen who have been hit by declining harvests.

How to respond to being told to forgive a ‘toxic sibling’?


Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My mom passed away unexpectedly in October. One of my siblings (we are all adults with children) caused a lot of drama in the aftermath, during the funeral, and said hurtful things to me and the other sibling.

We are both taking a long-overdue break from our toxic sibling while we are both deeply grieving our mother. Family members and several of our sibling’s friends keep reaching out to ask us to “make amends.” I don’t share the details because I’m good with my decision to step away, but I don’t know what to say to people without sounding defensive. It’s such a painful time, and I’m frankly annoyed that it keeps coming up.

— *Aggrieved While Grieving*

Aggrieved While Grieving: Understandably so. I am sorry for your loss.

For overstepping friends and relatives, the best, simplest response is some version of, “I won’t discuss this with you.” It comes in many shades of courtesy: “Thank you for your thoughts”; “Noted”; “We’re all doing our best”; “This is between us”; “I’m sure you mean well” (this New Englander’s “Bless your heart”).

Then say nothing further on the subject. You can’t sound defensive if you decline every invitation to explain yourself.

About your sibling issue, I have unsolicited advice, which you’re welcome to find really annoying:

Your sibling is grieving, too. Given how disorienting death can be for survivors, your sib’s deplorable behavior could have been a twisted byproduct of grief.



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Now, maybe this was the last straw and your sibling’s toxicity is of long standing. If so, then I do sympathize. But because all three

siblings were (are) under the influence of a death — effectively, a judgment-impairing substance — I urge you to make any straw

but this one your last.

It doesn’t require forgiveness you don’t want to grant, nor must you commit to making amends. These would be out of bounds for me to advise anyway. The only decisive action you need is to commit to not deciding anything. Give yourself time, heal, remember. Bigger questions will wait till the heaviness begins to lift.

Dear Carolyn: I am interested in your opinion on the new fad of “private” weddings — meaning members of the wedding party (and their plus-ones), immediate siblings, parents and, of course, the bride and groom. No extended family or other friends. Where we live, this has become quite popular. While I am slightly offended at not being invited, I understand people can and will make their own choices regarding such a big moment in their lives.

What I do have a problem with, however, is their wanting it all, meaning the showers and registering for gifts. Should I be expected to attend a party and give a gift to a couple who don’t want me (and many others) at

their special event? I think this is a little much.

— *Not Invited but We Want Your Gift!*

Not Invited but We Want Your Gift!: My opinion is that I don’t have to have an opinion on this.

Another opinion: Whenever that’s an option, it’s good for me to take it.

You don’t need an opinion, either, of the couple or their choices. You just have to make the decisions you’re offered:

If you want to go to the shower, then go. If you don’t, for whatever reason, then RSVP with your regrets.

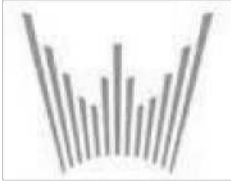
If you want to, then buy a gift. If you don’t want to, then don’t buy a gift.

Responses are required, gifts are not, and congratulatory notes are thoughtful regardless, to wish couples well on your terms.

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 Die Fledermaus Johann Strauss II	Saturdays, May 11 and May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 12 at 3:00 and Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.	A brilliant comedy performed in English, in costume, with an orchestra.	Bender JCC of Greater Washington 6125 Montrose Rd. Rockville, MD www.belcantanti.com	\$40	Tickets sold online and at the door
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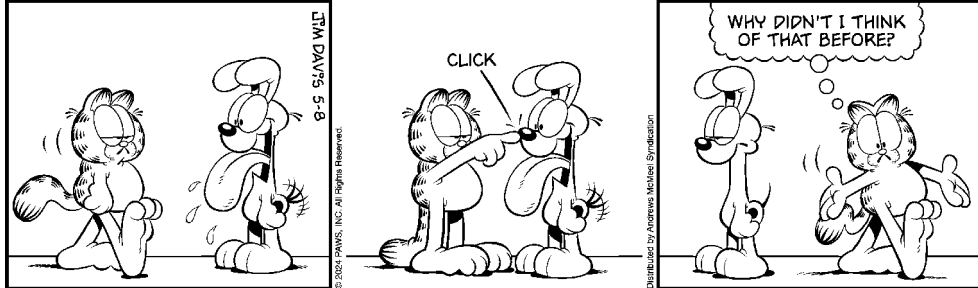
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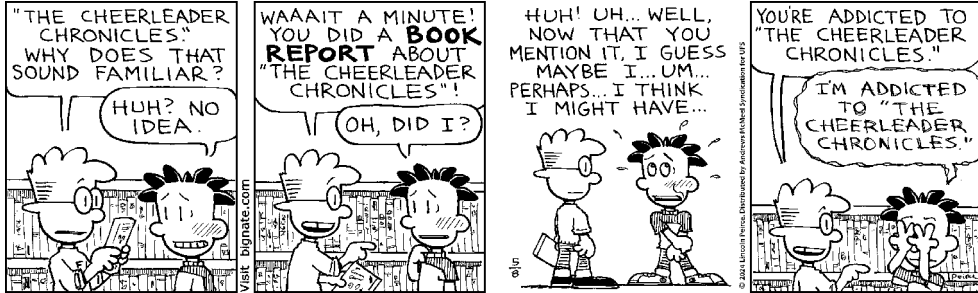
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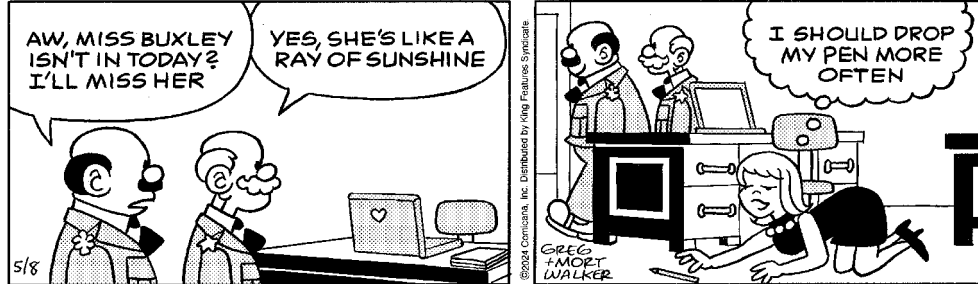
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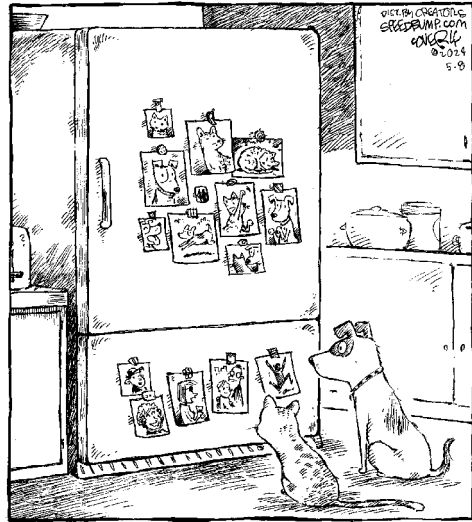
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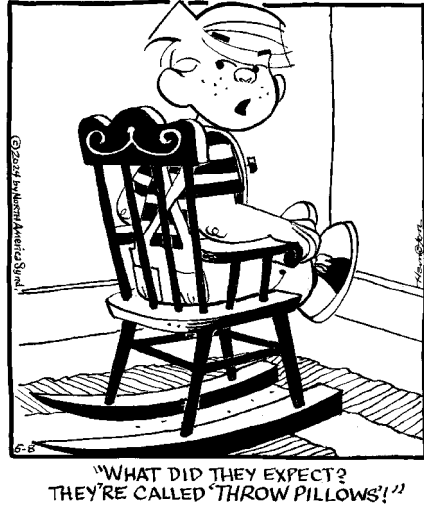
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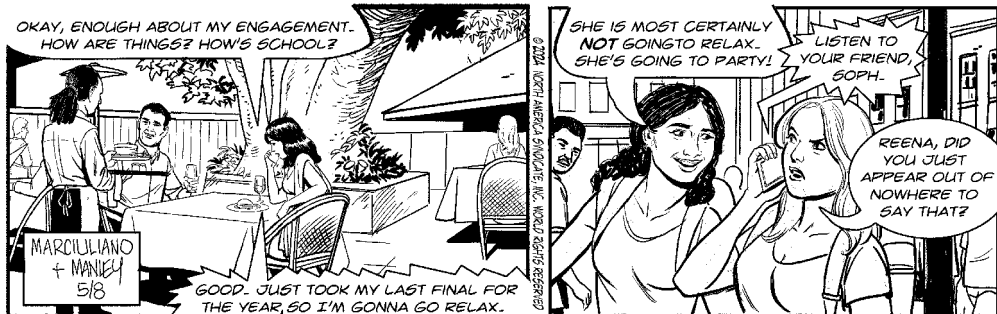
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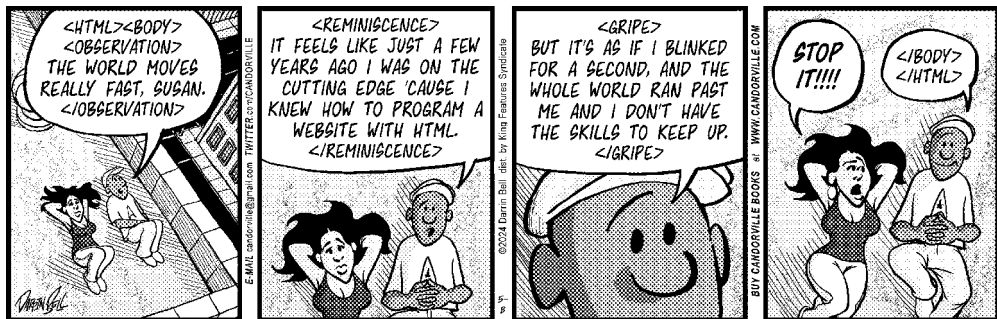
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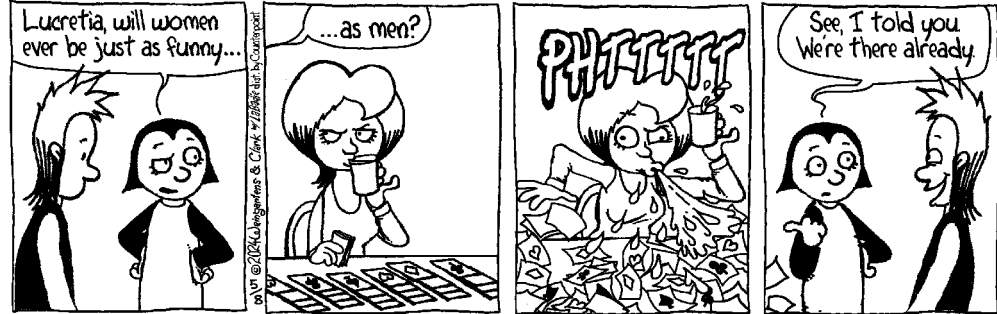
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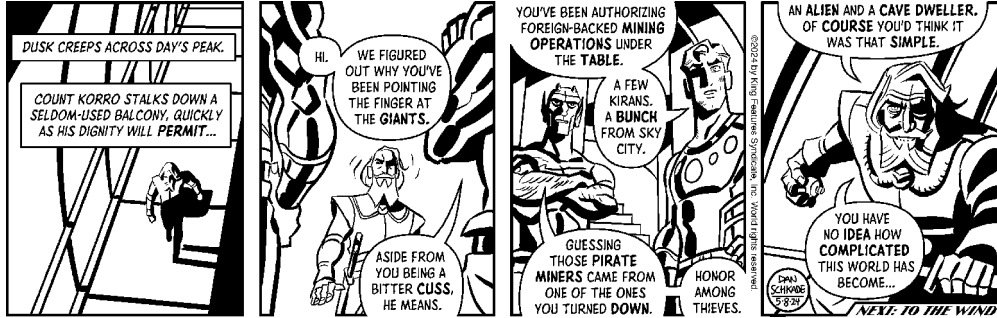
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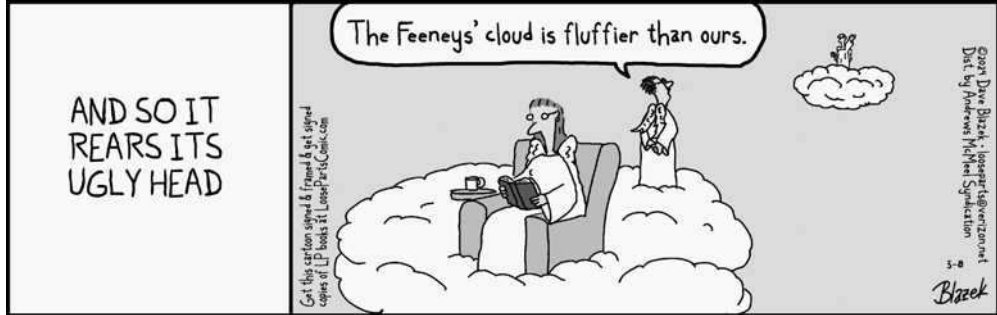
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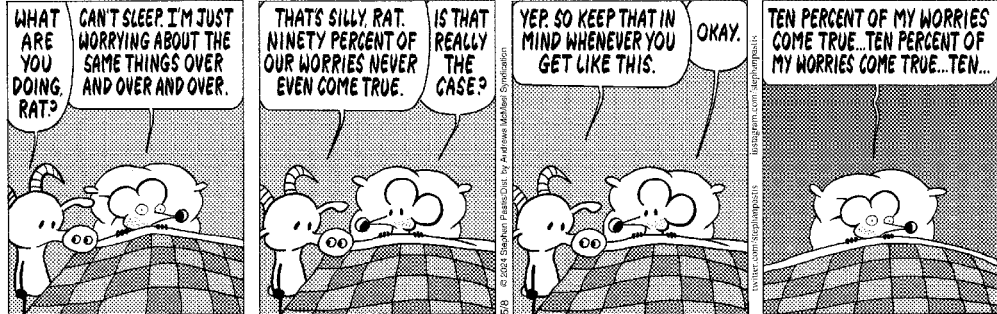
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BIRTHDAY | MAY 8

You are strong-willed and dedicated to your ideals and beliefs. Furthermore, you are persuasive about your convictions. This is a lighthearted, joyful year and time for you to socialize. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends may reappear to rekindle relationships.

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19). Today holds wonderful financial opportunities for you; however, you have to be careful. If you play your cards right, you can increase your wealth, increase your earnings or increase your assets, even by buying something that pleases you.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20). This is a powerful day for you! The Moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter, which can happen only once a year. It makes you feel confident, enthusiastic and exuberant! You feel like you have the world by the tail.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20). This is a feel-good day for you! You might enjoy privacy and moments of relaxation by yourself in pleasant surroundings. Or you might choose to schmooze with friends and groups, perhaps even in a physical competition.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22). You'll be happy socializing with others today, especially seeing friends and interacting with groups, because you feel positive and energetic. Possibly, these interactions with others will cause you to expand your future ambitions.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22). You're pumped with enthusiasm today because you feel positive about your future. This kind of enthusiasm is contagious, which is why your dealings with authority figures will be successful.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). Travel plans or anything to do with legal or medical matters, as well as higher education, look extremely favorable to you today. You have good reason to be enthusiastic about reaching out to explore these opportunities.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22). If you negotiate financial arrangements, especially regarding inheritances and shared property, by all means, do so in the morning before the Moon Alert. If so, your negotiations will be successful and will definitely favor you or enrich you in some way.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21). This is a lovely day to enjoy schmoozing with partners and close friends. You will also be successful in dealing with members of the general public.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21). You can accomplish a lot today by working with groups, because others are ready to help you. You also might be involved with other countries or people from other cultures.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19). This is a fabulous day to socialize. Romance is favored. In addition to this, your creative vibes are stoked, which is why your involvement with the arts, the entertainment world and show business will also be successful.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18). You'll enjoy entertaining at home today. Family discussions will go well because people are ready to entertain big ideas. A family member might have travel suggestions.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20). The power of positive thinking is real. Fellow Pisces, Jackie Gleason said: "If you have it and you know you have it, then you have it. If you have it and don't know you have it, you don't have it. If you don't have it but you think you have it, then you have it."

— Georgia Nicols

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The challenges of tracking the rap giants’ beef in real time

RAP MEDIA FROM C1

many feuds with industry colleagues netting more than 13 million views in two days. Jackson even heard about it on the sidelines of a youth soccer game. For the journalists and content creators who mine the hip-hop ecosystem, this media spectacle has been like covering a surprise Super Bowl — except the players genuinely hate each other, and they were saying so in tracks uploaded to Instagram, Spotify and YouTube. “The anxiety is on a trillion, but it’s exhilarating at the same time,” said Georgette Cline, the editorial site director of XXL. “Because this is what we’re here for, that is why we cover hip-hop, to document the culture.”

This once-in-a-generation rap battle, between a hit-making Canadian and a Compton-raised critical favorite, had been brewing for weeks. First, Kendrick Lamar took a swipe at Drake (and rapper J. Cole) in the Future song “Like That” in March. Drake followed up with two songs in April aimed at the West Coast rapper, “Push Ups” and “Taylor Made Freestyle,” goading Lamar to respond.

He did last week, releasing “Euphoria” and whipping fans on both sides into a frenzy. But the battle escalated Friday morning, with Lamar releasing another song, “6:16 in LA.” By Friday night, Drake uploaded his rebuttal, “Family Matters.” Thirty-seven minutes later, Lamar posted “Meet the Grahams,” a pointed and brutal song directly addressed to Drake’s family members. Lamar followed up Saturday with *another* diss track, “Not Like Us,” and by that evening, DJs were already firing up club crowds with it. Drake issued his response Sunday, “The Heart Part 6,” but its defensive tone led many fans to declare Lamar the winner.

Three days. Two titans. Five songs. Some immortal blows — and a slew of unsupported claims, including accusations of spousal abuse and pedophilia. Something exciting and ugly all at once.

Olayemi Olurin, an attorney, content creator and rap fan with more than 160,000 followers on X, said she woke up her boyfriend on Friday when “Meet the Grahams” dropped. “And he was glad I did.” As the beef escalated on Saturday, she kept posting through it, until 2 or 3 a.m. Later, dressed in her Sunday best for her niece’s Communion, she *still* couldn’t put down her phone, which was “flying off with moments of the aftermath.”

Rob Markman, an executive at the lyrics repository Genius, took to his workstation Friday night, darting between two computer screens and dozens of tabs to cross-reference the lyrics from the two rappers, which his colleagues had uploaded at breakneck speed to the website. He was aiming to post an explainer to his YouTube channel but

called it quits around 3 a.m.: He was emotionally and physically exhausted. And there was a *lot* in these songs. Markman noted that every battle happens on multiple levels. There’s the discreet and subliminal, jabs that only the opponents understand. (As Jay-Z rapped in his own famous diss track aimed at Nas and Prodigy, 2001’s “Takeover”: “You-know-who did you-know-what with you-know-who.”) There are the triple entendres only insiders understand, references to years-old Twitter posts that social media gadflies are eager to decode. Most important, though, is the call to entertain — to win the crowd.

“You have to say the slickest things ... the most disrespectful things ... that wows and amazes the audience,” Markman said.

But as the dust settled on Lamar and Drake’s back-and-forth, some commentators expressed wariness about the ways the feud could escalate outside of the studio. On Tuesday, Drake’s Toronto mansion — a satellite photo of which was featured in the art of one of Lamar’s diss tracks — was shot at in a drive-by, injuring a security guard, according to Toronto police. It is unclear whether the violence was related to the rappers’ feud.

Rap beefs have been a staple of hip-hop culture for decades, but social media — and the decentralized nature of hip-hop media — has magnified audience participation.

Unlike the Notorious B.I.G. and Tupac in the 1990s or Jay-Z and Nas in the late ’90s and early aughts, rap artists no longer have to rely on radio play to spread their messages. Drake, in particular, has proved internet-savvy in previous feuds, using memes and posts to provoke and respond to his opponents.

Content creators also ride the virality of the moment: posting reactions, memes and explainers to capitalize on widespread interest. Over the weekend, several YouTubers said Lamar had removed the copyright from “Not Like Us,” allowing them to quite literally profit off their takes. Producer Metro Boomin actively rallied the masses onto the battlefield, sharing a beat called “BBL Drizzy” (a jab at the rapper) and inviting participants from around the world to rap over it.

Meanwhile, fans of all stripes seek out Easter eggs, aided by the internet’s vast memory and social media’s high-school-cafeteria-style discursive power. It’s a communal moment no one wants to miss out on.

“It was kind of like a scavenger hunt game that everybody in hip-hop was a part of,” said Rory Farrell, half of the hip-hop podcast “New Rory & Mal.”

The intensity of the feud — between the artists and among their fans — puts pressure on Markman’s Genius team, which not only transcribes lyrics and checks them for accuracy but also contributes lengthy annota-

tions offering further context. They strive for accuracy, Markman said, but they are also careful to avoid bias and to fact-check the context they provide.

“We don’t take lightly the role that we have. The whole hip-hop community, the whole music community, is coming to us, and we want to be right. We want to be fair,” Markman said.

That responsibility is also “really exciting,” said Markman, a former journalist at the Source, XXL and the New York Post. “We’re seeing a once-in-a-generation type of competition in hip-hop.”

Farrell and his show partner, Jamil “Mal” Clay, didn’t record any episodes about the Lamar-Drake battle last week — it just so happened that they were on vacation. They said they were actually relieved to be off. “This is a new world as far as battle rap is concerned” — particularly the sheer volume of surprise drops, Farrell said. Had they tried to respond to the beef in real time, “I’m not even quite sure what position we would take. Either way, it would have been the wrong one.”

Ultimately, Clay was also frustrated by the cacophony of the discourse and the pressure of the crowd. There may have been more gatekeeping of the culture in the past. Farrell recalled a time when a radio station like Hot 97 would poll its own DJs over who won a contest, effectively settling the matter in that room. That safeguarding meant that the pundits weighing in were at least invested in the music first, not the drama, he noted.

Looking ahead, the duo wonder when people will begin reckoning with the seriousness of the accusations that Lamar and Drake have leveled at each other.

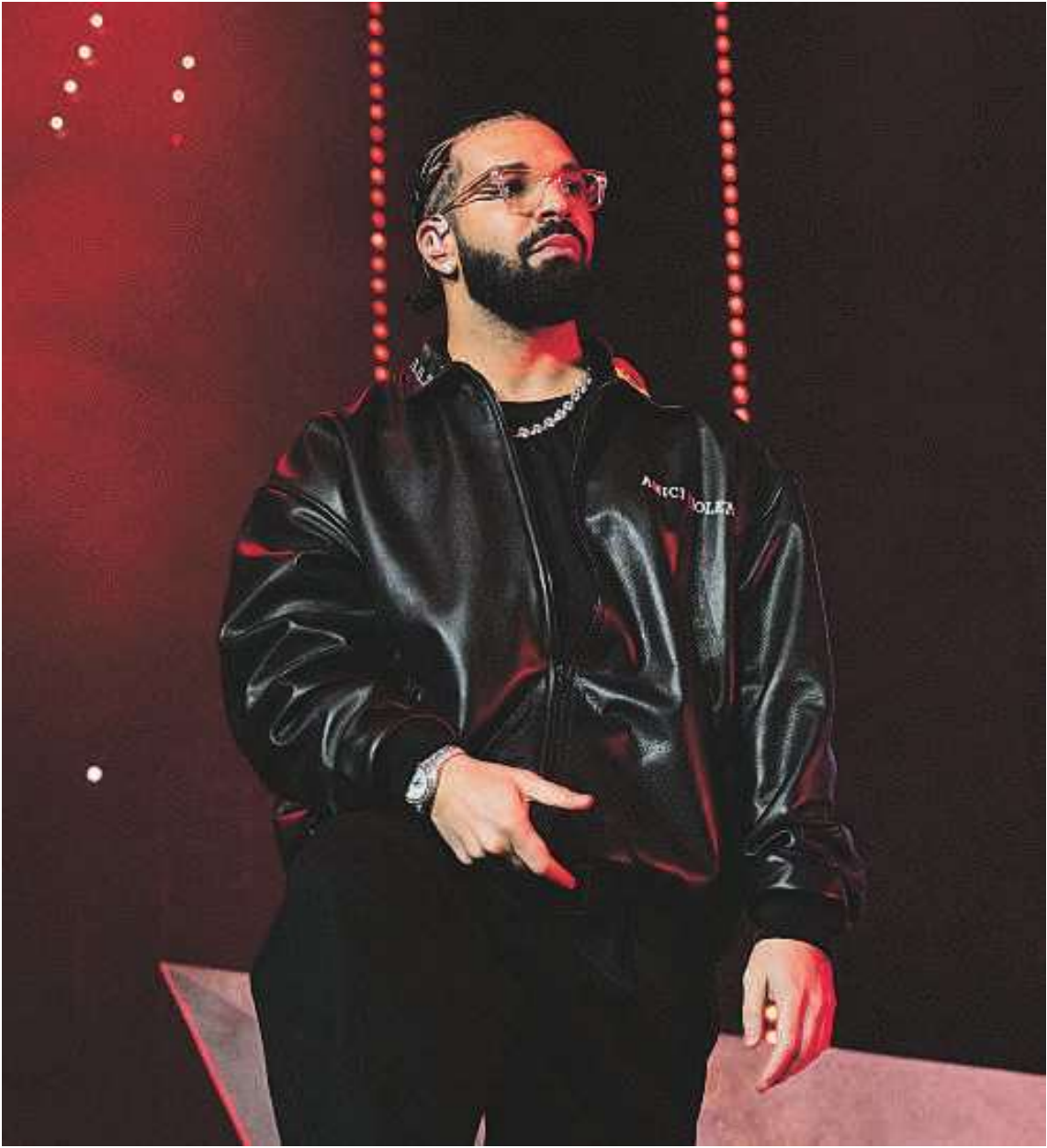
“Everybody’s just caught up in the entertainment part of it,” Clay said. The pair met up on Monday to tape an episode and discuss where they stood morally on the most alarming allegations.

“I think we will all eventually, once the dust settles on this, look back and be like, ‘All right man, can we have a real, honest conversation about what is going on in the music industry?’” Farrell said. “Hopefully this is just some rap battle stuff and this is a sport, but I think we all need to look in the mirror a little bit of what we’ve accepted from our favorite artists.”

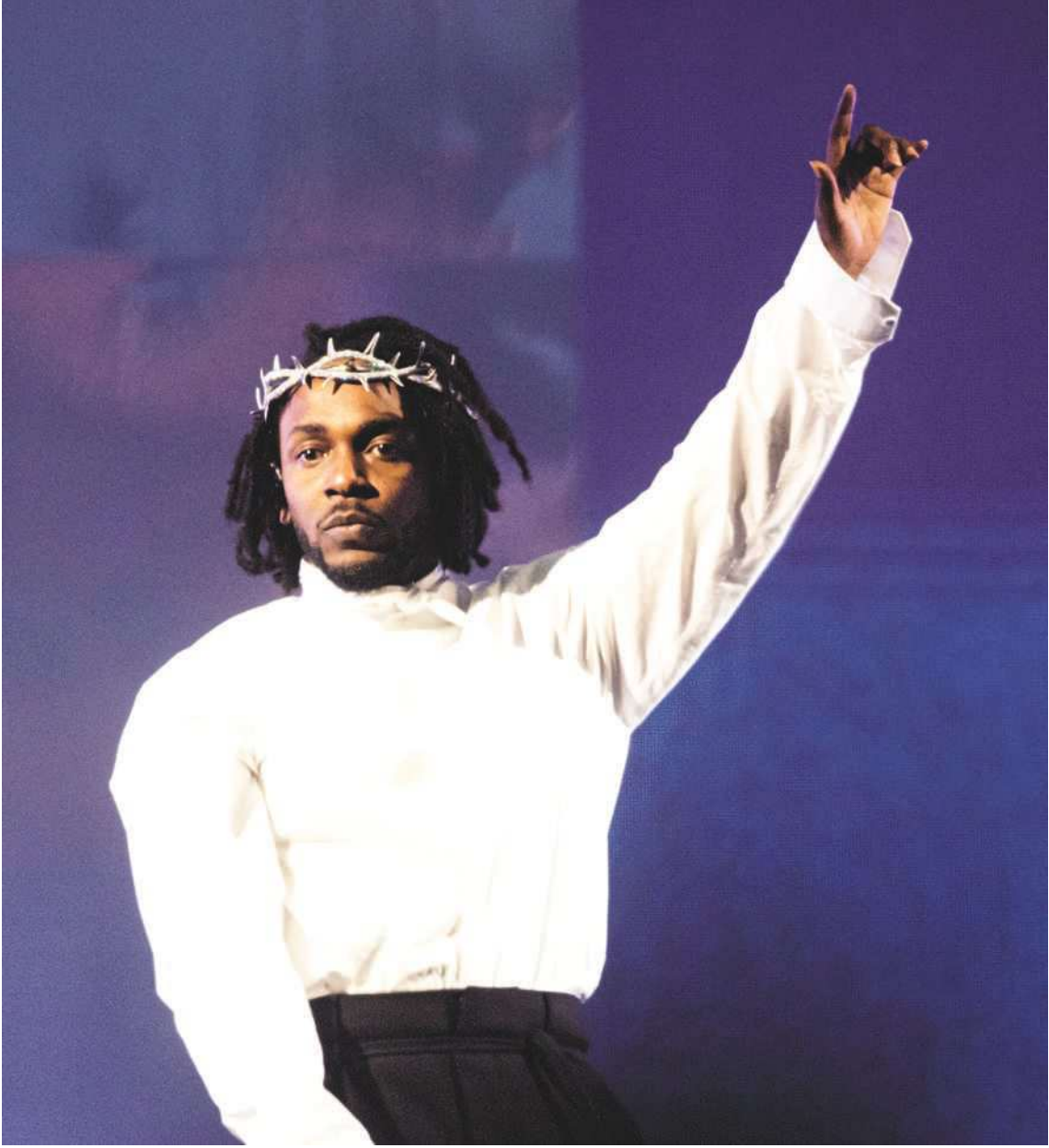
It isn’t clear what will happen next, but the initial excitement has been tempered by anxiety.

Jackson, a 45-year-old columnist at TheGrio, stressed that it is usually the people who aren’t household names who get hurt, or worse, in rap beefs.

“You hope this stays on wax,” he said. “I’m enjoying seeing the two top guys go at it,” Jackson added with a note of caution. “But I really hope that everybody in their camps understands that it’s hip-hop.”



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Rappers Drake, at top, and Kendrick Lamar, above, are involved in an ongoing, escalating feud.

Goliath vs. Goliath: Will anyone win?

NOTEBOOK FROM C1

“Battle rhymes,” Tate wrote, “are good for the soul of rap music.”

So let’s start there. It feels especially true if the battle is asymmetrical. When two combatants in a rap beef stand at two different altitudes in the greater hip-hop hierarchy, they stand for at least two different ideas. Whose values do we prioritize? Suddenly, rubbernecking feels like involvement, and side-taking feels like participation — which all counts as a positive step for those rap listeners who too often treat their favorite art form like a spectator sport.

Does it get us any closer to the soul improvement that Tate was talking about? Hopefully. But yes, there will always be excitement in cheering an underdog holding power to account. And yes, there will also always be a very different kind of excitement in watching a juggernaut steamroll everything below. Either way, in a rap beef, both parties must act as villains, so it isn’t about who wins so much as a necessity that someone loses.

What if they both lose? That seemed to be the animating concern when Drake and Kendrick’s rivalry recently kicked into hyperdrive after years of simmering bad blood. Back in March, Kendrick

dropped a line in a Future song deflating J. Cole’s aspirational notion of a “big three” (Kendrick, Cole and Drake as a trinity of greatness), with Kendrick declaring, “It’s just big me” — to which Drake replied in mid-April with two stand-alone diss tracks, “Push Ups,” which mocked his adversary’s shoe size, and “Taylor Made Freestyle,” which utilized the artificial-intelligence-generated voice of Tupac Shakur with self-defeating tech bro corniness and ghoulishness. Then Kendrick reappeared on April 30 with “Euphoria,” an avalanche of lyrical low blows that allowed the rapper to contort his voice into emotive

new shapes. Now, two very rich guys were turning their mutual animosity into content, and the world was suddenly listening to rap music as closely as it deserves to be listened to every day.

Early in the volleys, both seemed unhappy with the beds they’d made for themselves in the popular imagination: Drake trying to escape his image as a hit-making softy by talking tough, Kendrick trying to escape his image as a high-road moralist by talking tougher. But it was Kendrick who established the asymmetry. Remember how beef needs two villains? Drake’s idea of a villain is a Marvel movie baddie with the fundamental superpower of repartee. Kendrick’s idea is Anton Chigurh on a bad hair day with the nuclear codes. “Don’t tell

no lie about me and I won’t tell truths ’bout you,” he warned in “Euphoria,” establishing an ironclad defense that has since allowed his trash talk to descend to levels of spite previously unspe-lunked.

Drake has supplied dutiful rebuttals — “Family Matters” and “The Heart Part 6” — but inside his music, Drake remains Drake, overconfident and smug. Unlike his opponent, he refuses to let this experience transform him. Maybe that’s his idea of victory. Meanwhile, listen to Kendrick’s mockingly playful cadences throughout “Not Like Us.” Listen to his rasping contempt on “6:16 in LA.” Listen to the terrifying calm that collects in the back of his throat as he addresses Drake’s family members one by one on “Meet the

Grahams.”

Through a mix of oblique references and gnarly straight-talk, Kendrick has packed layers of diabolical insults into these songs — but he understands that it’s all music. His shifts in tone, timbre and form make him easier to listen to and harder to criticize. He’s a moving target, playing offense and defense simultaneously, sinking all the way into his ugliest, most vengeful feelings and allowing them to evolve his art. By proving himself an artist, does Kendrick automatically prove Drake a loser? Or is all of this beneath him in the first place? So goes the great riddle of this overhyped and open-ended rap beef. We all want resolution, but as an artist, Kendrick Lamar remains unresolved.

Security guard shot outside Drake’s mansion

BY HERB SCRIBNER

A security guard working at Drake’s mansion in Toronto was hospitalized with serious injuries after being shot outside the residence early Tuesday morning. The victim was standing outside the home’s entrance when the shooting occurred, Toronto police inspector Paul Krawczyk said at a news conference outside Drake’s palatial residence. The shooting was captured on video, he said, but the shooter fled, and a motive has not been determined. Krawczyk said he couldn’t confirm whether Drake was home during the incident but said the rapper’s team has been cooperat-

ing with the investigation. There is no indication that the shooting harmed Drake, who has been involved in an increasingly hostile, extremely public rap feud with Kendrick Lamar.

Police were called about 2 a.m. Eastern time to the intersection of Lawrence and Bayview avenues near the upscale Bridle Path neighborhood. The victim was reportedly transported with a gunshot injury to Sunnybrook Hospital, where staff declined to comment to The Washington Post.

It’s unclear why police initially responded to that intersection, which is about a mile from Drake’s mansion. Several hours later, Canadian news organiza-

tions showed a heavy police presence outside Drake’s home, with CTV News reporting that the area had been taped off with caution tape in the courtyard.

The shooting comes amid a heavyweight feud between Drake and Lamar. Over the past several days, the two rap giants have traded personal insults through songs, disparaging each other’s family members, careers, up-brings and lifestyles.

Lamar’s most recent diss track, “Not Like Us,” used a satellite image of Drake’s mansion as its cover art. The song accused Drake of pedophilia, among other unsupported claims. After the song dropped, Gizmodo reported,

some people manipulated Google Maps to apply false labels to the mansion and other homes in the area, including “owned by Kendrick” and “ChildMOE-lester.”

Drake himself has often mentioned his home location in his songs, including with his own 2021 track “7am on Bridle Path.” He also offered a tour of the residence in his “Toosie Slide” music video. Representatives for Drake declined to comment.

The mansion was a special one for Drake, who told Zane Lowe in an interview with Apple Music in 2016 that the home would “change my life,” calling it his “life’s work.”

Drake’s residence was reportedly built with security in mind. When he first purchased the two

acres of land in 2015, Drake’s team started filing exemption paperwork so they could build what the Fader described as an “insane” mansion, featuring a basketball court, spa retreat, gym, basement pool, rooftop terrace and five bedrooms. In 2019, the city of Toronto allowed the rapper to build security walls twice as high as bylaws allow, according to the National Post.

Despite the increased security, a woman with a knife allegedly assaulted a security guard outside the mansion in 2021, according to the Toronto Sun. The woman was arrested outside the mansion, but it’s unclear whether charges were filed.

In 2018, a man was fatally shot at Drake’s Pick 6ix club in Toronto, CTV News reported. Drake

was allegedly at the restaurant that day, but it was unclear whether he was there at the time of the shooting, according to CTV.

Three years earlier, two people died from a shooting at an after-party following Drake’s OVO Fest concert in Toronto, Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported. Drake, who rarely speaks out on political matters, condemned the shooting in a blog post.

“I am plagued and pained by the violence that continues to escalate in our city,” he wrote in 2015. “I stare into the eyes of so many young people and I wish to see them all shine as bright as they possibly can in this lifetime. I encourage my generation to show as much value and gratitude as you can for the lives we have been gifted.”

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Shellshocked Nuggets don't look prepared to reign again

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DENVER — The glimmering Larry O'Brien Trophy that was won last June stands sentry outside the Denver Nuggets' locker room at Ball Arena. Inside, there's a small poster with Jamal Murray's image next to a collage of NBA champions such as Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant. Across the way, Nikola Jokic's locker is adorned with a showy horse racing ribbon, a reminder of his beloved side hustle.

Surrounded by these victory totems, the defeated Nuggets hung their heads and hardly said a word. Denver's title defense veered sharply off course Monday during a 106-80 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves in Game 2 of their second-round playoff series, a humiliating blowout that saw Denver fans boo the home team and traveling Minnesota fans serenade Anthony Edwards with "M-V-P!" chants.

As Jokic and Murray made a beeline for the tunnel at the final buzzer, "Wolves in four!" rang out through the mostly empty building. Stunned Nuggets fans, who were incensed by the officiating as the Timberwolves built an insurmountable lead in the first half, had begun quietly shuffling out early in the fourth quarter.

One week after the Nuggets won a thrilling first-round series against the Los Angeles Lakers, they must confront their new, and much darker, reality: They are two losses away from becoming the first reigning champions since the 2012 Dallas Mavericks to have their title defense end with a sweep. While Minnesota is technically only halfway home, its free-flowing offense and suffocating defense left Denver so shellshocked that its MVP leader couldn't muster the energy to feign confidence in a comeback.

"I don't know," Jokic said meekly when asked how Denver will respond to its 2-0 deficit. "We will see."

Murray said nothing, choosing to skip out on his postgame interview after scoring eight points on 3-for-18 shooting in his second dreadful performance of the series. To make matters worse, the 27-year-old guard threw a heat pack onto the court while play was live in the second quarter, an overt act of frustration that went undetected by the referees but incurred a \$100,000 fine Tuesday ahead of Friday's Game 3 in Minneapolis.

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Pacers assistant coach Jenny Boucek, pictured in March alongside guard Ben Sheppard, moved to the front of the bench this season, giving her a more integral role.

A Hoosier hoops renaissance

A group of high-octane women is powering the pro basketball revival in Indianapolis



Candace
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that has missed the playoffs seven years in a row. Before this month, the Indiana Pacers hadn't won a playoff series in 10 years. Truth be told, they rarely have been relevant since the Reggie Miller years. Despite becoming a League Pass darling, these Pacers played on in anonymity, originally scheduled for just one nationally televised game during the 2023-24 regular season.

But in their Eastern Conference semifinal series against New York, these Pacers are reacquainting themselves with those fun "Hicks vs. Knicks" rivalries and

There's a hoops revival happening in the land of the Hoosiers. Right there smack dab in the middle of the pro basketball map, with an NBA franchise that once floundered among the league's middle class and a WNBA franchise

resurrecting memories of Miller placing all of Spike Lee's hopes and dreams in a chokehold. Even more, this Pacers resurgence comes at a time when Indianapolis is the nexus for female empowerment in basketball.

A woman sits at the front of the bench, next to Pacers Coach Rick Carlisle, and will jet down the court to pull her player away from a fight with a very large, very angry Bobby Portis.

A woman is part of the brain trust behind the construction of this Pacers roster, which led the league with a historically high 123.3 points per game and scored 140 or more 11 times, an NBA record.

A woman waits in the wings as the next CEO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment, which operates the NBA and WNBA teams, and now sheepishly accepts photo requests from young girls who spot her in the arena.

Also, the brightest star in basketball just so happens to play in that arena now. Naturally, that's Caitlin Clark.

Need an example of Indy's hoops renaissance being powered by women? Just turn on the TV anywhere in the world.

"Somebody told me that the day after the [WNBA] draft, they had a friend who woke up in Cairo, who was from Indianapolis and was traveling there, and Indiana Fever was on the television in Egypt," said Mel Raines, president and chief operating officer of Pacers Sports & Entertainment, sharing just one anecdote of the impact Clark is having on the city and the franchise ahead of her rookie WNBA season. "It puts us on the map in a different way than some other Midwestern cities and states that don't have that."

While Raines isn't the first woman to

SEE BUCKNER ON D3

Game 2: Pacers at Knicks | 8 p.m., TNT | New York leads series 1-0

Brady roast was misogynistic, cruel and unbearably unfunny



Sally
Jenkins

Tom Brady must really need money, or attention, or proof that he's a bro. He needed it bad enough to do that Netflix roast, in which he

gallantly sacrificed the mothers of his children to clumsy third-rate comics, whose hammy punchlines fell like refrigerators hitting sidewalks, splatting Brady's reputation for intelligence beneath them. By the time the three-hour vulgarian parade was over, there were two conclusions: Football players can't do funny, only coarse, and Brady wasn't the one who got roasted — he stuck his exes with that tab.

Only sycophants blinded by Brady's seven Super Bowl rings could have found the performance comedic. You want funny? Here you go. "God gives you a penis and a brain, and only enough blood to run one at

a time," Robin Williams once said. Now *that's* funny, and it's offered here as a reminder of what real comedy sounds like and also as a suggestion of what could have possessed Brady to serve as executive producer as well as star in this blustery burlesque.

Brady's ex-wife, Gisele Bündchen, who since her divorce has been linked to a jujitsu trainer, became literally the butt of the night. Brady's uncomfortable plastic grin was accompanied by the canned heehaws of fake laughter from a crowd whose jaws were stretched tight from the effort of cackling overbroadly at lines like this from Kevin Hart.

"You f---ed your coach. But let me tell you something . . . that's what you do to maintain your happiness. You understand, sometimes you got to f--- your coach. You know who else f---ed that coach? Gisele. She f---ed that karate man."

SEE JENKINS ON D5

Nats tame Burnes, O's to climb above .500 at last



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After a solid start by Trevor Williams, the Nationals are above .500 for the first time since July 1, 2021.

Orioles at Nationals | 6:45 p.m., MASN, MASN2

NATIONALS 3, ORIOLES 0

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

For the past month, it was something just out of reach for the Washington Nationals. The cookie jar on the top shelf beyond their grasp. The quarter at the bottom of the pool too deep to scoop.

A winning record teased them. On four previous occasions, a win would have put the Nationals over .500 for the first time since July 1, 2021. Each time, they had fallen short.

So Tuesday night at Nationals Park, they became a winning ballclub the hard way — by beating the Baltimore Orioles, owners of the best record in the American League, and their ace, Corbin Burnes.

The 3-0 win, fueled by five scoreless innings from right-hander Trevor Williams, moved the Nationals to 18-17.

SEE NATIONALS ON D5

THE DAY IN SPORTS

SOCCER Dortmund makes final of Champions League

Mats Hummels headed Borussia Dortmund into the Champions League final as the German team won, 1-0, at Paris Saint-Germain on Tuesday.

Moments after **Warren Zaïre-Emery** missed an open net for PSG, Hummels rose unchallenged to head in **Julian Brandt**’s corner from the left in the 50th minute.

Dortmund advanced, 2-0, on aggregate and largely contained PSG striker **Kylian Mbappé**, who is leaving at the end of the season.

PSG had long spells of possession in the last 10 minutes.

Goalkeeper **Gregor Kobel** palmed away Mbappé’s low shot, then pushed Mbappé’s deflected close-range effort onto the crossbar with a superb one-handed save. The Parc des Princes crowd groaned when midfielder **Vitinha**’s thumping 25-meter strike rattled the woodwork.

“I don’t know what to say,” a distraught-looking Vitinha said.

Coach **Edin Terzić**’s team will play record 14-time champion Real Madrid or six-time winner Bayern Munich on June 1 at Wembley Stadium.

Madrid and Bayern drew, 2-2, in the first leg and play Wednesday in Spain.

Real Madrid Coach **Carlo Ancelotti** is not taking any chances in goal for the second leg of the Champions League semifinal, keeping **Andriy Lunin** as his goalkeeper despite **Thibaut Courtois**’s return from injury last weekend.

Ancelotti said he will stick to the plan of starting Lunin at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium even though Courtois had an assured performance in a 3-0 win over Cadiz on Saturday that allowed Madrid to clinch the Spanish league title.

Courtois did well in his first match since tearing the ACL in his left knee in August, two days before the start of the season. He then also ruptured the meniscus in his right knee in March when he was close to making a comeback. . . .

Brazil’s bid for the 2027 women’s World Cup was ranked higher than the bid submitted by Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium in an evaluation report released by FIFA .

The FIFA Congress is set to vote on the bids May 17 in Bangkok. It will be the first time the members of soccer’s governing body will hold an open vote to determine the tournament’s hosts. . . .

U.S. youth international **Keyrol Figueroa** signed a professional contract with Liverpool, the English Premier League club said.

The 17-year-old forward has impressed since moving to the Merseyside club when he was 14 and has consistently scored at different age levels.

COLLEGES On Big Ten schedule: New West Coast trips

The 14 current Big Ten teams will play two women’s basketball conference games on the West Coast apiece in 2024-25, and incoming members Southern California and UCLA each will play two games at the easternmost schools.

The Big Ten announced the breakdown of conference opponents for the 18-team league. Game dates will be announced later.

Each team will have an 18-game conference schedule, playing one opponent both home and away and facing 16 teams once. . . .

Star guard **Kadary Richmond** is transferring to St. John’s from Seton Hall, staying close to home in the Big East but switching sides in the Hudson River rivalry.

Rated the top player still available in the transfer portal, the 6-foot-6 Richmond was a first-team all-Big East selection last season.

He led the Pirates to their second NIT championship after they were one of the first four teams left out of the NCAA tournament.

The do-it-all guard from Brooklyn averaged 15.9 points, 7.0 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 2.2 steals. He ranked second in Division I with nine games of at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists. . . .

Oklahoma State hired Olympic gold medalist **David Taylor** as its wrestling coach to replace **John Smith**, the school said in a news release.

Taylor, 33, won gold in the 86-kilogram freestyle class at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, when he beat Iran’s **Hassan Yazdani**. He sought another Olympic slot this



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Moving on

Mats Hummels, left, of Borussia Dortmund beats PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma in a Champions League semifinal.

SPOTLIGHT: WNBA

Indy Star bars columnist from Clark’s games

BY BEN STRAUSS

The leading sports columnist at the Indianapolis Star can’t cover the biggest sports story in town this summer.

Gregg Doyel, a longtime voice at the newspaper, will not be allowed to cover the Indiana Fever, which drafted Caitlin Clark last month, the Star confirmed Tuesday. The newspaper’s decision followed an awkward moment at Clark’s introductory news conference last month in which Doyel made a heart gesture with his hands, mimicking something Clark has done with her family, and told her he was happy she was in Indianapolis.

“Indianapolis Star sports columnist Gregg Doyel will not be covering the Indiana Fever,” Star spokesperson Lark-Marie Anton wrote in an email to The Washington Post.

The paper did not offer any details, saying it does not comment on personnel matters. According to a person with knowledge of the situation, Doyel will not attend Fever games in person this

season but may still write about the team. Earlier Tuesday, Bob Kravitz, a former Star columnist, reported on Doyel’s ban on his Substack newsletter and said Doyel is in the midst of a two-week suspension. The person familiar with the situation confirmed the suspension to The Post and added that it is unpaid.

Reached for comment, Doyel referred The Post to the Star.

The punishment for Doyel creates an unusual situation in Indianapolis, where one of the best-known sports-writers in the market can write about the city’s most important sports story only from a distance. Clark captivated the country during a stunning senior year at Iowa in which she drove record-setting viewership of women’s basketball and spikes in ticket sales wherever she played.

The Fever snapped her up with the first pick of the WNBA draft, bringing with her a flurry of excitement. About 6,000 fans packed the Fever’s arena just to watch the selection. She was intro-

duced in Indianapolis to the local media April 17, when her interaction with Doyel quickly became national news.

“You like that?” Clark asked after Doyel made the heart gesture with his hands.

“I like that you’re here,” Doyel replied.

“I do that at my family after every game,” Clark said, to which Doyel responded, “Start doing it to me and we’ll get along just fine.”

Doyel, who has a history of being a lightning rod on social media, apologized in a subsequent column.

“In my haste to be clever, to be familiar and welcoming (or so I thought), I offended Caitlin and her family,” he wrote. “After going through denial, and then anger — I’m on the wrong side of this? Me??? — I now realize what I said and how I said it was wrong, wrong, wrong.”

A Fever spokesman did not reply to a request for comment. A WNBA spokesman declined to comment when asked whether the league or the team had spoken with the Star about Doyel.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB		TENNIS	
1 p.m.	Toronto at Philadelphia » MLB Network	5 a.m.	ATP/WTA: Italian Open, early rounds » Tennis Channel
4 p.m.	Miami at Los Angeles Dodgers » MLB Network (joined in progress)		
6:30 p.m.	Arizona at Cincinnati » Fox Sports 1		
6:45 p.m.	Baltimore at Washington » MASN, MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM), WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)		
9:30 p.m.	San Francisco at Colorado » MLB Network (joined in progress)		
NBA PLAYOFFS, SECOND ROUND			
8 p.m.	Game 2: Indiana at New York » TNT		
STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS, SECOND ROUND			
7:30 p.m.	Game 2: Boston at Florida » ESPN		
10 p.m.	Game 1: Edmonton at Vancouver » ESPN		
SOCCER			
10:30 a.m.	Division 1 Féminine: Paris Saint-Germain at Reims » CBS Sports Network		
3 p.m.	UEFA Champions League semifinal, second leg: Bayern Munich at Real Madrid » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)		
6 p.m.	Copa Libertadores, Group B: Barcelona SC at Talleres Córdoba » BeIN Sports		
8:30 p.m.	Copa Libertadores, Group D: LDU Quito at Botafogo » BeIN Sports		
10 p.m.	NWSL: Utah at San Diego » CBS Sports Network		
10:30 p.m.	Copa Libertadores, Group E: Bolívar at Millonario » BeIN Sports		

year but lost to **Aaron Brooks** in the 86-kilogram final at the Olympic trials last month and quickly pivoted.

PRO FOOTBALL CFL suspends Kelly, its top player in 2023

The CFL suspended Toronto Argonauts quarterback **Chad Kelly** for at least nine regular season games following its investigation of a lawsuit filed by a former strength and conditioning coach against the player and the club.

Kelly is also suspended for Toronto’s two preseason games for violating its gender-based violence policy. He will be required to undergo confidential assessments by an independent expert and attend mandatory counseling sessions conducted by

a gender-based violence expert.

Kelly, 30, was the CFL’s most outstanding player last season after leading Toronto to a league-best and franchise-record 16-2 record.

He played in college at Clemson, East Mississippi Community College and Mississippi.

He was the last pick of the 2017 NFL draft, selected by the Denver Broncos, who released him in 2018 after he was arrested for criminal trespassing. . . .

The Tennessee Titans bolstered their wide receiving group by reuniting first-year coach **Brian Callahan** with someone he knows very well: **Tyler Boyd**, a person familiar with the deal told the Associated Press.

Tennessee agreed to a one-year deal worth up to \$4.5 million, the person said on condition of anonymity because the

agreement had not been announced.

Boyd, 29, spent his first eight seasons in the NFL with Cincinnati, including the past five with Callahan as the Bengals’ offensive coordinator. . . .

Joe Collier, the former Buffalo Bills head coach and architect of the Denver Broncos’ famed “Orange Crush” defense, died. He was 91.

The Broncos said Collier’s family confirmed he died at his Littleton, Colo., home Monday night. . . .

Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver **Rashee Rice** is suspected of assault in Dallas a little over a month after he was one of the speeding drivers in a chain-reaction crash that led to multiple charges, according to a newspaper report.

Law enforcement officials told the Dallas Morning News that

Rice was suspected of assaulting a person at a downtown nightclub early Monday and that the person went to a hospital after the encounter.

TENNIS Badosa flashes form in first round in Rome

Paula Badosa showed signs of her former top-five form during a 6-2, 6-3 victory over 17-year-old **Mirra Andreeva** in the first round of the Italian Open in Rome.

Badosa was ranked as high as No. 2 before she missed the second half of last year with a back injury that has also slowed her this season. She is now No. 126.

Badosa jumped to a 5-1 lead in the first set before a 45-minute rain delay and then picked up

where she left off against the 40th-ranked Andreeva, who was the WTA tour’s newcomer of the year in 2023. . . .

A tennis player was awarded \$9 million in damages by a jury in federal court in Florida after accusing the U.S. Tennis Association of failing to protect her from a coach she said sexually abused her at one of its training centers when she was a teenager.

The lawsuit, filed by **Kylie McKenzie** in March 2022, said **Anibal Aranda**, who was employed by the sport’s national governing body for about seven years and later fired, used his position as a USTA coach to get access to vulnerable female athletes and commit sexual battery against them.

AUTO RACING Penske suspends four ahead of the Indy 500

Roger Penske took a tough stance by suspending two senior leaders and two engineers ahead of the Indianapolis 500 as punishment for a cheating scandal that has engulfed his IndyCar team.

The issue centers on Indianapolis 500 winner **Josef Newgarden**’s illegal use of his car’s push-to-pass system in his March 10 season-opening victory at St. Petersburg, Fla. IndyCar stripped Newgarden of the win and teammate **Scott McLaughlin** of his third-place finish, docking both and fellow Penske driver **Will Power** 10 points each and hitting all three with \$25,000 fines.

The Penske suspensions are the latest fallout from an incident that is unusual for IndyCar — the first disqualification in 29 years — and for Penske, the IndyCar series owner and motorsports giant whose image has generally been considered one of the most impeccable in auto racing.

MISC. Preakness status still unclear for Mystik Dan

Three horses are confirmed as headed to Baltimore for the Preakness Stakes, but the status of Kentucky Derby winner **Mystik Dan** remains unclear, with no imminent decision expected.

Mystik Dan is scheduled to return to the track Wednesday at Churchill Downs, site of his photo-finish victory Saturday ahead of **Sierra Leone** and **Forever Young** in the most-watched Derby in 35 years.

Trainer **Kenny McPeck** has not committed to running Mystik Dan in the Preakness, telling the Maryland Jockey Club that he and owners would let the rest of the week play out before making a decision on the 3-year-old colt.

Entries for the Preakness must be made by Monday, when the post position draw is held. If Mystik Dan does not run in the Preakness, it will be the fifth time in six years that the race goes on without a Triple Crown on the line, a combination of Derby circumstances, the pandemic and other factors. . . .

The PGA Championship has **Tiger Woods** in a field that includes invitations to seven players from Saudi-funded LIV Golf, giving the major the entire top 100 in the world ranking next week at Valhalla in Louisville.

The PGA of America strives to have the top 100 in the world to maintain its reputation for having the strongest field of the four majors, although it is not part of the criteria.

Instead, the PGA uses a catchall category of “special invitations.” The group of LIV players includes **Patrick Reed**, whose tie for 12th in the Masters moved him inside the top 100. He is at No. 92, and the invitation keeps alive his streak of playing every major since the 2014 Masters. . . .

On the fourth day of his first Giro d’Italia, **Tadej Pogacar** finally took it easy.

The Slovenian’s overall lead remained unchanged as he let the sprinters assume the spotlight and **Jonathan Milan** won the fourth stage.

Pogacar, who is attempting to win both the Giro and Tour de France this year, had been at the center of attention in the opening three stages. . . .

Boxer **Ryan Garcia**, who tested positive for a banned substance before defeating **Devin Haney** last month in New York, has requested his B-sample also be analyzed, ESPN reported.

ESPN previously reported that Garcia’s A-sample tested positive for performance-enhancing substance ostarine the day before and the day of the April 20 fight, citing a Voluntary Anti-Doping Association letter.

— From news services

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

CANDACE BUCKNER

Indiana’s revival is powered by women

BUCKNER FROM D1

run the business side of NBA and WNBA franchises, what’s happening inside her company is unique.

Pacers assistant coach Jenny Boucek moved to the front of the bench this season, meaning she has more of a vocal and integral role on Carlisle’s staff. She works with players on their shooting, instructs the team’s defense and doesn’t mind rushing into fires, as she did during the first round when she sprinted down the floor to pull Pacers guard Andrew Nembhard away from a scuffle involving Portis, the Milwaukee Bucks’ enforcer.

“I didn’t realize how elite Jenny was,” Nembhard told the Indianapolis Star in October about his coach’s vast skill set.

Any conversation about elite basketball in the city has to include the heyday of the Fever. Kelly Krauskopf was hired as the team’s first president of basketball operations. More than two decades ago, back when the downtown Indy arena was being constructed, Krauskopf stood on the dirt floor and imagined a banner hanging in the sky. She delivered, engineering a Fever run of success that included 12 consecutive playoff appearances (still a WNBA record), three conference titles and a championship in 2012. After 19 years running her own franchise, Krauskopf felt an urge to hand over the baton. That’s when Rick Fuson, the company’s CEO, and Kevin Pritchard, the Pacers’ president, asked for a meeting.

At a time when NBA team news releases crowed about the latest female hire, Pritchard wanted Krauskopf to join his front office. She wanted a new challenge but did not want to become a team’s trophy for diversity and inclusion.

“I saw what was happening in the NBA [five years ago]. . . . There were a lot of teams quote ‘adding women to their staff.’ Some were, like, the job description was all over the board. It’s like you’ve got invited to the dance; now you’re at the dance, but nobody is going to ask you to dance,” Krauskopf said. “I made this very, very clear: I had no interest in just being an addition of a female-check-the-box on the staff. I’m about the



PACERS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mel Raines will officially take over as the CEO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment in June. She had spent two decades in the political arena.

work. I’m about winning. I know how to put together rosters. I know how to build teams. I know how to run a franchise, and if you can’t utilize me in that way, I’m not here just to check a box.”

The Pacers assured her they could use her expertise; besides, whenever team owner Herb Simon gazes up to the rafters, he sees his franchises’ only championship of the modern era and it belongs to *her* team. So in 2019, Krauskopf became the first woman hired as an assistant general manager in the NBA.

Krauskopf has been the boss throughout her career, so this assistant role has been challenging at times. However, she was part of the collaboration that changed the Pacers.

Donnie Walsh, the Hall of Fame executive who hired her for the Fever, always advised Krauskopf to trust her gut. So when the front office explored the prospect during the 2021-22 season of trading all-star Domantas Sabonis to get a second-year point guard named Tyrese Haliburton, Krauskopf couldn’t shake her instinct that the rising guard was worth it. In the background, she was the one prodding Pritchard and General Manager Chad Buchanan. Pushy, she was. After all, she’s accustomed to being in charge. The Pacers made the deal, and by acquiring the joyful floor leader,



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Then-Fever president and general manager Kelly Krauskopf honored Tamika Catchings at her retirement ceremony in 2016.

the trade instantly changed the locker room and the team’s style of play, setting in motion the thriving squad of today.

“Women who are the first, we want to earn it,” Krauskopf said of her position. “The whole thing about being in management, you have to know the personnel. And that’s one skill I know how to do.”

When Raines left her job in politics to join the Pacers’ business side in 2015 — she helped organize four Republican

National Conventions and worked for former vice president Dick Cheney — she admittedly faced a steep learning curve.

“But [Fuson] saw something in me that I don’t think I saw in myself,” Raines said. “It was a thoughtful thing on his part, and I’m not sure any of the other teams would’ve hired me with my background to do it. But it was something that he and [ownership] were really committed to the diversity piece

on the senior team, and I’m really grateful that they took a chance.”

During Fuson’s 40-year run, he helped plan the 1985 All-Star Game in Indianapolis and brought the event back to the city in 2024. And remember the story of Krauskopf standing on the dirt floor of what would become Conseco Fieldhouse? Fuson was involved in designing the arena and then, decades later, spearheading the \$360 million renovation to the building now known as Gainbridge Fieldhouse, along with Raines.

As Raines takes over as the company’s chief, she is becoming more of a featured face around the arena. That’s not exactly something that she wanted, nor did she want headlines about her promotion to focus on her gender. However, Raines has recognized this momentum in Indy can be bigger than basketball. Her presence — and those of the other high-powered women around the Pacers and Fever — just might shape the future.

“I can’t change what the rules are, but what I can do is just do this job better than anyone else would do it,” Raines said. “It’s made me realize even more, in our small community . . . that that 10-year-old girl sees this as her future job. I *never* would’ve seen this as my future job at that age. And so I owe it to them to do it really well.”

ON THE NBA

After two games, Nuggets have found no answers for Timberwolves

ON THE NBA FROM D1

words or missing in action, Nuggets Coach Michael Malone filled the void by sounding every possible alarm: The Timberwolves “kicked our a–” and “ran us off the floor,” he said, adding that Denver was left “beat up,” “embarrassed in front of our fans,” “disappointed,” “out-coached,” “outplayed” and “exposed.”

“The body language of our guys is not where I think it needs to be,” Malone said. “Can we find a way to believe in each other? It was a very, very quiet locker room. . . . My focus is rallying these guys to continue to fight. . . . I’d just ask our fans to stay with us. I know tonight was not a pretty sight. I know there were some boos out there. I understand that. We didn’t play anywhere close to the level that we’ve come to expect from this team.”

There was, it seemed, more than a trace of fear in his pleading — fear that this could get even uglier.

Red flags emerged for the Nuggets during their Game 4 loss to the Lakers in the first round: Murray looked bothered by a calf injury, the bench contributed next to nothing, and open three-point shots didn’t fall.

Then, during the Timberwolves’ tone-setting Game 1 win Saturday, the Nuggets had no defensive answers for Edwards and struggled to generate their signature flow on offense against a long and swarming defense that ranked first during the regular season. Along the way, Malone repeatedly harped on slow starts that have forced the Nuggets to expend significant



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Denver center Nikola Jokic was held to 16 points in Minnesota’s dominant Game 2 win Monday night.

energy fighting to get back into games.

Even though Rudy Gobert, Minnesota’s defensive anchor, missed Game 2 for the birth of his first child, Denver’s offensive execution went from bad to worse. Murray and Jokic combined for eight turnovers, and the Nuggets committed multiple shot clock violations in the first half because they couldn’t create enough space to attempt a shot.

Minnesota raced to a 42-22 lead, and Edwards threw down a ferocious open-court dunk to help push the halftime edge to 61-35. Denver never came close to mounting a counteroffensive as Edwards and Karl-Anthony

Towns, who moved over to center in place of Gobert, scored 27 points apiece in the breezy victory. Edwards celebrated a late three-pointer with a Jordan-esque shrug and flexed after the final buzzer.

With their offense stifled and their defense in shambles, the Nuggets lost their composure. Malone came charging across the court to scream at referee Marc Davis, somehow avoiding an ejection. An irate Kentavious Caldwell-Pope pleaded with the officials for more favorable treatment while being outclassed against Edwards. And forward Aaron Gordon, who has been held in check by the Timberwolves’ front line,

received a technical foul in the second half for an extended argument with an official during a timeout.

But the biggest emotional eruption came from Murray, who was seated near the end of the Nuggets’ bench midway through the second quarter. Apparently upset after several no-calls, Murray raised a heat pack above his head and threw it past Davis, the baseline referee, toward the court during a Minnesota offensive possession. After Towns made a layup, Caldwell-Pope retrieved the heat pack and threw it off the court.

Davis confirmed in a postgame statement to a pool reporter that the referees didn’t

see the heat pack come from the Nuggets’ bench, adding that Murray could have been assessed a technical foul.

“We tried to impress upon [the referees] that there probably aren’t many fans in the building that have a heat pack,” Timberwolves Coach Chris Finch said. “So it probably had to come from the bench, which they found logical. It’s inexcusable and dangerous. I’m sure it was just a mistake and an oversight. I’m sure there was nothing intentional by the officiating at all, but we certainly can’t allow that to happen.”

Incredibly, it might not matter that Murray wasn’t suspended for Game 3. Minnesota’s front-line defenders have bodied Jokic, its wings have clogged his passing lanes, and its guards have hounded Murray up and down the court. The Nuggets’ 80 points were their fewest of the season, and their 34.9 percent shooting was their second-worst mark. Murray’s 16.7 percent shooting was the least efficient outing of his 60-game postseason career. Jokic’s 16 points were his lowest output of this postseason.

Accustomed to bullying smaller opponents, Denver has gotten a bitter taste of its own medicine from Minnesota. Finch said Monday’s effort was “right up there with the best” of the Timberwolves’ defensive showings this season.

“This is a test of our will and our manhood,” Nuggets guard Reggie Jackson said. “We have to hold our ground and own our space. If we do that, we’ll give ourselves an actual chance to win. They punked us. They literally manhandled us. You can’t play Nuggets basketball if you get punked.”

NBA ROUNDUP

Boston shoots out to an early series lead

CELTICS 120, CAVALIERS 95

ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Jaylen Brown or Jayson Tatum have it going, it usually means good things for the Boston Celtics.

This postseason, it also has been opening up the floor — and the three-point line — for Derrick White. That has added a layer to a team that was already the one to beat in the Eastern Conference.

Brown scored 32 points, White added 25 (including seven three-pointers), and the Celtics powered past the visiting Cleveland Cavaliers, 120-95, on Tuesday night in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series.

Tatum finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds to help the Celtics pull away in the second half.

“It doesn’t matter if I score zero or score however many I scored today,” White said. “When we win, I’m doing enough.”

The Cavaliers went 11 for 42 from three-point range and kept pace early.

But the Celtics were even more efficient from the outside, connecting on 18 of 46 tries from beyond the arc.

It helped Boston carry a 15-point lead into the fourth quarter. The Celtics started the final period on a 10-2 run to increase their lead to 102-79.

At one point early in the fourth, Brown shot a three from the top of the key and turned his head before it fell through the hoop, reminiscent of Golden State sharpshooter Stephen Curry.

“I had it rolling tonight,” Brown said. “You just want to come out and make the right plays, make the right reads. That’s all it is — playing through your teammates and playing with confidence.”

Donovan Mitchell had 33 points and six assists for the Cavaliers. He is the fourth player in NBA history to score 30 or more points in six straight playoff series openers, joining Michael Jordan (three times), Kobe Bryant and Wilt Chamberlain.

Game 2 is Thursday night in Boston.

Gobert again is top defender

Rudy Gobert made some history. Victor Wembanyama nearly did.

Gobert, the Minnesota Timberwolves center, was announced as the NBA’s defensive player of the year for a record-tying fourth time, joining Hall of Fame inductees Dikembe Mutombo and Ben Wallace.

It was the fifth time in the past 11 seasons that a French center was the defensive player of the year — and it sure seems Wembanyama will add to that country’s total before long.

The San Antonio center, announced Monday as the rookie of the year, was second in the voting and fell one spot short of being the first player to win the defensive trophy in the first year of his NBA career.

Joakim Noah became the first Frenchman to win the award when he was the overwhelming choice in 2014, and Gobert now has the trophies for 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2024.

“It’s great teamwork,” Gobert, who’s on a Timberwolves team that had the best defense in the NBA this season, said on TNT during the award’s announcement. “We love to get individual awards and all these things and it’s great, but you can’t do it alone.”

Gobert picked up this trophy one day after missing a playoff game for the birth of his son, Romeo.

“A lot of blessings,” Gobert said. “Just really grateful.”

• **KNICKS:** Mitchell Robinson has a stress injury to his left ankle, becoming the third key player New York has lost for its playoff run.

The Knicks said Robinson would be evaluated again in six to eight weeks, essentially ruling him out no matter how far they go in the postseason.

Robinson was the Knicks’ starting center for the first 21 games of the season before needing ankle surgery and missing 49 games. He returned late in the season to back up Isaiah Hartenstein and played in 10 of the final 11 games, helping the Knicks earn the No. 2 seed in the East.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Philadelphia	26	11	.703	—	9-1	W-7
Atlanta	21	12	.636	3	4-6	W-1
Washington	18	17	.514	7	7-3	W-2
New York	18	18	.500	7½	5-5	W-2
x-Miami	10	27	.270	16	4-6	L-1

Nationals 3, Orioles 0

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Henderson ss.....	4	0	0	0	2.266
Rutschman c.....	4	0	0	0	2.322
O'Hearn dh.....	4	0	0	0	2.291
Mountcastle 1b.....	4	0	0	0	1.280
Santander rf.....	3	0	0	0	2.213
Cowser lf.....	3	0	0	0	1.267
Westburg 2b-3b.....	3	0	1	0	0.287
Mullins cf.....	3	0	1	0	1.209
Urias sb.....	2	0	0	0	0.189
Kjerstad ph.....	1	0	0	0	1.200
Mateo 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0.245
TOTALS	31	0	3	0	0.12

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Young cf.....	2	0	0	2	1.300
Abrams ss.....	4	0	0	0	3.275
García 2b.....	2	0	0	2	0.330
Senzel dh.....	3	0	0	1	2.231
Winker lf.....	4	1	2	0	1.263
Meneses 1b.....	4	1	0	1	1.227
Ruiz c.....	4	0	0	0	0.127
Rosario rf.....	3	1	1	1	0.125
Lipscomb 3b.....	4	0	1	1	0.241
TOTALS	30	3	6	3	6

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E: Abrams (3). **LOB:** Baltimore 4, Washington 9. **2B:** Meneses (4), Winker (8). **RBI:** Meneses (17), Rosario (6), Lipscomb (5). **SB:** Rutschman (1), García (7), Winker (4), Rosario (4), Lipscomb (6).

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BBS	NP	ERA
Burnes.....	6⅓	5	3	3	6	952	83
Webb.....	⅔	0	0	2	1	181	76
Akin.....	1	0	0	1	1	173	38

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BBS	NP	ERA
Williams.....	5	2	0	0	0	871	96
García.....	1	0	0	0	2	135	79
Law.....	1	0	0	0	0	103	18
Harvey.....	1	0	0	0	1	12	53
Finnegan.....	1	0	0	0	1	101	76

WP: Williams (4-0). **LP:** Burnes (3-2). **S:** Finnegan (2-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Webb 1-0, Akin 1-0. **T:** 2:19. **A:** 29,542 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS SECOND
 Jesse Winker singles. Winker steals second base. **Joey Meneses singles, Winker scores.** Keibert Ruiz grounds out, Meneses to second. Eddie Rosario lines out. Trey Lipscomb grounds out.

Nationals 1, Orioles 0
NATIONALS SEVENTH
 Meneses doubles. Ruiz grounds out, Meneses to third. **Rosario singles, Meneses scores.** Rosario steals second base. **Lipscomb singles, Rosario scores.** Lipscomb steals second base. Jacob Young walks. CJ Abrams strikes out. Luis García Jr. files out.

Nationals 3, Orioles 0

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Ohtani, LA.....	370
Betts, LA.....	356
Bohm, PH.....	349
Turner, PH.....	341
Profar, SD.....	341
Smith, LA.....	336
Contreras, Mil.....	328
Diaz, Col.....	308

HOME RUNS

Ohtani, LA.....	11
Ozuna, Atl.....	10
Schwarber, PH.....	9
Hernández, LA.....	9
Muncy, LA.....	8
Harper, PH.....	8
De La Cruz, Cin.....	8
Morrell, Chi.....	8
Alonso, NY.....	8

RBI

Ozuna, Atl.....	33
Bohm, PH.....	32
Contreras, Mil.....	27
Betts, LA.....	27
Ohtani, LA.....	27
Smith, LA.....	26
Hernández, LA.....	26
Profar, SD.....	25
Cronenworth, SD.....	25

RUNS

Betts, LA.....	32
Acuña, Atl.....	31
Ohtani, LA.....	31
Contreras, Mil.....	29
Schwarber, PH.....	29
Tatis, SD.....	28

ERA

Wheeler, PH.....	1.64
Asuaje, Chi.....	1.66
Suárez, SF.....	1.72
Hicks, SF.....	1.72
Cease, SD.....	2.55
Jones, PIT.....	2.63
Rea, Mil.....	2.67

SAVES

Finnegan, Was.....	11
Helsley, STL.....	11
Suarez, SD.....	11
Iglesias, Tex.....	9
Tatis, SD.....	8

STRIKEOUTS

Glasnow, PH.....	63
Johnson, LA.....	63
Perez, KC.....	52
Tucker, Hou.....	52
Peralta, Mil.....	50
Cease, SD.....	48
Greene, Cin.....	47
Suárez, PH.....	46

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Kwan, Cle.....	353
Altuve, Hou.....	343
Perez, KC.....	328
Rutschman, Bal.....	324
Peña, Hou.....	323
Soto, NY.....	316
Witt, KC.....	314
Rosario, TB.....	308

HOME RUNS

Trout, LA.....	10
Henderson, Bal.....	10
O'Neill, Bos.....	9
Greene, Det.....	9
Tucker, Hou.....	9
Rookie, Oak.....	8
Raleigh, Sea.....	8
Naylor, Cle.....	8
Perez, KC.....	8
Soto, NY.....	8

RBI

Perez, KC.....	30
Soto, NY.....	28
Ramírez, Cle.....	28
García, Tex.....	27
Naylor, Cle.....	26
Henderson, Bal.....	24
Ward, LA.....	24

RUNS

Witt, KC.....	31
Kwan, Cle.....	28
Greene, Det.....	27
Altuve, Hou.....	25
Semien, Tex.....	24

ERA

Berrios, Tor.....	1.44
Crawford, Bos.....	1.56
Lugo, KC.....	1.60
Gilbert, Tex.....	1.69
Skubal, Det.....	1.90
Houck, Bos.....	1.99

SAVES

Clase, Cle.....	11
Holmes, NY.....	11
Foley, Det.....	9
Kimel, Bal.....	9
Striker, Oak.....	8

STRIKEOUTS

Castillo, Sea.....	56
Fisher, Det.....	56
Ragans, KC.....	54
Crochet, Chi.....	53
Skubal, Det.....	53
Gilbert, Tex.....	50

Rangers 15, Athletics 8

Marcus Semien had four hits and five RBI, and Texas scored 10 times in the second inning of its victory over Oakland.

Jonah Heim added four hits and two RBI as Texas extended its winning streak to four.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Semien 2b.....	5	3	4	5	0.266
Ornelas 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0.000
Seager ss.....	4	2	2	1	0.235
Wendzel 3b.....	2	0	0	0	2.095
Lowe 1b.....	4	1	2	2	0.322
García rf.....	3	1	0	2	1.271
Duran lf.....	1	0	0	0	0.222
Carter lf-rf.....	6	0	1	0	0.222
Smith 3b-ss.....	6	1	2	1	0.302
Jankowski dh.....	5	1	1	0	1.243
Heim c.....	4	2	4	2	0.301
Knizner c.....	1	0	0	1	0.121
Taveras cf.....	5	3	2	1	0.254
TOTALS	47	15	19	15	5

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Toro 2b.....	6	0	2	1	0.287
Bleday cf.....	4	1	1	0	1.248
Rooker dh.....	3	1	1	2	0.247
Brown lf.....	4	1	1	3	0.179
Davis 1b.....	5	0	0	0	0.212
McCann c.....	4	2	2	1	1.393
Butler rf.....	5	0	0	0	0.174
Hernaiz ss.....	1	0	0	1	0.182
Schuemann pr-ss.....	1	2	0	0	0.167
B.Harris 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0.167
TOTALS	36	8	7	10	7

TEXAS.....1(10) 400000 — 15 19 2
OAKLAND..... 020 002130 — 8 7 2
 E: Seager (4), Smith (2), Davis (1), B.Harris (1). **LOB:** Texas 12, Oakland 11. **2B:** Semien (9), Lowe (4), Smith (1), McCann (1). **HR:** Semien (6), off Stripling; McCann (3), off Rodriguez; Brown (3), off Rodriguez.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BBS	ERA
Ureña.....	5	4	2	1	2	3.86
Hernández.....	⅔	0	2	2	5	15.40
Rodriguez.....	2⅔	4	4	2	3	10.6
Winn.....	1	0	0	1	1	4.32

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BBS	ERA
Stripling.....	1⅔	10	11	5	2	25.14
H.Harris.....	5⅔	8	4	4	1	5.675
Ferguson.....	2	1	0	0	2	3.00

WP: Ureña (1-2). **LP:** Stripling (1-6).

Inherited runners-scored: Rodriguez 3-0, H.Harris 2-2. **HBP:** Ferguson (Jankowski). **RBI:** Hernández, T: 3:07. **A:** 3,965 (46,847).

Diamondbacks 6, Reds 2

Zac Gallen threw six scoreless innings in his first start in 11 days, and Corbin Carroll had a three-run homer and five RBI as Arizona dealt Cincinnati its sixth straight loss.

Gallen allowed just one hit in six innings. He struck out six and walked three for his fourth win.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Carroll cf.....	5	1	2	5	0.211
Marte 2b.....	5	1	1	0	2.303
Gurrieri lf.....	4	0	0	0	2.234
Walker 1b.....	4	0	0	0	1.271
Pederson dh.....	4	0	1	0	0.325
Suárez 3b.....	4	0	0	0	2.215
McCarthy rf.....	3	0	1	1	0.307
Grichuk ph-rf.....	2	1	0	0	0.271
Barnhart c.....	3	2	1	1	0.229
Newman ss.....	4	1	2	0	1.200
TOTALS	36	6	8	6	2

REDS	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Friedl cf.....	4	0	0	0	1.000
Marte 2b.....	4	0	0	0	1.262
Steer lf.....	3	0	0	1	0.240
Stephenson c.....	4	1	1	1	0.213
Fleury dh.....	3	0	1	0	1.094
Ennenacón.....	3	0	1	0	1.190
Strand 1b.....	3	0	1	1	0.122
India 2b.....	3	1	1	1	0.222
Candelario 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1.184
Benson rf.....	2	0	0	1	0.191
TOTALS	29	2	3	2	8

ARIZONA.....001 010 400 — 6 8 0
CINCINNATI..... 000 000 101 — 2 3 1
 E: De La Cruz (7). **LOB:** Arizona 5, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Pederson (8), H.R. Carroll (2), off Wilson; Marte (4), off Wilson; India (2), off Jarvis; Stephenson (4), off Sewald.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BBS	ERA
Gallen.....	6	1	0	0	3	6.84
Jarvis.....	1	1	1	1	1	0.514
Manly.....	1	0	0	0	1	3.68
Sewald.....	1	1	1	1	1	0.900

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BBS	ERA
Montas.....	6	4	2	1	1	7.55
Wilson.....	⅔	4	4	4	0	0.859
Farmar.....	1⅔	4	0	0	2	2.79
Pagán.....	1	0	0	0	1	5.52

WP: Gallen (4-2). **LP:** Montas (2-3). **HR:** Gallen, T: 2:27. **A:** 14,485 (43,891).

Brewers 6, Royals 5

Willy Adames hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, helping Milwaukee rally to a road win.

William Contreras began the comeback with a double, and Gary Sánchez walked ahead of Adames.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BIBBS	AVG
Frellick rf.....	3	0	1	0	0.250
Monestern ph-3b-lf.....	2	0	1	0	0.091
Contreras c.....	5	1	2	0	0.331
Black dh.....	3	0	1	0	1.227
Sánchez ph-dh.....	1	1	0	1	1.208
Adames ss.....	4	1	3	1	1.257
Turany 2b.....	5	0	2	0	0.301
Hoskins 1b.....	5	1	1	1	0.218
Ortiz 3b.....	3	1	1	1	0.268
Bauer's rf.....	1	0	1	0	0.206
Chourio lf.....	3	0	1	0	0.225
Dunn ph-3b.....	1	0	0	0	1.227
Perkins of.....	4	1	0	0	1.257
TOTALS	40	6	13	6	2

Let’s take a frank look at hot dog prices at MLB ballparks

The stadium staple is sold at varying proportions and for different amounts around the majors. Here are some of the cheapest options, regardless of size.

BY SCOTT ALLEN

Actor Humphrey Bogart once remarked that a hot dog at the game beats roast beef at the Ritz. Most baseball fans would agree with the sentiment, though Bogart might be surprised by how much the average ballpark frank would set him back these days.

According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, roughly 20 million hot dogs are consumed at MLB stadiums every season, which averages out to roughly 8,000 hot dogs per game. (The NHDSC also claims the average American eats a whopping 70 hot dogs per year, and if that seems like an insane number, well, you’re not alone.)

It’s difficult to fairly compare hot dog prices across MLB ballparks; several teams offer plain hot dogs of varying sizes for different prices, while other teams offer a single-size hot dog for one price, all in addition to specialty stadium-specific dogs topped with a variety of unconventional garnishes, such as mini pierogies, crab mac and cheese and Froot Loops.

Last year, USA Today gathered hot dog prices from 28 of MLB’s 30 teams. Building on that important research, and inspired by readers’ reactions to the price of concessions at Nationals Park after the team’s annual ballpark tour for media members ahead of Opening Day, I sought to compile a list of the cheapest hot dogs available at every ballpark, regardless of size. The following summary is based on hot dog prices obtained from hospitality vendors, teams and, in a few cases, the MLB Ballpark app.

Excluding promotional deals, such as dollar dog night, the Toronto Blue Jays boast MLB’s cheapest hot dog at \$2.55 (or \$3.49 Canadian). It’s available, along with similarly priced value

items, at two concession stands at Rogers Centre. The Arizona Diamondbacks have the cheapest hot dog on this side of the border, a \$2.99 offering at nine Chase Field concession stands.

The Miami Marlins feature a \$3 hot dog as part of their value menu at LoanDepot Park, and the Atlanta Braves and Minnesota Twins sell hot dogs for \$3.99 at Truist Park and Target Field. The Kansas City Royals, Milwaukee Brewers and Seattle Mariners offer \$4 hot dogs at select concession stands, and Oriole Park at Camden Yards has a 410 menu — a nod to Baltimore’s area code — featuring hot dogs and other items for \$4.10.

In all cases, these hot dogs are smaller than more expensive hot dogs offered at other concession stands within the ballpark. For instance, the Blue Jays and Twins sell more standard size hot dogs for \$4.95 (\$6.79 Canadian) and \$7.49, and the Braves offer a jumbo all-beef dog for \$9.49. It’s good to have options.

The average lowest price for a hot dog across MLB’s 30 ballparks this season is \$5.99. The Chicago White Sox (\$5.49), Boston Red Sox (\$6.25), New York Yankees (\$6.29) and Detroit Tigers (\$6.49) are among the teams whose cheapest hot dogs are priced closest to the average.

The most expensive hot dog in the majors is the \$8.39 Colossal Dog at Oakland Coliseum, where the Las Vegas-bound A’s are averaging about 6,000 fans. (Insert joke about A’s owner John Fisher needing to offset the cost of the league’s lowest payroll here.)

According to Aramark, the hospitality vendor for the A’s and eight other MLB teams, the Colossal Dog is a quarter-pound offering from Lodi, Calif.-based Miller’s. Hot dog size information was not available for most teams, but the A’s might be the only club



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The price of a hot dog at Nationals Park increased by 50 cents — or 6 percent — from last season amid similar increases around MLB.

selling a quarter-pounder as its basic hot dog.

The average hot dogs found in a grocery store are two ounces, while the hot dogs featured on ballpark value menus are typically closer to 1.5 ounces. (As the food critic for the Seattle Times noted two years ago, the aforementioned \$4 hot dog available at Mariners games “could stand to improve its meat-to-bun ratio,” and while it’s an excellent option for families with kids, the heftier \$8 Mariner dog rates much better.)

MLB’s second-most-expensive basic hot dog is the \$8 Angel Dog at Anaheim’s Angel Stadium, followed closely by the \$7.99 hot dogs at Wrigley Field, Nationals Park, Dodger Stadium and Petco Park. Wrigley Field, Nationals Park and Dodger Stadium are serviced by Levy Restaurants, while Petco Park partners with Delaware North.

“In most cases, we work very closely with our clients to determine pricing,” said Shawn Mattox, a vice president of operations for Delaware North, which handles concessions for 10 MLB teams. “We use our revenue management team along with our [business intelligence] team to help run analytics on how things sold in comparison to other items and whether they’re up or down from previous years. We keep in mind sensitivity to pricing and look at cost increases and things of that nature.”

In 2022, an official from one hospitality vendor told ESPN that hot dog costs increased between 20 percent and 30 percent, which was the highest annual increase in 30 years. Here in D.C., the price of a hot dog at Nationals Park increased by 50 cents, or 6 percent, from last season, and similar price increases were instituted throughout the majors. The Nationals declined to make a ballpark operations official available for an interview about concession pricing, and Levy Restaurants did not respond to a request for comment.

The Nationals are one of several teams that offer discounts on tickets and concessions on select days throughout the season. Hot

dogs are available for \$4 — and pizza, pretzels and fountain sodas are also heavily discounted — during every Tuesday home game. The Cincinnati Reds and Detroit Tigers, who are serviced by Delaware North, offer similar hot dog discounts on Tuesdays, while the Colorado Rockies have a concession stand featuring smaller and cheaper items for kids, including a hot dog for \$3.15.

“We know that fans of baseball reach across a lot of genres and families make up a good portion of that,” Mattox said. “I think we’re all sensitive to the fact that we want to make sure it’s affordable.”

The Houston Astros, Texas Rangers, Blue Jays and Royals are among the handful of teams with regular dollar dog nights throughout the season. The Phillies discontinued their dollar dog promotion this year after a food fight erupted at a game last season, but Citizens Bank Park, which is serviced by Aramark, still features one of the cheaper hot dogs (\$4.99) in the majors. Meanwhile, the A’s are offering \$2 tickets and \$1 hot dogs — presumably not the quarter-pound variety — at three Wednesday home games this season. The New York Mets sold a Citi Field record 44,269 hot dogs during their dollar dog promotion last week, which was 30,000 fewer hot dogs than the Blue Jays sold on a record-breaking “Loonie Dog” night last season.

For fans who might balk at the idea of paying \$6 or more for a hot dog, most teams, including the Nationals, allow you to bring outside food into the ballpark, with certain restrictions. Short of making a stop at Costco en route to the game, one option for Nationals fans looking to get their hot dog fix without breaking the bank is to grab a couple of grilled hot

dogs at the Bullpen on Half Street for the same price as a single hot dog inside the stadium.

Of course, expensive concessions at sporting events, where teams have a captive audience, are nothing new, nor are annual price increases. Back in 1978, one fan decided to do something about it.

That year, the concessions provider for San Francisco’s Candlestick Park increased the price of hot dogs by a nickel, claiming it needed to cover the cost of new equipment and additional workers after state and local health officials began requiring hot dogs sold by vendors to be pre-wrapped.

Ron Gordon, a 32-year-old high school biology teacher from nearby Redwood City, scrutinized the economics of the price hike and took his findings to the media, garnering coverage from the Wall Street Journal, Sports Illustrated and CBS. He wrote to the Giants, the President’s Council on Wage and Price Stability and President Jimmy Carter himself, and he even created charts and wrapped hot dogs in front of the San Francisco Park and Recreation Board to show the Giants’ concession provider had woefully underestimated the number of dogs its workers could wrap in a minute.

After a year-long effort that cost an estimated \$1,500 out of his own pocket, Gordon persuaded the board to roll back the price of hot dogs to 75 cents.

“I’m a Dodgers fan,” Gordon told reporters, “and I only come out to Candlestick a couple or three times a year. But I figure that the money I spent was an investment in justice. The only thing that bothers me is not that I know more about this than anyone else — but that I know more about it than I know about anything else.”

Nationals keep O’s at bay to move over .500 at last

NATIONALS FROM D1

“I think it’s a huge step forward for this team,” Williams said. “I’m thankful that I’m a part of it. I’m thankful that I’m able to help. And we’re playing tremendous baseball right now.”

Joey Meneses delivered a second-inning opposite field single to drive in Jesse Winker and provide the Nationals the only run they would need against Burnes. Back-to-back RBI singles by Eddie Rosario and Trey Lipscomb provided a pair of welcome insurance runs in the seventh and ended the night for the Orioles right-hander.

Williams, Robert Garcia, Derek Law, Hunter Harvey and Kyle Finnegan combined for Washington’s fourth shutout. The Nationals had three last season.

“Being a winning team, above .500, there’s just a different kind of energy, excitement in the clubhouse,” Meneses said through an interpreter. “It’s a motivation because we know that we’re winning right now and everything’s going well.”

Most of the players in his clubhouse recognized the feat. The manager? Not so much.

“We did?” Dave Martinez said when asked his thoughts on climbing over .500. “I didn’t even know. I go one game at a time. It’s nice, though. We’re playing well.

We got a long way to go, so we got to keep playing the way we’re playing.”

Martinez’s unfazed response underscores his team’s focus on building on its momentum. Being above .500 on May 7 doesn’t guarantee anything come October. But for a rebuilding team, getting over .500 is an unmistakable step forward in a season of pleasant surprises. There has been steady improvement from CJ Abrams and Luis García Jr. at the plate. The Nationals have gotten strong contributions from their young starting pitchers.

Perhaps the biggest surprise has been Williams, who has been the team’s best pitcher. Williams, who signed a two-year, \$13 million deal last year, entered the season without a guarantee that he would be part of the rotation. He had to earn it in spring training after posting a 5.55 ERA in 30 starts in 2023.

All he has done this season is deliver, going 4-0 with a 1.96 ERA. And Tuesday’s outing against a deep and potent lineup might have been his best performance.

Williams allowed a first-inning single to Bradley Rutschman, the only hit he would yield until Jordan Westburg singled in the fifth. In between, he allowed just one base runner — on an error by Abrams in the second inning.



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Eddie Rosario contributed an RBI single and a stolen base to help the Nationals stymie the Orioles.

The Orioles were late on his fastballs and flailed at everything else. Williams finished with eight strikeouts — four came on the fastball, two on his sweeper and one each on his sinker and change-up.

The bullpen rewarded his efforts, with Finnegan — who blew one of those opportunities to reach .500 last month in Cincinnati — working a scoreless ninth to seal the win with his MLB-leading 12th save.

“This one, for whatever rea-

son, felt a little more meaningful,” Finnegan said. “It’s been a while since we’ve been over .500. We’ve been putting in all the work necessary behind the scenes. To see it starting to come to fruition has been exciting. And to do it against Baltimore in this series is special. We’re looking to build off it tomorrow.”

Injury updates

The Nationals made a pair of roster moves before the game, activating outfielder Victor Rob-

les (left hamstring strain) and Garcia (flu) from the injured list. With the emergence of Jacob Young in center field, Robles will probably see more time in right.

“I’m very happy that they have confidence in me and my playing ability to be able to move me around,” said Robles, who has played 23 games in right field in the big leagues. “The angles are a little different, which I’m trying to get used to a little bit, but I felt great running around out there.”

To clear room on the roster,

NATIONALS ON DECK			
vs. Baltimore Orioles			
Wednesday	6:45	MASN,	MASN2
at Boston Red Sox			
Friday	7:10	MASN	
Saturday	4:10	MASN	
Sunday	1:35	MASN	
at Chicago White Sox			
Monday	7:40	MASN2	
Tuesday	7:40	MASN2	
May 15	2:10	MASN2	
Radio: <i>WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)</i>			

the Nationals optioned outfielder Alex Call to Class AAA Rochester and designated right-handed reliever Matt Barnes for assignment. Barnes had a 6.75 ERA in 14 appearances. Call hit .313 in 16 at-bats.

Outfielder Lane Thomas took batting practice on the field for the first time since he sprained his left medial collateral ligament late last month.

Starter Josiah Gray threw his second bullpen session as he rehabs from a strained right flexor near his forearm.

First baseman Joey Gallo (AC sprain in his left shoulder) rehabbed with Class AAA Rochester on Tuesday night.

Lefty Jose A. Ferrer threw from 75 feet Sunday as he rehabs a strain of his right teres major muscle.

SALLY JENKINS

Brady roast didn’t offer much worth laughing about

JENKINS FROM D1

Funny? No, just lamely, meanly tasteless, and not because of the language but because it’s pointless. You want funny? Here:

“If God made the body and the body is dirty, then the fault lies with the manufacturer,” Lenny Bruce said. *That’s* funny — because it’s true and cleverly put, and it makes you laugh at your own fixed beliefs, which is the point of real comedy.

There should have been plenty of ways to properly roast Brady: for his dimpled Shirley Temple act at news conferences yet his helmet-throwing rages on the sideline, for his epic loss in a cryptocurrency failure, for the rumors that he had plastic surgery, for his friendship with Donald Trump. Instead, the audience was offered an endless litany of sex organ jokes.

Here was about the closest

anyone came to teasing Brady about the crypto thing.

“You’re saying, ‘Guys, why didn’t we go to the Crypto.com Arena downtown?’” Hart said. “Well, the reason why we didn’t go there is because we didn’t want to remind Tom’s fans of how much money he owes them. He f---ed those people.”

Funny? Meh.

There were the usual predictable “football funny” snide homosexual and trans cracks. “There’s going to be a lot of jokes about me being gay for Tom,” former wide receiver Julian Edelman said. “Well, let me set the record straight. Those balls weren’t going to deflate themselves.” Yuk yuk yuk, the pained audience murmured.

There was a bad Jewish joke, delivered by Brady at Jeff Ross, using former New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe as the punchline. “I’m

about to replace you as the greatest roaster of all time,” Brady said. “So hit the bench, Jeff. Tonight, you’re Jew Bledsoe.”

But mainly it was all about the women. Nikki Glaser hit the same old jujitsu note but then turned to Bridget Moynahan, mother of Brady’s oldest son, Jack: “I mean, you retired, then you came back and then you retired again. I mean, I get it. It’s hard to walk away from something that’s not your pregnant girlfriend. To be fair, he didn’t know she was pregnant. He just thought she was getting fat, and Tom hates fat.”

But for overt misogyny — and contemptible conduct — there was Brady sitting stock still when Hart said this about Bündchen. “How did you not see this coming? Eight f---ing karate classes a day. . . . The only bruises she had were on her a--.

Everybody should have known it.”

Brady was as unmoved as a manikin. There was just one instance in the three-hour-plus groanfest when Brady took exception to something, heard an insult uttered that he just couldn’t accept: when Ross embarrassed New England Patriots owner and billionaire Robert Kraft by referring to his incident at a massage parlor. Suddenly Brady rose. “Don’t say that s--- again,” he whispered, chivalrously protecting the billionaire, though not his ex-wife.

Funny matters. Ever since the Greeks invented comedy, the genre has contained a world of ethics within it. It’s the tool with which we gently shame ourselves and the more powerful among us, and thus hold ourselves accountable. It’s why Mark Twain wrote that “humor is the good-natured side



MATT WINKELMEYER/GETTY IMAGES FOR NETFLIX

Athletes and comics lined up to poke fun at former quarterback Tom Brady, center, during a roast Sunday night in Inglewood, Calif.

of a truth,” and that “genuine humor is replete with wisdom.” Funny is when Richard Pryor says, “I’m not addicted to cocaine; I just like the way it smells.” Funny is Williams asking sweetly befuddled, “If it’s the Psychic Network, why do they need a phone number?” Comedy, real wit, is our most

relieving, noncombative way of bringing social justice to our social foibles and helping ourselves see uncomfortable truths.

Brady’s uncomedic roast did the opposite of all that. The uncomfortable truth is that the only person it shamed was him, and not gently.

WNBA set to charter flights for all games

BY KAREEM COPELAND

The skies are about to become a lot more friendly for WNBA teams. Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said Tuesday that the league is close to launching a program for teams to charter flights for travel to all games, bringing it in line with common practice for major men's pro leagues. Travel has been a long-standing source of contention between the league and its players as teams have flown on commercial flights for road games. Engelbert, who made the announcement at the Associated Press Sports Editors Commissioners Meetings in New York, said the change could be implemented as soon as this season if the details are finalized. Regular season games begin next Tuesday.

Players have lobbied for these changes for years, citing more than just a comfort factor. Security is an issue when teams arrive at airports for their commercial flights early and players are left to wander among other travelers before boarding with the public. Phoenix Mercury center Brittney Griner was confronted by a right-wing social media personality at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport last year. The Indiana Fever has discussed the extensive security measures it put in place for travel after drafting Caitlin Clark, who became a household name while becoming the all-time leading scorer in the NCAA's top division.

As the WNBA's popularity has increased significantly in recent years — alongside an increase in attention on women's basketball as a whole — security concerns have only risen.

Then-Mercury forward Brianna Turner, a vice president for the Women's National Basketball Players Association, tweeted last year after the incident involving Griner: "Player safety while traveling should be at the forefront. People following with cameras saying wild remarks is never acceptable. Excessive harassment. Our team nervously huddled in a corner unsure how to handle it. We demand better."

Players also have noted that commercial flights can be a health issue that directly affects the quality of play. Squeezing tall players into cramped seats to fly across the country and sometimes play in early games the next day can take a toll on their bodies, players have argued, and makes them susceptible to injury.

Engelbert, who said Tuesday she expected the program to cost \$25 million this season, has long stated that fully committing to chartered flights was an economic risk for the league that she was unwilling to take. The league already had approved chartered flights for playoff games, the Commissioner's Cup and games held on back-to-back nights that require air travel at a cost of \$4 million for this season, Engelbert said at the WNBA draft last month. The New York Liberty was fined by the league for chartering flights in 2021.

"We're not going to jeopardize the financial viability of this league," Engelbert said at the draft. "It was just a few years ago we were surviving, and now we're going from survive to thrive."

She added then that the change would come at an appropriate time. That time seems to have arrived.

"This isn't because it's the right thing to do," Engelbert said Tuesday. "It's because it's good for [the] business."

Joe Tone in New York contributed to this report.



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PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Best of seven; x-If necessary

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CELTICS ELIMINATED HEAT, 4-1

Game 1: at Boston 114, Miami 94
Game 2: at Miami 111, at Boston 101
Game 3: Boston 104, at Miami 84
Game 4: Boston 102, at Miami 88
Game 5: at Boston 113, Miami 89

KNICKS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-2

Game 1: at New York 111, Philadelphia 104
Game 2: at New York 104, Philadelphia 101
Game 3: at Philadelphia 125, New York 114
Game 4: New York 97, at Philadelphia 92
Game 5: Philadelphia 112, at New York 106 (OT)
Game 6: New York 118, at Philadelphia 115

PACERS ELIMINATED BUCKS, 4-2

Game 1: at Milwaukee 109, Indiana 94
Game 2: Indiana 125, at Milwaukee 108
Game 3: at Indiana 121, Milwaukee 119 (OT)
Game 4: at Indiana 126, Milwaukee 113
Game 5: at Milwaukee 115, Indiana 92
Game 6: at Indiana 120, Milwaukee 98

CAVALIERS ELIMINATED MAGIC, 4-3

Game 1: at Cleveland 97, Orlando 83
Game 2: at Cleveland 96, Orlando 86
Game 3: at Orlando 121, Cleveland 83
Game 4: at Orlando 112, Cleveland 89
Game 5: at Cleveland 104, Orlando 103
Game 6: at Orlando 103, Cleveland 96
Game 7: at Cleveland 106, Orlando 94

WESTERN CONFERENCE

THUNDER ELIMINATED PELICANS, 4-0

Game 1: at Oklahoma City 94, New Orleans 92
Game 2: at Oklahoma City 126, New Orleans 92
Game 3: Oklahoma City 104, at New Orleans 85
Game 4: Oklahoma City 97, at New Orleans 89

NUGGETS ELIMINATED LAKERS, 4-1

Game 1: at Denver 114, Los Angeles 103
Game 2: at Denver 101, at Los Angeles 99
Game 3: Denver 112, at Los Angeles 105
Game 4: at Los Angeles 119, Denver 108
Game 5: at Denver 108, Los Angeles 106

TIMBERWOLVES ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-0

Game 1: at Minnesota 120, Phoenix 95
Game 2: at Minnesota 105, Phoenix 93
Game 3: Minnesota 126, at Phoenix 109
Game 4: Minnesota 122, at Phoenix 116

MAVERICKS ELIMINATED CLIPPERS, 4-2

Game 1: at Los Angeles 109, Dallas 97
Game 2: Dallas 94 at Los Angeles 90
Game 3: at Dallas 101, Los Angeles 90
Game 4: Los Angeles 116 at Dallas 111
Game 5: Dallas 123, at Los Angeles 93
Game 6: at Dallas 114, Los Angeles 101

SECOND ROUND

Best of seven; x-If necessary

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CELTICS LEAD CAVALIERS, 1-0

Game 1: at Boston 120, Cleveland 95
Thursday's game: Cleveland at Boston, 7
Saturday's game: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30
Monday's game: Boston at Cleveland, 7
x-Wednesday, May 15: Cleveland at Boston, TBA
x-Friday, May 17: Boston at Cleveland, TBA
x-Sunday, May 19: Cleveland at Boston, TBD

KNICKS LEAD PACERS, 1-0

Game 1: at New York 121, Indiana 117
Wednesday's game: Indiana at New York, 8
Friday's game: New York at Indiana, 7
Sunday's game: New York at Indiana, 3:30
x-Tuesday's game: Indiana at New York, TBA
x-Friday, May 17: New York at Indiana, TBA
x-Sunday, May 19: Indiana at New York, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

TIMBERWOLVES LEAD NUGGETS, 2-0

Game 1: Minnesota 106, at Denver 99
Game 2: Minnesota 106, at Denver 80
Friday's game: Denver at Minnesota, 9:30
Sunday's game: Denver at Minnesota, 8
x-Tuesday's game: Minnesota at Denver, TBA
x-Thursday, May 16: Denver at Minnesota, TBA
x-Sunday, May 19: Minnesota at Denver, TBA

THUNDER VS. MAVERICKS

Game 1: Dallas at Oklahoma City, late
Thursday's game: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9:30
Saturday's game: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 3:30
Monday's game: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9:30
x-Wednesday, May 15: Dallas at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Saturday, May 18: Oklahoma City at Dallas, TBA
x-Monday, May 20: Dallas at Oklahoma City, TBA

Celtics 120, Cavaliers 95

Cleveland	34	15	28	18	-	95
Boston	40	19	33	28	-	120

CLEVELAND	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Okoro	28:33	4-11	0-0	0-1	2	11	2
Strus	34:42	2-8	0-0	0-2	0	3	5
Mobley	31:57	8-12	1-2	5-13	3	17	17
Garland	35:40	6-15	0-0	0-3	5	14	14
Mitchell	36:45	12-25	5-5	0-6	5	2	33
LeVert	26:27	2-6	1-2	0-1	3	1	6
Merrill	17:24	0-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Thompson	15:36	2-3	0-0	0-2	1	1	4
Morris Sr.	9:12	1-3	0-0	1-3	0	3	3
Niang	3:42	0-2	0-4	0-1	0	0	4
TOTALS	240	37-90	10-13	7-38	19	18	95

Percentages: FG .411, FT .769. 3-Point Goals: 11-22, 46.2 (Mitchell 4-11, Okoro 3-8, Garland 2-8, Morris Sr. 1-2, Strus 1-5, LeVert 0-2, Niang 0-2, Merrill 0-4). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (LeVert, Mobley, Thompson). Turnovers: 5 (Mitchell 3, Mobley, Strus). Steals: 2 (Garland, Mitchell). Technical Fouls: None.

Boston

BOSTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Brown	33:53	12-18	4-4	1-6	2	2	32
Tatum	34:40	7-19	4-4	2-11	5	3	18
Horford	27:29	3-7	0-0	0-8	4	1	6
Holiday	35:52	6-14	0-1	0-2	1	14	14
White	32:43	9-16	0-0	0-1	5	1	25
Pritchard	24:23	5-12	2-2	1-5	2	0	16
Kornet	21:14	1-3	2-2	6-10	2	1	4
Hauser	16:33	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Tilman	7:13	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Brissett	2:58	0-0	0-2	0-2	0	0	0
Queta	2:58	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	2
TOTALS	240	45-92	12-14	13-55	22	13	120

Percentages: FG .489, FT .857. 3-Point Goals: 18-46, 39.1 (White 7-17, Brown 4-6, Pritchard 4-10, Holiday 2-7, Horford 1-5, Hausser 0-1, Tatum 0-5). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: 3. Blocked Shots: 7 (Tatum 3, Kornet 2, Brown, Holiday). Turnovers: 6 (Pritchard 3, Brown, Kornet, Tatum). Steals: 2 (Horford, Pritchard). Technical Fouls: None. A: 19,156 (18,624). T: 2:09.

Timberwolves 106, Nuggets 80

Late Monday

MINNESOTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Anderson	26:15	3-8	0-0	7-9	8	1	6
McDaniels	26:26	2-7	1-2	0-2	3	5	5
Towns	35:47	10-15	4-4	2-12	1	4	27
Conley	31:38	2-5	0-1	0-3	6	3	4
Edwards	37:19	11-17	4-7	0-2	7	2	27
Alexander-Walker	29:44	5-9	0-0	0-6	1	1	14
Walker	29:03	5-14	0-0	1-5	0	1	14
Morris	7:32	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Garza	3:15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
McLaughlin	3:15	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Miller	3:15	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Minott	3:15	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Moore Jr.	3:15	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
TOTALS	240	42-84	9-14	10-42	28	10	106

Percentages: FG .500, FT .643. 3-Point Goals: 13-33, 39.4 (Alexander-Walker 4-7, Reid 4-8, Towns 3-5, Minott 1-1, Edwards 1-4, Anderson 0-1, McDaniels 0-1, Miller 0-1, Conley 0-2, Morris 0-3). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 12 (Reid 4, Alexander-Walker 3, Towns 2, Anderson, Conley, McDaniels). Turnovers: 12 (Edwards 4, Anderson 2, Reid 2, Towns 2, Alexander-Walker 2, McDaniels). Steals: 11 (Anderson 2, Conley 2, Edwards 2, McDaniels 2, Morris, Reid, Towns). Technical Fouls: None.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR VOTING

Selected by a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcast analysts. Players were awarded five points for a first-place vote, three points for a second-place vote and one point for a third-place vote:

Player, Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Rudy Gobert, Minn.	7	24	1	423
Victor Wembanyama, SA	19	44	18	245
Sam Adebayo, Mia	3	15	31	91
Anthony Davis, LAL	10	33	83	126
Herbert Jones, NO	4	2	8	14
Jae Crowder, Bos	1	2	6	9
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	2	2	6	10
Derrick White, Bos	1	2	5	8
Giannis Antetokounmpo, Mil	1	3	3	7
Jarralt Allen, Cle	1	1	1	3

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Best of seven; x-If necessary

EASTERN CONFERENCE

RANGERS ELIMINATED CAPITALS, 4-0

Game 1: at New York 4, Washington 1
Game 3: New York 3, at Washington 1
Game 4: New York 4, Washington 2

HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-1

Game 1: at Carolina 3, New York 1
Game 2: at Carolina 5, New York 3
Game 3: Carolina 3, at New York 2
Game 4: at New York 3, Carolina 2 (2OT)
Game 5: at Carolina 6, New York 3

PANTHERS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-1

Game 1: at Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
Game 2: at Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Florida 5, at Tampa Bay 3
Game 4: at Tampa Bay 6, Florida 3
Game 5: at Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1

BRUINS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-3

Game 1: at Boston 5, Toronto 1
Game 2: Toronto 3, at Boston 2
Game 3: Boston 4, at Toronto 2
Game 4: Boston 3, at Toronto 1
Game 5: Toronto 2, at Boston 1 (OT)
Game 6: at Toronto 2, Boston 1
Game 7: at Boston 2, Toronto 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

AVALANCHE ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1

Game 1: at Winnipeg 7, Colorado 6
Game 2: Colorado 5 at Winnipeg 2
Game 3: at Colorado 6, Winnipeg 2
Game 4: at Colorado 5, Winnipeg 1
Game 5: Colorado 6, at Winnipeg 3

OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-1

Game 1: at Edmonton 7, Los Angeles 4
Game 2: Los Angeles 5, at Edmonton 4 (OT)
Game 3: Edmonton 6, at Los Angeles 1
Game 4: Edmonton 1, at Los Angeles 0
Game 5: Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 3

CANUCKS ELIMINATED PREDATORS, 4-2

Game 1: at Vancouver 4, Nashville 2
Game 2: Nashville 4 at Vancouver 1
Game 3: Vancouver 2, at Nashville 1
Game 4: Vancouver 4, at Nashville 3 (OT)
Game 5: Nashville 12, at Vancouver 1
Game 6: Vancouver 1, at Nashville 0

STARS ELIMINATED GOLDEN KNIGHTS, 4-3

Game 1: Vegas 4, at Dallas 3
Game 2: Vegas 3, at Dallas 1
Game 3: Dallas 3, at Vegas 2
Game 4: Dallas 4, at Vegas 2
Game 5: Dallas 3, Vegas 2 at Dallas 3
Game 6: at Vegas, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Vegas 1

SECOND ROUND

Best of seven; x-If necessary

EASTERN CONFERENCE

RANGERS LEAD HURRICANES, 2-0

Game 1: at New York 4, Carolina 3
Game 2: at New York 4, Carolina 3 (2OT)
Thursday's game: New York at Carolina, TBA
Saturday's game: New York at Carolina, TBA
x-Monday's game: Carolina at New York, TBA
x-Thursday, May 16: New York at Carolina, TBA
x-Saturday, May 18: Carolina at New York, TBA

BRUINS LEAD PANTHERS, 1-0

Game 1: Boston 5, at Florida 1
Wednesday's game: Boston at Florida, 7:30
Friday's game: Florida at Boston, 7
Sunday's game: Florida at Boston, TBA
x-Thursday, May 16: New York at Florida, TBA
x-Friday, May 17: Florida at Boston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 19: Boston at Florida, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

AVALANCHE VS. STARS

Game 1: Colorado at Dallas, late
Thursday's game: Colorado at Dallas, 9:30
Saturday's game: Dallas at Colorado, TBA
Monday's game: Dallas at Colorado, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 15: Colorado at Dallas, TBA
x-Friday, May 17: Dallas at Colorado, TBA
x-Sunday, May 19: Colorado at Dallas, TBA

OILERS VS. CANUCKS

Wednesday's game: Edmonton at Vancouver, 10
Friday's game: Edmonton at Vancouver, 10
Sunday's game: Vancouver at Edmonton, 9:30
Tuesday's game: Vancouver at Edmonton, TBA
x-Thursday, May 16: Edmonton at Vancouver, TBA
x-Saturday, May 18: Vancouver at Edmonton, TBA
x-Monday, May 20: Edmonton at Vancouver, TBA

Rangers 4, Hurricanes 3 (2OT)

CAROLINA	2	1	0	0	3
N.Y. RANGERS	2	1	1	0	1-4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1. N.Y. Rangers, Lafreniere 1 (Miller, Wennberg), 10:53. 2. Carolina, Guentzel 2 (Aho, Svechnikov), 15:07. 3. Carolina, Orlov 2 (Aho, Skjei), 19:54.

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 4. N.Y. Rangers, Lafreniere 2 (Panarin, Fox), 7:32. 5. Carolina, Guentzel 3 (Aho, DeAngelis), 18:18.

THIRD PERIOD
OVERTIME
Scoring: 6. N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 3 (Panarin, Trochec), 6:07 (pp).

Shooting: 27, N.Y. Rangers, Trochec 5 (Panarin, Zibanejad), 7:24 (pp).

SHOTS ON GOAL

CAROLINA	13	12	17	10	5	57
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N.Y. RANGERS	11	9	9	8	2	39
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Power-play opportunities: Carolina 0 of 5; N.Y. Rangers 2 of 7.

Goals: Carolina, Andersen 4-30 (39 shots=35 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 6-0-0 (57-54). A: 18,006 (18,006). T: 4:03.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA men's tournament

PLAY-IN GAME WEDNESDAY

Sacred Heart at Albany, 7

FIRST ROUND SATURDAY'S GAMES

St. Joseph's at Virginia, noon, ESPN
Utah at Pitt, 2:30, ESPN
Michigan at Denver, 5, ESPN
Princeton at Maryland, 7:30, ESPN

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Lehigh at Johns Hopkins, noon, ESPN
Penn State at Georgetown, 2:30, ESPN
Sacred Heart-Albany winner at Notre Dame, 5, ESPN
Towson at Syracuse, 7:30, ESPN

QUARTERFINALS SATURDAY, MAY 18

AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD IN HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.

TBD, ESPN
TBD, ESPN

SUNDAY, MAY 19

AT UNITAS STADIUM IN TOWSON, MD.
TBD, ESPN
TBD, ESPN

SEMIFINALS AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD IN PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY, MAY 25

TBD, ESPN
TBD, ESPN

FINAL AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD IN PHILADELPHIA MONDAY, MAY 27

TBD, ESPN

NCAA women's tournament

FIRST ROUND FRIDAY'S GAMES

Robert Morris at Maryland, noon
Coastal Carolina at Notre Dame, 1
Niagara vs. Stony Brook, 2
James Madison vs. Penn State, 3
Long Island at Virginia,

NHL ROUNDUP

Trocheck’s goal in second OT gives New York a 2-0 edge

RANGERS 4,
HURRICANES 3 (2OT)

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vincent Trocheck scored a power-play goal off a rebound at 7:24 of the second overtime to give the New York Rangers a 4-3 win over the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden and a 2-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Alexis Lafrenière scored twice, Chris Kreider also had a power-play goal, and Artemi Panarin added two assists for the Rangers. Igor Shesterkin stopped a season-high 54 shots.

The Rangers won their sixth straight in the postseason and their eighth straight dating from the regular season. New York got its first overtime playoff win since Game 7 of the first round in 2022 against Pittsburgh.

Jake Guentzel scored twice, Dmitry Orlov also scored, and Sebastian Aho had three assists for the Hurricanes. Frederik Andersen finished with 35 saves.

The Hurricanes have lost three of their past four games — including two in double overtime after winning the first three games of the first round. The Hurricanes have lost four straight overtime playoff games, including two against Florida in the conference finals a year ago.

The series shifts to Raleigh, N.C., for the next two games, with Game 3 on Thursday night.

Shesterkin made a kick save on Martin Necas a minute and a half into the second overtime and a pad save on Jordan Staal in close about 30 seconds later. At the other end, Andersen made a stellar save on a shot by Panarin.

The Hurricanes, who were 0 for 5 on the power play, got an advantage when Panarin was called for hooking at 3:28. They managed just one shot.

The Rangers then got their seventh power play of the night and Trocheck scored in front off rebound to extend his goal-scoring streak to five games.

Shesterkin made nice saves on attempts by Aho and Jacob Slavin during a Hurricanes power play about midway through the first overtime.

Mika Zibanejad got in alone on Andersen, but his try was smothered by the goalie with 8:15 left. Lafrenière was denied on a point-blank try with about two minutes remaining, and Zibanejad was stopped by Andersen on a two-on-one rush in the final minute of the first overtime period.

Kreider tied it at 3 at 6:07 of the third period with the Rangers’ third power-play goal of the series against a Hurricanes team that



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New York’s Chris Kreider scored on the power play in the third period for his 43rd career postseason goal — the most in Rangers history.



MATT FREED/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drew Bannister will remain the St. Louis Blues’ coach after the interim tag was removed from his title.

had the league’s best penalty kill during the season.

Trocheck got a pass from Panarin in front, and Andersen made a kick save on his attempt. However, Kreider knocked the

loose puck from the left side while the goalie was down for his first of the series and third of the post-season. It was also Kreider’s 43rd career postseason goal — most in franchise history — and 70th point

— third most behind Brian Leetch (89) and Mark Messier (80).

Sharks get top pick in draft

The San Jose Sharks won the draft lottery Tuesday night and

received the right to have the No. 1 pick in the NHL draft for the first time in franchise history.

The Sharks finished last in the standings and retained their position in the lottery. Now San Jose has the opportunity to select Boston University center Macklin Celebrini, who is ranked first among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting.

Celebrini is from North Vancouver, B.C., but has ties to the Bay Area: He spent a season with the Sharks’ junior team. His father, Rick, is vice president of player health and performance for the NBA’s Golden State Warriors.

San Jose had an 18.5 percent chance to win the lottery and a 25.5 percent chance to pick first (because of a rule that teams cannot move up more than 10 spots).

The lottery was anti-climactic with no changes to the draft order. The Chicago Blackhawks, who selected Connor Bedard with the No. 1 pick last year, retained the No. 2 selection, followed by the Anaheim Ducks.

It is the first time since the 2010 draft lottery that the order of selection went unchanged. The NHL’s newest market, Utah, stayed put at No. 6. Salt Lake City landed an NHL franchise with the relocation of the Arizona Coyotes

last month.

The league also announced what has been in the works for some time: The draft will be held June 28 and 29 at Sphere in Las Vegas. It will be the first event televised at the venue.

• **BLUES:** Drew Bannister is returning as St. Louis’s coach after having the interim tag removed from his title and being named to the full-time role.

He signed a two-year contract that gives him the chance to oversee a bit of organizational retooling but also show he can get the most out of a roster stocked with veterans. The expectation is for the Blues to contend for a playoff spot in the Western Conference with Bannister in charge.

Bannister, 50, replaced Craig Berube when the 2019 Stanley Cup-winning coach was fired in December. The Blues went 30-19-5 after Bannister took over and finished six points out of a playoff spot. Three weeks after the season ended, and after discussing just two other potential candidates with his inner circle, General Manager Doug Armstrong opted against making another change and decided to keep Bannister in the job.

This is Bannister’s first head-coaching job in the NHL. He previously coached the Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League, St. Louis’s top affiliate, for two-plus seasons.

This is “something I’ve been working towards and something that I wanted for myself, my family moving forward,” said Bannister, who played 178 NHL games in the 1990s and early 2000s and was at peace with his status in recent weeks.

There have been 16 coaching changes — half the league — over the past year, not counting the need for Winnipeg to find a successor for Rick Bowness, who announced his retirement Monday.

• **SENATORS:** Ottawa hired Travis Green as its coach, signing him to a four-year contract through the 2027-28 season.

The team announced the move Tuesday, with Green taking over for interim coach Jacques Martin. Green most recently served as interim coach of the New Jersey Devils after replacing Lindy Ruff in March. Ruff also has since moved on, returning to Buffalo, where he coached the Sabres from 1997 to 2013.

Green, 53, coached the Vancouver Canucks from 2017 to 2021, guiding them to the playoffs once in four full seasons.

The Senators have not qualified for the past seven years going back to 2017, when they were one goal away from the Stanley Cup finals.

• **BLACKHAWKS:** Chicago resigned forward Lukas Reichel to a two-year contract.

DCIAA SOFTBALL FINAL

Tigers maintain their ritual by running streak to 11

JACKSON-REED 15,
S. WITHOUT WALLS 5

BY NOAH FERGUSON

For more than a decade, Jackson-Reed has ruled the D.C. Interscholastic Athletic Association softball title game. The Tigers consistently field the deepest and most experienced public school team in the District, meaning a championship in early May has become the team’s standard.

On Tuesday afternoon at the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy, that dominance continued for another season. The Tigers downed School Without Walls, 15-5, in five innings

to claim the program’s 11th consecutive city championship.

“A few of our seniors from last year were back today. . . . Just continuing the legacy means so much for Jackson-Reed,” senior catcher Alice Stillerman said. “Honoring the past teams and the past players means so much.”

DCIAA player of the year Lia Pollock got the ball rolling with an RBI double in the first inning. The junior, a two-sport spring athlete who rowed in the Tigers’ top varsity eight boat at the Washington Metropolitan Interscholastic Rowing Association championships Sunday, started on the mound for the Tigers. She was relieved by sophomore Sienna Gala during the Penguins’ three-run second inning.

Gala finished the job to extend the Tigers’ title streak, allowing just one run the rest of the way as her team’s bats heated up in the fourth and fifth innings. The game was called after an RBI groundout by senior Kiley Hatcher gave Jackson-Reed a double-digit lead in the fifth, activating the mercy rule and prompting a loud cheer from the Jackson-Reed dugout.

“I felt a weight on my shoulders, but at the same time I have my team backing me up,” Gala said. “When I do my job and I do it well, then everyone else does well and we all work together.”

Freshman third baseman Alex Nehrer took home game MVP honors after hitting an inside-the-park home run in the second inning. Pollock was honored as the

conference player of the year after the game.

The Tigers now turn their attention to the D.C. State Athletic Association tournament, which begins next week. Coach David Thompson’s team will face an uphill battle against teams such as Georgetown Visitation and St. John’s, squads that defeated the Tigers during the regular season.

But after the final run was scored Tuesday and the Tigers clinched the city title, they weren’t thinking about the journey ahead. They were just enjoying the moment.

“[This game] has been coming all season, and so for it to finally happen, it was just amazing,” Stillerman said. “I think we were all super excited.”

WCAC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Looney prevails as Gonzaga makes it eight in a row

BY JAKOB BOWEN

Gonzaga junior Carson Looney watched his par putt fall into the cup on No. 18 at the University of Maryland Golf Course and knew, in the moment, his 5-under-par 66 would be the score to beat at the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championships.

Then came the stressful part: the wait. There were four groups still on the course Tuesday, and three golfers — including teammates Jack Hartman and Patrick Pritsios — were within one stroke of Looney.

“When I finished 18, immediately I wanted to go watch Jack and [Bishop O’Connell junior Logan Reilly] and see what was going on at 17,” said Looney, who

has committed to Indiana.

Reilly was the third player within a stroke of Looney and, when his birdie putt slid past the hole on No. 18, Looney could breathe a sigh of relief knowing his individual title was secure — as was an eighth consecutive team championship for the Eagles. Pritsios and Reilly tied for second, one shot back.

Gonzaga rolled to the team crown with a score of 345. Paul VI (366) was the runner-up, followed by St. John’s (383).

“It’s really special,” said Hartman, a senior. “The whole team came together at the right time and everybody played well.”

Looney kicked his round into gear with an eagle on the par-5 ninth hole, where his second shot

came to a stop just two feet from the hole. He tapped in for eagle to make the turn at 3 under. He then birdied three of the next four holes.

“I just wanted to minimize mistakes,” he said. “I wanted to cut out all possible bogeys.”

He couldn’t avoid a bogey at No. 14, a long par-3 that was playing over 200 yards, but he made pars the rest of the way to take the lead into the clubhouse.

“He is as consistent a golfer as you will find,” Gonzaga Coach Mike Hanagan said. “I’m really proud of him. He’s worked really hard, and to see it come through today was special.”

The Eagles will lose eight players to graduation from this team, but the seniors can take comfort

in knowing players such as Looney will take on the leadership mantle.

“I have no worries for the next few years with the talent [Looney] will bring as well as the younger guys on our team,” Pritsios said.

Paul VI freshman Mikaila Lamas had the lowest score among girls in the event, posting a 2-over 73. She received the Madison Smith memorial medalist trophy, renamed this year to honor the Good Counsel golfer who died in October following a battle with colorectal cancer. She was 16.

“[My round] was pretty consistent,” Lamas said. “I was just trying to get out in the fairway and see where my approach can take me from there.”

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Whitman hangs on for third straight title

BY SAM JANE

Less than a point separated Walt Whitman and Walter Johnson before the final event of Tuesday’s Montgomery County gymnastics championship. Yet only three scorekeepers knew the score entering each team’s last performance.

Whitman’s Marisa Halvorson walked over to the scorers’ table to talk with her mother, who was tracking the score.

“It’s close,” Halvorson’s mother said.

“Don’t tell me that!” she responded.

A false step from a pair of Vikings during their final event knocked the team’s score down, giving Walter Johnson an opening. The Wildcats needed 47 points to capture the title, meaning every gymnast had to score above a 9.

The effort fell short. Whitman captured the championship in its home gym, winning its third straight title with a score of 183.425. Walter Johnson finished second with 181.575 points, followed by Bethesda-Chevy Chase at 176.675.

The Vikings’ “all-hands-on-deck” approach that Coach Wendy Mihm emphasized all season was rewarded. Her gymnasts took it literally, painting their bodies with blue and white handprints.

The program has no college commits. Senior Peyton Brundige is the only returning All-Met honorable mention from last year’s roster.

“Every meet, we have everyone train all four events, regardless if we think they’re going to make

lineups or not,” Mihm said.

Seven teams from across the country crowded into Whitman’s gym. The event served as a de facto state championship; there are no other gymnastics teams in Maryland.

Walter Johnson and Whitman staged a close regular season meet as well, with the Vikings winning by one point. The Wildcats were without standout Kimberly Shiau in that matchup.

Shiau, who’s committed to Rutgers, was the top performer Tuesday. She scored a 9.775 on the beam and a 9.60 in the floor routine. Her 38.125 combined score edged out Halvorson (38.025).

“I genuinely had no idea what was going to happen today,” Mihm said.

Mihm was a collegiate gymnast at Michigan and has emphasized the maxim of legendary Wolverines football coach Bo Schembechler: “The team, the team, the team.”

Halvorson, who is still recovering from two serious back injuries suffered last season, bought in. She competed at a high level as a young gymnast but was in a back brace last year and still hasn’t fully recovered.

“I’m still not as good as I used to be. I don’t know if I’ll ever get there again,” Halvorson said. “I got on the beam [at early practices] and was like, ‘I’m not going backward.’”

She eventually found her stride. Her 9.76 on the beam propelled Whitman on Tuesday.

“It gave us so much momentum for the rest of the meet,” Halvorson said.

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Bids & Proposals

SOLICITATION NO. DCPL-2024-R0400
The DC Public Library is seeking a mechanical contractor to provide labor and materials required for the reworking of the cooling tower, central water supply at the MLK, Jr. Memorial Library. To obtain a copy of the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.dclibrary.org/about-opportunities/solicitation>. For questions, contact Janet Conception at janet.conception@dcl.gov.

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Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
KEITH YACKO, et al.,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiffs
v.
ROBERT D. REID, et al.,
Defendants.
Case No. C-15-CV-23-002798
NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this 22nd day of April, 2024, that the sale of the property in this case, 14301 KINGDOM DRIVE, BLVD 307, BOYDS, MD 20841, reported by David Williamson, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 6th day of May, 2024, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY County, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 21st day of May, 2024. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be \$220,000.00.

KAREN A. BUSHELL,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Apr 24/May 1, 2024 0012458936

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
CARRIE M. WARD, et al.,
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20850
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,
vs.
PAWEL M. BADOWSKI
GRZYNA BADOWSKI
158 New Mark Esplanade
Bethesda, MD 20850
Substitute Trustee
Defendant.
Case No. C-15-CV-23-003326
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this 6 day of May, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as 158 New Mark Esplanade, Rockville, MD 20850, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be ratified and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 6 day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 6 day of June, 2024. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be \$530,000.00.

Karen A Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland
BWWMM-362071
May 8,15,22 2024 0012460197

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
SYDNEY E. ROBERSON
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff
v.
ESTATE OF
BERTHA L. GOLKOSKI, et al.
Defendant
Civil No. C-15-CV-23-003502

NOTICE OF SALE
10631 WEYMOUTH ST #3,
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814
Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY this 6 day of May, 2024, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by MARCO MEDEL, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 6 day of June, 2024, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 6 day of June, 2024. The report of Sale states the amount of Sale to be \$194,000.00.

KAREN A. BUSHELL,
Clerk Circuit Court for
MONTGOMERY County,
May 8,15,22 2024 0012460197

1815 Legal Notices
IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION
In re: ENVIVA INC., et al., Chapter 11, Case No. 24 – 10435 (BKF3) Debtors., Jointly Administrated)
NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM
THE GENERAL CLAIMS BAR DATES ARE JUNE 14, 2024
THE GENERAL CLAIMS BAR DATES ARE JUNE 14, 2024
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Deadlines for Filing Proofs of Claim. On April 12, 2024, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Court”) entered an order (the “**Bar Date Order**”) establishing certain deadlines for the filing of proofs of claim, including requests for payment under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code in the chapter 11 cases of the following debtors and debtors in possession (together, the “**Debtors**”): **Debtor, Case Number, EIN # (Last 4 Digits):** Enviva Aircraft Holdings Corp., 24 – 10460, 3879; Enviva Development Finance Company, LLC, 24 – 10469, 5445; Enviva Energy Services, LLC, 24 – 10464, 8415; Enviva GP, LLC, 24 – 10463, 3583; Enviva Holdings GP, LLC, 24 – 10465, 7930; Enviva Holdings, LP, 24 – 10470, 8506; Enviva Inc., 24 – 10453, 7330; Enviva Management Company, LLC, 24 – 10461, 0857; Enviva MLP International Holdings, LLC, 24 – 10464, 0965; Enviva Partners Finance Corp., 24 – 10471, 8925; Enviva Pellets Bond, LLC, 24 – 10466, 7437; Enviva Pellets Espes Finance Company, LLC, 24 – 10473, 3359; Enviva Pellets Espes Holdings, LLC, 24 – 10454, 8672; Enviva Pellets Espes, LLC, 24 – 10471, 5271; Enviva Pellets Greenwood, LLC, 24 – 10455, 0482; Enviva Pellets Lucedale, LLC, 24 – 10456, 9073; Enviva Pellets Waycross, LLC, 24 – 10457, 3402; Enviva Pellets, LLC, 24 – 70505, 9073; Enviva Port of Pascagoula, LLC, 24 – 10458, 8852; Enviva Shipping Holdings, LLC, 24 – 10459, 4873; Enviva, LP, 24 – 10467, 5617.
The Bar Dates. Pursuant to subject to the Bar Date Order, all entities (except governmental units), including individuals, partnerships, estates, and trusts who have a claim or potential claim against the Debtors that arose prior to March 12, 2024, no matter how remote or contingent such right to payment or equitable remedy may be, **including** requests for payment under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, **MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM** on or before **September 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time)** (the “**General Claims Bar Date**”). Governmental entities who have a claim or potential claim against the Debtors that arose prior to March 12, 2024, no matter how remote or contingent such right to payment or equitable remedy may be, **MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM** on or before **September 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time)** (the “**General Claims Bar Date**”).
ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHO FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, INCLUDING ANY REQUEST FOR PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 503(b)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, ON OR BEFORE THE GENERAL CLAIMS BAR DATE OR GOVERNMENTAL BAR DATE, AS APPLICABLE, SHALL NOT BE TREATED AS A CREDITOR WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM FOR THE PURPOSES OF VOTING AND DISTRIBUTION ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN.
Filing a Proof of Claim. Each Proof of Claim must be filed or submitted, including supporting documentation, by electronic submission through KCYS website at <https://www.kccl.net>; or, if submitted through non-electronic means by U.S. Mail, other hand delivery system, which Proof of Claim must include an

original signature, or other overnight mail, so as to be **actually received** by KCYS on or before the applicable bar date, at the following address: Enviva Inc. Claims Processing Center, KCC, 222N Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245.
PROOFS OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Contents of Proofs of Claim. Each proof of claim must: (i) be written in English; (ii) include a claim amount denominated in United States dollars; (iii) clearly identify the Debtor against which the claim is asserted; (iv) include the value of the claim; (v) include attachments any and all supporting documentation on which the claim is based; **Please note** that each proof of claim that is not authorized to be a master proof of claim must state a claim against only one Debtor and clearly indicate the specific Debtor against which the claim is asserted. To the extent that more than one Debtor is listed on the proof of claim, and the claim is not authorized to file a master a proof of claim, such claim may be treated as if filed only against Enviva Pellets, LLC, or if a proof of claim is submitted without identifying a specific Debtor, the proof of claim may be deemed as filed only against Enviva Pellets, LLC.
Electronic Signatures Permitted. Proofs of claim signed electronically by the claimant or an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant may be deemed acceptable for purposes of claim administration. Copies of proofs of claim or proofs of claim sent by facsimile or electronic mail will not be accepted.
Section 503(b)(9) Requests for Payment. Any proof of claim and/or priority assertion a claim arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must also (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtors in the 20 days prior to the Petition Date; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which such 503(b)(9) claim is being asserted; and (iii) attach documentation of an accommodation dealing with the Debtors under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable).
Additional Information. If you have any questions regarding claims process and/or if you wish to obtain a copy of the Bar Date Order, a proof of claim form or related documents, you may do so by: (i) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (888) 249-2695 or (310) 751-2601 (international); and (ii) visiting the Debtors’ restructuring website at: <https://www.kccl.net>/Enviva.
Sl. Jeremy S. Williams – NUTKOR, LLC, Michael A. Williams (VA 3007), Peter J. Barrett (VA 46179), and VINSON & ELKINS LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1000, Richmond, Virginia 2319-4071, Telephone: (804) 644-1700, Facsimile: (804) 783-6192, Email: michael.williams@nutkork.com, peter.barrett@nutkork.com, jeremy.williams@nutkork.com, and VINSON & ELKINS LLP, David S. Meyer (admitted pro hac vice), Jessica C. Peet (admitted pro hac vice), The Grace Building, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10036-3708, Telephone: (212) 237-0000, Facsimile: (212) 237-0100, Email: dms@gracebldg.com, and Matthew J. Pyatt (admitted pro hac vice), Trevor S. Spears (admitted pro hac vice), Trammel Crow, Center, 201 Ross Avenue, Suite 3900, Dallas, Texas 75201, Telephone: (214) 220-7700, Facsimile: (214) 220-7716, Email: reynolds@trammelcrow.com, *Proposed Co-Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession*

851 Legal Notices
PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND
James E. Clarke, et al.,
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs
v.
Rodney Dorsey AKA Rodney Duane Dorsey,
2001 day of May, 2024
THE GENERAL CLAIMS BAR DATE OR GOVERNMENTAL BAR DATE, AS APPLICABLE, SHALL NOT BE TREATED AS A CREDITOR WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM FOR THE PURPOSES OF VOTING AND DISTRIBUTION ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN.
Filing a Proof of Claim. Each Proof of Claim must be filed or submitted, including supporting documentation, by electronic submission through KCYS website at <https://www.kccl.net>; or, if submitted through non-electronic means by U.S. Mail, other hand delivery system, which Proof of Claim must include an

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, this 19th day of April, 2024, that the sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at 5401 Lorrain Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748 made and reported by James E. Clarke and Christine M. Drexel, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 20th day of May, 2024, provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some daily newspaper published in Prince George’s County, POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks, before the 21st day of May, 2024. The report states the amount of the sale at \$400,000.00.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Orlans 21-003732
Apr 24/May 1, 2024 0012458933

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND
ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs, Substitute Trustees
v.
GREGORY JONES
Defendants(s)
Civil Action No. C-16-CV-23-002673
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on 26th April, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as 8941 Town Center Circle, Unit 1, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before 27th May, 2024, provided a copy of this Notice be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper published in Prince George’s County, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 21st day of May, 2024. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be \$228,000.00.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND
SIMPFC FILE# 84207
May 14,15 2024 0012459386

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND
Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
640 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)
v.
Estate of Irene J. Woodruff
Michael Woodruff
707 61st Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743
Defendant(s)
Case No. CAEF19-33540
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this 26 day of April, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, that the sale of 707 61st Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 27 day of May, 2024, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in the Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 27 day of May, 2024. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$349,000.00.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George’s County, Maryland
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815 Legal Notices
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION June, 2024
Pursuant to the Potomac River Compact of 1958, as duly enacted into law by the General Assemblies of the States of Maryland and Virginia and duly ratified by the Congress of the United States of America, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission hereby proposes to amend and/or adopt regulations as follows, so as:

1. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 4** Suspension or Revocation of License – amend language to allow Commission to set time frame for a suspension or revocation independent of whether a licensee has been reinstated in the respective jurisdiction.
2. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 5(d)(8)** Reduction of License Fees – amend language from “a single boat or vessel used by the licensee...” to “a natural person using a vessel...”
3. Amend **Reg. II, Sec. 2(g)(1)** Identification Tags Required and/or adopt a new **Reg. II, Section 2(g)(2)** Add language to allow for bulk identification tags and add language to require identification tags.
4. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(d)(5)** CP ID Tags/Decals Fee and Replacement – to set fee by order.
5. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(d)(5)** CP ID Tags/Decals Fee and Replacement and amend **Reg. VII, Sec. 31b(3)** – to remove the requirement to tag/decals crab pots with PRFC issued identification tags

NOTICE OF HEARING
June 7, 2024
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a public hearing will be held by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on adoption of the foregoing proposed regulations or amendments to the regulations of the Commission on **Wednesday, June 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** at the John Thomas Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building, 222 Taylor Street, Columbia Heights, Washington, D.C. 20001. The proposed amendments is available at the Commission office or by calling (800) 224-7148 or visiting our website – www.prfc.us.

825 Bids & Proposals
Events DC Tourism and Large Events Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP)
BONFIRE BID # 24-S-995-044
The Washington Convention and Sports Authority /VA Events DC is seeking proposals from qualified organizations for its Fiscal Year 2024 Tourism and Large Events Grant Program.
Interested parties can view a copy of the RFP by accessing Events DC’s e-procurement website at <https://eventsdc.bonfirehub.com>.
Key Dates
RFP Release Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Pre-response Information Sessions: Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM EDT (in-person) Thursday, May 16, at 6:00 PM (virtual)
Questions must be received by: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 11:59 PM EDT
RFP Proposals Due: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 11:59 PM EDT
Grant Awards Announcement: Monday, July 1, 2024, 2024
Primary Contact
Name: Gerald Green
Email: sgreen@eventsdc.com
Phone: 202-249-3028

871 Spotsylvania County
TRUSTEE’S SALE OF 701 HALECK COURT, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407
In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 24, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$125,394.00 recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160008571, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Circle, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judge of the Circuit Court, on June 13, 2024, at 1:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATING IN ALVIN VILLAGE OF THE CHANCELLOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS THE CHANCELLOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS LOT 79R, SECTION TWO, STONEWALL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED BY GARY S. COOKE, L.S., DATED APRIL 22, 1987, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 734, PAGE 771.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, or as certified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, shall be paid to the Substitute Trustee payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise, the purchase price may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee’s Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. A form of purchase and sale contract is available for viewing at www.bwws.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.
Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Third Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, L.L.C., Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, www.bwws.com, VA-369581-1.

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEES’ FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
4413 POLK STREET, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20019 (Square 5117, Lot 0081)
In execution of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division (“Court”) Order Granting Default Judgment in Case #2023-CAB-004616, W.F. Chesley Companies, LLC v. Homestead Properties LLC, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 12:17 PM
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 0081 in Square 5117 in a Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated September 30, 2022, recorded as Instrument No. 2022106848 among the D.C. Land Records, and described as follows:
Together with the improvements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, situate in the District of Columbia described as follows to wit:
Lot Numbered Eighty-One (81) in Square Numbered Fifty-One Hundred Seventeen (5117) in Otho W. Hammond and other’s Subdivision of Lots in Blocks 4, 7 and 5, “Addition to Kenilworth”, as per plat recorded in Liber 120 at Folio 171 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia. Said property being now known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot numbered 0081 in Square numbered 5117. The property will be sold by Trustees’ Deed “as is” without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of at least \$30,000 will be required at time of sale, in cashier’s or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within sixty (60) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees’ reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to reject the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the default rate of 15.5% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowners’ association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser’s sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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879 Culpeper County
Trustee’s Sale
9320 Dutch Hollow Road,
Riverton, Virginia 22767
(Parcel ID: 28/11/41/ Actct#: 18500)
Default has been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 13, 2004 in the original principal amount of \$170,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Culpeper, Virginia in Instrument No. 08000045, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on June 4, 2024, at 11:00 AM in front of the Circuit Court building housing the Culpeper County Circuit Court, 135 West Cameron Street, Culpeper, Virginia 22701, the property further described as Joseph Perma subdivision lot 4 plat cab 5/23. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. The property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of the internal Revenue Service.
TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$17,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the Trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder’s deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee’s Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee’s Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee’s Deed will be prepared by Trustee’s attorney at high bidder’s expense.
This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or REO Solutions, L.L.C., and/or NFP-PSVA LLC. Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 680 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510. File No. 24-077-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, telex 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

May 1,8,15 2024 0012457275

879 Stafford County
TRUSTEE’S SALE OF 10 HALENHAVEN COURT, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22406
In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$292,000.00 recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Stafford County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160008571, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford County, Virginia, any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judge of the Circuit Court, on June 13, 2024, at 12:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS LOT 455, SECTION 7, STAFFORD LAKES VILLAGE, AS THE SAME APPEAR ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED BY GARY S. COOKE, L.S., DATED APRIL 22, 1987, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 734, PAGE 771.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, or as certified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, shall be paid to the Substitute Trustee payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise, the purchase price may be forfeited to trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee’s Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. A form of purchase and sale contract is available for viewing at www.bwws.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.
Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Third Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, L.L.C., Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, www.bwws.com, VA-369581-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY COMPRISING A MULTI-TENANT OFFICE BUILDING
1201 Maryland Avenue, SW WASHINGTON, DC 20024 (LOT 42 SQUARE 267)
In execution of the power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement, and Fixture Filing (the “Deed of Trust”), dated September 19, 2019, and recorded on September 19, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019100946 with the District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds (the “Recorder of Deeds”), to secure multiple promissory notes in the combined original principal amount of up to \$176,962,500.00 (the “Notes”), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all the fixtures and personal property described therein, defaults having occurred under the Deed of Trust and in the payment of the debts secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the beneficiary under the Deed of Trust (the “Beneficiary”), and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, which was recorded with the Recorder of Deeds on April 18, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024036080, and the recordation with the Recorder of Deeds of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees as Instrument No. 2024014344, and the recordation with the Recorder of Deeds of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure as Instrument No. 2024014346, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will on **May 21, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**, offer for sale at public auction the real and personal property described below. The auction sale will be held at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, LLC

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SHAPIRO SHER GUINOT & SANDLER, P.A.
250 W. Pratt Street – Suite 2000
Baltimore, MD 21201

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' AUCTION SALE
OF
2.5 STORY DETACHED HOME
W/ DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL
Located at
3319 12TH STREET, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Construction Deed of Trust, dated February 16, 2022, from 3319 BAP 12th LLC and recorded with the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia (the "Recorder of Deeds") as Document No. 2022030248 (the "Deed of Trust"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust having appointed Scott W. Foley and Brady L. Rodriguez (the "Substitute Trustees"), to act as Substitute Trustees by Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees dated December 11, 2023 and recorded among the Recorder of Deeds at Document No. 2023111288, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and notice having been filed with the Recorder of Deeds in accordance with Public Law 90-566, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Secured Party"), the Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the Auctioneer's office, located at 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 at 11:30 A.M.

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON being commonly known as 3319 12th Street, NE, Washington DC 20017 and more fully described as follows (the "Property"):
Lot 29 in John R. Haislip's subdivision of lots in Block 23, "Brookland", as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 52 at Folio 176. Parcel ID: 3930 - 0029
UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, the Property consists of 3,500+/- square feet of land and improved by a 2.5 story, detached, colonial home believed to contain 1,972+/- square feet of above grade living area with 9 rooms including, 6 bedrooms, 2 full and 1 half baths, and a 672+/- square foot unfinished basement, in an MD-3A zoning district. The Property is believed to have development potential as a condominium conversion project.

NOTE: The information contained herein has been obtained from sources deemed reliable and is believed to be substantially accurate, but has not been independently verified by the Auctioneer, the Substitute Trustees or the Secured Party, and it is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Substitute Trustees and Secured Party do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of the information contained herein or in any of the information and materials made available to prospective purchasers and no express or implied warranties or representations may be inferred. Square footage contained herein is more or less. Prospective purchasers are encouraged to perform their own due diligence, in advance of the auction, regarding the permitted uses of the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000 in the form of a cashier's check or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees at the time and place of sale will be required from the purchaser. The deposit must be increased to ten percent (10%) of the purchase price within two (2) business days following the sale and delivered to the office of the Substitute Trustees in the same form as the initial deposit. The deposit shall be placed in the trust account of the Substitute Trustees and shall not accrue interest. The Substitute Trustees will, as a sale condition, require all potential bidders to show their deposit before any bidding begins. If the Secured Party bids, it shall be entitled to debt bid and the Auctioneer shall be entitled to bid on behalf of the Secured Party. No deposit shall be required of the Secured Party. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest thereon at 10.00% per annum from the date of sale through the date of settlement, shall be due in cash or certified funds within thirty (30) days after the date of sale unless extended in writing at the sole and absolute discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest caused by the delay. If payment of the balance does not take place within thirty (30) days after the date of sale (or such extended date as may be approved in writing by the Substitute Trustees as provided above), in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available, the Substitute Trustees may declare the deposit forfeited, retain the deposit, resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and avail themselves and the Secured Party of any legal and equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property. All taxes, ground rent, water rent, homeowner association charges, condominium fees, and all other public and private charges and assessments, including, without limitation, paving, sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges that are owed in connection with the Property shall be borne by the purchaser and paid for by the purchaser at settlement. In addition, the cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, document preparation, title insurance, title examination costs, survey costs, and all other settlement expenses incidental to conveyance of the Property shall be borne by the purchaser and paid for by the purchaser at settlement. In the event the Property is subject to a ground rent, the purchaser agrees to the leasehold purchase subject to the ground rent with no adjustment in the purchase price. The Property is also sold subject to all encumbrances that are not extinguished by operation of law by the sale and subject to all easements, equitable servitudes, conditions, rights of way, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, declarations and restrictions of record affecting the Property not otherwise extinguished by the sale. Furthermore, the Property is being sold subject to all nuisances, housing code violations, building code violations, zoning code violations, critical area and wetland violations, and environmental problems, conditions and hazards, whether latent or observable, which may exist on or with respect to the Property. In addition, the Property is being sold subject to such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" in an "AS IS" condition and without any recourse, representations or warranties, either express or implied, as to its nature, condition, value, use or description. The purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property following conveyance thereof by the Substitute Trustees to the purchaser. The purchaser shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the sale.

If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title to the Property, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of its deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be null and void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the Substitute Trustees, the Secured Party or the Auctioneer. The conveyance of the Property by the Substitute Trustees to the purchaser at settlement shall be by Trustees' Deed without covenant, warranty or representations whatsoever express or implied. Until an offer is finally accepted by the Substitute Trustees, it is subject to higher and better offers. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right in their sole discretion to reject any and all bids or withdraw the Property from sale at any time before the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is accepted by the Substitute Trustees. The Substitute Trustees may adjourn and/or continue the sale at any time. The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms of the sale and conduct of the sale shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the District of Columbia. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to modify or waive the requirements for bidders' deposits and terms of sale/settlement. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

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Scott W. Foley and Brady L. Rodriguez,
Substitute Trustees

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY
IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

6100 WESTCHESTER PARK DRIVE, UNIT #814
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 14, 2006, recorded in Liber 26279, Folio 667 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$375,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit numbered 814/Tier 14 in a condominium known as "The Towers in Westchester Park Condominium, The 6100 Building" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362276-1)

Howard N. Bierman, Carrie M. Ward, et. al.,
Substitute Trustees



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May 1,8,15 2024

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
401 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 401 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 26, 2002, and recorded in Liber 16375 at Page 304 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of \$110,787.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 28, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-0294173

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-294924.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

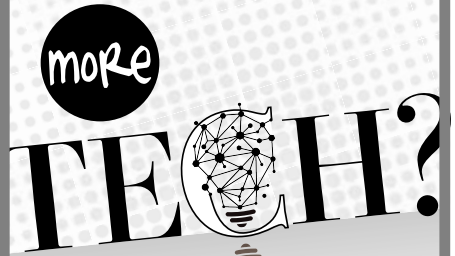
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY

5718 BLACK HAWK DRIVE
OXON HILL, MD 20745

(Case No.: C-16-CV-23-000896 in The Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Indemnity Deed of Trust from Curtis Lee Johnson, Sr. dated June 7, 2019 and recorded in Liber 43955, folio 575 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

The following described property, thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
Parcel 1:
Being known and designated as Lot 12 in Block 106 in a subdivision known as Section 7, Forest Heights as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book BB 10 at plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince Georges County, Maryland.
Parcel 2:
The north 30 feet by the full depth of lot 13 block 106 in the subdivision known as Section 7, Forest Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book BB 10 at Plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince Georges County, Maryland. The property address being known as: 5718 Black Hawk Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.
Tax ID No. 12-1301407
The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2017 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 39908, Page 410, in the original principal amount of \$228,480.00 with a payoff amount of \$236,434.53 as of March 22, 2024. The property will be sold subject to a prior Financing Statement related to solar panels dated January 19, 2018 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 40473, Page 306 and thereafter renewed on May 15, 2023 and recorded at Book 48824, Page 214, with a payoff amount of \$42,286.89 as of September 20, 2023.
Terms of Sale: A deposit in the amount of \$15,000 in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit shall be retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting Purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 11% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lienholder and are a contractual obligation between the lienholder and the owner of the property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lienholder. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at sale. The property will be sold subject to a 120-day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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4920 MANHEIM AVENUE
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2007, recorded in Liber 31379, Folio 536 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$236,750.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:51 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 305245-5)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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4513 BURKES PROMISE
BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Achotto Mazonge and Stephano Mhina dated May 26, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25368, folio 333 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:32 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-3614401.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$71,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/ herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 21-000713-MD-F-1.

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6916 FLAG HARBOR DRIVE
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 10, 2007, recorded in Liber 28758, Folio 99 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$224,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:47 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$16,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360948-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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16310 MANNING ROAD, WEST
ACCOKEEK, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Allan F. Graham and Carol V. Graham dated March 22, 2012 and recorded in Liber 33629, folio 405 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0275552.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default,

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**6709 BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROAD
LAUREL, MD 20707**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2022, recorded in Liber 47892, Folio 569 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$339,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:43 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$34,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363658-1)

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**501 PACER DRIVE
LANDOVER A/R/T/A HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 12, 2006, recorded in Liber 25234, Folio 388 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$300,700.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:41 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366400-1)

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**709 REXFORD WAY
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 28, 2018, recorded in Liber 41279, Folio 97 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$553,520.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 10:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$52,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363011-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
6200 Auth Rd, Suitland, MD 20746

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 6200 Auth Rd, Suitland, MD 20746. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated February 28, 2022, and recorded in Liber 47305 at Page 190 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of \$302,710.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the **COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 28, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

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Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within **TEN DAYS** after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-295155.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF
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AND UNIMPROVED LAND
KNOWN AS
3700 METZEROTT ROAD
(building)
3606 METZEROTT ROAD, 3651 DE PAUW PLACE
(unimproved land)
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND 20740**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Purchase Money Seller Take Back Deed of Trust (hereinafter "Deed of Trust") from Iglesia De Dios Pentecostes, Mision El Buen Samaritano to College Park Lodge No. 453 Loyal Order of Moose, Inc., ("Beneficiary") and James J. Fitzgibbons, Trustee, in the amount of \$3,525,000 dated October 5, 2020 and recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Land Records") on December 18, 2020 at Book 44552 Folio 242 and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Deed of Trust, which was given to secure a loan on the real properties described therein, and default having occurred under the terms and conditions thereof, the Substitute Trustees, Christopher L. Hamlin and Kevin R. Feig by virtue of the powers granted to them by way of the Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, on February 22, 2024 at Book 49580, Page 522, will sell the properties commonly known as 3700 Metzerott Road, 3606 Metzerott Road, Metzerott Road and 3651 De Pauw Place, College Park, Maryland 20740 (the "Properties") at public auction to be held at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland located 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on:

MAY 14, 2024 at 11:00 am

All those properties situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and described as follows:

Lot numbered Five (5) and Parts of Lots numbered four (4), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), and eleven (11) in Block numbered one (1); Parts of Lots numbered one (1), two (2), and three (3) Block numbered (5) and part of Ada Street, all in a subdivision known as "Acredale" as per plat recorded in Plat Book BDS1 at Plat 4 among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for the same at a stake set at the intersection of the west side of Atkinson Street and the North side of Metzerott Road, which point is the southeast corner of Lot numbered five (5) in Block numbered one (1) of the subdivision known as "Acredale", running thence along the North side of Metzerott Road N. 70 degrees W. 418 ft. to a cedar stake, thence by the line of division N. 19 degrees 45' E. 245 ft. to a stake between two springs, N. 40 degrees 25' E. 517.6 ft. to a stake N. 20 degrees 30' E. 1394 ft. to a stake at the edge of a field, thence S. 85 degrees 29' E. 246 ft. to a stake at the edge of the woods, thence along the west side of Atkinson St. S. 20 degrees 30' W. 1460 ft. and S. 19 degrees 45' W. 730 ft. to the place of beginning, containing in all 13.8 acres of land more or less, same being all of Lot numbered five (5), and part of Lots numbered four (4), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), of Block numbered one (1), part of Lots numbered one (1), two (2), and three (3) Block numbered five (5), and part of Ada Street heretofore closed, of a subdivision known as "Acredale" as shown in Plat Book BDS1 folio 4 one of land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, saving and excepting therefrom a part of Lot numbered four (4) more particularly described in a deed from Lucy C. Johnson widow, surviving tenant by the entirety, to John Mitchell Johnson and Louise Johnson, his wife, dated June 12, 1943, and recorded August 3, 1943, Liber 712, at folio 227 and those portions conveyed to Prince George's County by Deeds recorded at Liber 2481, folio 57 and 26877, folio 413.

Having the property addresses of:

3700 Metzerott Rd., College Park, Maryland 20740 (5.24 acres)(Tax Account No. 21-2309482)
3606 Metzerott Rd., College Park, Maryland 20740 (1.1 acres)(Tax Account No. 21-2309458)
Metzerott Rd., College Park, Maryland 20740 (3.4 acres)(Tax Account No. 21-2309466)
3651 De Pauw Pl., College Park, Maryland 20740 (2.77 acres)(Tax Account No. 21-2309474)

(Collectively, the "Properties")

The property at 3700 Metzerott Road is classified as a building used primarily for religious services and community functions. The remaining properties are classified as undeveloped land.

The Properties will be sold in "as is" condition, subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, existing leases, easements, rights of redemption and other encumbrances, whether or not of record, and with no warranties.

Terms of Sale: The Properties will be offered as an entirety only. A deposit of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) will be required of the purchaser in the form of certified or cashier's check on the day of sale. The purchaser, if other than the party secured by the Deed of Trust, its successors or assigns, shall be required to increase its deposit to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid price payable by cashier's or certified check or immediate funds wire transfer to the Substitute Trustees within forty-eight (48) hours after the sale. If the Beneficiary or its affiliated holding company is the bidder, it shall not be required to make a deposit. Interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum shall be paid on the unpaid purchase price from the date of sale to the date of settlement if the Properties is purchased by someone other than the Beneficiary or its affiliated holding company. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash within fifteen (15) days of entry of an order ratifying the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, time being of the essence. If compliance with the terms of sale does not take place within fifteen (15) days after final ratification, the deposit shall be forfeited and the properties resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser.

The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids in their sole and absolute discretion and to extend the settlement date. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss to the properties immediately after sale and shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the properties.

Conveyance of the Properties shall be by Substitute Trustee's deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, unless otherwise required by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. If for any reason the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law and equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be null and void and have no further force and effect, and the purchaser shall have no claim against the Substitute Trustees, Beneficiary, or Auctioneers.

Taxes, agricultural taxes, water, sewer, ground rent, condominium fees, and/or homeowners association dues, if applicable, to be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges are to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. The purchaser shall pay all costs relating to settlement of the sale, including but not limited to transfer tax, recordation tax, and recordation fees and additional fees and costs set forth in the Deed of Trust.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for information purposes only. The Substitute Trustees, Beneficiary, and Auctioneers make no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information, including but not limited to the current occupancy status of the Properties, and the purchaser waives and releases the Substitute Trustees, Beneficiary, Auctioneers, and their agents from any and all claims the purchaser or purchaser's successors or assigns may now have or may have in the future relating to the condition of the Properties, including, but not limited to, the environmental condition thereof. This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the conduct of the sale, constitutes the entire terms upon which the properties shall be offered for sale.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
4718 Captain Bayne Ct, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 4718 Captain Bayne Ct, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 19, 2009, and recorded in Liber 30796 at Page 1 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of \$336,602.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the **COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 28, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 03-0216754

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

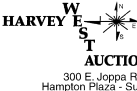
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within **TEN DAYS** after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293676.

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**6111 CROOM STATION ROAD
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 22, 2007, recorded in Liber 28487, Folio 166 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$273,193.16, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 10:49 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359064-1)

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**5310 REDD LANE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2008, recorded in Liber 30355, Folio 481 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$498,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359744-1)

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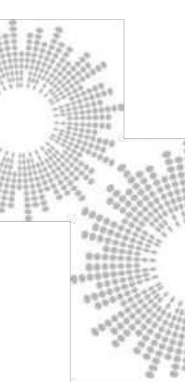
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**6304 JUANITA COURT
SUITLAND, MD 20746**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 10, 2018, recorded in Liber 40628, Folio 442 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$50,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 10:39 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366605-1)

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**10401 BALSAMWOOD DRIVE
LAUREL, MD 20708**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2005, recorded in Liber 22181, Folio 367 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$304,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 10:41 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$37,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 349150-3)

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**7622 QUICKSILVER COURT
BOWIE, MD 20720**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 8, 2008, recorded in Liber 30392, Folio 129 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$600,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 10:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 367062-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
7611 Killbarron Drive, Laurel, MD 20707

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 7611 Killbarron Drive, Laurel, MD 20707. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated December 1, 2006, and recorded in Liber 28294 at Page 599 among the land records of the **County of Prince George**, in the original principal amount of \$612,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 10-3468238

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-284168.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
6613 Insey Street, District Heights, MD 20747

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 6613 Insey Street, District Heights, MD 20747. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 26, 2020, and recorded in Liber 44567 at Page 448 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of \$446,250.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE's, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-0656488

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293285.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
5600 Patrick Henry Drive, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 5600 Patrick Henry Drive, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated February 24, 2009, and recorded in Liber 20848 at Page 202 among the land records of the **County of Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of \$222,837.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **May 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-125-17207503

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293474.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
676 209th Street, Pasadena, MD 21122

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 676 209th Street, Pasadena, MD 21122. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated January 30, 2019, and recorded in Liber 32858 at Page 224 among the land records of the **County of Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of \$55,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **May 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 03-388-90232565

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293809.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
**105 ROSECREST DRIVE
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 2, 2006, recorded in Liber 18136, Folio 301 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$487,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366993-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
**3722 1ST AVENUE
EDGEWATER, MD 21037**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 11, 2021, recorded in Liber 36513, Folio 494 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$462,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 9:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$44,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366096-1)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 2, 2006, recorded in Liber 18136, Folio 301 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$487,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 21, 2024 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366993-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2010, recorded in Liber 22507, Folio 183 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$418,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 9:25 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 367612-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
**140 OLEN DRIVE
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from William L. Andrews dated August 30, 2005 and recorded in Liber 16925, folio 662 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 14, 2024 AT 9:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-605-02496000. The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$47,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/ herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 2

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My great-grandmother was a rock of a woman, a 5-foot-nothing field general in false teeth and pin curlers. She set things in order and made things right and told you exactly what you were doing wrong. She was always, unceasingly, maniacally doing: the laundry, the yardwork, the dusting and, of course, the cooking. ¶ Her name was Evelyn Baldrige, but to me, she was Grandma B. I was lucky enough to know her for almost 13 years, which meant that, when she died, I was just old enough to understand how different she was from almost every other old lady I'd ever met. For starters, she never in all her 95 years seemed particularly old. She couldn't drive or swim. She didn't have a husband, and although she'd had one once, I understood that was a problem she'd fixed right around the time the Great Depression hit. She lived in a house in Farmington, Mo., the size of a woodshed, where my dad's high school portrait was the featured piece of artwork and the curtains smelled like bacon grease. ¶ Grandma B was always frying something: bacon or chicken or occasionally squirrel. Mornings, she would disappear into a cloud of flour and emerge with biscuits while a pot of gravy bubbled on the ancient stove. Breakfast stretched into lunchtime, and then maybe, if I was lucky, she'd spend the afternoon making chicken and dumplings.

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My mom's spaghetti is a sweet taste of home



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DINNER IN
MINUTES

Spaghetti with meat sauce reminds me of home. It made frequent appearances during my childhood. Just thinking about it conjures images of my mother at the stove preparing a batch. Onions are sizzling in a large saute pan. Ground beef is added and cooked until its red color disappears. Tomatoes go in next, simmering away while sprinkles of this and that seasoning lend their flavors until it's

time for the sauce to merge with the cooked pasta, allowing the two to become one. Finally, my mom, dad, brother and I all sit around the small kitchen table to enjoy our bowls of pasta and connect at the end of the day. Now I yearn for that simpler time, when I wasn't worried about the stressors of adult life, such as bills, work and everything else going on in the world. But for many years, and despite the many miles between us, I didn't yearn for a bowl of my mom's spaghetti. Not that it wasn't delicious, but it seemed

to be omnipresent, and I grew tired of it. Spaghetti's affordability, combined with its relative ease to prepare in large amounts, made it a no-brainer for a family like ours, which needed to clip coupons to satisfy the voracious appetites of two growing boys. We were a true-life example of the "it's some spaghetti in there" meme, which pokes fun at the dish's constant presence in many families' refrigerators. I can still

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These light lemon poppy seed pancakes are an indulgence with less of the guilt



Ellie Krieger
NOURISH

Pancakes are often considered a splurge that veers away from healthy breakfast goals — a reputation that isn't entirely unwarranted. Because many batters are made primarily with white flour, sugar and butter, they're literally a type of cake cooked in a pan — fine to eat now and then, but not every day.

On the flip side, pancakes can also be a tender, fulfilling treat that tracks perfectly with the most nourishing of breakfast choices. They are easy vehicles for whole grains, nuts, seeds, fruit and yogurt, and they can be made deliciously with healthy oil and minimal sweetener. There is a multitude of good-for-you, delicious pancake possibilities. I know, because I have probably made 101 varieties of them over the years. My ideal pancake delivers the tenderness of cake, but with grounding texture and flavor that goes beyond simply sweet.

This recipe brings all that — and more.

Made with an extra-soft variety of whole-wheat flour (either whole-wheat pastry or white whole-wheat), these lemon flapjacks turn out light and tender. (A combination of equal parts regular whole-wheat flour and all-purpose also works, as would a gluten-free cup-for-cup mix.)

The wheat flour gets whisked with some almond flour, which adds body, protein, healthy fat and minerals. Egg and yogurt make the base of the liquid ingredients, providing plenty of nutrient-rich protein. Heart-healthy oil keeps the crumb soft and rich-tasting, and a burst of lemon from the fruit's juice and zest, balanced with vanilla extract and a touch of maple syrup, gives them a bright punch of flavor. Poppy seeds bring it home with a pop of texture and a festive look.

Served dusted with confectioners' sugar, these pancakes feel like a special occasion — they'd be an ideal treat for Mother's Day — but they are so healthful and simple to make they could rightly be enjoyed any time of year.

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Lemon Poppy Seed Pancakes

4 servings (makes 12 pancakes)

With a bright punch of lemon and lovely texture from poppy seeds, these pancakes feel celebratory. And because they're made with whole-grain and almond flours, yogurt, healthy oil and minimal sweetener, they make for a healthful breakfast or brunch that could rightfully be enjoyed any time.

Make ahead: The batter can be made up to 1 day in advance and refrigerated until needed.

Storage: Refrigerate leftover pancakes for up to 3 days, or freeze for up to 2 months.

Total time: 35 mins

From cookbook author and registered dietitian nutritionist Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- 1 cup (120 grams) whole-wheat pastry flour (see Substitutions)
- ½ cup (60 grams) almond flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ⅛ teaspoon fine salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup (227 grams) plain whole-milk or low-fat yogurt
- ¼ cup (60 milliliters) whole or reduced-fat milk
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup, plus more for optional serving
- 1 tablespoon neutral oil, such

as avocado oil or canola, plus more for the pan

- 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest (from 1 to 2 lemons)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- Confectioners' sugar, for serving (optional)
- Lemon wedges, for serving (optional)

Steps

- In a medium bowl, whisk together the pastry flour, almond flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt until well combined and there are no clumps. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, yogurt, milk, lemon juice, maple syrup, oil, lemon zest and vanilla until well com-

bined. Add the flour mixture to the milk mixture, and stir until just combined and no dry streaks remain. It's okay if the batter has some lumps. Gently stir in the poppy seeds.

- Heat a large nonstick griddle or skillet over medium-high heat. Brush lightly with oil. Add a small drop of the batter to the griddle or skillet, and if it immediately sizzles, the pan is ready. Use a No. 16 disher or a ¼-cup (60 milliliter) measure to scoop 3 to 4 mounds of the batter onto the griddle or skillet, depending on the size of your pan. Reduce the heat to medium, and cook until the pancakes are browned on the bottom and beginning to dry at the edges, about 2 minutes. Flip

and cook until the other sides are browned and the pancakes are cooked through, about 2 minutes more. Adjust the heat as needed if the pancakes are browning too quickly. Repeat with the remaining batter.

- Serve the pancakes topped with confectioners' sugar, maple syrup, if desired, and/or a wedge of lemon, if you'd like.
- **Substitutions:** Whole-wheat pastry flour >> white whole-wheat flour, or ½ cup (63 grams) each regular whole-wheat and all-purpose flours.

Nutrition | Per serving (3 pancakes): 366 calories, 39g carbohydrates, 143mg cholesterol, 16g fat, 5g fiber, 16g protein, 2g saturated fat, 505mg sodium, 12g sugar

Recipe tested by Olga Massov; email questions to food@washpost.com

Napa cabbage gives this wedge salad extra crunch



Julia Turshen
EAT VORACIOUSLY

My spouse, Grace, used to drive to Hudson, N.Y., a full hour from our house, to get their hair cut. To make the trip extra worth it, Grace would time the appointments to bring home a roast chicken from

Kitty's Market, a cafe near the train station there that makes sensational rotisserie chicken.

Kitty's simple menu includes not much beyond that chicken and some side dishes, including potatoes roasted in the chicken fat (YUM) and a napa cabbage Caesar salad. As much as I looked forward to the chicken and potatoes, the cabbage salad was always the most surprising and delightful thing in our takeout order. I had never had napa cabbage swapped out for romaine lettuce in a Caesar salad before, and I quickly came to appreciate how sturdy and crisp it was, and how well the cabbage stood up to the assertive dressing.

That salad inspired me to think of napa cabbage not merely as something to make kimchi, a slaw or a stir-fry with, but as a worthy salad green. This recipe for a hearty wedge salad showcases cabbage's unrivaled versatility.

One thing I love about this recipe is a trick I borrowed from ... myself. In "Now & Again" (2018), I included a classic iceberg wedge salad recipe. To make it, I first thinly slice a shallot and let it marinate in a simple brine of vinegar, water, a pinch of sugar and a tiny bit of salt. This gives you two incredible things: quick-pickled shallots and a brine that becomes the base of a blue cheese



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dressing. You just have to whisk some mayo into the brine and stir in crumbled blue cheese.

For this updated recipe, I swap in thinly sliced red onion for the shallot, because they're more readily available. (But you can use a shallot if you prefer.) And instead of iceberg, we've got wedges of napa cabbage, which are sturdy enough for the creamy, rich dressing, plus extra toppings, including hot, crispy bacon and

chickpeas warmed through in the bacon fat. I also include tomatoes for extra acidity and color.

And if you'd like, add more toppings, such as thinly sliced radishes, thinly sliced scallions, croutons, chopped parsley and/or pickled beets. You can swap turkey bacon for regular bacon or skip the meat all together. In the substitutions and tips with the recipe, I offer suggestions for how to add more flavor to the

chickpeas sans bacon (as well as ideas for a vegan rendition of the salad).

Whatever you do, give napa cabbage a chance. Its sturdiness and crunch make it, dare I say, a superior wedge.

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Napa Wedge Salad With Chickpeas and Bacon

4 to 6 servings

This crunchy, satisfying wedge salad features napa cabbage instead of the traditional iceberg lettuce, as well as hot, crispy bacon and chickpeas for heartiness. The toppings include quick-pickled red onion and a creamy blue cheese dressing made with the onion pickling liquid.

Make ahead: The pickled onions and blue cheese dressing can be made and refrigerated separately for up to 4 days in advance.

Storage: Refrigerate the cabbage wedges, dressing, onions and chickpea-bacon mixture separately for up to 4 days. Reheat the chickpeas and bacon in a skillet before serving, if desired.

Total time: 40 mins

From cookbook author Julia Turshen.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons water
- ¼ teaspoon granulated sugar
- Pinch fine salt, plus more as needed
- ⅓ cup thinly sliced red onion (may substitute 1 large shallot, thinly sliced)
- 8 ounces bacon, diced
- One (15-ounce) can no-salt-added chickpeas, rinsed, drained and patted dry with a towel
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup (2 ounces) crumbled blue cheese
- 1 large napa cabbage (2 to 3 pounds), outer leaves discarded, cut lengthwise into thin wedges (see Notes)
- 1 pint (10 ounces) grape or cherry tomatoes, halved

Steps

- In a small, shallow bowl, whisk together the vinegar, water, sugar and salt until the sugar and salt dissolve. Add the onion, stir to combine and let sit for at least 15 minutes to soften a bit, giving them a stir once or twice; or cover and refrigerate until needed.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the bacon until nearly all of the fat is rendered and the bacon is almost crisp, 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the chickpeas, and continue to cook until the bacon is totally crisp and the chickpeas are warm, another 2 minutes.
- While the bacon and chickpeas are cooking, drain the onions, capturing the pickling liquid in a medium bowl. Add the mayonnaise and pepper to the bowl, and whisk well to combine. Stir

in the cheese, then taste, and season with salt if needed. You should have about 1 cup of dressing.

- Divide the cabbage wedges among individual plates or arrange on a large serving platter. Evenly drizzle the dressing on the wedges, making sure you get plenty of blue cheese on each one. Divide the pickled onions and tomatoes among the wedges, and use a slotted spoon to evenly distribute the bacon and chickpeas across the salad. (Reserve any leftover bacon fat for another use.) Serve immediately.

- **Substitutions:** If you can't have pork >> use turkey bacon. If you'd prefer no meat >> just skip it, and instead warm a teaspoon of pimentón in a couple of tablespoons of olive oil, and warm the chickpeas in that. Season them with salt and lemon juice before spooning on top of the salad. To make it vegan >> follow the advice above for the chickpeas, use vegan mayonnaise and substitute a vegan blue cheese in place of the regular blue cheese (or just whisk the vegan mayonnaise together with the onion pickling liquid and call it a day). Can't get your hands on a napa cabbage? >> Use romaine, iceberg or any crunchy lettuce.
- **Notes:** To maintain neat wedges, trim as little as possible from the bottom of the head of cabbage, keeping most of the core intact. Slice all the way through the head, so each wedge includes a small piece of the core.

Nutrition | Per serving, based on 6: 327 calories, 19g carbohydrates, 29mg cholesterol, 24g fat, 5g fiber, 11g protein, 6g saturated fat, 524mg sodium, 4g sugar

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TASTE TEST

Vegan mac and cheese takes on the classic blue box

BY EMILY HEIL

In the 1980s, you couldn't turn on your rabbit-eared TV without encountering one of those Folgers commercials that now seem delightfully campy. The setting shifted, but the premise was always the same: Unsuspecting coffee drinkers at upscale restaurants had their usual fine-pedigreed brew swapped for a cup made with instant crystals. A "hidden camera" revealed them raving about the drink and registering surprise when told about the secret switcheroo.

It seems you could pull off something similar today with boxed macaroni and cheese (probably, though, without the massive shoulder pads and helmet hair). When Kraft, the company whose safety-vest-hued noodles are the category's orange standard, announced last year that it was coming out with a vegan version, we were intrigued. How would the nondairy iteration (which comes in white cheddar and original flavor versions) stack up against the classic? While we were at it, we figured, we would see whether the reigning brand would trump the other plant-based boxed noodles you can find on grocery shelves.

We gathered up a handful of popular, widely available vegan products — including the two new Kraft ones as well as the regular-dairy standard-bearer — and put them to the test. Our panel of six tasters (including two vegetarians) rated each sample in a blind test, awarding each a score from 1 to 10. (For the tasting, we prepared according to the instructions on the box, using oat milk where it called for plant-based milk and Earth Balance for the plant-based butter; the regular Kraft was made with regular milk and butter.) Our verdict? Well, we were as surprised as a bunch of instant-coffee-drinking dupes.

Here's how these boxes stacked up:

7. Upton's Naturals Deluxe Ch'eesy Mac

Score: 10/60

This brand offered a slightly different format than the others: The pasta came precooked in a plastic pouch, as did the cheese sauce. Instead of the usual boiling and mixing, you just combine the two in a skillet. But convenience comes at a price, apparently, because this one was a complete dud. Five of our six tasters gave this the lowest score possible (1), and their comments were about as vehement as it gets. A darker orange hue than the others didn't appeal, for starters. "Looks like mac and cheese scraped off a sidewalk after three days in the sun," one said. Several seemed incredulous that this was a substance meant for human ingestion. "Might be the worst thing I've ever tasted," said one. "If plastic were edible this would be it," said another tester. One offered a succinct assessment: "No!" (Price: \$6.09/10.05 ounces at Wegmans)

6. Daiya Deluxe Mac & Cheese, cheddar style

Score: 11/60

Even in a sea of vivid noodles, Daiya stood out. As in, you could probably locate it in the dark, according to the panel. "Scary orange," "neon yellow" and "orange paint" were terms testers employed to describe its looks. And let us count the additional turnoffs, shall we? A "sticky," "odd" texture, for one. Oh, and there were the complaints about a "metallic" aftertaste, which one



We gathered a handful of popular, widely available vegan mac and cheese products — including the two new Kraft ones, as well as the regular-dairy standard-bearer — and put them to the test. One conclusion seems to be that deviating from the typical powdered-cheese format of boxed mac and cheese doesn't do a brand any favors.

taster likened to a "creamy canned soup — if it expired." Two members of our panel actually used the word "horrid." Jinx.

Note that this entrant was the only other brand (along with the Upton's) to deviate from the powdered-cheese format that most boxed brands use; it came with a baggie of premade sauce to combine with the noodles. Because both came in at the bottom of the heap, maybe the traditional route is superior? In that case, perhaps don't discount the brand entirely, because Daiya does have a powdered-cheese version coming out soon. (Price: \$6.49/10.6 ounces at Giant)

5. Annie's Vegan Mac, macaroni and cheddar flavor

Score: 20/60

For years, Annie's organic mac and cheese, a widely available alternative to the ubiquitous blue box, seemed like the grown-up at the kids' table. Its vegan version, though, wouldn't win this boring guest any repeat invites — but at least it didn't offend. Tasters weren't impressed with its "thin" sauce and forgettable profile. "Doesn't have any identifiable character," noted one. "Flavor isn't sharp enough," complained another. "Kind of muddy-tasting, if mud tasted like nothing." (Price: \$3.99/6 ounces at Harris Teeter)

4. Plant Based Kraft Mac & Cheese, white cheddar

Score: 27/60

This slightly upscale mac (thanks to its more natural color and the shell-shaped pasta) got mixed reviews. A couple of people found it to be "nice and creamy," but others complained that it was merely oily. One taster detected a "nutty" note and said it was a "decent approximation" of cheese. Still, we were stuck in

Blandville: "I'd want so much chili crisp or kimchi to liven up this baby!" (Price: \$4.99/6 ounces at Safeway)

3. Kraft Mac & Cheese, original flavor

Score: 35/60

Kudos to our taste testers and their discerning taste buds (not to mention their vivid recollections of their childhood and college sustenance): Every one of them pegged this as the Kraft O.G., with a couple citing those distinctive tubular noodles and "richer" mouthfeel. "Now this is the fake orange color I'm looking for!" enthused one. "Tastes like childhood," reminisced another. But the collective judgment shows that sometimes, things you loved as a kid just don't hold up. The tasters found the liquidy sauce "tasteless" (as in bland, not crass) and "boring." "I would believe you if you said it was just pasta with orange food coloring." (Price: \$2.99/7.25 ounces at Safeway)

2. Plant Based Kraft Mac & Cheese, original flavor

Score: 38/60

Turns out, the new vegan kid on the block showed up its long-time forebear, with the panel awarding this version a higher score than the original. Interestingly, it wasn't exactly that they were fooled into thinking there was actual cheese in the mix. (As one put it, "all it's missing is the subtle richness of real dairy.") But many thought the sample had more going on, flavor-wise, than most of the other bites they had sampled. Several judges sussed out a sweetness that they enjoyed. "Like a sweet, autumn creamy pasta," said one. "Reminds me of brown butter," was how another pegged the off-savory edge. A few praised

its "nutty" flavor. (Price: \$4.99/6 ounces at Safeway)

1. Goodles Vegan Is Believin', plant-based white cheddar with spirals

Score: 42/60

The spiral-shaped noodles proved to be an asset for this standout. "Fun to have curly pasta," enthused one taster. And

the shape allowed for the sauce to cling nicely, one noted, unlike on some of the others, where thin coatings had little to grip. "I like the chew," said a fan. Also putting it above the competition was a more sophisticated vibe, thanks to its natural-looking white-cheddar-like color and what several people thought was a just-right amount of salt. Tasters

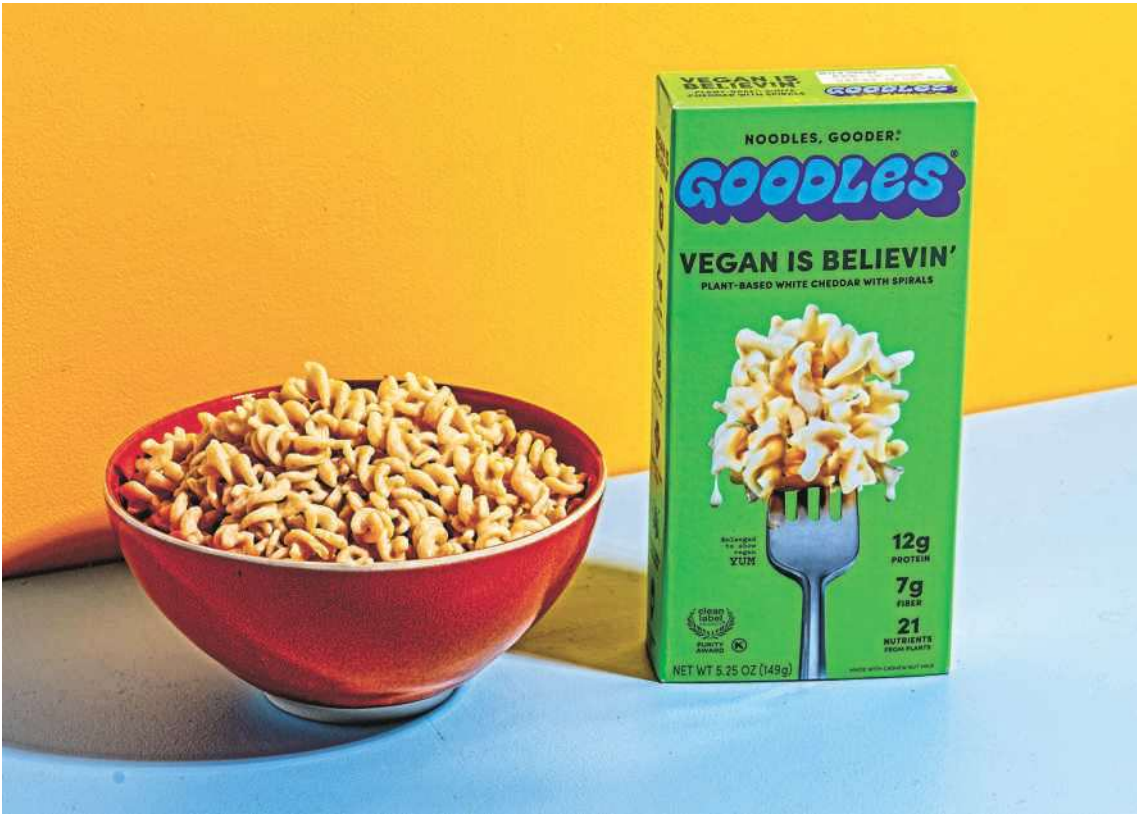
appreciated that it had a little "tang" and sharpness. "Maybe a little garlicky?" one suggested. And it didn't make some crave a condiment to liven things up. "I could eat this on its own, which is saying something," said one. "This tastes more elevated than the others — fancier, which I like," one summed up. (Price: \$4.69/5.25 ounces at Target)

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Goodles Vegan Is Believin' scored high thanks to its natural-looking white-cheddar-like color and what several testers thought was a just-right amount of salt.

Efficient, comforting and delicious: Spaghetti takes me back to simpler times

DINNER IN MINUTES FROM E1

picture the large, plastic white bowl with the blue lid that was somehow always sitting in the fridge, filled with leftover pasta, waiting for us whenever we were hungry and there wasn't time or energy to prepare a new meal.

No matter how good something is, with enough repetition, you crave something new, something different.

Once I moved out and could make my own decisions about what to cook and eat, I explored as many new cuisines as I could. That curiosity led me to the career I have now. And, ironically enough, here I am revisiting my mom's spaghetti to share with you because it's all the things those of us with busy lives want and need in our arsenal: efficient, comforting and delicious.

My mother's spaghetti is in the style of what is sometimes referred to as Black people spaghetti, which food writer Nneka M. Okona described in The Washington Post a couple of years ago. "This is no vat of unseasoned meat sauce," she wrote. "No barely covered noodles. Black spaghetti is saucy and flavored boldly." Each family and cook takes their own

liberties with the dish, and it can be enjoyed on its own as a main or as a side for fried chicken or fish.

My mother never followed a recipe, she says, but she always started with a base of onions and ground beef. Then she would add a jar or two of pasta sauce, making sure to swirl them with a bit of water to let no bits of tomato go to waste. (Perhaps unintentionally, this provided the added benefit of letting her simmer the sauce so the flavors could come together without it getting too thick.) Store-bought marinara gave my mother a jump-start, but she would always doctor it up with her own seasonings to get the flavor up to her standards. There were dried herbs and garlic powder, but what stands out most is the touch of sweetness in the spaghetti.

She always added some sort of sweetener to the sauce, which brings a lovely balance to the acidity of the tomatoes. I remember it being a squirt of barbecue sauce going into the mix, which also lent a subtle smokiness to the pot, though I wouldn't be surprised if ketchup sometimes made an appearance, too. In speaking with my mother about it recently, she mentioned



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using brown sugar and even a sugar alternative on occasion.

For my version of the meat sauce, I use Italian sausage in addition to ground beef, because I love the fennel, garlic and herb flavor it adds and reinforces.

And although there are some jarred marinara sauces that I love, canned tomato paste and crushed tomatoes are more consistent and give more control over the final outcome. As for my choice of sweetener, I opt for

brown sugar, because I love the extra hint of depth that the molasses in it adds to the sauce.

I can't remember the last time I'd made spaghetti before developing this riff on my mom's recipe. My first bite brought a

flood of emotions as I thought about how much has changed over the years and how much change is still to come. But it also gave me a warming sense of comfort, just like my mother's love.

Spaghetti With Meat Sauce

6 to 8 servings (makes about 12 cups)

Spaghetti with meat sauce was a staple of Aaron Hutcherson's childhood, and this recipe is an homage to his mother's version. It features a mixture of ground beef and Italian sausage, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and, for a touch of sweetness, brown sugar. It's designed to make a lot with plenty of leftovers, but you can freeze it — either just the sauce or the finished pasta — for smaller households.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days. Freeze either just the sauce or the finished pasta with sauce for up to 3 months.

Active time: 30 mins; **Total time:** 40 mins

From staff writer Aaron Hutcherson.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion (8 ounces), diced
- ½ teaspoon fine salt, plus more as needed
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1 pound ground beef, preferably 90 percent lean
- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- One (6-ounce) can no-salt-added tomato paste
- One (28-ounce) can no-salt-added crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons packed light or

- dark brown sugar
- 1 pound spaghetti
- Finely grated parmesan or pecorino Romano cheese, for serving (optional)

Steps

- In a large Dutch oven, pot or saute pan over medium-high heat, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the onion, salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion starts to brown around the edges, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Add the beef, sausage, Italian seasoning and garlic powder and cook, stirring and breaking the meat into small chunks with a spoon or spatula, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes.



A mix of Italian sausage and ground beef is used to make this meat sauce.

- Add the tomato paste and cook, stirring constantly, until evenly combined and the tomato paste slightly darkens,

1 to 2 minutes.

- Stir in the crushed tomatoes, water (swirl the water inside the can to get out all of the

tomatoes) and brown sugar, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally and adjusting

the heat as needed to maintain a gentle simmer, until the sauce reduces and the flavors come together, 15 to 20 minutes. Taste, and season with more salt or pepper as desired.

- Meanwhile, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook until just shy of al dente, 1 to 2 minutes less than the package cooking instructions. Transfer the pasta to the sauce (using tongs or by draining and pouring in) and cook, stirring frequently, until combined and the pasta is al dente, about 2 minutes. Divide among bowls, top with cheese, if using, and serve hot.

- **Substitutions:** Ground beef and Italian sausage >> any ground meat or plant-based alternative. Brown sugar >> barbecue sauce, granulated sugar, molasses, maple syrup or other sweetener. Spaghetti >> your favorite dried pasta shape.

Nutrition | Per serving (1½ cups), based on 8: 494 calories, 61g carbohydrates, 54mg cholesterol, 15g fat, 6g fiber, 30g protein, 5g saturated fat, 529mg sodium, 13g sugar

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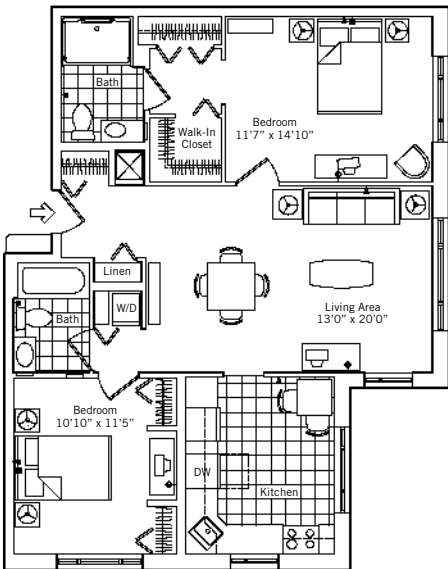
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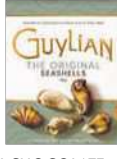
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Here are my five reasons to love grüner.

Grüner veltliner represents value at all price levels

You can find delicious, quaffable grüner in liter bottles for less than \$15, or thrilling, complex grüner for \$50 or more for a standard 750-ml bottle. Even those bottles on the higher end of the spectrum can rival much more expensive white burgundies in their depth and thrill factor.

For me, grüner's signature is white flowers, such as jasmine and honeysuckle. Toss in rose hips, even talc for complexity. These flavors are followed by a spiciness from white pepper and a stony minerality that seems to give voice to the Earth itself. Texture ranges from supple, crystalline spring water to a zesty creaminess.

I'm not alone in my love for the grape. Karen MacNeil, author of "The Wine Bible," says grüner veltliner "definitely deserves to get more attention from consumers than it does. With its creamy texture, vivid fruit flavors, splashes of minerals, echoes of lime zest, and above all, its subtle white pepperiness, great grüner veltliner is a showstopper."

Grüner ages well

Those liter bottles and simple grüners may be best within two years of the vintage, but higher examples, especially the single-vineyard bottlings (notable for the word Ried before the vineyard name), will reward your patience. About four or five years after the vintage, these wines begin to reveal their true expression, taking on extra depth and complexity. If you have a wine cellar, keep some top grüners back for a few years. Look for older vintages in restaurants. Don't talk yourself out of them with the mistaken idea that white wine must be consumed young.

Grüner is a chameleon

If you're ever caught in one of those awkward social situations where a wine geek traps you in a blind tasting, beware the grüner. Its flavors can be subtle, and it reveals itself more by what it isn't: It's not as weighty as chardonnay, nor as grassy as sauvignon blanc. Riesling and albariño emphasize tree fruit flavors. Focus on grüner's signature white flowers and white pepper to guide you.

Grüner is amazingly versatile with food

Salads, asparagus and artichokes are considered wine killers, but grüner can stand up to them if the dressing isn't too vinegary and the veggies aren't overcooked. Grüner also pairs well with the complex spices of Middle Eastern or South Asian cuisines. If you're an adventurous cook and are wondering what wine will go with your dinner, consider grüner veltliner.

Grüner isn't just Austrian anymore

Historically, grüner veltliner has been associated with Austria and neighboring regions that used to be part of the Austrian empire. It isn't ubiquitous around the world like chardonnay and sauvignon blanc, but it has made some impressive appearances. Several small California wineries make it, with my favorites being Fiddlehead, Carlisle, Field Recordings and Zocker. It's in Oregon (Ribbon Ridge), New York (Dr. Konstantin Frank, Weis), Virginia (Blenheim), Maryland (Black Ankle, Loew) and Pennsylvania (Galen Glen). If you travel, look for grüner from Australia's Adelaide Hills (Hahndorf Hill) and Canada's Okanagan Valley (Culmina).

Here are some of my favorite Austrian producers of grüner veltliner, in alphabetical order, with some specific recommendations below:

Alzinger, Anton Bauer, Bründlmayer, Domäne Wachau, Groiss, Hirsch, Knoll, Lenz Moser, Loimer, Markus Huber, Nigl, Nikolaihof, Paul D., Prager,



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Galen Glen Winery in Andreas, Pa., has become the standard-bearer for grüner veltliner on the East Coast of the United States.

Schloss Gobelsburg, Steininger, Tegernseerhof.

And here are five grüner recommendations to get you started.

GREAT VALUE
Paul D. Grüner Veltliner 2023
★★★★☆
Austria, \$14 for 1 liter
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GREAT VALUE
Domäne Wachau Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Terrassen 2022
★★★★☆
Wachau, Austria, \$19
Exuberant and on the fruity side for grüner, with apricot and peach blossom, accented with zesty citrus and peppery spice. Certified vegan, sustainable. ABV: 12.5 percent. BW: 430 grams (Light). Imported by Gonzalez Byass USA. Distributed locally by Southern Glazer's.

Galen Glen Grüner Veltliner 2022
★★★★☆
Lehigh Valley, Pa., \$20
Galen Glen has become the standard-bearer for grüner veltliner on the U.S. East Coast. Okay, that may be a small sample size, but this wine is consistently delicious, vintage after vintage. Its fruit leans to Bosc pear and Granny Smith apple with their blossoms, with a creamy consistency mid-palate and a peppery finish. As they say online, IYKYK. ABV: 12 percent. BW: 445 grams (Light). Distributed locally by Siema Wines.

Weingut Müller Grossmann Grüner Veltliner Satz Viertel 2022
★★★★☆
Kremstal, Austria, \$20
Crisp apple, Asian pear and jasmine headline the first impression on this wine, backed up by white pepper on the finish. Certified sustainable. ABV: 12 percent. BW: 420 grams (Light). Imported and distributed locally by Siema Wines.

Groiss Grüner Veltliner Braitenpuechtorff 2022
★★★★☆
Weinviertel, Austria, \$35
Ingrid Groiss's wines showcase mineral intensity, as though they ground you to the Earth. She also



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FROM LEFT: Paul D. Grüner Veltliner 2023; Domäne Wachau Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Terrassen 2022; Galen Glen Grüner Veltliner 2022; Weingut Müller Grossmann Grüner Veltliner Satz Viertel 2022; Groiss Grüner Veltliner Braitenpuechtorff 2022.

offers a Weinviertel appellation wine (\$22) and a reserve single-vineyard called Ried Pankraz (\$65). Both are outstanding. ABV: 12.5 percent. BW: 425 grams (Light).

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How could I make my great-grandma’s recipe if she didn’t write it down?

CHICKEN FROM EI

It was the one dish she made that I truly enjoyed. I was not a little girl who would gnaw a crispy chicken leg down to the bone. I was scared of dark meat, of cartilage, of accidentally nibbling something I should not. Gravy, with all its flecks and specks and who-knows-whats, made me shudder. But chicken and dumplings? I’d scoop seconds.

Grandma B died 24 years ago, and as the time without her stretches on, I’ve developed more than a few regrets about my not-eating habits, in large part because many of her best meals died with her. Grandma cooked without recipes, pinching and heaping and eyeballing. She made do with what she had, and she rarely let anyone help.

My mom, though, was smart enough to watch, and after Grandma died, she started making chicken and dumplings on special occasions. It was a labor-intensive process: boiling the bird, shredding the meat, skimming fat off the stock and rolling the dough for the rectangular, noodle-like dumplings. I was too busy growing up to learn all the tricks, and eventually we got too

busy as a family for a dinner that took half the afternoon to cook.

So when I asked my mom this winter whether she might help me re-create the recipe, she laughed. She jotted down some instructions, which were very much in the spirit of Grandma B’s approach to cooking. As in, they were vague: Get a chicken, bring out the flour canister, stock up on butter; ready, set, go.

My first attempt was a mess. My dumplings — just flour, stock and an egg — turned to glue upon chewing, and a whole boiled chicken was excessive (and messy). The dish needed color, and it was thin, soupy. Enter carrots and leeks and a buttery roux to give the broth some body. I swapped an entire bird with bone-in, skin-on breasts, and in what felt like a stroke of yuppie sacrilege, I decided to make the dumplings along the lines of a French *pâte à choux* (the base for cream puffs, *éclairs* and more), melting butter with stock, adding flour, cooking the mixture down, then beating in an egg. With every new iteration, I managed to up the flavor (and the richness), and I could feel myself getting closer.

By my fourth or fifth try, my chicken and dumplings were



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good, but they weren’t Grandma’s. I was stumped — until I recalled the smell that hung like a cloud in her kitchen. Bacon fat. I thought about the little tin she kept in her fridge, how she’d let the fat cool in her cast-iron skillet

and then pour it in the tin, each day another layer of rich, flavor-packed, glorified grease.

Grandma, I realized, made hundreds of vats of chicken and dumplings across nearly a century of change and catastrophe

and shifting trends: rationing, inflation, Crisco, margarine. And through it all, Grandma fried bacon. The key to chicken and dumplings lay in that ancient tin.

It was a simple switch, trading butter for bacon fat in the roux,

and as soon as the steam hit my nose, I knew I’d hit home. Finally, my chicken and dumplings tasted like her chicken and dumplings, and my kitchen smelled like one I can barely remember, a thousand miles and 24 years away.

Chicken and Dumplings

6 servings (makes about 9 cups)

Bacon grease lends deep, smoky flavor to this version of chicken and dumplings, a stew full of thick, dense noodles. It is distinct from other variations you may see with the equivalent of drop biscuits simmered on top. The bacon grease is a key part of this recipe, but in a pinch, you can use butter. This dish takes a little while to come together, but the result is worth it. It makes an ideal Sunday supper during cold, dreary days.

To make this recipe go faster, wash and cut the vegetables for the stew while the chicken is poaching.

Make ahead: The poached chicken and broth can be prepared and refrigerated separately for up to 4 days in advance.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days. The stew will thicken as it sits, because the dumplings will continue to absorb the broth. Gently reheat over low heat until warmed through, adding more broth or water as needed to loosen, stirring occasionally. Refrigerate leftover broth for up to 4 days, or freeze for up to 3 months.

Active time: 50 mins; **Total time:** 1 hour 45 mins

From writer Joan Niesen.

- Ingredients**
- 2½ to 3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts
 - 1 medium yellow onion (8 ounces), unpeeled
 - 1 small bunch fresh chives
 - 1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
 - 2 teaspoons fine salt, divided
 - 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided, plus more as needed
 - Generous ¾ cup plus ½ cup all-purpose flour, divided, plus more as needed
 - 1 large egg
 - 1 medium carrot, scrubbed and diced
 - 1 leek, white and light green parts only, thoroughly washed, halved and thinly sliced
 - ½ teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
 - Pinch crushed red pepper flakes

- 3 tablespoons bacon grease (see Substitutions)
 - Water, as needed
- Steps**
- In a large pot or Dutch oven, arrange the chicken skin side up and cover with enough cold water to submerge by 1 inch. Trim the root of the onion, then halve the onion through the stem; peel and dice one of the onion halves and set aside. Add the other onion half, with its skin, to the pot, followed by 4 chives, the peppercorns and 1½ teaspoons of the salt, and stir briefly to submerge the aromatics.
 - Set the pot over medium-high heat and bring to a gentle boil, skimming off the gray scum at the surface as needed. Once the liquid is gently boiling, im-



The dumplings in this recipe are made along the lines of a French *pâte à choux*, which is the base for cream puffs and more.

mediately remove from the heat and cover the pot. Poach the chicken until it registers 165 degrees on an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of the meat, away from the bone, about 25 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate and let sit until cool enough to handle, about 15 minutes. Using your hands or two forks, shred the meat into bite-size pieces and transfer to a medium bowl; discard the bones and skin. While the chicken is cooling, strain the broth through a fine-mesh strainer; discard the aromatics. Measure out 4½ cups of the broth, and refrigerate or freeze the rest for another use. Wash the pot and dry it thoroughly; you’ll use it again.

- In a medium pot over medium

heat, combine ½ cup of the broth, 3 tablespoons of the butter and ¼ teaspoon of the salt, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the butter melts. Meanwhile, finely chop 3 tablespoons of chives.

- Add a generous ¾ cup of the flour, and stir the mixture vigorously with a wooden spoon until it comes together into a dough. Continue to cook, stirring the mixture vigorously, until the dough is glossy and starts to pull away from the sides of the pot, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Remove the pot from the heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of the chives and stir with a wooden spoon to incorporate. Add the egg, and vigorously stir until fully incorporated, 2 to 3 minutes.

- Generously flour a large sheet pan. Using a No. 60 disher or measuring spoon, scoop scant 1-tablespoon portions of the dough, gently rolling them in the flour on the sheet to coat. Generously flour your hands, then roll and flatten each portion into a rough oval slightly less than ¼-inch thick. It’s okay if the disks look irregular. Return the flattened ovals to the floured sheet pan. You should get 12 to 16 dumplings.
- Return the large pot or Dutch oven to medium heat, and melt the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter. Add the carrot, leek and diced onion, and season with the remaining ¼ teaspoon of salt, the cracked black pepper and crushed red pepper flakes, stirring to combine. Decrease the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables soften, 7 to 10 minutes. Do not let the aromatics brown; adjust the heat as needed.
- Push the vegetables to the edges of the Dutch oven or pot, add the bacon grease to the center and let it melt. Whisk in the remaining ⅓ cup of flour and cook, whisking constantly to form a roux, until the mixture turns deep golden, 2 to 4 minutes. (It’s okay if some or most of the vegetables get into the roux.) While whisking, gradually add the remaining 4 cups of the reserved broth to bring the mixture together. The mixture should be thick and opaque, similar to a cream-based soup; if it feels too thick, add addi-

tional broth or water, ¼ cup at a time, to thin it out. Bring the liquid to a simmer, and gently add the dumplings one at a time, shaking off excess flour, evenly distributing them throughout the pot. (If needed, gently nudge the dumplings with a spoon to submerge them in the liquid.)

- Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook until the dumplings slightly puff and look less fragile, 12 to 15 minutes. Add the shredded chicken, stirring carefully to distribute the meat without breaking up the dumplings. Cook, uncovered, until the chicken is warmed through, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat, divide the chicken and dumplings among bowls, and sprinkle with the remaining chives. Serve hot.
- **Substitutions:** Can’t find bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts? >> Use chicken breasts or thighs with or without the skin or bones. Bacon grease >> regular salted or unsalted butter or plant-based butter. Dairy-free? >> Plant-based butter.
- **Variations:** If pressed for time, try making this dish using store-bought chicken broth and cooked chicken breast, such as from a rotisserie bird. Start with making the dumpling dough and pick up the recipe from there.

Nutrition | Per serving (1½ cups): 437 calories, 22g carbohydrates, 156mg cholesterol, 22g fat, 2g fiber, 38g protein, 10g saturated fat, 693mg sodium, 2g sugar

Recipe tested by Olga Massov; email questions to food@washpost.com

HOW TO

The 3 essential knives that every cook needs

BY AARON HUTCHERSON

The number of styles and types of kitchen knives for home cooks to choose from is enough to make your head spin. Plenty of people end up with one of those big block sets and just carry on with their cooking lives, but in the majority of cases, those sets contain far more pieces than the average cook will ever need.

In reality, most people can get away with just three: a chef’s knife, a paring knife and a serrated knife.

“If I were to have just the bare bones, those are the three,” Nini Nguyen, chef, cooking instructor and author of the upcoming cookbook “Dac Biet,” told me on a video call from her home in New Orleans. Here’s what you need to know about each.

Chef’s knife

“Your chef’s knife is going to be your workhorse,” Nguyen said. It’s the knife that you’re going to grab for the majority of the tasks in your kitchen, such as slicing onions, cutting butternut squash and breaking down a chicken. However, these kitchen MVPs present home cooks with lots of options when selecting one to add to your arsenal.

“But what kind of chef’s knife to buy?” staff writer Tim Carman wrote in The Washington Post. “A Western-style knife with a softer, V-shaped blade and a pointed

tip? Or a Japanese santoku or nakiri knife with a harder, single-edged blade and a more rounded (or flat) tip? Or maybe a hybrid knife, like one with hard Japanese steel but a heavier, Western-style handle? The choices are seemingly endless.”

For Nguyen, hybrid knives are her tool of choice. “I basically like Western-style knives made by Japanese companies,” she said. “I like the handle. I like how it holds. But I like the 50-50 bevel because it’s easier to sharpen.”

And when it comes to sharpness, the blade’s material makes all the difference in how long it keeps its edge. “I like the Japanese powdered steel because it stays sharp,” Nguyen said. “Carbon steel is really, really sharp, but it’s also very soft and so it dulls very fast,” which means more maintenance that she would not recommend for the average home cook.

Size is another important factor in selecting a chef’s knife. Nguyen likes average eight-inch knives, because she finds longer ones can be a little unwieldy. For cooks with smaller hands, she recommends a petty knife, which is the middle ground between a chef’s knife and a paring knife at around five or six inches long. “It can do a lot of good stuff,” she said.

When purchasing any knife, but especially a chef’s knife, Nguyen’s No. 1 rule is to go to an



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Most people can get away with just three knives: a chef’s knife, at top, used for most kitchen tasks; a serrated (or bread) knife, middle; and a paring knife, “for smaller projects,” says chef Nini Nguyen.

actual store and hold it. “Hold a lot of different knives and see what feels most comfortable [in] your hand,” she said. “Everyone has that one knife they always reach for when they’re in the kitchen. Make sure that you feel that knife and make sure it is going to be the knife you always reach for, because the chef’s knife is going to be the number one [knife] that you’re always going to use.”

I have a Shun classic Asian cook’s knife that I bought when I first started working in restaurants. Recipes editor Becky Krystal likes the Victorinox Swiss

classic chef’s knife, which is also what we have in our Food Lab, where we test recipes. Other favorites among the Food team include the Wüsthof classic chef’s knife, the MAC professional series chef’s knife with dimples and the Sabatier carbon steel chef’s knife (despite the increased maintenance).

Paring knife

“The paring knife is going to be for smaller projects,” Nguyen said, such as peeling apples and hulling and slicing strawberries. “You use them for all the stuff that you never want to use for

your chef’s knife, so I would say don’t spend too much money.”

Although there are more expensive options on the market, you can find a good paring knife for around \$10 that will suit most home cooks just fine. “I just kind of use whichever one is around,” Nguyen said. The go-to for pretty much everyone on the Food staff is also from Victorinox, and it also makes a popular serrated paring knife.

Serrated knife

Sometimes called a bread knife, a serrated knife is really the only tool you should use to

cut through a loaf. “Nothing is worse than watching someone — and I tried to do it today — cut bread with a regular knife,” Nguyen said. It’s all thanks to how they’re designed. “The long blade with a series of sharp teeth excels at neatly cutting through the exterior of crusty loaves and gliding through soft ones without crushing them,” Krystal wrote in The Post a few years ago.

But they can be used for more than bread. Serrated knives are ideal for cutting through tomatoes without smashing them, leveling cakes and chopping chocolate bars with less mess than a straight blade. “It also is great for carving,” said Nguyen, who uses hers for ham and watermelon. Another novel use? “If you’re turning artichokes and your knives are dull, the serrated knife is the fastest way to go through those fibrous [parts].”

Like with chef’s knives, “not all serrated knives are the same,” Nguyen said. They come in different lengths, and the handles can be either straight in line with the blade or offset. So again, hold a few to find the one that’s right for you.

Nguyen likes one from the brand Tojiro, because it has a thin and flexible blade. I still use the Mercer serrated knife that came in the kit I got from culinary school, which is also the brand Krystal recommends.

While great tools are a good thing, it’s even more important that you know how to use them. “It doesn’t matter what knife you have. It’s your knife skills,” Nguyen said. “[With] good knife skills and just the basic knives, you can get every job done.”