



**DISTRICT**

## House votes to kill D.C. noncitizen voting law

### 52 Democrats join move to repeal

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The House delivered a bipartisan rebuke Thursday to the District of Columbia over its new law allowing noncitizens — including illegal immigrants — to cast ballots in local elections.

Republicans cast the vote as part of a broader attempt to defend citizenship against attempts to dilute its value and put citizens on par with temporary visitors and unauthorized migrants.

“Put citizenship back in its rightful place as the gold standard,” said Rep. August Pfluger, the Texas Republican who wrote the legislation.

The bill was approved on a 262-143 vote, with Democrats joining Republicans, underscoring the issue’s political potency.

Democrats who opposed the bill said Congress should have been tackling gun violence or a warming Earth rather than spending time meddling in the local affairs of the nation’s capital. One Democrat said he wouldn’t accept lectures about the importance of voting from Republicans who refused to certify the 2020 election results.

“It is hypocrisy we’re seeing here today in this debate,” said Rep. Robert Garcia, California Democrat.

Noncitizen voting is illegal in federal elections, but some cities are experimenting with it for local contests.

The District’s policy is one of the most ambitious. It allows residents who have lived in the city for at least 30 days to register and cast ballots for mayor, city council, school and advisory commissions and other local elections.

That includes residents without any legal status. Republicans say it could even include agents of adversary nations, such as a spy working for the Russian Embassy.

The D.C. Council approved the non-citizen policy in late 2022 over Mayor

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**TO THE HEART:** Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump promised the Bronx to help “our Black population and our Hispanic population who are losing their jobs, losing their housing, losing everything they can lose.” Story, A5.

**CAMPAIGN 2024**

## Economy-minded Black voters boost Trump in battleground state polling

By **SUSAN FERRECHIO**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Former President Donald Trump is on track to win 20% or more of the Black vote in November, biting into President Biden’s base and tipping the numbers in his favor nationally and, more importantly, in battleground states.

An average of recent polls shows Mr. Trump leading in the seven swing states that will likely determine who will control the White House next year.

The former president’s advantage among voters averages from a bare lead of 0.1 percentage points in Wisconsin to nearly 5 points in Arizona, North Carolina and Nevada, according to RealClearPolitics.

In nearly all the polls, Mr. Trump was ahead of Mr. Biden in the swing states

with the help of Black voters. With other minority voters, they have abandoned Mr. Biden in significant numbers, mostly over the economy.

Mr. Trump’s internal polling reflects a similar upward trend in Black voter support in the battleground states.

“It’s being driven by middle-class and working-class Blacks,” said Jim McLaughlin, who polls for the Trump campaign. “They are comparing Biden and Trump, and they believe when Trump was president, they had more money in their pockets and they felt safer.”

Mr. Trump is vying for an even greater share of minority voters by promising to fix the economy, secure the southern border and lower crime rates.

On Thursday, the former president staged a rally in the South Bronx,

drawing a huge crowd in a traditionally Democratic enclave where most of the population is Black and Hispanic and a large percentage is working class.

While most analysts consider Mr. Trump’s chances of winning New York remote, the former president’s enthusiastic reception there is emblematic of Mr. Biden’s shrinking support from the Democratic Party’s longtime loyal base of non-White voters, particularly young non-White men.

If Mr. Trump increases his support among Black voters by just a few percentage points, it could cost Mr. Biden swing states, six of which he narrowly won in 2020 and where registered Black voters make up 5% to 30% of the electorate.

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**IMMIGRATION**

## Jordanians at Quantico raise alarm in House

### ‘Terrifying reality’ of border chaos

By **STEPHEN DINAN**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A worrying incident this month in which two Jordanian migrants were caught trying to push their way onto a Marine Corps base has members of Congress demanding answers into whether the men had terrorism ties.

House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Mark Green, Tennessee Republican, said

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the incident reflects a “terrifying reality” about the border, where an unprecedented number of people on the terrorism watchlist have been detected trying to sneak into the U.S. from Mexico.

“This brazen attempt shows we are in an even more dire situation than many want to admit, and that eventually, the consequences of these potential national security threats running loose in our country will come back to haunt us,” Mr. Green said in a letter obtained exclusively by The Washington Times.

In the May 3 incident, security forces at Marine Corps Base Quantico encountered a box truck approaching the base.

The two occupants said they were trying to make an Amazon-related delivery. Security pointed them to a quarantine area while their story was investigated, but the men defied the instructions, according to base officials.

They were arrested and turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which has confirmed the men were Jordanians and said they are now facing deportation. ICE, breaking with its usual practice, released no other details.

Potomac Local, the news website that broke the story of the incursion attempt, reported that one of the migrants was a recent border arrival and one is on a terrorist watchlist.

Mr. Green said that’s troubling. He and three of his subcommittee

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**HIGHER EDUCATION**

## Both sides say schools must pay for violations in Gaza protests

By **ALEX SWOYER**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel demonstrators agree on one thing: Universities are violating their First Amendment rights.

Activist lawsuits citing the First Amendment are squeezing schools nationwide as administrators seek to maintain safety and decorum on their campuses.

“Universities are in a difficult position,” said Will Creeley, legal director for the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. “It’s a minefield, and what we are worried about ... is that schools are going to err on the side of censorship first, ask questions later.”

Public and private universities have been hit with lawsuits over campus responses to demonstrations since Hamas’ Oct. 7 deadly assault on southern Israel and the Jewish state’s retaliation against the Palestinian terrorist group in the Gaza Strip.

• The Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law filed a federal complaint this week accusing Harvard University of tolerating “cruel anti-Semitic bullying, harassment, and discrimination” before

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**LEFT BEHIND:** Experts say traditional gear must be adapted to what is described as the first phase of “Iron Man” wars or “Star Wars” with armored “exoskeletons” and personal jet-propulsion units.

**SECURITY**

## Americans bring wrong weapons to wars without rules or clear enemy

By **ANDREW SALMON**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** | Americans are at war but don’t realize it.

That was a key takeaway from a major security conference held recently. Students of modern warfare noted that the current-generation, cross-domain conflict is, to borrow a phrase from Hollywood, “everything, everywhere, all at once.”

Adversarial states and non-state actors such as the Islamic

State and al Qaeda are deploying asymmetric assets that operate at low risk and low cost across real and virtual battlefields. Attendees at the annual Asan Plenum in Seoul heard that the U.S. and its allies have been unable to respond effectively to those assets.

While Western strategists promote the defense of the post-1945 “rules-based world order,” few, if any, rules or laws govern emerging domains such as cyberspace, outer space and “gray zone” tactics that stop short of

shooting wars. A tradition-bound, high-cost U.S. military has not yet built effective tactical or sustainable technological counters to gray-zone tactics and low-tech, economical weapons, critics argue.

**Conflict by computer**

The advent of the internet, which straddles military, commercial and public spaces, is the central battleground for an

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**INTELLIGENCE**

## Spies’ poor business skills imperil economic security

By **RYAN LOVELACE**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The intelligence community lacks the business knowledge needed to provide Americans with economic security from foreign theft, coercion and competition, current and former U.S. intelligence officials say.

The officials see gaps in their ability to detect technological surprises and threats to national

security emerging in the private sector, where adversaries such as China look to undermine and steal U.S. innovation.

Efforts to remedy the problems include changes to the spy agencies’ structure and new tools created in the private sector that can assist the government in analyzing America’s adversaries.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has created a unit focused on understanding cutting-edge technology applications, risks and

supply chains.

Casey Blackburn leads the burgeoning office of economic security and emerging technology with what he described as a “panicked sense of urgency.”

“Business acumen, we’re very short on that when it comes to analyzing national security,” Mr. Blackburn said at the Special Competitive Studies Project’s AI expo in Washington earlier this month.

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THE GOP: A GOOD GUEST

Some flattering reviews of the Republican Party are circulating in Milwaukee — site of the four-day Republican National Convention, which begins July 15 and will host some 50,000 delegates, officials, politicians, guests, journalists and broadcasters.

Milwaukee-area residents are pleased for a specific reason.

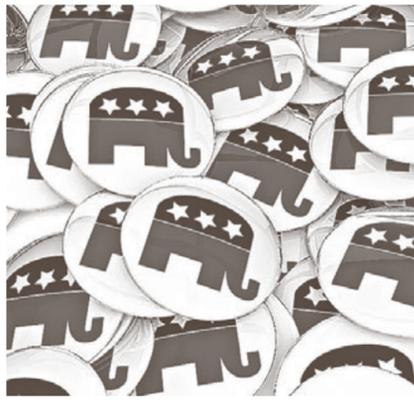
“Estimates put the number of people coming into the area at 45,000, with an estimated financial impact of \$200 million, according to Visit Milwaukee. All those visitors will need a place to stay, and the city proper has about 6,000 hotel rooms, necessitating a need to draw on lodgings from as far away as Madison, Lake Geneva and Sheboygan. But the RNC made a commitment to keep its guests in Wisconsin,” reported the Waukesha County Freeman, a news organization.

The gesture to benefit the local economy was appreciated.

“We think that it was a stark difference from the Democratic National Convention that was slated to happen in 2020 here. They sought other hotels — frankly a lot of hotels outside of Wisconsin, specifically Illinois. So we made a commitment from the get-go that all of our hotel placements would be in Wisconsin,” Jacob Fischer, spokesman for the convention, told the newspaper.

The Janesville Gazette, meanwhile, reported that local bus companies won contracts to supply 500 buses, shuttles and golf carts for the event.

“The 2024 Republican National Convention will send a tidal wave of activity throughout the Milwaukee area, at dozens of local venues where groups of delegates will gather for smaller-scale events ranging from breakfast meetings with key-note speakers to post-gavel cocktail receptions,”



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The Republican National Convention is expected to draw 45,000 people and \$200 million in financial impact to the Milwaukee area.

the Milwaukee Business Times stated.

Indeed. The Milwaukee 2024 Host Community has 1,014 entries on its official vendor list for the big event — which will take place at Fiserv Forum and Wisconsin Center District — Milwaukee’s convention center “campus,” which includes Baird Center, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Arena and the Miller High Life Theatre.

Curious about all this? Find the big doings at GOPconvention2024.com.

SAFEGUARDING THE SAVE ACT

Heritage Action, a conservative grassroots organization with 2 million activists nationwide, has sent a letter to the House Committee on Administration in support of the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, known as the SAVE Act.

The legislation, which would require states to ask for proof of citizenship when registering voters, was considered by the committee on Thursday. The organization is concerned about one aspect of the legislation in particular.

“It is undeniable that the current structure makes it possible for illegal immigrants and non-citizens to vote — and the American people have no way of knowing how widespread the problem may be,” said Ryan Walker, Heritage Action executive vice president, in a letter to Reps. Bryan Steil of Wisconsin and Joe Morelle of New York.

“The SAVE Act puts all of these issues to rest and gives Americans confidence that our elections are decided on a more even playing field. In a crucial election year, voters’ faith in the security and integrity of our system is essential for our republic,” Mr. Walker wrote.

The SAVE Act was introduced by Rep. Chip Roy, Texas Republican, and has 67 co-sponsors in the House.

ON THE RADAR

One Iowa lawmaker has much to think about on June 1. She’s the Republican of note at the annual “Roast and Ride” event for motorcycle and barbecue enthusiasts in the Midwest.

“Come join us at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines for a day that encapsulates the essence of the Hawkeye State: motorcycles, hog roasts, and special guest Sen. Joni Ernst,” the organizers said in a message to Inside the Beltway.

The ride itself draws a large and happy crowd, raises money for military veterans and is closely chronicled by the press.

“The day’s festivities will kick off at the Big Barn Harley Davidson with a motorcycle ride honoring those who’ve served our country and will end with a day of activities, Iowa BBQ, and guest speakers at the fairgrounds,” the message said.

Other guest attendees include such Iowa Republicans as Gov. Kim Reynolds, Sen. Chuck Grassley, and Reps. Wesley Hunt, Ashley Hinson, Zach Nunn and Randy Feenstra.

Mission Iowa is the actual host of Roast and Ride, by the way.

“We are a group committed to celebrating and promoting the conservative policies and people that have made Iowa strong,” the group said in a mission statement.

WEEKEND REAL ESTATE

For sale: The Estate of Delaplane Manor, a classic country manor house built in 1921 on 75 acres in Delaplane, Virginia. Ten bedrooms, 10 baths, grand foyer, original woodworking, interior columns, 11-foot ceilings; 9,579 square feet. Property features a 30-by-17 living room and “banquet sized” dining room, chef’s kitchen with breakfast room and large pantry, separate kitchenette on second floor, two “three season” sunrooms. Swimming pool with pool house, mature trees, barn, estate-style fencing and driveway, detached garage; manicured grounds include pond, nearby creek and panoramic views of the countryside. Priced at \$3.9 million through Mcleanfaulconer.com; enter VAFQ2007826 in the search function — and click on the property photo to access the listing.

POLL DU JOUR

- 46% of U.S. adults would be “very upset” if the candidate they support in the 2024 presidential election lost; 64% of Democrats, 52% of Republicans and 32% of independents agree.
• 54% of women and 38% of men also agree.
• 25% overall would be “somewhat upset” if their candidate lost; 21% of Democrats, 28% of Republicans and 29% of independents agree.
• 24% of women and 26% of men also agree.
• 11% would be “not so upset” if their candidate lost; 6% of Democrats, 9% of Republicans and 17% of independents agree.
• 10% of women and 12% of men also agree.
• 15% overall would not be upset at all if their candidate lost; 8% of Democrats, 9% of Republicans and 20% of independents agree.
• 8% of women and 22% of men also agree.
• 2% don’t know how they would react; 2% of Democrats, 2% of Republicans and 2% of independents agree.
• 3% of women and 2% of men also agree.

SOURCE: A QUINNIPIAC POLL OF 1,374 REGISTERED U.S. VOTERS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE MAY 16-20.

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ENERGY

GOP presses energy secretary on pause in liquefied natural gas export permits

By ALEX MILLER

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

House Republicans grilled Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm on Thursday on the Biden administration’s pause on liquefied natural gas exports and accused the administration of halting new LNG permits for political gain.

President Biden paused new permits for LNG exports in January, a move that raised the alarm in the oil and gas industry that it could harm ongoing LNG projects.

America has become a major exporter of LNG in recent years, particularly after Russia invaded

Ukraine in 2022.

Rep. Pat Fallon, Texas Republican, said that he was perplexed that the U.S. would pause natural gas exports when other countries such as China and Russia have not made the same commitment to cleaner energy sources.

By pausing natural gas exports, he said, Mr. Biden was “giving a gift” to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

“I bet you it’s going to resume magically right after the November elections,” Mr. Fallon told Ms. Granholm at the Oversight and Accountability Committee hearing.

When the pause was announced, the Energy

Department said it needed to assess how to better factor climate change into the permitting process.

Critics said the moratorium hurts the public interest because it could damage the economy and oil and gas industry, and weaken America’s energy independence.

In a testy exchange at Thursday’s hearing, Rep. Clay Higgins said that, under the Natural Gas Act, the Energy Department has to issue permits unless the agency finds that issuing permits is not in the public interest

“How can you pause permits and approvals if you have not determined that exporting LNG is or is not in the public interest,” said Mr. Higgins,

Louisiana Republican.

Ms. Granholm said that the point of the assessment, which is slated to wrap up early next year, was to find out whether exporting natural gas to foreign countries was in the public interest.

She added that the pause has “absolutely no impact” on any exports that are happening now.

“This pause only applies to new ones coming down the pike,” Ms. Granholm said. “Everybody who’s exporting now, everybody who’s under construction, everybody who’s authorized who doesn’t have a final investment decision, all can proceed.”

She continued, “We are the biggest exporter. We will continue exporting. It will not affect the jobs.”



INTERNATIONAL LAW

Biden notes U.S. refusal of ICC authority

President Biden said Thursday that the U.S. does not recognize the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court after the tribunal’s chief prosecutor requested arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

“We’ve made our position clear on the ICC. We don’t recognize their jurisdiction, ICC, the way it’s being exercised. We don’t think there’s an equivalence between what Israel did and what Hamas did,” Mr. Biden said at a joint press conference with Kenyan President William Ruto.

The U.S. is not one of the 124 countries that are ICC parties.

Since the ICC issued the warrants, Mr. Biden has emphatically defended Israel against war crimes charges being pursued by the world’s top court.

— Jeff Mordock

said. “So why you would invite somebody who has done such horrific things to the Palestinian people is something that, I think, is a very bad idea.”

— Mallory Wilson

2024 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Biden outspending Trump on airwaves

President Biden has spent more on television ads than former President Donald Trump in the presidential race, with the Democrat’s biggest investments being made in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Arizona.

Mr. Biden and supportive outside groups have funneled \$16 million into 20,000 ads on local and national broadcasts since March, according to a breakdown from the Wesleyan Media Project.

The Trump campaign has yet to spend a dime on television ads, while pro-Trump groups have shelled out \$8 million for more than 11,000 spots.

“We’re not seeing as many presidential ads as in past cycles, in part, because of relatively uncompetitive nomination races,” said Travis Ridout, co-director of the Wesleyan Media Project.

— Seth McLaughlin

DIPLOMACY

Trump says he would have reporter freed

Former President Donald Trump said Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich will be promptly released from Russian prison if he beats President Biden.

“Evan Gershkovich, the Reporter from The Wall Street Journal, who is being held by Russia, will be released almost immediately after the Election, but definitely before I assume Office,” Mr. Trump wrote Thursday on Truth Social.

“Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, will do that for me, but not for anyone else, and,” he added in all capital letters, “we will be paying nothing.”

Mr. Trump didn’t say how or why Mr. Putin would agree to free Mr. Gershkovich.

— Mallory Wilson



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President Biden asked for repeats of questions and lost track of when it was his turn to call on a reporter during a joint press conference on Thursday with Kenyan President William Ruto.

WHITE HOUSE

Biden asks for repeats, loses track at press conference

A listless President Biden stumbled through a joint press conference Thursday with Kenyan President William Ruto, twice telling reporters he didn’t catch their questions and snapping at another journalist.

During the press conference Mr. Biden, at 81 the oldest president in history, either struggled to hear or stopped paying attention while the selected reporters were talking, forcing two of the four journalists who asked questions to repeat themselves.

“I’m sorry. I didn’t catch all your question,” Mr. Biden told a reporter from Kenya, who asked about U.S. funding for developing countries in Africa.

The exchange happened after a U.S. reporter, April Ryan of Grio, asked both Mr. Ruto and Mr. Biden questions that she had to repeat.

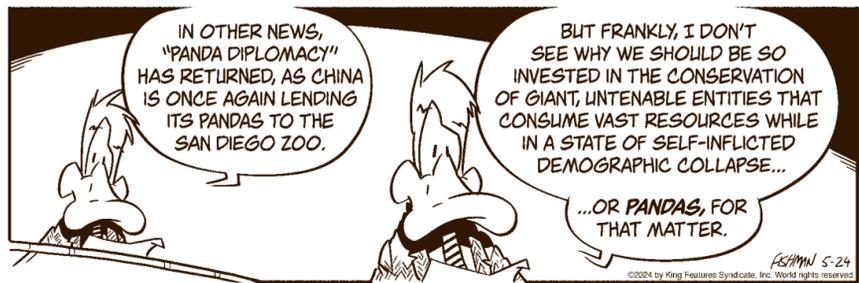
“What was my question?” he asked Ms. Ryan, who had asked about the Haiti security crisis.

Mr. Biden also lost track of when it was his turn to call on a reporter. In joint press conferences with foreign heads of state, each leader usually takes a turn.

“OK, next, I, uh — do I ask the next question?” Mr. Biden asked, turning to Mr. Ruto for guidance.

— Jeff Mordock

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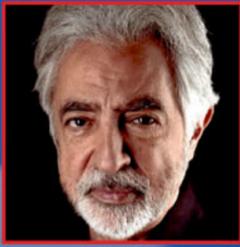
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# Politics

## SENATE

# Second attempt for border legislation sees drop in support

## Procedural vote fails to clear filibuster with 43 votes

By **LINDSEY MCPHERSON**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Senate Republicans and a handful of Democrats blocked a second attempt Thursday to advance a bill designed to slow migration at the southern U.S. border, with fewer senators supporting the bill than in February when the measure was brought up for a vote as part of a foreign aid package.

The procedural vote failed 43-50, well short of the 60 votes needed to survive. Several senators flipped their votes from February when the drive to pass foreign aid to Ukraine and other U.S. allies helped bolster support for the border bill.

Three of the four Republicans who voted for the bill earlier this year flipped their votes to “no” on Thursday, including Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford, who spent months negotiating the details of the border bill with Sens. Christopher Murphy, Connecticut Democrat, and Kyrsten Sinema, Arizona independent. Ms. Sinema also reversed course and voted against the bill Thursday.

Mr. Lankford told The

Washington Times he changed positions because Democrats decided to bring the bill up for another vote solely for political messaging purposes, rather than having conversations about how they could change senators’ minds and win enough support to pass it. He said the failed vote won’t boost vulnerable Democratic incumbents struggling with messaging on the border issue.

“No. 1, it’s Memorial Day week. No one’s paying attention right now,” he said. “Honestly, they’re not thinking about this at all. And the other one is, no one’s going to expect it to be different. I think the story will be that it will have fewer votes ‘yes’ this time than it did last time.”

President Biden responded to the second bipartisan vote to kill the bill by chiding Republicans.

“Congressional Republicans do not care about securing the border or fixing America’s broken immigration system. If they did, they would have voted for the toughest border enforcement in history,” he said in a statement.

GOP Sens. Susan M. Collins of Maine and Mitt Romney of Utah also flipped their votes from “yes”

in February to “no” on Thursday. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska was the only Republican to support the bill on both votes.

“Everybody knows that it’s just a messaging bill from Chuck Schumer that will have no impact,” Mr. Romney told the Times, referring to the Democratic Senate majority leader. “The American people already know who’s responsible for the mess at the border, and this little bill is not going to change that.”

Ms. Collins said Mr. Schumer’s scheduling of the procedural vote on Thursday afternoon as senators readied to leave for Memorial Day weekend and a week off underscored that it was solely a political gesture.

“We do need to do a serious border security bill, and I thought we were on the verge of it last time, even though I wanted some changes,” she said. “But it’s obvious that this is unfortunately not a serious attempt to make law.”

The bill would tighten standards for migrants seeking asylum and implement a system to temporarily shut down the border if crossings reach a certain threshold, among other provisions.



Sen. James Lankford, Oklahoma Republican, pointed to the timing of the vote on the border bill as a problem.

Democratic support for the bill also dropped, with two who previously supported it voting ‘no’ this time.

“I have a lot of frustrations that the Republicans have walked away,” New Jersey Sen. Cory A. Booker, one of the Democrats who flipped his vote, told The Times. “The betrayal to me is pretty extraordinary.”

Mr. Booker also has personal objections to some of the migration restrictions in the bill and the fact that it does not include any effort to legalize certain classes of undocumented immigrants.

The other Democrat who flipped positions was Sen.

Laphonza R. Butler.

Mr. Murphy argued that a drop in Democratic support actually strengthens their point that the bill is designed to get to a solution rather than score political points.

“The fact that we will not have unity in the Democratic caucus makes perfectly clear the fact that this is a bipartisan bill that involves Democrats making real compromise and sacrifice,” he told The Times.

Both parties argued political motivations stood in the way of any real effort to fix the border crisis.

Republicans complained that

Democrats were only holding the vote to prop up Mr. Biden and their vulnerable incumbents seeking to look tough on border security — a ploy they promised wouldn’t work. Voters know that the president has the executive authority to address the border crisis, and that his decision to rescind Trump-era restrictions is what led to record border crossings, GOP senators argue.

“Don’t listen to what he says, watch what he does,” Sen. Roger Marshall, Kansas Republican, said of Mr. Biden. “The blood of hundreds of thousands of Americans are on his hands. And whether it’s Jon Tester or any other of the Democrats that are up in purple states, the American people are going to hold them accountable, and there’s nothing they can do to bring those people’s lives back.”

The administration has at times waffled over how much authority Mr. Biden has to fix the border. But on Wednesday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre acknowledged that the president could take unilateral action, while maintaining that Congress should act.

“Why should he have to do it unilaterally?” she said. “Why shouldn’t we do it in a legislative way?”

## HOUSE

# ATF director rebuffs House Republicans over raid of executive

## Agents weren’t wearing bodycams

By **KERRY PICKET**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Director Steven Dettelbach of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives stonewalled House lawmakers Thursday as they grilled him about an early morning ATF raid in which agents fatally shot Bryan Malinowski, executive director of the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Judiciary Committee Republicans criticized Mr. Dettelbach for refusing to answer questions about why ATF agents were not wearing body cameras, as agency policy requires, when the officers on March 19 approached Malinowski’s home in Chenal Valley, Arkansas, and broke down his door to serve a warrant.

The raid sparked a gunfight between the agents and Malinowski, 53, who died from gunshot wounds.

According to an unsealed affidavit, Malinowski was suspected of illegally selling firearms without a federal firearms license.

The warrant alleged that Malinowski sold 150 firearms between May 2021 and February 2024 and that six of those guns were eventually used in crimes.

House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan, Ohio Republican, asked Mr. Dettelbach, “Why did you put the tape on the doorbell camera? Why did you cut the lights? And why didn’t [the agents] wear the bodycams? And what are you trying to hide?”

Mr. Dettelbach responded, “The reason that we called for the investigation is we’re not trying to hide anything. The reason I’m not going to talk about what’s going on in that investigation is to respect its independence.”

“Out of fairness, there’s a reason for the Department of Justice policy that’s existed for so many decades, about not commenting on pending matters,” Mr. Dettelbach said.

Mr. Jordan asked whether Little Rock Police officers who accompanied the ATF agents were wearing bodycams, but Mr. Dettelbach responded again that he would not comment on the Malinowski case.

The ATF director said the Department of Justice policy allows for local law enforcement



Dettelbach

on such operations to follow their own guidelines and policies regarding body-worn cameras.

According to Mr. Jordan, it was the Little Rock

Police Department’s policy to wear them, but they were not wearing them during the raid on Malinowski’s home.

Mr. Jordan pressed Mr. Dettelbach whether he had told the Little Rock Police Department not to have its officers wear bodycams that day.

“Again, it is it is simply unfair at this point [to respond] while there’s a pending investigation,” Mr. Dettelbach said.

GOP lawmakers say that Malinowski was fearful of a home intrusion on March 19 and was prepared to defend his family when the ATF raid occurred. He and his wife encountered what they believed to be home intruders, resulting in the exchange of gunfire with ATF agents.

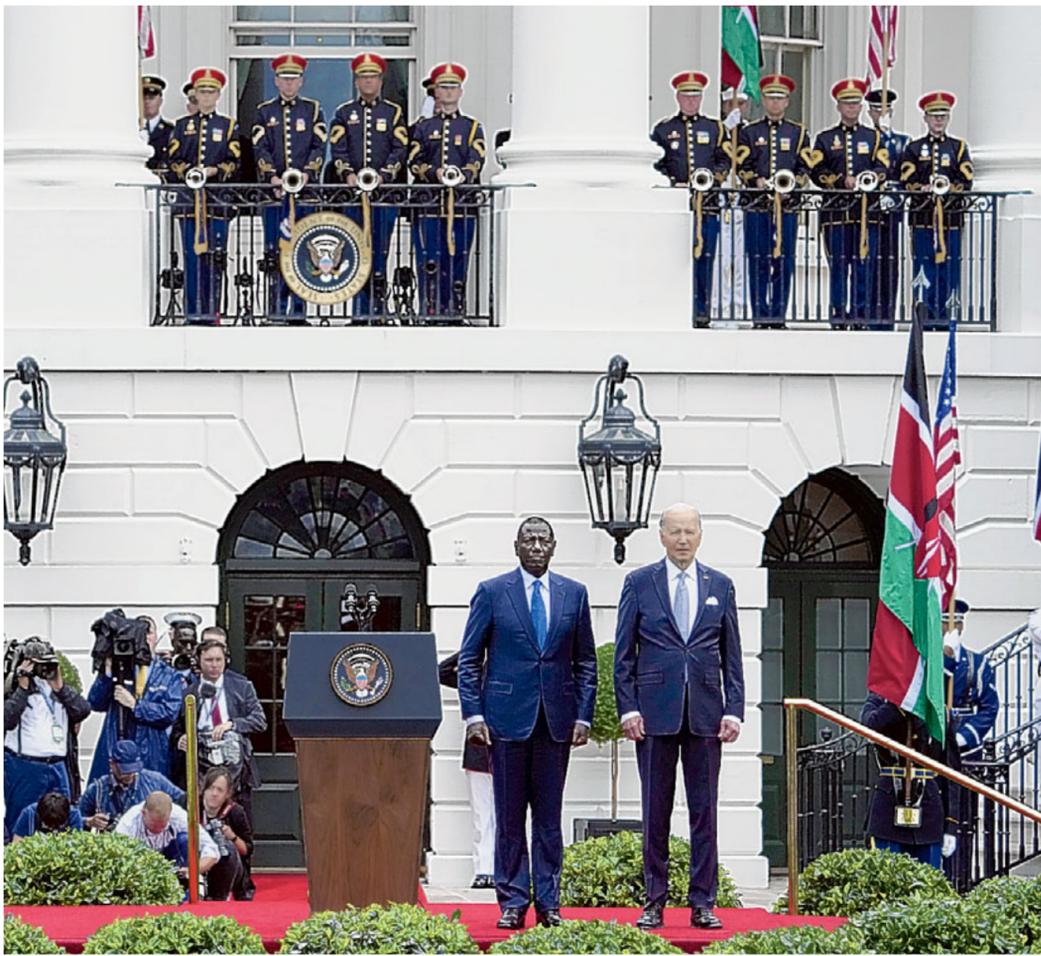
House Judiciary Democrats hit back at Republicans’ criticism of the ATF, citing spending cuts to the department and calls from some GOP lawmakers to “abolish” the agency.

“It’s awfully rich for some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to lecture you... about crime and gun trafficking when they have worked vociferously over the last 17 months to defund the very agency that you lead that is charged with addressing gun trafficking,” Rep. Joe Neguse, Colorado Democrat, told Mr. Dettelbach.

Mr. Neguse asked, “How much did President Biden’s fiscal year ‘24 budget request? What was the total?”

Mr. Dettelbach replied, “I believe that the number I’m very familiar with, the amount of the cut [by Congress] was \$47.5 million. That was the salary and expenses cut, causing us not to hire agents.”

Mr. Dettelbach said the cut is also causing the ATF to not be out with their “state and local partners arresting carjackers and violent criminals.”



President Biden and Kenyan President William Ruto stand during a State Arrival Ceremony outside the White House on Thursday.

## WHITE HOUSE

# Biden to name Kenya ‘non-NATO ally’

## Official state dinner part of effort to boost ties with African nation

By **JEFF MORDOCK**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Biden welcomed Kenyan President William Ruto to the White House on Thursday for an official state dinner as part of his efforts to deepen relations with the East African nation, a key ally in fighting against the Islamic State and other terror groups on the continent.

During the visit, Mr. Biden notified Congress of his intention to designate Kenya a “major non-NATO ally.” The designation is bestowed on countries whose militaries have strategic working relationships with the U.S., but not necessarily a mutual defense pact.

“Kenya is one of the United

States Government’s top counterterrorism and security partners in sub-Saharan Africa, and the designation will demonstrate that the United States sees African contributions to global peace and security as equivalent to those of our Major non-NATO Allies in other regions,” Mr. Biden wrote in a letter to Congress.

Kenya would be the first sub-Saharan African country to earn the designation. Mr. Ruto is the first African leader to make a state visit to the White House since 2008.

At a joint press conference, Mr. Biden said the ties between the two nations would enable the two countries to tackle challenges together, including health, security, technology and debt.

“Taken together, these are responsibilities Kenya and America must face together as partners,” he said. “For prosperity, for innovation and, most important, for democracy.”

The security partnerships will boost the two nations’ counterterrorism efforts in Africa, including battling the Islamic State and the Sunni Islamist al-Shabab organization.

Kenya has also participated in the Ukraine Defense Contact Group and a maritime task force launched by Mr. Biden to combat Houthi aggression against vessels in the Red Sea.

Beyond that, Mr. Ruto is sending roughly 1,000 Kenyan police officers to Haiti as part of a multilateral security mission to help quell gang

violence. The move was welcomed by the Biden administration as a show of global leadership by Kenya.

Mr. Biden pulled out all the stops for Mr. Ruto, including an Oval Office meeting, a lavish state dinner with lobster and braised short ribs and a joint press conference, honors typically reserved only for key U.S. allies.

As part of his visit, Mr. Ruto also met with former President Barack Obama, whose father was from Kenya.

The president has repeatedly pledged to travel to Africa but has pushed it off, and delayed that promise yet again. When asked when would visit Africa, Mr. Biden responded, “In February after I’m reelected.”

REPUBLICANS

# Trump said to be 'excited' about Scott's Senate GOP leader bid

## Thune, Cornyn also in the mix to replace McConnell

By Lindsey McPherson  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Sen. Rick Scott spoke to former President Donald Trump about entering the race to replace Mitch McConnell as Senate GOP leader, telling The Washington Times, "He was excited I'm getting in."

The Florida Republican said he does not know if Mr. Trump will endorse him for the position but noted that he's known the former president since before either of them left the business world to seek political office.

It didn't take long for Mr. Scott to start making calls to his fellow GOP senators after announcing his bid Wednesday. He told The Times Thursday morning that he had already spoken to every Republican senator.

The Senate Republican Conference will vote later this year,

after November's elections, to select a new GOP leader for the next Congress.

They currently have three choices, but the field could still grow.

Mr. McConnell, the longest-tenured leader of his party, is voluntarily vacating the position but will remain in the Senate and get to vote on his successor.

Sens. John Thune of South Dakota and John Cornyn of Texas, the respective current and former No. 2 in GOP leadership, quickly announced their bids for GOP leader after Mr. McConnell decided to step aside. On Thursday, they said Mr. Scott's decision to run was not a surprise and welcomed him into the race.

"He's a valuable member of our conference and I look forward to having a discussion about what kind of changes that he's going to recommend," Mr.

Cornyn said.

All three GOP leader candidates have endorsed Mr. Trump as the presumptive Republican nominee for president.

But Mr. Thune and Mr. Cornyn have at times distanced themselves from the former president in the years since his 2020 loss and the Jan. 6, 2021, riots at the U.S. Capitol to prevent certification of President Biden's win.

Mr. Cornyn said it's "entirely up to the president" when asked if Mr. Trump should stay out of the GOP leader race.

But he indicated he doesn't think Mr. Scott portraying himself as the pro-Trump candidate would give him an edge.

"My experience in these races are the ultimate insider race because it's built on trust and relationships within the conference, so I don't expect this to be any different," Mr. Cornyn said.



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"He was excited I'm getting in," Sen. Rick Scott said of former President Donald Trump's response to his bid for Republican Senate leader.

Sen. Mike Rounds, for example, is still supporting Mr. Thune, his South Dakota delegation mate, despite a "good talk" with Mr. Scott on Wednesday night.

"I've known John Thune for

40 years. He's solid. He's the right guy for the job," Mr. Rounds said. "He'll make some major changes in the way that the Senate is operating today. I think we'll actually get some stuff done."

Sen. J.D. Vance, Ohio

Republican, said he will not declare his support in the GOP leader race for some time as he welcomes new entrants like Mr. Scott to foster dialogue around the direction of the conference.

"The more the merrier," Mr. Vance said. "In the GOP conference, we need to have a real conversation about what we want to look like for the next Congress and the next generation."

Mr. Vance, a close ally of Mr. Trump, said he thinks the former president will eventually provide his opinion on who should lead Senate Republicans but not before the November election.

"I would be surprised if anybody from Trump world weighed in before the elections. I think we're all just focused on seeing what kind of a majority we hopefully have and then figuring it out from there," he said, noting the dynamics of the race could change depending on how the election shakes out. "There's a lot of uncertainty."



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Supporters of former President Donald Trump gather ahead of a campaign rally in the Bronx borough of New York on Thursday. Democratic leaders representing the state were skeptical that Mr. Trump has much of a fan base in the area.

CAMPAIGN 2024

# Trump blames Biden policies for harming Black, Hispanic people

By Seth McLaughlin  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Former President Donald Trump waded into hostile political territory Thursday in the South Bronx to tell voters that people of color have been the biggest losers on President Biden's watch.

Mr. Trump said the Biden administration is responsible for the policies that have fed inflation, rising crime and illegal immigration. These problems have hit impoverished communities the hardest, he said.

"African Americans are getting slaughtered, Hispanic Americans are getting slaughtered," Mr. Trump said. "These millions and millions of people that are coming into our country — the biggest impact and the biggest negative impact is against our Black population and our Hispanic population who are losing their jobs, losing their housing, losing everything they can lose."

Home to one of the nation's most demographically diverse communities and the poorest borough in New York City, the Bronx served as an ideal backdrop for Mr. Trump's message.

"On Day One, we are going to throw out Bidenomics, and replace it with MAGAomics," Mr. Trump said, sparking applause from the crowd. "The minute Joe Biden shuffles out the door, I will rapidly rebuild the greatest economy in the history of the world."

Mr. Trump said everybody was better off economically when he was in office. Mr. Trump's star power was on display as the event attracted an estimated 25,000 people, according to a Republican National Committee spokesperson.

Democrats panned the idea that Mr. Trump has a big Bronx fan base.

"Donald Trump's rally may be IN the South Bronx but it is not OF the South Bronx," said Rep. Ritchie Torres, who represents the area, on social media. "Bluntly put, the Trump transplants are much whiter than the locals of the South Bronx, which is almost entirely Latino and Black."



"On Day One, we are going to throw out Bidenomics, and replace it with MAGAomics," former President Donald Trump said during the rally.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, also of New York, said the visit was done solely out of political convenience. "He is doing it in the South Bronx not to make a point, but because he has court and the man practically has the legal version of an ankle bracelet around him," she said before the rally.

The event played out during a hiatus in Mr. Trump's hush money criminal trial has kept him trapped inside a New York courtroom four days a week since mid-April.

The case has forced Mr. Trump to trade campaigning in key battleground states for campaigning in the Big Apple.

He has visited a Harlem bodega, mingled with union workers at a construction site, and visited a fire station in Midtown Manhattan to drop off pizzas and pose for photos with first responders.

New York has been reliably Democrat in presidential elections.

President Reagan was the last Republican to carry New York in his 49-state landslide victory over Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale in 1984.

Mr. Trump, meanwhile, lost New York by more than 20-point margins to President Biden in 2020 and to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Despite that, he has promoted the idea that "we are going to win New York."

Political analysts, however, say Mr. Trump's visit to the South Bronx and campaigning around New York is about sending a signal to Black and Hispanic voters in key battleground states across the country that he wants their support, and that Mr. Biden no longer deserves it.

There also is a sense that the visit could help soften his image in the eyes of suburban voters.

Mr. Biden rode the support of young voters, women voters and people of color to victory in the 2020 election, recreating the so-called Obama coalition that has powered Democrats in recent elections.

Polls, though, show Mr. Biden's support among Black voters and Hispanic voters has slipped.

Mr. Trump, who first became famous as a New York City real estate mogul, said his hometown has become a shell of its former self and pledged Thursday to return it to its former glory if elected president.

He said New York City used to be a "testament to the American spirit and the American dream," but "sadly this is now a city in decline."

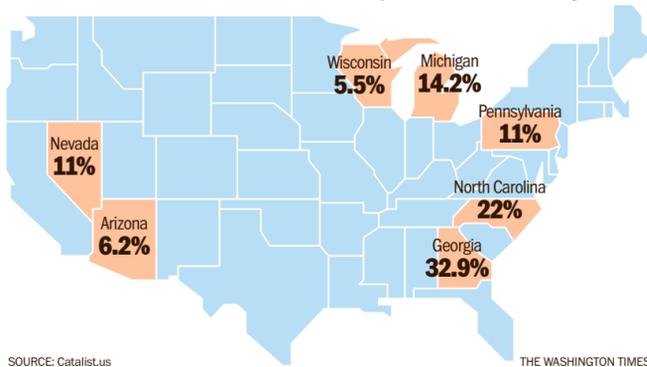
He said homelessness has reached a crisis level, criminals are running wild, and "mobs of migrants are fighting our police officers and giving America the middle finger."

"The simple fact is Joe Biden is not getting the job done for the Bronx, he is not getting the job done for New York and he is not getting the job done for America," Mr. Trump said. "He is incompetent. He is grossly incompetent." Mr. Trump vowed to "make New York City great again."

"Remember this, if a New Yorker can't save this country — no one can," he said.

### BATTLE FOR BLACK VOTERS

Black voters could determine the outcome of the presidential election in November. Here's how much of the electorate they accounted for in the 2022 elections in the seven battleground states where President Biden and former President Donald Trump will duke it out this year.



SOURCE: Catalist.us

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## VOTERS

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In Georgia, where Mr. Biden prevailed in 2020 by fewer than 12,000 votes, roughly 2.1 million registered voters are Black, making up 30% of the registered electorate, state data shows.

A New York Times/Siena poll released this month found Mr. Trump ahead of Mr. Biden in Georgia by 3 percentage points, and his lead was bumped up by support from Black voters.

The poll found that 20% of Black registered voters in the state planned to or were leaning toward voting for Mr. Trump in a head-to-head matchup, a dramatic increase from 2020 exit polling, which showed 11% of Black voters chose Mr. Trump at the ballot box.

In the same poll, only 66% of Georgia's Black registered voters said they would back Mr. Biden, a sharp decrease from the 88% of Black voters who helped him flip the state four years ago.

Overall, Mr. Trump's support has grown remarkably in the battleground states surveyed, which, in addition to Georgia, include Nevada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Arizona.

On average, 23% of Black voters backed or leaned toward Mr. Trump, up from 9% who said they voted for him in 2020 and a 19% jump from the same poll four years ago, when just 4% planned to vote for him.

Mr. Biden's support among Black swing state voters appears to have plummeted from 87% who said they voted for him in 2020 to 63% who say they plan to or are leaning toward voting for him in November.

Among Black voters, 76% rated the economy — their No. 1 issue — as fair or poor.

Mr. Trump's encroachment on the president's once-loyal base of Black voters is rattling the Biden campaign, which has deployed Mr. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to Black communities in Georgia and other swing states.

The Biden campaign has also pumped \$1 million into advertising in Black media. "The president has done more Black radio interviews than any other medium thus far on the campaign — 11 interviews this year alone," Biden campaign senior adviser Trey Baker said in a memo about Mr. Biden's Black outreach.

This month, Mr. Biden sat down with popular DJ and rapper Big Tigger before visiting Morehouse College, where he delivered the commencement address to the 2024 graduates.

The president also made a weekend campaign swing through Detroit, a heavily Black enclave that traditionally votes Democratic. He visited a Black-owned business and addressed attendees at an NAACP dinner.

Mr. Biden's support among Black voters in Michigan has been steadily



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Even a small share of Black voters switching their support to Donald Trump could cost President Biden some of the swing states he won in 2020.

dropping from 88% who voted for him in 2020 to 82% in March and down to 77% in April, according to CBS News Polls.

Of Michigan's 8.3 million registered voters, an estimated 14.2% are Black, according to Catalist, a data company that provides demographic breakdowns of the electorate for Democratic and liberal groups.

Analysts say polls showing rising support among Black voters for Mr. Trump doesn't guarantee they will vote for him in November, but it signals a serious lack of enthusiasm for Mr. Biden that could significantly depress turnout for him in November.

In battleground states, including Pennsylvania, which Mr. Biden won by just 80,000 votes, even a small shift in the Black vote could flip the state to Mr. Trump.

Black voters made up 11% of the state's nearly 7 million voters who turned out in 2020, according to exit polling. Seven percent voted for Mr. Trump, while 92% voted for Mr. Biden.

In the New York Times/Siena Poll, 18% of Black registered voters in Pennsylvania said they would vote for Mr. Trump in November in a head-to-head matchup, while 69% said they would choose Mr. Biden.

Overall, the survey showed that Mr. Trump led Mr. Biden 47% to 44%. Black voters in Pennsylvania ranked the economy as the most important issue in the upcoming election. Among them, 88% rated economic conditions fair or poor.

Bernard Yost, director of the Lancaster, Pennsylvania-based Franklin and Marshall College Poll, said the numbers show daunting challenges for the Biden campaign in shoring up support among Black voters, even if they don't ultimately cast their votes for Mr. Trump.

"The big question is, are these people who've expressed dissatisfaction at the end of the day really going to vote for Trump? Or will they stay home?" he said. "The net effect is probably close to the same because Biden needs them to come out and support him."

## BASE

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chairs fired off a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, FBI Director Christopher A. Wray and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin demanding to know what, exactly, happened at Quantico and who the two men really are.

"If individuals on the terrorist watchlist are so emboldened to attempt to breach a Marine Corps base, the Department of Homeland Security and the entire executive branch must act swiftly to identify, apprehend, and detain such hostile actors on American soil," the lawmakers said.

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, also has prodded the Biden administration, asking Mr. Mayorkas for details on the two men.

"Please explain how they came to the United States," he said.

The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to a request for comment.

The possibility of a terrorist threat making it across the southern border has loomed large as Mr. Biden oversees the most chaotic border in modern times.

Since the start of 2021, more than 360 people on the terrorist watchlist have been detected jumping the southern border. The figure for four years under

President Trump was 11.

Republicans also point to the large number of what they call "military-age men" coming from adversarial nations and troubled regions.

Homeland Security, while agreeing to release the overall terror entry data, has declined to say much more about who exactly is being detected and what's done about it.

Mr. Mayorkas has declined to say whether all terror watchlist migrants are being detained. Instead, he has told members of Congress his department will attempt to detain and deport migrants if his staff believes the migrants pose a safety threat.

In the Quantico base incident, authorities described it as an "unauthorized

access attempt."

It happened on May 3 at the base's Fuller Gate.

The two men approached the gate in a box truck and were stopped by the sentries. The men said they were making a delivery to the post office.

Military police directed them to a waiting area to conduct a further investigation.

"It was at that time, one of the military police officers noticed the driver, ignoring the direct instructions of the officers, continued to move the vehicle past the holding area and attempted to access Marine Corps Base Quantico," a base spokesman said.

"Due to the swift response and execution of their duties, the officers were able

to deploy the vehicle denial barriers, prevent any further access to Marine Corps Base Quantico, and detain the individuals who were eventually turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody," the spokesman said.

ICE spokesman James Covington said in a statement that deportation officers responded and arrested both men "without incident."

"Both individuals will remain in ERO custody pending removal proceedings," Mr. Covington said. "Entering the United States without authorization is a violation of federal law, and those who do so [may] be subject to administrative arrest, and in some cases, criminal prosecution."

## WARFARE

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invisible struggle. Big nations and big corporations are struggling to catch up.

"There are three kinds of companies," said Lee Chung-min, an analyst with the Carnegie Foundation: "companies that have been hacked by China or North Korea, companies that have been hacked by China or North Korea and don't know it, and companies that are going to be hacked by China and North Korea."

National security networks are fortified with firewalls, but incompetence, malice and corruption offer infiltration routes to hostile players.

"Cybersecurity depends on everyone," said Yang Uk of the Asan Institute, warning that PC and smartphone security is the responsibility of the individual. "The South Korean Ministry of National Defense has an intranet that is not connected to the internet, but it was hacked by North Korea."

Analysts say the old ways of deterrence don't always apply in modern conflicts and a giant defense budget doesn't guarantee security.

"How do you compete in a constant competition/conflict continuum short of all-out war while ensuring deterrence is assured?" asked Diana Myers, a former fellow with the Rand Corp. "The things that keep me up are non-kinetic: the ability for malicious nations and nonaligned actors to challenge how we receive and process information."

She rejected "Orwellian" solutions to this problem, such as policing speech and political content. "It puts us in a complicated situation," she said.

Most are unaware of this stealthy conflict, but the seeds of mass destruction are built into the threat. Damage could be rapidly and massively escalated if a latent cyberwarfare intrusion, such as a sleeper agent, is fully activated.

"With cyber, you get inside a network and sit there and nobody knows you're there," said Peter Dean, director of foreign policy and defense at the United States Studies Center at the University of Sydney. "You won't know until it escalates to a high level."

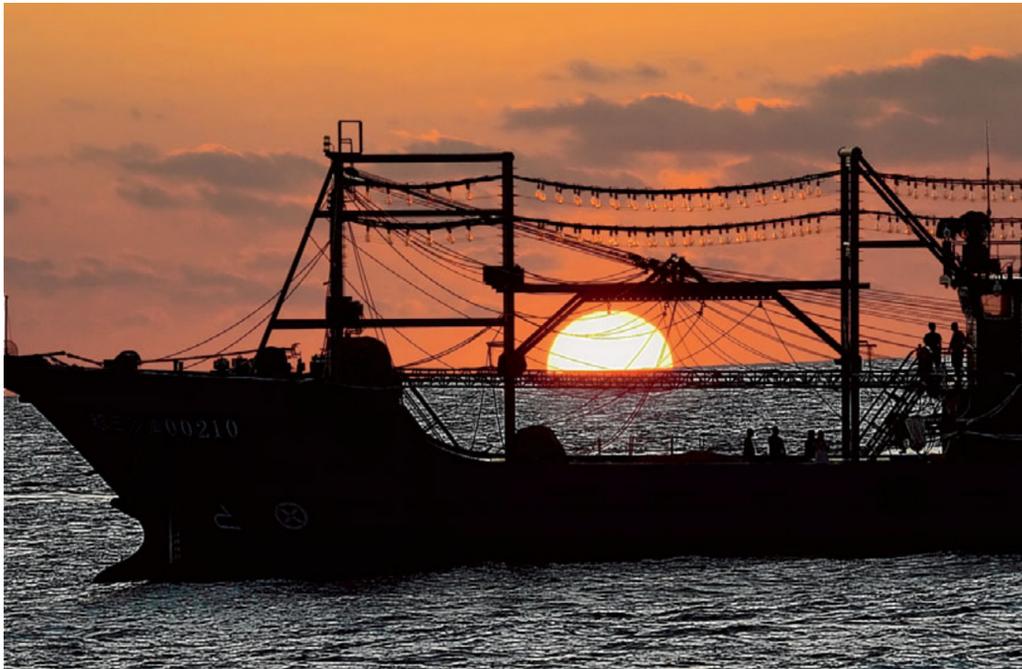
Mr. Lee wondered about a response if a cyberattack were to strike a democracy's nuclear power grid. Even if attackers are positively identified, a traditional military strike against the attackers would likely be unfeasible because of issues of legality and proportionality.

"What is a conventional military response — a proportional response — to a cyberattack?" Mr. Dean asked. "That is a question we don't know the answer to." He suggested that nation-states arm themselves with offensive cyberwarfare capabilities, allowing them to retaliate in kind.

"If you launch an offensive cyberattack, you risk a retaliation you do not know about," Mr. Dean said. For that reason, counteroffensive cyberwarfare capabilities could act as deterrents.

### From hot zone to gray zone

Even in more traditional domains such as sea power, creative tactics that play out below actual combat repeatedly



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China's confrontations with with Philippine crews in the South China Sea are part of Beijing's constant "gray zone" tactics. Nonmilitary incursions into disputed territories are difficult to confront in a traditional manner, military analysts say.



Ukraine has used drones to cripple Moscow's Black Sea Fleet, devastate its armed forces and bypass air defenses to strike deep inside Russia. New low-tech, affordable military systems help the weak level the playing field with the strong.

outmaneuver the U.S. and its allies.

Michael Cunningham, an analyst at the Washington-based Heritage Foundation formerly based in China, described his "culture shock" upon returning to the U.S.

"The U.S. is hyperfocused on a traditional view of security, in particular numbers — how many warheads, how many ships, what percentage of GDP goes to security," he told the conference.

Chinese forces are focusing on new technologies and avoiding direct military confrontations by "trying out small-scale,

gray-zone tactics, constantly."

These tactics are "not front and center among [U.S.] strategists," said Mr. Cunningham, but "they cause you to constantly react. It takes a lot of money and manpower, and you are constantly on the defensive."

He cited hostile disinformation campaigns designed to misinform voters and widen divisions in societies, the use of economic leverage, nonmilitary incursions into disputed territories or regions, and the use of proxies to carry out attacks. Such tactics are "very hard

to confront," he said.

Western or pro-Western forces proved they could compete in the new domains. The 2022 sabotage of Russia's Nord Stream energy pipeline to Europe undercut the Kremlin's economic leverage, although the saboteurs remain unidentified.

China is thought to have been behind the 2023 cutting of undersea fiber-optic cables carrying internet services to Matsu, a Taiwanese-controlled island off China's coast.

In both cases, the restraint and lack

of fingerprints served the attacker well. "If you respond militarily, you are the one who started the war, and that goes down in history," Mr. Cunningham said.

"We need developed rules and laws," he said. "We have hard rules for traditional warfare, like what are war crimes, but we don't have that for the gray zone."

The consequences of failing to adjust to the new tactics can be just as effective as traditional military action.

China is building massive bases across disputed chunks of the South China Sea, inching forces closer to Taiwan and India, and using coast guards and fishing fleets to press territorial claims against Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam.

"The thinking in China is basically, 'Use whatever means necessary that are safe, smart and risk-averse,'" Mr. Cunningham said. "They know if they get into a conflict with almost anyone in Asia, it will be a U.S. ally, and that makes it super-risky. But they see very little downside in these gray-zone tactics."

Mr. Yang said China has crossed so many red lines that the Indo-Pacific is now a virtual "red carpet."

### Low cost, low tech

Emerging technologies present another challenge for those clinging to traditional military ideas.

"We are entering the first phase of 'Iron Man' wars or 'Star Wars,'" said Mr. Lee, referring to armored "exoskeletons" and personal jet-propulsion units, and the space domain, which is proving vital for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

Many military technologies are low-tech, affordable systems that enable the weak to level the playing field with the strong. Improvised explosive devices proved deadly to expensive Western militaries fighting terrorist forces in Iraq and elsewhere. Ukraine has used drones to cripple Moscow's Black Sea Fleet, devastate its armored forces and bypass air defenses to strike targets deep inside Russia.

In the Red Sea and across the Indo-Pacific region, U.S. forces face adversaries armed with equipment that is economical to build and tactics that minimize the risk of a major loss.

In Yemen, the use of low-cost drones and missiles by Houthi rebel fighters has forced Western navies to respond with high-cost missiles. Meanwhile, the Houthis' dug-in positions have proven hard to hit with counterstrikes.

While Western naval "goalkeepers" continue to shoot down drones and missiles, the denial of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to many international shippers is generating massive costs.

Likewise, repeatedly having to scramble advanced fighter jets to shoot down cheap Chinese "weather balloons" on suspected surveillance missions is not economically viable in the long run.

Mr. Dean said some arms in the pipeline, including sophisticated lasers and microwave weapons, may help restore the balance.

"We have yet to come up with a response. We have to use technology to solve some of these issues," he said.

## SECURITY

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Mr. Blackburn, a veteran analyst of the CIA, told attendees that his office is working to determine how the intelligence community can measure technology as an instrument of national power when evaluating foreign competitors.

Analysts have traditionally focused on indicators of military might, natural resources, people and the health of economies to comprehend and forecast foreign affairs.

Mr. Blackburn said the White House and intelligence community expect his office to identify individual technological capabilities for the government to prioritize so the U.S. does not fall behind others or lose a competitive advantage.

A major challenge remains finding the right people with the proper training.

Beth Sanner, a CIA alumna who spent several decades in the intelligence community, said, "We literally do not have the talent pool."

"We don't have people who actually

understand mergers and acquisition," Ms. Sanner said at the AI expo.

Ms. Sanner recalled rejecting an employee's proposal to obtain a graduate degree in a business discipline from an Ivy League school and lamented that she knew she could not have kept the employee from the lure of the private sector anyway. She said the intelligence community needs to work more on attracting midcareer professionals working outside the government.

Other efforts to bring business and technology talent into the intelligence community have involved debate over whether to turn the Commerce Department into a spy agency.

The department is responsible for export controls and foreign investment. Congress has directed the intelligence community to assess whether to provide enhanced intelligence support to the Commerce Department.

The intelligence community and the Commerce Department already share a close relationship. It includes sharing personnel with expertise on emerging technology, supply chain vulnerability,

economic intelligence and counterintelligence, as detailed in a major defense bill signed into law by President Biden in December.

Mr. Blackburn declined to comment on efforts to transform the Commerce Department into the federal government's 19th intelligence agency.

Some private-sector products may enable better tracking of U.S. adversaries' technology and wish lists than the tools the government already uses.

The Commerce Department has faced congressional scrutiny for overwhelmingly approving the transfer of technology to blacklisted companies on the department's own Entity List, which identifies foreign people and groups under restriction because of national security concerns.

Approximately 800 Chinese entities are blacklisted on various lists, said Martijn Rasser, managing director of Datenna.

Mr. Rasser said his software company tracks 500,000 entities that have either sold to the Chinese military, registered in a military procurement database, or

whose research activity has prompted a defense label in Datenna's technological intelligence platform.

Mr. Rasser, Datenna's managing director and a former CIA officer, told The Washington Times that his team excels at knowing when and where to grab crucial information from behind China's firewall, which restricts digital access.

"Could you make a national security case for most of those 500,000 entities being added to the Entity List? Yeah, probably," Mr. Rasser said on the sidelines of the AI expo.

Mr. Rasser, however, advocated for filtering down that massive number to approximately 2,000 entities to help export control experts become less reactive and more strategic and proactive.

He said Datenna's platform is focused squarely on China and allows analysts to home in on individuals, such as providing a professor's research history, the funding they received, the projects they spent it on, and whether the professor built a company from the research.

As attendees of the AI expo were evacuated outside because of a

purported security threat, Mr. Rasser told The Times that Datenna worked with groups within the State Department but declined to elaborate on other U.S. government partners. He said Datenna was also engaged with other countries.

"You don't have to be a coder, you don't have to be a data scientist, you don't need to know a single word in Mandarin to use it," Mr. Rasser said of Datenna. "You could sit down behind the platform and in five minutes time, you're off to the races."

Time is of the essence for the intelligence community to overhaul its work to understand the technological disruptions and economic security threats multiplying worldwide.

Mr. Blackburn estimated that the spy agencies' time was running out to make fundamental changes or risk falling far behind America's adversaries.

"If we wait two years or three years or five years to try to figure these things out, we're going to be another five years behind," Mr. Blackburn told attendees of the AI expo.

# Nation



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A tornado touched down Tuesday in Greenfield, Iowa, leaving four people dead and about three dozen hurt in that city. Gov. Kim Reynolds has sought a disaster declaration, saying that more than 200 homes have been destroyed by tornadoes in the state.

## WEATHER

# Iowa seeking disaster declaration as storms cross Midwestern states

By HANNAH FINGERHUT AND MARGERY A. BECK  
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**GREENFIELD, IOWA** | Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds praised the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response Thursday as she sought a disaster declaration for several counties, saying at least 202 homes were destroyed by a series of tornadoes that raked the state.

Three separate powerful tornadoes carved long paths totaling 130 miles across Iowa on Tuesday, according to Donna Dubberke, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Des Moines.

The tornado that destroyed much of Greenfield, Iowa, was a mile long and wreaked its devastation in about one minute, Ms. Dubberke said. Four people were killed in the city and about three dozen were injured.

And still more severe weather was moving across the Midwest, including places already damaged by this week's storms.

The weather service's Storm Prediction Center shows an enhanced severe storm risk late Thursday into Friday morning for much of Nebraska and western Iowa, including those areas hit by tornadoes on Tuesday after hurricane-force winds, large hail and torrential rain flooded streets and basements in parts of Nebraska.

The new risk for severe weather — including tornadoes — in Iowa will come “when people are sleeping,” warned NWS meteorologist Andrew Ansong of Des Moines.

“A lot of these people have already experienced damage to their homes and property that might be hit again with rain

and wind. Because of the damage already there, it won't take much wind to inflict even more damage on these homes,” Mr. Ansong said. “It's just a bad deal all the way around.”

More severe weather could also hit Saturday and Sunday in parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas already ravaged by recent storms. An emergency was declared in Temple, Texas, after storms ripped through the city of more than 90,000. Thousands lost power, Thursday's classes were canceled and nearby Fort Cavazos reported debris blocking traffic at the Army post.

Before Tuesday's twister carved a path through Greenfield and sent family mementos flying far away, the deadliest tornado in 2024 killed three people in Logan County, Ohio, on March 14.

The Greenfield tornado set a grim record as it obliterated houses, splintered trees and crumpled cars in the town of 2,000 about 55 miles southwest of Des Moines. The twister also crumpled massive power-producing wind turbines outside the city. It was initially rated at least an EF-3, but it could be determined even more powerful after a full ground survey.

It was so destructive that it took authorities more than a day to account for the area's residents, and Iowa's Department of Public Safety said the number of injured is likely even higher.

Officials haven't yet released the names of the four killed in the Greenfield tornado.

A fifth person was killed Tuesday about 25 miles from Greenfield when her car was blown off the road in a tornado, according to the Adams County Sheriff's Office. Monica Zamarron, 46, died in the

crash Tuesday afternoon, officials said.

Ms. Reynolds requested an expedited presidential disaster declaration for those Iowa counties that sustained significant damage. EMA Administrator Deanne Criswell joined her at the news conference in Greenfield.

Digging through debris that used to be their home in Greenfield, Kimberly Ergish and her husband searched for family photos and other salvageable items. There wasn't much left. The reality of having their house destroyed in seconds hadn't really set in.

“If it weren't for all the bumps and bruises and the achy bones, I would think that it didn't happen,” Ms. Ergish said.

This is a historically busy tornado season in the U.S., April had the country's second-highest number of tornadoes on record.

Through Tuesday, 859 tornadoes had been confirmed this year, 27% more than the U.S. sees on average, according to NOAA's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Iowa has so far recorded the most, with 81 confirmed twisters.

On Tuesday alone, the National Weather Service said it received 23 tornado reports, with 21 in Iowa.

The Greenfield tornado appeared to have been on the ground for more than 40 miles, AccuWeather Chief Meteorologist Jon Porter said. A satellite photo taken by a BlackSky Technology shows where the twister gouged a nearly straight path of destruction through the town, just south of Greenfield's center square.

“Debris was lifted thousands of feet in the air and ended up falling to the ground several counties away from Greenfield. That's evidence of just how intense and deadly this tornado was,” Mr. Porter said.

## BUSINESS

# Justice Department files antitrust lawsuit against Live Nation, Ticketmaster

## Companies accused of monopoly

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The Justice Department filed a sweeping antitrust lawsuit against Ticketmaster and parent company Live Nation Entertainment on Thursday, accusing them of running an illegal monopoly over live events in America — squelching competition and driving up prices for fans.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Manhattan, was brought with 30 state and district attorneys general and seeks to break up the monopoly they say is squeezing out smaller promoters, hurting artists and drowning fans with endless fees.

“It's time for fans and artists to stop paying the price for Live Nation's monopoly,” Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday. “It is time to restore competition and innovation in the entertainment industry. It is time to break up Live Nation, Ticketmaster. The American people are ready for it.”

The Justice Department accused Live Nation of a slew of tactics — including threats and retaliation — that Mr. Garland said has allowed the entertainment giant to “suffocate the competition” by keeping a stronghold on virtually every aspect of the industry, from concert promotion to ticketing. The impact on consumers is seen in an “endless list of fees on fans,” the attorney general said.

“Live music should not be available only to those who can afford to pay the Ticketmaster tax,” said Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division. “We are here today to fight for competition so that we can reopen the doors to the live music industry for all.”

Live Nation has for years denied that it is violating antitrust laws and said Thursday that the lawsuit “won't solve the issues fans care about relating to ticket prices, service fees, and access to

in-demand shows.”

“Calling Ticketmaster a monopoly may be a PR win for the DOJ in the short term, but it will lose in court because it ignores the basic economics of live entertainment,” Live Nation added — stating that most service fees go to venues and that outside competition has “steadily eroded” Ticketmaster's market share. The company said it would defend itself “against these baseless allegations” and push for other reforms.

The Justice Department said Live Nation's anti-competitive practices include using long-term contracts to keep venues from choosing rival ticketers, blocking venues from using multiple ticket sellers and threatening venues that they could lose money and fans if they don't choose Ticketmaster. The Justice Department says Live Nation also threatened to retaliate against one firm if it didn't stop a subsidiary from competing for artist promotion contracts.

The lawsuit is the latest example of the Biden administration's aggressive antitrust enforcement approach targeting companies accused of engaging in illegal monopolies that box out competitors and drive up prices. In March, the Justice Department filed a lawsuit against Apple alleging that the tech giant has monopoly power in the smartphone market. The Democratic administration has also taken on Google, Amazon and other tech giants.

Ticketmaster, which merged with Live Nation in 2010, is the world's largest ticket seller. During its annual report last month, the company said that Ticketmaster distributed more than 620 million tickets through its systems in 2023.

Around 70% of tickets for major concert venues in the U.S. are sold through Ticketmaster, according to data in a federal lawsuit filed by consumers in 2022. The company owns or controls more than 265 of North America's concert venues and dozens of top amphitheaters, according to the Justice Department.

## LOUISIANA

# Bill to classify abortion pills as dangerous drugs passes

## Backers want to prevent coercion cases

By SARA CLINE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BATON ROUGE** | Two abortion-inducing drugs would soon be reclassified as controlled and dangerous substances in Louisiana under a first-of-its-kind bill that received final legislative passage Thursday and is expected to be signed into law by the governor.

Supporters of the reclassification of mifepristone and misoprostol, commonly known as “abortion pills,” say it would protect expectant mothers from having coerced abortions.

Many doctors, meanwhile, have said it will make it harder for them to prescribe the drugs, which they also use for other reasons.

Passage of the bill comes as both abortion foes and advocates of abortion access await a final decision from the Supreme Court on an effort to restrict access to mifepristone. The justices did not appear ready to limit access to the drug on the day they heard arguments.

The GOP-dominated Legislature's push to reclassify the drugs could encourage other Republican states to tighten restrictions.

Louisiana has a near-total abortion ban in place, applying to both surgical and medical abortions.

Current Louisiana law already requires a prescription for both drugs and makes it a crime to use them to induce an abortion, in most cases.

The bill would make it harder to obtain the pills by placing them on the list of Schedule IV drugs under the state's Dangerous Substances Law.

The classification would require doctors to have a specific license to prescribe the drugs, and the drugs would have to be stored at certain sites that in some cases could end up being far from rural clinics.

Knowingly possessing the drugs

without a valid prescription would carry hefty fines and jail time.

Language in the bill seeks to carve out exceptions for pregnant women who obtain the drug without a prescription for their own consumption.

The reclassification of the two drugs is contained in an amendment to a bill originating in the state Senate that would create the crime of “coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud.”

Lawmakers in the Senate unanimously supported the original legislation a month ago. Later, bill sponsor state Sen. Thomas Pressly pushed for the amendment to reclassify the drugs.

Mr. Pressly said both the bill and the amendment were motivated by what happened to his sister Catherine Herring of Texas. In 2022, Mrs. Herring's husband slipped her seven misoprostol pills in an effort to induce an abortion without her knowledge.

There have been several cases similar to Mrs. Herring's reported by news outlets over the past 15 years, though none of those cited were in Louisiana.

“The purpose of bringing this legislation is certainly not to prevent these drugs from being used for legitimate health care purposes,” Mr. Pressly said. “I am simply trying to put safeguards and guardrails in place to keep bad actors from getting these medications.”

The Senate voted 29-7, mainly along party lines, to pass the legislation.

In addition to inducing abortions, mifepristone and misoprostol have other common uses, such as treating miscarriages, inducing labor and stopping hemorrhaging.

Mifepristone was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000 after federal regulators deemed it safe and effective for early abortion. It's used in combination with misoprostol, which the FDA has separately approved to treat stomach ulcers.

## SUPREME COURT

# Supreme Court rules congressional map in South Carolina is lawful

By ALEX SWOYER  
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The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that South Carolina's congressional map is lawful and doesn't violate Black voters' rights.

The 6-3 ruling upheld a map that was challenged by voter Taiwan Scott and the South Carolina NAACP, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union and allied groups.

Republican state lawmakers had asked the high court to review a ruling from a three-judge district court panel that ordered South Carolina to redraw its 2022 map for congressional districts.

A federal court had ruled after a nine-day trial that South Carolina's 1st Congressional District had been drawn in a way to dilute Black votes. That ruling was put on hold while the litigation was pending and used in the 2024 elections.

The high court said the ruling lacked evidence and the Black voting age population in the district stayed around 17% despite increasing the Republican voter majority.

The justices reasoned that partisan gerrymanders — so long as race isn't

the predominant factor when drawing district lines — don't violate the Constitution.

“None of the facts on which the District Court relied to infer a racial motive is sufficient to support an inference that can overcome the presumption of legislative good faith,” wrote Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. for the majority.

He was joined by the high court's other GOP appointees.

The three Democratic appointees dissented, arguing that since the district court's analysis was thorough and the three-judge panel unanimously found that race was a motive in redrawing District 1, the lines should have to be redrawn.

“The proper response to this case is ... to respect the plausible — no, the more than plausible — findings of the District Court that the state engaged in race-based districting. And to tell the state that it must redraw District 1,” wrote Justice Elena Kagan, who was joined by Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson in her dissent.

Rep. Nancy Mace, South Carolina Republican, represents the 1st Congressional District. More than 30,000 Black Democrats had their votes shifted to the



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In a 6-3 ruling on Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled that South Carolina's congressional map is lawful and doesn't violate the rights of Black voters.

6th Congressional District, represented by Rep. James E. Clyburn, when the map was drawn.

President Biden called the decision “dangerous” and “racial gerrymandering.”

“This decision threatens South Carolinians' ability to have their voices heard at the ballot box,” he said.

## TRAVEL

# Memorial Day weekend travel jams likely to be worse than last year

By DAVID KOENIG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

You didn't think summer travel would be easy, did you?

Highways and airports are likely to be jammed the next few days as Americans head out for Memorial Day weekend getaways and then return home.

AAA predicts this will be the busiest start-of-summer weekend in nearly 20 years, with 43.8 million people expected to travel at least 50 miles from home between Thursday and Monday. The Transportation Security Administration says up to 3 million might pass through airport checkpoints on Friday alone.

And that is just a sample of what is to come. U.S. airlines expect to carry a record number of passengers this summer. Their trade group estimates that 271 million travelers will fly between June 1 and Aug. 31, breaking the record of 255 million set — you guessed it — last summer.

The annual expression of wanderlust is happening at a time when Americans



A traveler checks his phone as he checks in for a flight at the Nashville International Airport on Thursday. A record number of Americans are expected to hit the airports and highways over this year's Memorial Day holiday weekend.

tell pollsters they are worried about the economy and the direction of the country.

A slowdown, and in some cases a

retreat, from the big price increases of the last two years may be helping.

Airfares are down 6% and hotel rates have dipped 0.4%, compared with a year

ago, according to government figures released last week. Prices for renting a car or truck are down 10%. The nationwide price of gas is around \$3.60 a gallon, about 6 cents higher than a year ago, according to AAA.

Johannes Thomas, CEO of the hotel and travel search company Trivago, said he thinks more customers are feeling the pinch of prices that have plateaued but at much higher levels than before the pandemic. He said they are booking farther in advance, staying closer to home, taking shorter trips, and compromising on accommodations — staying in three-star hotels instead of five-star ones.

Many travelers have their own cost-saving strategies, including combining work and pleasure on the same trip.

"I have largely been able to adapt by traveling at strange hours. I'll fly out late at night, come in early in the morning, stay longer than I intended, and work remotely," said Lauren Hartle of Boston, an investor for a clean-energy venture firm.

Ms. Hartle, who flew from Boston to Dallas on Wednesday for a work

conference, plans to attend a summer family gathering in North Carolina but is otherwise considering trips closer to home — and maybe by train instead of plane.

Catey Schast, a nanny and piano teacher in Maine, said her Boston-Dallas flight cost \$386 round trip. "It wasn't terrible," but it was higher than the \$200 to \$300 she paid in the past to visit family in Texas, she said.

Ms. Schast plans a beach vacation in Florida in July. High prices could discourage her from taking other trips, but "if I really want to go somewhere, I'm more of a how-can-I-make-this-happen type of person, as long as I have the time off work."

As in past years, most holiday travelers are expected to travel by car — more than 38 million of them, according to AAA. The organization advises motorists hoping to avoid the worst traffic to have left metropolitan areas by early Thursday and Friday and to stay off the roads between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

## WEATHER

## NOAA forecasters predict more hurricanes this summer

Get ready for what nearly all the experts think will be one of the busiest Atlantic hurricane seasons on record, thanks to unprecedented ocean heat and a brewing La Nina.

There's an 85% chance that the Atlantic hurricane season that starts in June will be above average in storm activity, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday in its annual outlook.

The weather agency predicted between 17 and 25 named storms will brew up this summer and fall, with 8 to 13 achieving hurricane status (at least 75 mph sustained winds) and four to seven of them becoming major hurricanes, with at least 111 mph winds.

An average Atlantic hurricane season produces 14 named storms, seven of them hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

About 20 other groups — universities, other governments, private weather companies — also have made

seasonal forecasts. All but two expect a busier, nastier hurricane season.

— Associated Press

## MASSACHUSETTS

## Hundreds of Harvard graduates walk out of commencement

CAMBRIDGE | Hundreds of students in graduation robes walked out of the Harvard commencement Thursday chanting "Free, free Palestine" after weeks of protests and a day after the school announced that 13 Harvard students who participated in a protest encampment would not receive diplomas alongside their classmates.

Some students chanted "Let them walk, let them walk" during Thursday's commencement, referring to those 13 students. Student speaker Shruthi Kumar said "this semester our freedom of speech and our expressions of solidarity became punishable," she said to cheers and applause.

She said she had to recognize "the 13 undergraduates in the class of 2024 who will not graduate today," generating prolonged cheers and clapping

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from graduates. "I am deeply disappointed by the intolerance for freedom of speech and the right to civil disobedience on campus."

— Associated Press

## OHIO

## Railroad to pay \$15 million in derailment settlement

The federal government agreed to a modest \$15 million fine for Norfolk Southern over last year's disastrous derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, and the railroad promised to pay more than \$300 million to complete the efforts to improve safety that it announced after the crash and address community health concerns.

The Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department announced the agreement Thursday — two days after a federal judge signed

off on the railroad's \$600 million class action settlement with residents whose lives were disrupted.

In addition to the civil penalty, Norfolk Southern agreed to reimburse the EPA an additional \$57 million in response costs and set up a \$25 million health care fund to pay for 20 years of medical exams in the community. The railroad will also pay \$25 million to \$30 million for long-term monitoring of drinking water and groundwater.

The NTSB has said the derailment was likely caused by an overheating bearing that wasn't caught in time by the trackside detectors.

The railroad is still working to resolve a lawsuit Ohio filed against it after the derailment.

— Associated Press

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Creator of fake Biden robocalls on primary eve hit with fine

The Democrat political consultant who produced fake robocalls that sounded like President Biden and urged voters not to vote in the New Hampshire primary has been fined

millions of dollars by the Federal Communications Commission.

The commission's assessment Thursday came to \$6 million against Steve Kramer. He's also facing 13 felony charges for violating a state law for using misleading information to persuade someone from voting. And he faces 11 misdemeanor charges for misrepresenting himself as a candidate.

Mr. Kramer, who was hired as a consultant by Democratic Rep. Dean Phillips' presidential campaign, has admitted to arranging for the robocall that was created with artificial intelligence to sound like Mr. Biden. It was sent to thousands of voters ahead of the first-in-the-nation primary on Jan. 23.

The Phillips campaign denounced Mr. Kramer's actions after the primary, which Mr. Biden easily won. The congressman's spokeswoman, Katie Dolan, said in a statement that "if it is true that Mr. Kramer has any involvement in the creation of deepfake robocalls, he did so of his own volition, which had nothing to do with our campaign."

— Mallory Wilson



D.C. voting law allows residents of the city for at least 30 days to register and cast ballots for mayor, city council, school and advisory commissions regardless of U.S. legal status. Opponents say that could include agents of adversary nations.

## VOTE

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Muriel Bowser's opposition.

Given Democrats' control of the Senate, the repeal bill passed Thursday is little more than political messaging.

Indeed, just minutes after the House approved the bill, the Senate voted on its own version of legislative messaging with a do-over vote on a bill that includes President Biden's preferred border security changes.

Opposition was bipartisan, though for different reasons. Republicans said Mr. Biden's border plan didn't go far enough, and Democratic opponents said it went too far.

For the D.C. repeal bill, 52 Democrats joined Republicans.

That was 10 more Democrats than voted for a similar measure early last year, indicating a growing unease about noncitizen voting.

Noncitizen voting was standard practice in the country's early days when states were far more heterogeneous in their rules on who qualified as a voter.

The practice faded over the 19th century and was effectively ended by the 20th century.

Rep. Jamie Raskin, Maryland Democrat, said most of the country didn't see a need to bar noncitizens at the founding because it had other, tighter limits.

"The basic logic was if you are a White male property owner, it doesn't

make any difference what your citizenship is," he said.

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District's nonvoting representative in Congress, said the bill was an affront to democracy. She said the city's council made its will known and it is "paternalistic" for Capitol Hill to intervene.

The vote is unlikely to cool the interest in noncitizen voting from liberal-leaning cities and towns where the idea is gaining adherents. Some allow illegal immigrants with tentative legal status to vote. The District's more permissive plan applies to even short-term visitors and illegal immigrants.

Mr. Raskin, who led opposition to the bill, said he had seen no evidence of foreign adversaries voting and doubted illegal immigrants would register.

"It would, of course, be crazy for an undocumented person to attach their name to a public and transparent document like a voter registration document," he said.

Other jurisdictions that allow noncitizen voting have generally reported low turnout from that population. The District is trying to reverse that trend by sending out instructions for voter registration.

Mr. Raskin said 512 noncitizens have registered, joining a voting population of roughly a half-million.

Rep. Clay Higgins, Louisiana Republican, said an estimated 50,000 noncitizens could register, and he figures many more will do so as elections approach.

## COLLEGE

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and after Hamas' massacre of Israeli civilians.

"Through its public actions and failures to act, Harvard has made its position clear: Jews are fair game," reads the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for Massachusetts. "Students and faculty can harass and discriminate against Jews, and they can do so openly and with impunity. Harvard will go out of its way to protect antisemitic protesters and conspiracy theorists."

The Brandeis lawsuit cites examples of harassment and hostility, including the experience of one Israeli student at Harvard Business School who was accosted, pushed and harangued by protesters as he walked through and took footage of a November "die-in."

• Last month, a Jewish student sued

officials of Columbia University in New York because of harassment by pro-Palestinian demonstrators.

In one incident, more than 100 protesters locked arms and marched toward a female Jewish student wearing a Star of David necklace and forced her to leave the area.

"The segregation of Jewish students is a dangerous development that can quickly escalate into more severe acts of violence and discrimination, underscoring the critical importance of addressing and combating such behavior at its early stages," the lawsuit reads. "Plaintiff C.S. brings this lawsuit to hold Columbia accountable for failing to provide a safe educational environment for its students."

Jeff Swartz, a professor at Cooley Law School, said the Jewish student has a "legitimate cause of action" against Columbia because the student isn't asking for damages but a security fix.

"That is an easy fix," he said. "As far as any restraint on the university regarding First Amendment rights, I think that as long as they say we provide the ability of students to demonstrate but don't allow them to camp, I think they will be OK."

• University of Virginia officials are facing a lawsuit filed last week by a Jewish student who alleged harassment and discrimination against Jews because of their faith. The student said he had to leave his dorm because school leadership failed to address his safety concerns.

• University of California, Davis, officials face a lawsuit filed this month by a disabled veteran who says a 200-person encampment blocked a public sidewalk, making it difficult for him to move about. School officials told reporters that the university is committed to a "safe and peaceful campus environment."

"When the university receives a complaint of denial of reasonable accommodation, antisemitism or other offensive

behavior, it immediately reaches out to the affected parties to provide support and resources, and reviews the allegations under the university's anti-discrimination policy," the statement reads.

• The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against University of Florida officials and others in November over a chancellor's order stating that Students for Justice in Palestine chapters violated a state law against providing material support for terrorism. The group hosted boycott, divestment and sanctions teachings; vigils for Palestinians killed in war; and social events highlighting Palestinian culture.

The lawsuit said the chancellor's order violated the students' and the group's First Amendment rights.

"Independent political advocacy — no matter its viewpoint — is fully protected by the First Amendment," the lawsuit read.

The lawsuit named as defendants Raymond Rodrigues, chancellor of the State University System of Florida; Gov. Ron DeSantis, a former Republican presidential candidate; and University of Florida President Ben Sasse, among others.

A judge ruled in January that Mr. Rodrigues does not plan to disband the student chapters, two of which are in Florida schools. Students for Justice in Palestine has 200 chapters nationwide.

"Florida officials are now on notice that if they attempt to enforce the deactivation order, we will be back in court to uphold our client's First Amendment rights," said Brian Hauss, a senior staff attorney with the ACLU. "The chancellor should formally acknowledge that the deactivation order will not be enforced by removing it from his official website."

• Valerie Richardson contributed to this report.

# World

## DIPLOMACY

### East Asian leaders to meet for new talks

#### Li, Kishida to visit Yoon in Seoul

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** | Leaders of South Korea, China and Japan will meet next week in Seoul for their first trilateral talks in more than four years to discuss how to revive their cooperation, South Korea's presidential office said Thursday.

Since their inaugural stand-alone trilateral summit in 2008, the three countries' leaders were supposed to hold such a meeting every year. But the summit has been suspended since the last one in December 2019, in China, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and often complicated ties among the Asian neighbors.

The trilateral meeting between South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will take place in Seoul on Monday, Kim Tae-hyo, Seoul's deputy national security director, told a news conference.

Chinese President Xi Jinping will not be attending.

Mr. Li and Mr. Kishida were scheduled to arrive in South Korea on Sunday. They will meet Mr. Yoon bilaterally on Sunday afternoon before attending a welcoming dinner banquet with the South Korean president, Mr. Kim said.

"This summit will be a turning point for Korea, Japan and China to completely restore and normalize three-way cooperation systems," Mr. Kim said.

Mr. Kim said the three leaders were expected to discuss cooperation on six South Korea-proposed topics — personnel exchanges, climate change, trade, health and aging population, technology and disasters. He said these discussions will be included in a joint statement after their summit.

Mr. Kim said the three leaders will also discuss unspecified regional and international political issues and how to respond together to a global poly-crisis and contribute to international peace.

Closely linked economically and culturally with one another, the three countries together account for about 25% of the global gross domestic product.

But efforts to bolster trilateral cooperation often become snagged because of a mix of issues, including historical disputes stemming from Japan's World War II aggression and the strategic competition between China and the United States.

South Korea and Japan are both key U.S. military allies, together hosting a total of 80,000 American troops on their territories. North Korea's advancing nuclear program and China's growing assertiveness in the region have forced South Korea and Japan to reinforce their trilateral security partnership with the United States. That has angered China and North Korea.

Observers say the trilateral meeting comes as the three Asian nations share a need to improve ties. They say South Korea and Japan want to maintain good ties with China, their biggest trading partner, while Beijing also doesn't want to see a further strengthening of a Seoul-Tokyo-Washington security cooperation.

"If the current situation continues, South Korea, the U.S. and Japan will stick together further, forming a tool to check and contain China. In that sense, China can't help thinking that advancing ties with South Korea and Japan will better serve its national interests," said Kim Yeol Soo, an analyst with South Korea's Korea Institute for Military Affairs.

South Korea, Japan and the U.S. want China, North Korea's major ally and biggest source of aid, to use its leverage to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear program.

China doesn't officially support North Korea's nuclear program, but it's suspected of avoiding fully enforcing United Nations sanctions on North Korea and shipping covert assistance to help its impoverished socialist neighbor stay afloat.

Experts say China thinks North Korea serving as a bulwark against U.S. influences on the Korean Peninsula will serve its strategic interests.

## IRAN MOURNS RAISI



Mourners gathered on Thursday in Mashhad, Iran, to grieve Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions who died in a helicopter crash on Sunday. Iran prepared to inter its late president at the holiest site for Shiite Muslims in the country.

## DIPLOMACY

### Top Turks and Caicos official slams Pennsylvania lawmaker's comments

By **MATT DELANEY**  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Turks and Caicos' top official hit back Thursday at U.S. lawmakers, slamming the Caribbean nation's arrests of five American tourists accused in separate incidents of having bullets mixed in with their vacation luggage.

Premier Charles Washington Misick directed most of his ire at Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, Pennsylvania Republican, who accused the archipelago's government of targeting Americans with its gun laws that require violators to serve at least 12 years behind bars.

"The accusations of Congressman Guy Reschenthaler against the government and people of the Turks and Caicos Islands are nothing more than diabolic falsehoods. And, Mr. Speaker, it's an abomination even unto God himself," Mr. Misick said during Thursday's House of Assembly meeting.

The five Americans were arrested during their respective trips to the Turks and Caicos over the past five months. Local laws treat illegal ammunition possession as harshly as they do illegal gun possession.

The Turks and Caicos' premier said more than 1 million Americans visit the popular vacation destination each year, and none of its laws are meant to disproportionately victimize U.S. citizens.

The Caribbean official was responding to Mr. Reschenthaler's comments made Wednesday during a House Committee on Appropriations hearing.

The Pennsylvania Republican was hammering Secretary of State Antony Blinken for allowing the American

detainees to be treated "atrociously" by the Turks and Caicos government.

"This is not even a sovereign nation," Mr. Reschenthaler said. "It's a protectorate of the British Empire or the U.K. and you can't tell me that you can't put a 'do-not-travel' today on Turks and Caicos and bring the four Americans that still remain in Turks and Caicos home. It would take one order to bring four Americans home."

Mr. Misick explained Thursday that the gun laws revised in 2022 — which increased mandatory minimum sentences from seven to 12 years — were done in response to an "unprecedented spike in violent gun crimes."

He went on to say it was a threat to the national economy that's powered by tourism.

"We would have been derelict in our duties not to look at strengthening our legislation to protect our people and the Turks and Caicos' reputation as one of the safest places in the world," Mr. Misick said.

He said 310 people were arrested on gun-related charges, including possession of ammunition, from January 2018 to May 15.

Mr. Misick said that the law applied evenly and that "no special carveout should be made for any particular group of persons."

He also noted that the severity of punishment in any particular case is ultimately up to judges.

The law allows judges to hand down a custodial sentence and a fine "that are fair and just" when certain cases meet "exceptional circumstances," according to the governor's office of Turks

and Caicos.

Americans arrested for carrying loose ammunition include: Michael Lee Evans, 72, of Texas; Bryan Hagerich, 40, of Pennsylvania; Ryan Watson, 40, of Oklahoma; Tyler Wenrich, 31, of Virginia and Sharitta Grier, 45, of Florida.

Hagerich, who previously pleaded guilty to his crimes after being arrested in February, will be sentenced Friday.

Wenrich pleaded guilty Tuesday following his April arrest. He'll be sentenced next month.

Evans, who was first arrested in December and pleaded guilty this spring, will also learn his fate in June.

Mr. Watson was arrested in April and has not yet entered a plea, nor has Ms. Grier, who was arrested on May 13. Her next court date is in July.

A bipartisan U.S. delegation led by Sen. Markwayne Mullin, Oklahoma Republican, visited with Turks and Caicos officials Monday to see if there could be any leniency granted for the accidental ammo packing.

U.S. politicians came away from the meeting with mixed feelings, with Sen. John Fetterman, Pennsylvania Democrat, expressing optimism, while Rep. Michael Cloud, Texas Republican, telling News Nation they received no clear answers from the nation's leadership.

The Americans still awaiting their fate remain in limbo. Ms. Grier told CBS News she was jailed for a few days after a couple of bullets were detected in her luggage.

"They chained me to a chair by my leg," she said. "It's cold. Scared. It was awful. It was so awful. I couldn't sleep, no peace. A nightmare."

## BRIEFLY THE WORLD

### MEXICO

#### Stage collapse kills nine at campaign rally

**SAN PEDRO GARZA GARCIA** | The collapse of a stage in heavy winds at a campaign rally in northern Mexico has killed at least nine people, including a child, and injured 121, the governor of Nuevo Leon state said Thursday.

The collapse occurred during an event Wednesday evening attended by presidential long-shot candidate Jorge Alvarez Maynez, who ran to escape. Videos of the collapse on social media showed people screaming, running away and climbing out from under metal polls.

Afterward, soldiers, police and other officials roamed the grounds of the park where the event took place while many nearby sat stunned and haunted by the tragedy.

In a video message, Nuevo Leon Gov. Samuel Garcia, a leading member of Mr. Maynez's Citizens Movement party, said 94 of the injured were treated and released, but that 27 remained hospitalized.

State health authorities said a lot of the injuries involved skull fractures. Mr. Garcia said several victims were undergoing surgery and some appeared to be in critical condition.

Mr. Garcia said the accident occurred "in a matter of seconds."

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said most of the injured were women. He absolved Mr. Maynez's Citizens Movement party — widely viewed as an implicit ally of Mr. Lopez Obrador's Morena party — of blame even before investigations were carried out.

— Associated Press

### TAIWAN

#### Taipei scrambles jets, troops over China's military drills

**TAIPEI** | Taiwan scrambled jets and put missile, naval and land units on alert Thursday over Chinese military exercises being conducted around the self-governing island democracy where a new president took office this week.

China's military said its two-day exercises around Taiwan were punishment for separatist forces seeking independence.

Beijing claims the island is part of China's national territory and the People's Liberation Army sends navy ships and warplanes into the Taiwan Strait and other areas around the island almost daily to wear down Taiwan's defenses and seek to intimidate its people, who firmly back their de facto independence.

China's "irrational provocation has jeopardized regional peace and stability," the island's Defense Ministry said. It said Taiwan will seek no conflicts but "will not shy away from one."

"This pretext for conducting military exercises not only does not contribute to peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, but also shows its hegemonic nature at heart," the ministry's statement said.

In his inauguration address on Monday, Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te called for Beijing to stop its military intimidation and pledged to "neither yield nor provoke" the mainland Communist Party leadership.

— Associated Press

### UNITED NATIONS

#### U.N. approves resolution on Srebrenica genocide

The United Nations approved Thursday a resolution establishing an annual day to commemorate the 1995 genocide of more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims by Bosnian Serbs, a move vehemently opposed by Serbs who fear it will brand them all as "genocidal" supporters of the mass killing.

The vote in the 193-member General Assembly was 84-19 with 68 nations abstaining, a reflection of concerns among many countries about the impact of the vote on reconciliation efforts in deeply divided Bosnia.

Supporters had hoped for 100 "yes" votes. Russian U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia, who voted against the resolution, told the assembly the combined abstentions and "no" votes — 87 — was more than the 84 votes in favor. It is also noteworthy that 22 countries skipped the meeting and didn't vote, some reportedly because of the dispute over the commemoration.

— Associated Press

## UKRAINE

### Missile strike kills at least 6 in Kharkiv as Ukraine tries to hold off Russian offensive

By **ILIIA NOVIKOV**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**KYIV, UKRAINE** | Russian missiles slammed into Ukraine's second-largest city in the northeast of the country and killed at least six civilians early Thursday, officials said, as Kyiv's army labored to hold off an intense cross-border offensive by the Kremlin's larger and better-equipped forces.

At least 16 people were injured as S-300 missiles struck the city of Kharkiv, said regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov. The sound of 15 explosions reverberated around the city of some 1 million people.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the attack "extremely cruel." He expressed renewed frustration at not getting enough air defense systems from the country's Western partners to prevent the barrages after more than two years of unrelenting war.

The city of Kharkiv, which is the capital of the region of the same name, lies

about 12 miles from the Russian border. Moscow's troops have in recent weeks captured villages in the area as part of a broad push, and analysts say they may be trying to get within artillery range of the city.

In what is shaping up to be Ukraine's biggest test since Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, outnumbered and outgunned Ukrainian forces are being pressed at several points along the about 600-mile front line that snakes from north to south along the eastern side of the country.

With Ukraine short of air defenses and waiting for more Western military support that recently started trickling in, its army has been pushed backward in places while Russia has pounded its power grid and civilian areas. Kyiv endured further power outages Thursday.

Mr. Zelenskyy said the main hot spots in recent fighting have been Kharkiv and the neighboring Donetsk region, where in February Ukraine's defenders

withdrew from the stronghold of Avdiivka. For the Kremlin, taking control of all of the partially occupied Donetsk is a war priority.

At the same time, and in an apparent effort to stretch Ukraine's depleted forces, Russian troops have made incursions in the northern Sumy region.

Nearly 1,500 people, including 200 children, have been evacuated from the towns of Bilopillia and Vorozhba in that region, according to regional Gov. Volodymyr Artiukh.

"The main focus [of the fighting] is on the entire border area," Mr. Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address Wednesday.

Ukraine has also trained its sights on Russian regions across the border. The Russian Defense Ministry said Thursday that 35 Ukrainian rockets and three drones were shot down over the Belgorod region. Regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov said one drone struck a house and exploded after being shot down, killing a woman.

# Region

## MARYLAND

# Former state's attorney to receive no prison time for crimes

## Mosby confined to home for perjury, mortgage fraud

By MALLORY WILSON  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Marilyn Mosby, the former state's attorney for the city of Baltimore, was sentenced Thursday for perjury and mortgage fraud crimes but will not serve any jail time.

Ms. Mosby was sentenced to 12 months of home confinement and three years of supervised release after she was convicted of lying about her financial situation during the pandemic to get money from her city Deferred Compensation retirement account — money that she used to buy two vacation homes in Florida.

She also was convicted of

lying about a \$5,000 gift from her then-husband, which was actually her own money.

Ms. Mosby hugged her supporters in the courtroom, some of whom applauded when the judge announced the sentence.

"I'm just so incredibly grateful," she told a crowd outside the courthouse. "This is not over, but God was here today."

Prosecutors had asked the court to sentence her to 20 months in prison because she showed no contrition for her crime, unlike others who have also committed white-collar crimes.

"Ms. Mosby was charged and convicted because she chose to repeatedly break the law, not

because of her politics or policies," prosecutors wrote in a court filing.

U.S. District Judge Lydia Kay Griggsby said that Ms. Mosby's crime didn't involve any taxpayer money and had no victims, which is why she will avoid jail time.

During the sentencing hearing, Judge Griggsby asked Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Delaney "are there victims and who are they?"

"It's a good question, your honor," Mr. Delaney responded. "I get it. This isn't an embezzlement case," but adding that it harms the public when a public official lies under oath.

The judge also said that while Ms. Mosby's lack of remorse



"I'm just so incredibly grateful," former Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby said Thursday of her home confinement sentence.

"weighs heavily," the idea of separating Ms. Mosby from her two young daughters also "weighed very heavily on her decision."

James Wyda, one of Ms. Mosby's attorneys, said the legal team would be appealing her conviction and sentence while seeking

a presidential pardon.

"Jail is not a just sentence for Ms. Mosby. Not for her family. Not for the community," Mr. Wyda said.

Ms. Mosby has claimed that she was innocent from the beginning, and said she was targeted for the progressive actions she took while in office, such as prosecuting Baltimore police officers for abusing or killing Black suspects.

"The prosecution of Marilyn Mosby seems intended to send a chilling message to our progressive prosecutors," civil rights lawyer Benjamin Crump said.

The Congressional Black Caucus has also called for a pardon, along with a group of 15 civil rights organizations.

• This article was based in part on wire service reports.

## DISTRICT

# Police crack down on warring drug gangs to quell violence

## Nine suspected traffickers arrested a week after 15 nabbed

By MATT DELANEY  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

D.C. prosecutors said they're driving down violence in the District by taking down warring gangs in quick succession, with the Thursday arrest of nine suspected drug traffickers in Northeast coming just over a week after 15 members of a nearby rival crew were taken into custody.

U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves said the nine suspects arrested Thursday morning in the Trinidad neighborhood during a joint operation between federal agents and Metropolitan Police were either directly involved in or had ties to dealing fentanyl, crack cocaine and heroin.

That trade put them at odds with members of a rival crew in the Carver Langston

neighborhood just a few blocks east, the U.S. attorney said. Law enforcement teams arrested 15 people in a May 15 sweep of that neighborhood.

Ten of those arrested last week are facing federal drug and weapons charges, while five arrested in Thursday morning's operation will go before a federal judge.

Mr. Graves said the Trinidad

crew ran an open-air drug market on the 1100 block of Raum Street Northeast. Between January and July 2023, prosecutors said, the area around the drug market recorded 59 violent crimes and 119 bursts of gunfire.

"Violence between these warring crews is magnified by the prevalence of guns, and it ebbs and flows in cycles of retaliatory shootings that fuel our homicide count," Mr. Graves said. "Past actions have dismantled one side. We believe that taking out both

sides can have an even more profound impact."

Mr. Graves said law enforcement confiscated 15 firearms and caches of ammunition, as well as \$126,000 in suspected drug money as part of Thursday's operation. He also said authorities seized significant amounts of what prosecutors believe is methamphetamine, fentanyl and xylazine.

The defendants being charged with federal drug and weapons charges include: Davon Cunningham, 34; Levancie Carr, 31;

Roosevelt Richardson, 48; and Antonio Lucas, 46. The final defendant, 39-year-old Rex Pelote Jr., is facing federal weapons charges.

"These investigations resulted in the arrest of 24 individuals for multiple offenses related to drug possession, distribution, as well as a variety of firearm offenses," MPD Executive Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll said. "These offenders have been bringing harm to our communities and their arrest marks a significant step in securing our neighborhoods."



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North Carolina's public university system board has voted to repeal the schools' diversity policy. Diversity jobs will likely be cut.

## NORTH CAROLINA

# Universities' board votes to repeal policy, will likely cut diversity jobs

By MAKIYA SEMINERA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**RALEIGH, N.C.** | North Carolina's public university system board voted Thursday to repeal a nearly 5-year-old diversity, equity and inclusion policy, meaning its 17 schools will likely join other major universities in cutting diversity programs and jobs.

The 24-member University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved its agenda, which included the diversity policy repeal, with two members voting against the policy.

The board's affirmative vote means the change takes effect immediately, although the system said campus changes are expected to take place at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

The policy change focuses on removing a 2019 regulation that outlines various DEI positions — such as diversity officers across the university system — and defines officers' roles and duties, such as



The university system's board will shift \$2.3 million in diversity funding to public safety. UNC System President Peter Hans says he is still committed to welcoming diversity in the schools.

assisting with diversity programming and managing trainings for staff and students.

The new policy does not include the outlined responsibilities of DEI officers and liaisons, suggesting they may be eliminated. The university system said in a document addressing questions about the policy that its goal is not to cut jobs, but some positions could be discontinued to comply with the new change.

Funding originally designated to DEI offices will go to

"student success initiatives," the system said.

The policy will not affect classroom instruction or university research, and it will not dismantle student organizations or cultural centers, according to the university system. It passed through the board's university governance committee last month in less than four minutes with no discussion.

In his meeting remarks, UNC System President Peter Hans said students and faculty

should confront "competing ideas," but the role of public universities is to remain neutral on "political controversies."

"No one can speak for the whole university community on contentious issues because the university is not of one mind about anything," Mr. Hans said.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, Mr. Hans said he had spoken with members of the UNC Faculty Assembly, students and staff who voiced concern about how the policy change would affect diversity. But he said he remains committed to welcoming diversity at the system's schools.

Public feedback to the board before the vote was largely limited to a submission form on its website, which was closed Thursday. As of Monday, more than 250 people had submitted public comments — with most identifying as alumni, according to University of North Carolina system public records.

Just 13 people expressed support for the potential repeal while most others voiced opposition to it. Commenters included students who recounted how they benefited from university diversity programs and parents who said they wouldn't send their child to a UNC school if the policy changed.

## VIRGINIA

# Knights of Columbus can hold Mass after decision reversal

## Park service had denied permit

By VALERIE RICHARDSON  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A local Knights of Columbus council will once again be able to hold its Memorial Day Mass at Poplar Grove National Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia, after an about-face by the National Park Service.

The First Liberty Institute said Thursday that the Petersburg National Battlefield has granted a permit for the Knights of Columbus Council 694 to hold its annual service, a tradition that dates back at least 60 years, after previously rejecting the group's request.

"We are grateful to the NPS for allowing the Knights to hold their service this Memorial Day," said John Moran, partner at McGuireWoods LLP in Washington, D.C., who represented the local council.

The reversal was announced just hours after Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares filed an amicus brief in support of the Catholic fraternal organization's lawsuit against the agency, calling the permit denial shameful.

"It's shameful that the federal government is denying this small group the opportunity to gather to pray for and mourn the loss of military personnel who died while serving our nation," said Mr. Miyares, a Republican. "I demand that this Catholic group be welcomed at the Poplar Grove National Cemetery this Memorial Day."

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin also weighed in, saying on X that "Virginia is the birthplace of religious liberty and I applaud our AG @JasonMiyaresVA standing side by side with the @KofC to protect this important and worthy tradition."

The council sued Tuesday in federal court after being denied a permit for the second year in a row, a decision that First Liberty attributed to a 2022 policy update designating "religious services" as "demonstrations" prohibited at national cemeteries.

Alexa Viets, Petersburg National Battlefield superintendent, said the council was offered a location "immediately adjacent to the cemetery" instead of inside the cemetery grounds, where the Knights have traditionally held their mass.

First Liberty said the lawsuit was dismissed after the permit was granted.

"The Knights are thrilled that they will be able to exercise their religious beliefs and keep this honorable tradition alive," said Roger Byron, First Liberty senior counsel. "We appreciate the tremendous support of Gov. Youngkin and Attorney General Miyares in this case."

The National Park Service declined a request for comment from The Washington Times.

Holding Memorial Day services at national cemeteries is a long-standing tradition of the Knights of Columbus, a nearly 150-year-old organization with more than 2 million members and 60,000 councils worldwide.

In fact, another Knights of Columbus council is holding its annual Memorial Day Mass at the Andersonville National Cemetery in Andersonville, Georgia, an event being promoted by the NPS on its website.

Memorial Day, held to honor U.S. military personnel who died while serving their country, is observed as a federal holiday on the last Monday in May, which this year is the 27th.

## Bronx or bust

*'The Art of the Possible' and Trump's unlikely comeback from political doom*

In April of last year, when New York's Democratic prosecutor Alvin Bragg indicted former President Donald Trump on lapsed federal charges from eight years earlier involving byzantine campaign finance regulations and relying on testimony from deeply corrupted witnesses, Mr. Trump looked like a finished man.

He was down in the polls against President Biden. He faced a field of Republican candidates eager to topple him. And Mr. Bragg's case was just one of five serious felony court cases Mr. Trump faced before the 2024 presidential election.

Politicians, pundits and newsmen lustily drew up Mr. Trump's political obituary. By all accounts, Mr. Trump appeared far more likely to spend the rest of his life in the big house than to find his way back into the White House.

But Mr. Trump's entire life has been a gamble. Fear is not something that occupies his mind. He is not troubled by the emergence of insurmountable obstacles before him.

If his books about his business life were called "The Art of the Deal" and then "The Art of the Comeback," the book about his political life should be called "The Art of the Possible."

Today, Mr. Trump is on the cusp of recapturing the White House — if the polls are to be believed. In both national polling and polls conducted in key swing states, Mr. Trump is poised to beat Mr. Biden in November.

He has miraculously run the table on four of the five felony court cases brought against him by partisan Democratic prosecutors. The only case Mr. Trump will face before the election will be the current goofball case brought by Mr. Bragg and argued by President Biden's former No. 3 man at the Department of Justice.

In addition to jailing Mr. Trump before the election, this Bragg case was designed to make Mr. Trump unelectable and humiliate him and his family with the tawdry tales involving a porn actress, tabloid journalists and a disbarred serial perjurer.

Instead, the case has become a humiliation for Mr. Biden, Mr. Bragg and the hotly partisan judge running the case.

Democrats and commentators alike are feverishly trying to distance Mr. Biden from the case, claiming he had nothing to do with bringing the charges against the former president. In truth, powerful Democrats from the White House on down have been directing the judicial persecution of Mr. Trump since he first became their political nemesis back in 2015.

Anyway, the fact that Democrats are so intent on protecting Mr. Biden from this court case demonstrates how dramatically the political fortunes have turned. And of course, Mr. Trump's political recovery has most certainly been buoyed by the obvious unfairness of the ridiculous court cases.

You know a court case is really falling apart when partisan Judge Juan Merchan becomes enraged and finds himself in a staring contest with an effective defense witness.

"Are you staring me down?" the judge hysterically demanded of the witness before clearing the courtroom earlier this week, according to the court transcript.

"I want to discuss proper decorum in my courtroom," he then raged at the witness. "You don't give me side eye, and you don't roll your eyes!"

That exchange this week very well may go down as the moment all the Democratic strategies to destroy Mr. Trump fell apart.

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump is headed to the Democratic Party's strongest political beachhead in the South Bronx for a political rally. The idea that Mr. Trump could win the Bronx, New York City, or even the state of New York in November's election is unthinkable. Not possible.

But then again, so was the possibility that Mr. Trump would be standing here today a free man on the verge of recapturing the White House.

Such is "The Art of the Possible" with Mr. Trump.

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Donald Trump

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## Inflation is settled as an election issue

*President Biden has lost reelection bid*

By Jason De Sena Trennert

While six months is admittedly a lifetime in politics, as the head of a Wall Street macroeconomic research firm, I can say with great confidence that, as far as the November election is concerned, the issue of inflation is settled, and President Biden has lost. There is not enough time to change the fact that over the last three years, the average person's purchasing power has declined meaningfully.

How do I know? Tired of wading through measures of inflation from academics and other expensive "experts" that bear little resemblance to the cost of living for the average person, we created our own measure of the consumer price index that includes only what people must buy regularly. Deeming it our Common Man CPI in a nod to the great American composer Aaron Copland, we include only food, energy, housing, clothing, insurance and utility costs. Everything else — from flat-screen televisions to trips to Fort Lauderdale — is excluded.

What we found would not be surprising to anyone who has bought groceries in the last few years or doesn't have Mom and Dad pay their bills. While wages have risen 15.1% since Mr. Biden took office, the Common Man CPI is up 21.2%. In other words, the standard of living for the average American has deteriorated by roughly 6 percentage points over the same period.

Even with this month's as-expected inflation numbers, our Common Man CPI has outpaced the Bureau of Labor Statistics' headline number for nine consecutive months and 34 of the 40 months since Mr. Biden's inauguration.

Only in the rarefied world of Ph.D.s in economics would someone have the temerity to exclude the cost of food and energy and then call such as measure "core." Eating and staying warm or cool enough is pretty "core."

Some economists have even gone so far as to create a "supercore" measure of inflation that excludes food, energy and housing costs. How one might delude oneself into thinking that excluding food, energy and shelter from an inflation measure would make it relevant to anyone is beyond me.

Knowing a little about the trade, I can tell you that some economists do this not to help consumers and business owners understand

way, it is unsurprising that the Fed's victory lap over inflation last December has proved premature.

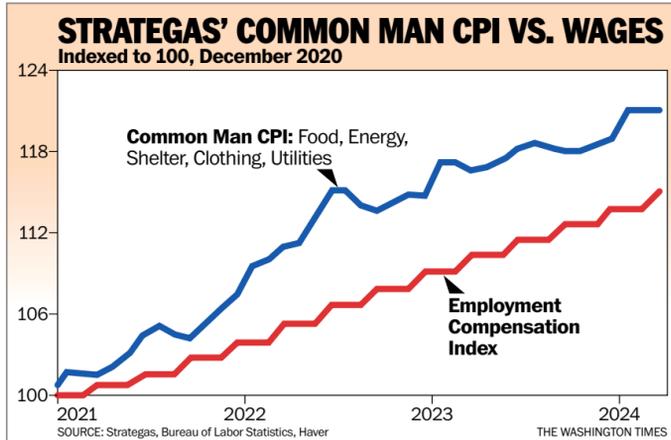
The Biden administration routinely runs budget deficits of over 7% of gross domestic product. This had never occurred before in the postwar period when the unemployment rate has been below 7%. Today, it rests just below 4%. Like it or not, Biden-era spending and stratospheric budget deficits mean that there is nothing his campaign can do to escape blame for the fact that the average person's standard of living has deteriorated during his term.

Some may point out that wages are rising faster than prices as proof that the current policy mix is working. This view ignores the cumulative effects of inflation that Americans face. Looking at inflation this way, it becomes clear that wages and benefits cannot rise fast enough in the next eight months to obscure the fact that this country's working men and women are worse off than they were on Inauguration Day in 2021. Prices could decline to even things out, I suppose, but what economists call deflation takes place that quickly only in the presence of an economic catastrophe, and economic catastrophes have been notoriously unkind to incumbents.

Although no one in the academic economic community would ever admit it, a "bread and circuses" approach to public finance has been responsible for the plight of those whom economist William Graham Sumner once described as the "forgotten man" who quietly pays for the schemes of the political class. Said Sumner, "He works, he votes, generally he prays — but he always pays — yes, above all, he pays."

Regardless of what some academic might tell you, if you feel your take-home pay can't keep up with inflation, you're right. Perhaps it is because former President Donald Trump understands the plight of the common man that he seems to be winning.

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### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT WIDEST BUDGET DEFICIT

Date	Unemployment rate (%)	Budget deficit, % of GDP
COVID era	14.8	-14.0
Global financial crisis	10.0	-10.2
1982 recession	10.2	-5.6
Early 1990s recession	7.3	-5.1
Mid-1970s recession	7.9	-4.6
<b>Current</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>-7.7</b>

SOURCE: Strategas Research Partners

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what is happening in the economy to make better decisions but to, at best, boost their own sense that they can accurately forecast a system as complex as the economy. At worst, these "alternative" measures are used for political reasons, attempting to fool people into thinking that the inflation they see with their own eyes is an illusion.

To be fair, the Federal Reserve has made progress in bringing the inflation growth rate down once it finally realized that it was not transitory in March 2022. The problem is that there has been virtually no coordination between fiscal and monetary policy when it comes to dealing with price increases. In this

## Jefferson's tears

Safe spaces, 'trigger warnings' crush free speech, destroy universities' academic rigor

By Allan C. Stam

Despite their concerted efforts to cultivate likability, university presidents are under siege by critics on both the left and right. The crux of the issue lies in their hypocrisy. Historically, university leaders often spoke with candor and conviction, enjoying the benefits of academic tenure while residing in their ivory towers. Today, however, university leaders epitomize the worst of contemporary political hypocrisy and are beginning to pay for it.

Grievances from the right stem from the recent proliferation of "trigger warnings," safe spaces, bias response teams, admonitions against microaggressions, and the peculiar notion that both words and silence constitute violence. These and other illiberal constraints on speech are ostensibly designed to shield students from harm. Recent events, however, reveal the hypocrisy behind these presidents' stated aim of creating inclusive communities where everyone feels safe and valued.

Concern among university presidents for student emotional safety conspicuously excludes Jews. Following the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel, universities' illiberal speech restrictions were hypocritically abandoned as antisemitic rhetoric proliferated across campuses. This glaring and pervasive duplicity has led to an unprecedented number of elite schools searching for new presidents.

University leaders, long targets of conservative critics, now face harsh criticism from the left, something for which they seem to be wholly unprepared. Universities nationwide have evolved into social justice factories



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over the past decade, particularly since the summer of 2020 following George Floyd's killing. Both public and private institutions now market themselves as training grounds for progressive activists. Admissions offices highlight the opportunity and desirability of

"bending the arc of history" in their advertising, thereby signaling their alignment with progressive causes.

University presidents now consistently

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## COMMENT &amp; ANALYSIS

## Reality blows up Biden's EV mandate

Automakers are abandoning electric vehicles as financial losses mount

President Biden wants to decide what kind of car you can drive — despite his attempts to claim otherwise. In prepared remarks last week, he insisted he's never going to take away your ability to choose.

"Americans — I want to make this clear, notwithstanding what the other guy is saying — can buy any kind of car they want, whether it's gas, electric or hybrid," Mr. Biden said from the White House Rose Garden.

Perhaps he forgot that his zealots at the Environmental Protection Agency established their "tailpipe emissions rule" rule last month. This dictate will slowly constrict the supply of gasoline-powered vehicles over the next eight years by setting standards for automobile exhaust emissions at impossibly low levels. As a result, cars and trucks with an internal-combustion engine, or ICE, won't be able to meet the new criteria.

Current engines are already so clean that such a drastic change to the standard serves no legitimate purpose. If you compare what came out of tailpipes in the 1960s with what's emitted now, pollutants like carbon monoxide are down over 99%, according to the EPA's own figures.

"Pollution control" today is merely cover for forcing behavioral modification on a disobedient public that doesn't want to buy the plug-in cars that Democratic policymakers want them to drive.

Auto manufacturers are finally pushing back. Tired of losing \$100,000 every time it sells an electric car, Ford last week announced it was slashing orders for EV batteries. CEO Jim Farley called electric cars "a huge drag not just on Ford but on our whole industry."

Ford Chief Financial Officer John Lawler went on to explain that Ford doesn't build electric cars because

customers want them, but because, like a mob boss, Mr. Biden says the company has to if it wants to stay in business.

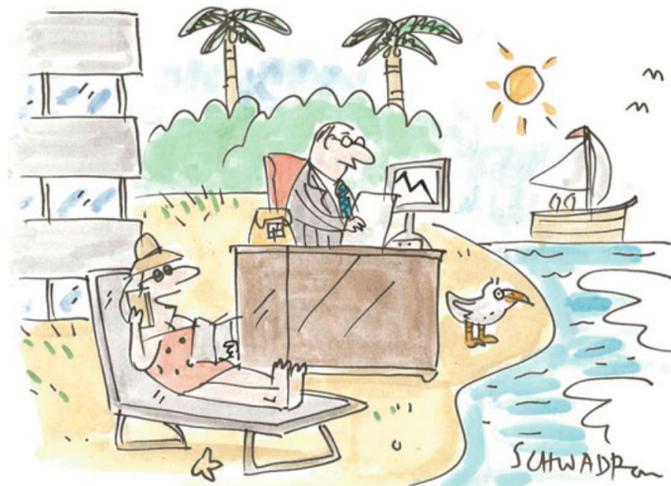
"To continue to sell the ICE vehicles, we are going to need to sell EVs," Mr. Lawler told investors last month. "It's not an option for us not to be compliant. If you don't comply with your [zero-emissions vehicle targets] or your greenhouse gas emissions requirements, you can't pay fines. What happens is you can't sell, and that's consistent across the industry."

The European automakers Audi and Mercedes-Benz have likewise scaled back their previous boasts of going all-electric as sales of pricey plug-in cars continue to disappoint. The liberals who were first to jump onto the EV bandwagon to signal their commitment to single-handedly saving the planet already have a Tesla or a Chevrolet Volt. Demand has been satisfied.

Lawmakers on the Continent are advancing the same electric-car grift as American politicians, and it's getting people killed. According to an analysis of pedestrian accidents published on Tuesday in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, electric cars are "three times more dangerous than ICE vehicles in urban environments."

The researchers looked at U.K. road-casualty statistics and found people walking across the street in a noisy city block may not hear the comparatively quiet electric car headed straight for them.

So not only are EVs a profit killer for the automaking industry, they're also a literal killer for the public as a whole. The election in November offers some hope that this will change, as candidate Donald Trump promises to end the bloodbath by pulling the plug on EV subsidies and mandates.



"HARLOW CAN'T HANDLE GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL, SO HE BROUGHT ALL HIS PROBLEMS WITH HIM."

## Professional employer organizations: In the business of small business

Sharing stories of 200,000 American companies during National PEO Week

By Casey Clark

In these divisive times, there's one thing that everyone, regardless of political persuasion, agrees is critical to the future of our great country and our economy: small businesses.

America's more than 33 million small and midsize businesses represent realized dreams for entrepreneurs, food and financial security for families, great jobs and benefits for workers, and economic opportunity for communities from Maine to California.

Increasingly, these companies are turning to professional employer organizations, known as PEOs, to manage their back-end payroll, benefits and compliance needs so they can remain focused on why they got into their business in the first place.

Today, we're kicking off National PEO Week to celebrate the role PEOs play in enabling small and midsize American businesses to thrive. It's the one time of year when our industry steps out from behind the curtain to share stories about the 200,000 American businesses that today are delivering for millions of Americans across every sector of our economy.

In recognition of National PEO Week, Rep. Erin Houchin, Indiana Republican and a PEO industry veteran, summed up our work perfectly:

"PEOs take away the headaches of being a business owner."

We tend to agree.

Working with a PEO, pharmacies, restaurants, construction firms and everyone in between can focus their efforts on expanding their business with the assurances of making payroll, offering competitive benefits to attract and retain high-caliber talent, and operating in compliance with the extensive patchwork of local, state and federal regulations.

Research from the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations proves that working with a PEO pays off.

Your clothier or artificial intelligence startup will grow 7% to 9% faster if it uses a PEO. The home improvement contractor will have employee turnover that is 10% to 14%

lower. The new restaurant or dry cleaner is 50% more likely to keep the doors open than companies that don't use a PEO.

As the national association representing this great business-enabling industry, NAPEO is on the front lines, ensuring the role we play is understood and supported, and the business certainty our members (and all businesses) require is achieved.

In the worst days of the COVID-19 pandemic, we secured loans through the Paycheck Protection Program and loan forgiveness for our clients, enabling them to stay afloat through a once-in-a-generation economic crisis. Robin Clendening, vice president and chief financial officer of Indianapolis-based Music for All, says her nonprofit wouldn't be here today if not for the PPP. "And we wouldn't have been able to get that had it not been for our PEO," she says.

And now, we stand shoulder to shoulder with Main Street businesses, fighting at the federal level to make sure small businesses receive every deserved dollar of Employee Retention Credit funds that remain frozen in the IRS' fraud-laden backlog. As their legitimate claims have stagnated, the backbone of our economy has been forced to take out high-interest loans, lay off employees, and in the worst cases, shutter operations entirely. We'll continue to bang on the doors of Congress and the IRS until this situation is rectified.

As the regulatory landscape across the country has become overly complex and burdensome, the

PEO industry has grown (quadrupled in the last 12 years, to be precise) to meet the needs of its clients. We're actively engaged in state capitals and in Washington, helping to craft a legislative and regulatory environment that allows PEOs to deliver for small-business clients everywhere.

Put simply, PEOs are in the business of small business, helping small businesses — and the communities they're in — thrive.

Casey Clark is president and CEO of NAPEO, the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Loan 'forgiveness' an empty promise

The Supreme Court ruled last June that the Biden administration could not forgive student debt because President Biden lacks the authority to do so. This was a campaign promise to get votes from young adults, nothing more.

But did Mr. Biden listen to the Supreme Court and abide by their decision? No, he did not. The Biden administration just canceled another \$7 billion in debt, which now

brings it to around \$137 billion ("Biden cancels another \$7.7 billion in student loans," web, May 22).

Has the Supreme Court take any action against Mr. Biden? No, it has not. This type of illegal action by Mr. Biden is only for votes and has an adverse effect on inflation, individual responsibility and voter/election integrity. What's more, it is totally unfair to all Americans. I want to see Chief Justice John

Roberts take action against Mr. Biden and Education Secretary Miguel Cardona.

Chief Justice Roberts, please do your job and put these corrupt politicians in jail. If you do not, people in the future will simply do whatever they want and tell the Supreme Court to jump in a lake.

CHUCK FLOYD  
Machipongo, Virginia

## Do not stand idly by

Although the political left has for generations confused and obfuscated the history and issues concerning Israel, the present situation is very clear. For those who hope they would have been a Dietrich Bonhoeffer — the famed German anti-Nazi pastor — during the rise of the Third Reich, this is our time.

There is neither a present Palestinian state nor a historical Palestinian claim to the land of Israel. Nothing could be clearer than Hamas' statement of its intent to rid the world of Jews and the Jewish nation. The betrayal of Israel by President Biden is an act of infinitely treasonous intent, betraying not only Israel, but America's best interests.

We can pray for the protection and salvation of innocents on both sides, but anyone who does not acknowledge the horrific, gruesome nature of the attacks on innocent Israeli civilians on Oct. 7 and Israel's right to defend itself is deliberately choosing — like the Germans in Nazi Germany — to look the other way. They are thus complicit in this present horror against the Jewish people.

If we as Americans do not speak up and support Speaker Mike Johnson and the House of Representatives, we are choosing to let evil reign in the world. The nation of Israel is fighting for its very existence. Reaching out to any Jewish

friends or organizations and letting them know that we stand with them are some of the most beautiful acts of kindness and patriotism we Americans can perform at this time. May America become a nation of Bonhoeffers in standing with Israel.

God bless Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu and grant him swift victory over Israel's enemies. God bless Mr. Johnson for standing with Donald Trump, Mr. Netanyahu and the nation of Israel, blessing all those upholding the Jewish people in this hour. God bless Israel and God bless the United States.

ELIZABETH HINESLEY  
Delray Beach, Florida

## Prosecute Biden for border crimes

Chris Farrell's proposition that President Biden should be investigated by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity for his actions on the U.S.-Mexico border is novel and provocative ("Holding Biden accountable for his border crimes," web, May 22). However, I disagree with Mr. Farrell; the ICC is the wrong court to address these crimes.

Mr. Farrell does raise an interesting question: whether state RICO laws could be employed by Texas

and other states to prosecute Mr. Biden, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and other administration officials responsible for the policies and governmental actions that have allowed illegal border crossings and caused the chaos and human suffering we now see.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis of Georgia is prosecuting former President Donald Trump and others for state RICO law violations. So, too, should Mr. Biden and his enablers be prosecuted for actions

on our borders that promote the criminal drug cartels' flow of income, which funds their illegal activities.

Democrats have unleashed a whirlwind through the unprecedented state prosecutions of Mr. Trump by Ms. Willis and Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. Mr. Biden should pay the price, to paraphrase Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer.

ED OBLOY  
Bristow, Virginia

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# Biden proves he's a demagogue on race, yet his own record is terrible

President told Black college grads that America hates them

By Tim Murtaugh

When President Biden talks to a Black audience, he's able to convey only one thought: The United States of America is a racist hellscape, and he's the only hope for redemption. He cast himself in that savior role in a commencement address last weekend at Morehouse College, the historically Black male-only college in Atlanta. But Mr. Biden is a bad choice to deliver that message, because he has spent a lifetime saying patently racist things, supporting racist policies, and hanging out with known racists. But it's election season, and that means he'll use race as a political weapon, even though he could be talking about himself more than anyone else.

At the beginning of his remarks, he tried to ingratiate himself with the Morehouse men by comparing his life experience to theirs. "I was the first Biden to ever graduate from college," he said, intending to leave the impression that he was the very first in his entire family to seek higher education because he assumed the new Morehouse graduates were like that, too.

This, however, was a lie of omission because he failed to say that his maternal grandfather, Ambrose Finnegan, played college football around the turn of the 20th century — a story he sometimes tells other audiences with different demographics.

The president also claimed that he was motivated to join the Civil Rights Movement when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (a Morehouse College graduate, coincidentally) was murdered in 1968, even though Mr. Biden famously admitted in 1987 that he was not really involved in the movement.

But that didn't matter to Mr. Biden at Morehouse College on Sunday; he was there to make sure that the Black people present knew that he was their friend. And if that meant that he needed to describe this country as completely inhospitable to minorities, then he would do that.

"It's natural to wonder if the democracy you hear about actually works for you," Mr. Biden said, as though he has not been part of the federal government for over 50 years. "What is democracy, if Black men are being killed on the street? What is democracy, if a trail of broken promises still leave Black communities behind? What is democracy, if you have to be 10 times better than anyone else to get a fair shot? Most of all, what does it mean, as you've heard before, to be a Black man who loves his country, even if it doesn't love him back in equal measure?"

The clear message is "America hates you."

Does Mr. Biden realize he's been president for almost four years?

He also threw in some gratuitous lies to make sure the graduates knew who the bad guys were and that he was not one of them.

"They won't allow water to be available to you while you wait in line to vote in an election," he falsely claimed about Georgia's election laws.

And he pushed the lie that Republicans are banning certain history books to suppress the stories of Black Americans.

"They don't see you in the future of America. But they're wrong," he said. "To me, we make history, and not erase it."

It's sad that it needs to be said, but this is a complete fabrication.

Aside from those who turned their backs or walked out to protest the latest Israel-Hamas war, the crowd responded with scattered and unenthusiastic applause, an indication that they weren't necessarily buying his act.

Nevertheless, we have witnessed the re-emergence of Mr. Biden, who as vice president yelled at Black people that Mitt Romney (Mitt Romney!) would "put y'all back in chains!"

But why?

Because he's losing to former President Donald Trump in his quest for reelection, because his poll numbers among Black voters are abysmal, and because he has a terrible record on race himself.

As a senator, Mr. Biden worked with segregationists to oppose busing to integrate public schools, which now-Vice President Kamala Harris famously cited in a Democratic primary debate in 2019 as racist.



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In 1977, he said desegregating schools would cause his children to "grow up in a racial jungle."

In 2007, he described then-Sen. Barack Obama as "the first mainstream African American who is articulate and bright and clean."

In 2010, he eulogized Sen. Robert Byrd, a former exalted cyclops in the Ku Klux Klan, and called him "one of my mentors."

And in 2020, he told a Black radio audience that if they didn't vote for him, then "you ain't Black."

After 52 years in Washington, there is no disputing that Mr. Biden is a demagogue who shifts his views on race depending on the politics of the moment. So, when he tries to tell you who the racists are, understand that he's talking mostly about himself.

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## Biden's big-government union play

Unworkable labor harmony agreements built into government contracts

The majority of states now give workers the freedom to do their jobs without being forced to join a labor union. We gave public servants that ability in Wisconsin in my first term as governor. The union bosses went wild. They sent protesters to take over our state Capitol. Eventually, some 100,000 occupied the building and square.

When the big union bosses and liberal special interests lost, they tried to cancel me through a recall election on June 5, 2012. We won with a larger margin than we had in the first election. We took power out of the hands of big-government special interests and returned it to the people, and they appreciated it.

Years later, on June 27, 2018, the Supreme Court ruled that the application of public sector union dues to nonmembers violated the First Amendment. The decision in *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31*, was denounced by labor bosses and their political cronies.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten called the case a "weapon against the people." Then-Sen. Kamala Harris of California said it was an "attack on workers' rights."

So it should be no surprise that the Biden-Harris administration, which benefited from tens of millions of dollars from big-government unions, is doing the bidding of their donors, which want to undermine the freedom to work in the states. What is surprising is the way President Biden is doing this — through a back door that will undermine a critical service for one of the most important constituencies to his reelection: older Americans on Medicare.

This month, President Biden's health and human services secretary, Xavier Becerra, will propose to make certain businesses rebid, or reapply, to work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. It sounds innocuous, but in a news release issued at the end of last year, Mr. Becerra made it clear the agency would require some companies that seek a contract with CMS to enter what is known as a "labor harmony agreement" with the big-government unions.

Labor harmony agreements are the favored weapon of these unions to pressure businesses into project-labor agreements even if businesses and certain employees do not wish to unionize. If history is a guide, this action will raise costs and slow down service. That's exactly what contractors argued would happen to construction projects under similar regulations. Why take this risk with older adults who rely on Medicare?

The Professional Services Council, representing

companies that often do business with CMS, pleaded with Mr. Becerra not to inject labor harmony agreements into contract requirements. They wrote that including such an agreement "would likely result in requests for employment conditions that would make it difficult for any contractor to fulfill the stated performance goals" of CMS contracts.

Translation: Businesses that provide services to CMS, and in turn people who rely on the agency for Medicare, will not be able to properly serve Medicare recipients because of unworkable labor harmony agreements that big-government unions will demand from them.

What's worse, Mr. Becerra is attempting what amounts to a sleight-of-hand maneuver to undermine freedom-to-work laws in the states. Many businesses that work with CMS operate in these states, meaning their employees are explicitly protected from union fees if they are not members of a union. Mr. Becerra will effectively eliminate that protection by mandating labor harmony agreements with public sector unions for any business that provides a service to CMS.

Examples of a labor agreement will invariably include clauses that require employees of businesses that are party to such agreements to pay union fees or be subject to collection costs if they do not. Unions use this same tactic against the construction industry to force unionization on contractors bidding on specific projects. You can expect these clauses to be included in any labor harmony agreement attached to a contract submission for businesses that work with CMS under Mr. Becerra's new rule, flouting freedom-to-work laws in states that seek to protect workers from these unconstitutional fees.

The political calculus behind this makes sense. Mr. Becerra is hinting at a run for governor in California, where he did the bidding of the state's big government union bosses as attorney general. President Biden is looking to these union bosses to flood millions into his reelection campaign.

What doesn't make sense — indeed, what is downright wrong — is that Mr. Biden and Mr. Becerra are threatening Medicare services for older Americans all in an attempt to undermine a sensible Supreme Court decision that protected the constitutional rights of millions of workers.

All Americans should be concerned by this backdoor ambush on the First Amendment and the rights of our older adults.

Scott Walker is president of Young America's Foundation and served as the 45th governor of Wisconsin.



SCOTT WALKER

## Stam

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assert that their institution's mission extends beyond research and teaching to include a central focus on social justice. Humanities and social science professors now routinely indoctrinate students with increasingly radical values, perceiving their roles more as activism trainers than teacher-scholars. Progressive community engagement is extolled by university leaders, with glossy publications valorizing activism over impartial teaching and research. With all this pandering to the illiberal left, why have they, too, turned against their university presidents?

This spring, these same presidents, who have been ardent advocates of social justice, called on the police

to break up campus protests. Ironically, in places such as Charlottesville, Virginia, and Berkeley, these demonstrations took place near monuments commemorating past student rallies. The hypocrisy of praising the student activists of the 1960s and 1970s while turning to police to suppress the current generation of student demonstrators has been too much for the leftist faculty.

Historically, university leaders tried to appease progressive activists, first with affirmative action in the late 1970s, which courts and state referendums eventually curtailed, and later with speech codes in the 1980s and '90s, which were similarly struck down. Today, the left's preferred tools are ubiquitous and costly diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. These programs include identity-based

discrimination, workshops on acceptable behavior, a focus on equal outcomes for all, and mandatory training for students, administrators and faculty.

As with previous attempts to regulate speech and behavior, DEI policies are now facing significant judicial scrutiny. Diversity and inclusion often translate to new forms of discrimination, excluding those who do not adhere to the prevailing ideological orthodoxy. It is only a matter of time before these practices are successfully challenged and dismantled.

The backlash against university presidents highlights a fundamental crisis in higher education. We live in an age where common sense is not only uncommon but also controversial.

It is controversial to argue that

children fare better in two-parent families.

It is controversial to argue that someone who swam on the men's team last year should not be allowed to swim on the women's team this year.

It is controversial to condemn Hamas' massacre of Israeli civilians.

And yes, it is controversial to argue that race-neutral policies are preferable to those promoting racial discrimination.

At the root of this insanity is that university faculty prefer incompetent leaders who make no demands on them to competent leaders who require excellence in universities' core areas of research and teaching.

Universities today struggle with the challenge of balancing competing demands: from the right, a call for the restoration of free speech and academic rigor, and from the left, an

insistence on progressive social justice reforms at both local and national levels. The resolution of this impasse lies in restoring a sense of balance and reason to university governance.

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The property will be sold by Trustee's 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.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$85,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in cash, certified check, or other form as 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 Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within 30 days of the sale. At the Trustee's discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the sale, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustee fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the 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 rate of 18.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the 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 homeowner 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. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder 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 Trustee of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms may be announced at sale.

Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery, Christianna Kersey, Kevin Hildebeidel, Kyle Blackstone, and Kathleen Young, Substitute Trustees Tidewater Auctions, LLC (410) 825-2900 www.tidewaterauctions.com Washington Times, 5/20, 5/22, 5/24, 5/27, 5/29 CGD File #:460389 Ad#83398

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3285 WILLOW GLEN DRIVE, HERNDON, VA 20171

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$749,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.832000% dated September 30, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Fairfax as Deed Book 17825, Page 1414, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Fairfax, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on July 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM, the property with improvements to wit:

STILL OAKS LT 76 SEC 2 Tax Map No. 0352 12 0076 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 20-285767.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Mailing Address: 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216 (703) 449-5800.

Run Dates: May 24th, 2024 July 16th, 2024 July 23rd, 2024 AD#84027

Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery, Christianna Kersey, Kevin Hildebeidel, Kyle Blackstone, and Kathleen Young, Substitute Trustees Tidewater Auctions, LLC (410) 825-2900 www.tidewaterauctions.com Washington Times, 5/20, 5/22, 5/24, 5/27, 5/29 CGD File #:460389 Ad#83398

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 5841 Berkshire Court, Alexandria, VA 22303

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 27, 2020 and recorded March 30, 2020 in Book 26151 Page 1135 in the Clerk's Office for the Fairfax County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$479,180.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the entrance of the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

June 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

Lot 11, BERKSHIRE EAST, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4354 at Page 736, as amended by Deed recorded in Deed Book 4507 at Page 101 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

TOGETHER WITH the right to use as a party wall and subject to the right of the owners of the adjoining lot also to use as a party wall, the wall erected partly on said two lots and separating the building on the above described lot from the building on the adjoining lot.

SUBJECT TO the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded in Deed Book 4354 at Page 739 among the aforesaid land records.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to John P. Maxwell and Nancy M. Maxwell from Berger Corporation, formerly known as Berger Construction Corporation, a Virginia corporation, by Deed dated June 9, 1977 and recorded June 27, 1977 in Deed Book 4639 at Page 454 among the aforesaid land records.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com May 24th, 2024 May 31st, 2024 AD#82841

Trustee Sales: Alexandria

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 203 Yoakum Parkway, Unit 1-603, Alexandria, VA 22304

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 21, 2013 and recorded November 15, 2013 in Instrument Number 130025576 in the Clerk's Office for the City of Alexandria Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$134,226.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for City of Alexandria located at 520 King Street, Courthouse, Alexandria, VA 22314.

June 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Alexandria City, State of VA, and is described as follows:

Condominium Unit 1-603, Watergate at Landmark Condominium, Alexandria, Virginia and the limited common elements attached thereto, pursuant to the declaration at Deed Book 806 at Page 38 and amendment to Declaration in Deed Book 825, at Page 519 among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com May 17th, 2024 May 24th, 2024 AD#82710

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 2417 Windbreak Drive, Alexandria, VA 22306

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated May 14, 2010 and recorded May 18, 2010 in Book 21049 Page 0809 in the Clerk's Office for the Fairfax County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$238,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the entrance of the Fairfax County Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

June 07, 2024 at 11:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

Lot T-151, in accordance with plat entitled "Resubd. Parcel B, MOUNT VERNON SQUARE TOWNHOUSES" which plat is attached to Deed of Resubdivision duly recorded in Deed Book 4515, Page 279, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com May 17th, 2024 May 24th, 2024 AD#82710

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 203 Yoakum Parkway, Unit 1-603, Alexandria, VA 22304

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 21, 2013 and recorded November 15, 2013 in Instrument Number 130025576 in the Clerk's Office for the City of Alexandria Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$134,226.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for City of Alexandria located at 520 King Street, Courthouse, Alexandria, VA 22314.

June 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Alexandria City, State of VA, and is described as follows:

Condominium Unit 1-603, Watergate at Landmark Condominium, Alexandria, Virginia and the limited common elements attached thereto, pursuant to the declaration at Deed Book 806 at Page 38 and amendment to Declaration in Deed Book 825, at Page 519 among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com May 17th, 2024 May 24th, 2024 AD#82710

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE SALE OF 1029 Kings Court, Herndon, VA 20170

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated December 19, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$284,747.00, recorded in Deed Book 23507, page 1688, assigned in Deed Book 23738, page 690, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Fairfax, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Fairfax on June 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 40, Cavalier Park, Section 2, County of Fairfax. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$23,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the 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. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and Kelly Hamric, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. D, Newport News, VA 23602 (757) 320-0255

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Trustee Sales: Alexandria

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 203 Yoakum Parkway, Unit 1-603, Alexandria, VA 22304

By virtue of the



Trustee Sales: Prince William Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE - Real property at 42899 Pamplin Terrace, South Riding, VA 20152 (Parcel ID: 164-19-9665-001)

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$188,285.00 dated November 25, 2005 and recorded in the land records of Prince William County, Virginia in recorded in the Land Records of Prince William County at Instrument 200511280202578 on November 28, 2005, default having been made in the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Front Entrance for the Circuit Court for Prince William County, located at 9311 Lee Avenue Manassas VA 20110, the above referenced property and fixtures or improvements thereon briefly described as "Lot 505, Section 2, Country Club Lake"

May 31, 2024 at 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO any environmental or other conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, prior liens, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any. Substitute Trustee shall have no obligation to deliver possession of the property or any other obligation as to the premises.

A bidder's deposit of \$19,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale in the form of a certified check or cashier's check from the purchaser or the bid will be rejected. Successful bidder will be required to sign a memorandum of sale at the time of the sale and settle by emitting the balance of the purchase price within fourteen (14) days of sale. If the buyer wishes to use their own settlement company and documentation, there will be a fee of \$300.00 for review of their settlement documents. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee according to the Code of Virginia.

All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges to be prorated through date of sale; those incurred after the sale date, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale as well as to post-sale confirmation 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 or whether other legal impediment to title exists. In any such case, the 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. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Cohn Goldberg Deutch, 410-296-2550 or www.cgd-law.com; or CGD #461315. Cohn Goldberg Deutch is a debt collector; any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

BLUE RIDGE TRUSTEES LLC

Run Dates: May 17 and May 24, 2024 AD#833588

Trustee Sales: Virginia

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 42899 Pamplin Terrace, South Riding, VA 20152 (Parcel ID: 164-19-9665-001)

In execution of certain liens for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of certain memoranda of liens for unpaid assessments in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Loudoun ("Land Records") on April 9, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020090-0024792, on April 13, 2021, as Instrument Number 20210413-0043666, and on May 24, 2022, as Instrument Number 20220524-0031176 (the "Liens"), The Amberlea at South Riding Condominium Unit Owners Association ("Association"), by its appointed trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on May 28, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20178, the real property and improvements with the street address of 42899 Pamplin Terrace, South Riding, VA 20152 (Parcel ID: 164-19-9665-001) and briefly described as:

Unit 67A, Phase 67, of The Amberlea at South Riding Condominium, Section 81, South Riding, as created by Declaration recorded as Instrument Number 200403050019662, and as shown on plat attached thereto, and recorded as Instrument No. 200403050019663, as such Declaration might have been or may be amended, modified and/or supplemented from time to time, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia, and to the other conditions, reservations, restrictive covenants, agreements, rights-of-ways, charges, liens, covenants, easements and other provisions contained in the Condominium Act, condominium documents and in the deeds forming the chain of title to this property, all of which are incorporated in this Deed by reference and constitute and shall constitute covenants running with the land, equitable servitudes, liens and easements to the extent set forth in such documents and as provided by law, any of which are accepted by Grantee and Grantee's successors, heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, in title.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO all those easements, rights, privileges, and obligations of that certain Declaration for South Riding, recorded in Deed Book 1357 at Page 985, Condominium Declaration recorded in Instrument No. 200403050019662 and as shown on plat attached thereto and recorded as Instrument No. 200403050019663, as such Declaration might have been or may be amended, modified and/or supplemented from time to time, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia, and to the other conditions, reservations, restrictive covenants, agreements, rights-of-ways, charges, liens, covenants, easements and other provisions contained in the Condominium Act, condominium documents and in the deeds forming the chain of title to this property, all of which are incorporated in this Deed by reference and constitute and shall constitute covenants running with the land, equitable servitudes, liens and easements to the extent set forth in such documents and as provided by law, any of which are accepted by Grantee and Grantee's successors, heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, in title.

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty as to any respect, restriction, covenant, or condition of the Property and subject to any liens, violations, and all other matters taking priority over the Association's Liens, including, but not limited to, any deeds of trust. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the Association's original Declaration, Bylaws and other governing instrument, and any amendments thereto.

A nonrefundable bidder's deposit of \$10,000 will be required to be paid by the successful bidder in cash, certified funds or by cashier's check. Settlement within 30 days of sale and title will transfer by trustee's deed with special warranty of title. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. If Trustee is unable for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in law and equity shall be the return of its deposit, without interest. Trustee reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time as determined by Trustee. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Direct any inquiries to counsel for the Association, Kristen L. Buck, Renee Broome, PC, 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 790-1911.

M. Wilcox Law, PLLC, Trustee, Attn: Mona Wilcox, 2018 N. Oakland St., Arlington, VA 22207, (412) 779-9927 (Telephone), mona@mwilcoxlaw.com

May 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024 AD#83478

Estate Arlington Co.

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD GEORGE MORGAN, DECEASED FIDUCIARY NO. W40175 NOTICE Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 64.2-550, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has at the request of Rebecca A. L. Megel, Esq., Administrator, c.t.a., appointed June 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at her offices at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 6500, Arlington, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against this decedent and/or the estate.

For information on appearing by phone or video call, please contact the Commissioner of Accounts office at (703) 228-7150. Dated: May 21, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth L. Wildhack COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS Advertis: May 24th, 2024 AD#84075

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF KANE, NANCY ANN, DECEASED FIDUCIARY NO. W39738 NOTICE Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 64.2-550, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has at the request of Bankhead T. Davies, Esq., Executor, appointed June 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at her offices at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 6500, Arlington, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against this decedent and/or the estate.

For information on appearing by phone or video call, please contact the Commissioner of Accounts office at (703) 228-7150. Dated: May 21, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth L. Wildhack COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS Advertis: May 24th, 2024 AD#84079

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MITCHELL, AUDREA BONO, DECEASED FIDUCIARY NO. W39613-A NOTICE Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 64.2-550, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has at the request of Michael O. Manning, Administrator, c.t.a., d.b.n., appointed June 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at her offices at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 6500, Arlington, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against this decedent and/or the estate.

For information on appearing by phone or video call, please contact the Commissioner of Accounts office at (703) 228-7150. Dated: May 21, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth L. Wildhack COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS Advertis: May 24th, 2024 AD#84082

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA FITZWATER DEAN, DECEASED FIDUCIARY NO. W40240 NOTICE Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 64.2-550, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has at the request of William Solomon Dean, Executor, appointed June 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at her offices at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 6500, Arlington, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against this decedent and/or the estate.

For information on appearing by phone or video call, please contact the Commissioner of Accounts office at (703) 228-7150. Dated: May 21, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth L. Wildhack COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS Advertis: May 24th, 2024 AD#84081

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM STEVEN WOJANIS, DECEASED FIDUCIARY NO. W40129 NOTICE Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 64.2-550, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has at the request of Dunn, Mary W., Executor, appointed June 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at her offices at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 6500, Arlington, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against this decedent and/or the estate.

For information on appearing by phone or video call, please contact the Commissioner of Accounts office at (703) 228-7150. Dated: May 21, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth L. Wildhack COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS Advertis: May 24th, 2024 AD#84080

Auctions: Maryland

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction at the location indicated: 5140 River Road, Bethesda MD, 20816, May 28th, 2024 at 1:30 pm. Unit 649.

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.StorageTreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. May 24, 2024 Ad#84058

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 FAIRFAX COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No.: J462152-01-00 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CLAVIJO ALACOMA, YAIAIRA L. ALACOMA LIMACHI, FANNY V. CLAVIJO TAIBE, CARLOS The object of this suit is to: CUSTODY/SUS

It is ORDERED that the defendant CLAVIJO TAIBE, CARLOS appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before August 5, 2024 10:20 AM 3D. DATE: April 26, 2024 SR CLERK

May 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2024 AD#83641

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FAIRFAX COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No.: J462153-01-00 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MERCADO LEDEZMA, BRUNO RAMON LEDEZMA MONTERO, LENVY V. MERCADO SUAREZ, VICTOR HUGO The object of this suit is to: CUSTODY/SUS

It is ORDERED that the defendant appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before August 5, 2024 10:20 AM 3D. DATE: April 26, 2024 SR CLERK

May 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2024 AD#83640

ORDER OF PUBLICATION Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316

FAIRFAX COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No.: J462543-01-00 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re RODRIGUEZ MEDINA, DARLIN YULIS MEDINA, ROSALINA V. RODRIGUEZ GUEVARA, GERMAN E The object of this suit is to: TO DETERMINE THE CUSTODY OF AND TO MAKE SPECIAL FINDINGS OF FACT FOR DARLIN YULIS RODRIGUEZ MEDINA.

It is ORDERED that the defendant RODRIGUEZ GUEVARA, GERMAN E appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before August 8, 2024 10:00 AM 3D. DATE: April 25, 2024 JO CLERK

May 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2024 AD#83639

ORDER OF PUBLICATION Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316

FAIRFAX COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No.: J462381-01-00-00 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CANALES MEZA, JELVIN VIRGINIA, MANUEL CANALES MEZA, MARIA FIDELINA V. MEDINA ORBINA, MANUEL ERNESTO The object of this suit is to: PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS FINDINGS FOR JELVIN VIRGILIO MEDINA

It is ORDERED that the defendant MEDINA ORBINA, MANUEL ERNESTO appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before August 2, 2024 10:00 AM 3D. DATE: April 25, 2024 JO CLERK

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For information on appearing by phone or video call, please contact the Commissioner of Accounts office at (703) 228-7150. Dated: May 21, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth L. Wildhack COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS Advertis: May 24th, 2024 AD#84080

ENTER-Stephen C. Shannon JUDGE Date: May 20, 2024 I Ask For This: Gene D. Robinson III Esq. VSB #75361 Amanda H. Lee, Esq. VSB #40139 Gene Robinson Law, PLLC 4620 Lee Highway, Suite 216 Arlington, Virginia 22207 (703) 224-8282 Telephone (703) 910-2100 Facsimile

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Alexandria Circuit Court 520 King St, Alexandria VA 22314 Case No. CL24001447 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Yavnaae Leilani Dyal V. Lindsey Ann Dyal

The object of this suit is to: Plaintiff may be awarded a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant, on the ground of having lived separate and apart without any cohabitation and without interruption for a period of six months.

It is ORDERED that Lindsey Ann Dyal at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before June 10th, 2024. DATE: April 17, 2024 Jackie Garcia Clerk

May 24 & 31, 2024 June 7 & 14, 2024 AD#84096

Notice After Sale: Montgomery Co.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon Richard J. Rogers Michael McKeefery Christianna Kersey Kevin Hildebrand 1099 Winterson Road, Suite 301 Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 Substitute Trustees Plaintiffs v. Case No. C-15-CV-23-001047

Seth Haskins 11445 Stoney Point Place Germantown, MD 20876 Defendant

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 15th day of May, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and entered into, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 17th day of June, 2024.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$284,000.00. The property sold herein is known as 11445 Stoney Point Place, Germantown, MD 20876.

Karen A. Bushell Clerk of the Circuit Court

Montgomery County, Maryland Filed: March 8, 2024 Publish: The Washington Times

Cohn, Goldberg & Deutch, Attorneys at Law 1099 Winterson Road, Suite 301 Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 410-296-2550 x3031 File# 458574

Ad No.83800 May 17, 24 & 31, 2024

Notice After Sale: Prince George's Co.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Thomas W. Hodge, et al. Substitute Trustees Plaintiffs, v. Case No. CAEF19-12055

Estate of Ceolus Raines, Jr. Defendant

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this 7th day of May, 2024, by the sale of the property in this case, 1800 Brierfield Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745, reterted by Thomas W. Hodge, Brennaul Ferguson, Christine N. Johnson, Jeana McMurray, Robert A. Oliveri, Melissa Alcocer, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 7th day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Times, a newspaper published in Prince Georges County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 7th day of June, 2024.

The Report states the amount of sale to be \$336,000.00.

/s/Mahasin El Amin Clerk of the Circuit Court 723

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Friendship's decline doesn't stop a solicitation for cash

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Gene" and I have been friends since elementary school. We're inseparable best friends all those years. When we were about 30, I started noticing our friendship seemed to be a one-way street because he made no effort to initiate contact.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN DEAR ABBY

Gene was gracious and inviting if I called him, but he never called me. Instead, he focused on friends he could benefit from professionally and withdrew from old friends like me. About 20 years ago, I stopped calling him and decided to move on with other friends who were more congenial and courteous.

goodbye to my third beloved pet. Even though it has gotten easier over time, each passing has been devastating, and I have grieved deeply over their loss. When my mom passed a few years back, I was with her during that peaceful moment. I felt sadness, but nothing approaching the level as it has been with my pets.

You could count on one hand how many times I've seen or spoken to Gene in the past 10 years, but today I received a graduation invitation from his son who wants a cash gift for his high school graduation. Abby, his son wouldn't know me if I tapped him on the shoulder. To say I was appalled is an understatement.

My father's time is growing near, yet I don't feel sadness. I have had loving relationships with my parents, but not like some of my friends who described their parents as their rock or their best friend.

I feel no obligation to send money to someone I don't know, and even less than that given the way Gene abandoned our decades-long friendship years ago. How can I handle this tactfully without coming across as rude or bitter? — SHOCKED IN THE BLUEGRASS STATE

I'm worried that I lack something in my heart, and I should be feeling a greater loss for humans than for pets. Please help me make sense of this. I don't feel OK. — GRIEVING DIFFERENTLY IN FLORIDA

DEAR SHOCKED: The polite way to handle it would be to send the young man a congratulatory card, wishing him well.

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your pet, and please stop flogging yourself for your feelings (or lack thereof). Everyone grieves differently. It is possible that you were able to accept the death of your mother because you were no longer interacting with her on the emotional level your friends did with their parents. The same may be true for your father.

DEAR SHOCKED: The polite way to handle it would be to send the young man a congratulatory card, wishing him well.

Your pets, on the other hand, were a source of emotional support on a daily basis. Sometimes pets become the equivalents of children, and the loss of that "child" can be more painful than losing one's parents.

DEAR ABBY: I just said

ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 24).

This solar return celebrates love in many forms. Family, friends, romance, causes, animals ... the beautiful quality attention you give makes every relationship better. There's a sharp turn in the professional realm and you'll shine under new management. More highlights: lush scenery, the chance at a prize known by few in the world, and a series of savvy, game-changing moves. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 14 and 16.

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPE

information inside you to sink any one of your friends, associates or loved ones with one sentence. If tempted to tell, just know, it would hurt less to slip with your feet than your mouth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have natural ability and a charisma that draws people in, but you don't rely on these gifts because they are not the foundation of your success. It's behaviors, habits and routines that will do all your heavy lifting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are performing at a high level, but you can't feel it because being inside you feels about the same as it has all along this process. Circumstances in the room, the condition of your tools, general nerves — they only enhance your show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in a labyrinth of sorts. Don't worry about getting it right. Just remember the truth — this thing is just made of shrubs. At any point, you could get through them if you had to. For now, pay attention and keep moving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Try not to get hung up on perfection. Having a polished result won't matter. Things are going fast. Your time is better spent solving a number of problems instead of trying to make one thing perfect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fear is as normal a part of the human experiences as is having thumbs. Many people don't have thumbs, and they are still as human as any because thumbs don't define you. Fear shouldn't either.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the ever-changing world, knowing things can be overrated. Today you'll end up throwing something you thought you knew out the window. This is, ultimately, where some knowledge belongs — jettisoned.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People who say they are funny often aren't. Also, the people who say, "That's funny" but don't laugh can't be trusted. The proof is in the embodiment of a thing. You'll be amused at what you embody today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even as a director, you can't always control the direction the scene takes. Some actions have a force too strong for one person to thwart or even steer, but it can be influenced, nudged along to excellent effect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get a compliment and other validating signals that you're on the right track. Avoid the temptation to bask in your glory. This is no time to relax. Stay focused on improving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A quest is in order, but what's the aim? One quest that's always worthy is the quest to become masterful at reading people. Even familiars have more to offer once you tune into their frequency and adjust your own accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People trust you. This is why you have enough

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Rating: Silver

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and the process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Put a Lid on It

- ACROSS
- 1 About 4,800 square yards
  - 5 Poster cardboard
  - 11 Metaphor for deception
  - 14 Expert in deception
  - 15 City near Yosemite
  - 16 Sew up
  - 17 Home services site
  - 18 Start of a rave review, c. 1950
  - 20 Sounds mousy
  - 22 Cartoon spring sound
  - 23 Stands while driving
  - 25 Where the Yellowstone R. begins
  - 26 Middle of review
  - 31 Potato alternative for chips
  - 35 Two-listed fellows
  - 36 Succeeded in deceiving
  - 37 Telephone inventor's nickname
  - 38 Cylindrical cheese
  - 39 End of review
  - 41 USCG rank
  - 42 Fleecy footwear
  - 43 Self-doubter's inquiry
  - 44 What Cage had in *The Flash* (2023)
  - 45 Sloop's spine
  - 46 Product being reviewed
  - 49 Many monorails
  - 51 Highly energetic
  - 52 Big fling
  - 55 Young rascals
  - 60 46-Across' present name
  - 64 Habitually
  - 65 Traditional dartboard material
- DOWN
- 1 Wistful intro
  - 2 Certain "sank" homonym
  - 3 Classic competitor
  - 4 Water that sounds weird
  - 5 Flat or sharp
  - 6 Up now
  - 7 Ryan's recent doll role
  - 8 "Puffrock" monogram
  - 9 Earn \_\_ (breeze)
  - 10 '80s world leader, in headlines
  - 11 Airport amenity
  - 12 Social sci.
  - 13 Large water cooler
  - 19 Didn't Uber or Lyft it
  - 21 Meant for, for short
  - 24 Book promotional event
  - 25 Sprinkles, say
  - 26 Where some 68-Across serve
  - 27 Investor's insurance
  - 28 Mind's-eye view
  - 29 Dream period
  - 30 "...just kidding!"
  - 32 Lone Star shrine
  - 33 For Scent-imental
  - 34 Talk up
  - 39 Raucous birdcalls
  - 40 Broody music
  - 44 Barrie big-mouth
  - 47 With sullenness
  - 48 A way out
  - 50 Freeloader
  - 52 Educational policy acronym
  - 53 Newsprint paper
  - 54 Dashboard readings
  - 56 Less than lucid
  - 57 "Why would \_\_?"
  - 58 Something frowned on
  - 59 "Irish" entrée
  - 61 Frat letter
  - 62 Outdo everyone
  - 63 *The Winter's Tale* beverage

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JUMBLE/David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VNLAA

NGLUC

EDBISE

NTEADT



(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRAME THIRD GASKET CHROME Answer: The blacksmith's first few attempts weren't to his liking, but he planned to — FORGE AHEAD

RUBES/Leigh Rubin

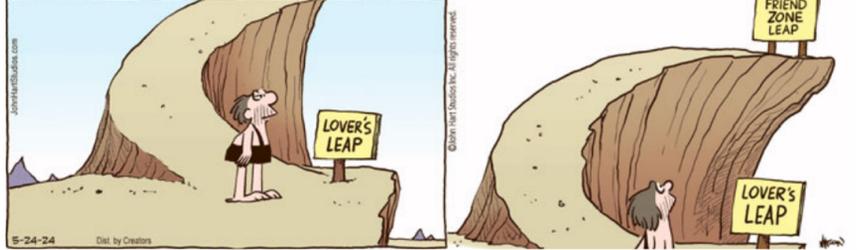


"I think it's safe to assume that reports of their highly advanced space program have been wildly exaggerated."

IN THE BLEACHERS/Steve Moore



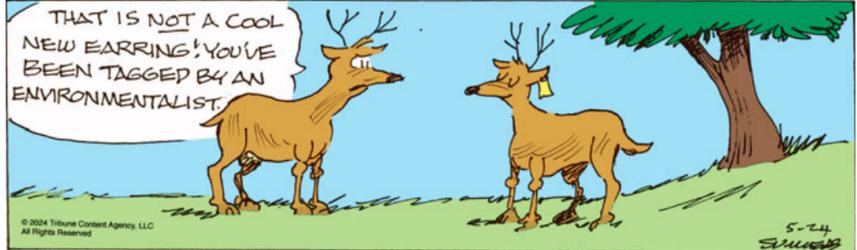
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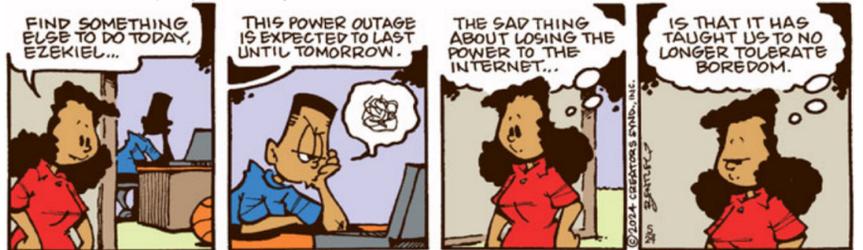
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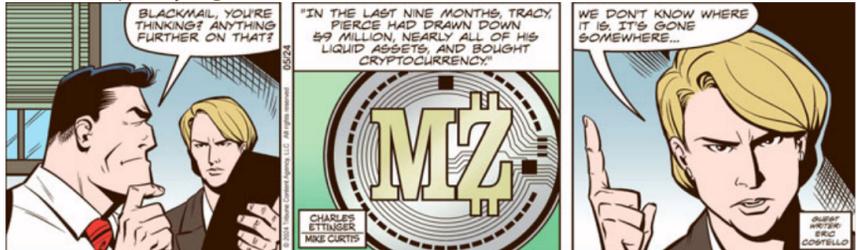
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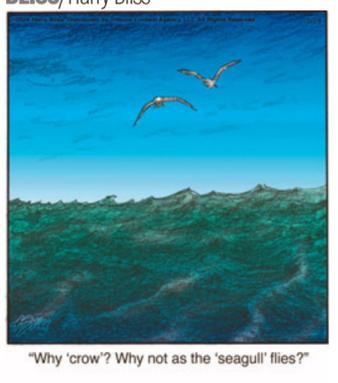
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BLISS/Harry Bliss



# INDY

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interview with The Associated Press. “I knew I couldn’t sleep and I really just wanted to soak this place in. Any day of the year you are at Indianapolis Motor Speedway is special, but after you’ve just gotten the pole? I didn’t want to go to sleep. I didn’t want the day to be over. It’s the biggest accomplishment of my career.”

That’s saying a lot. McLaughlin was well-established when he arrived in IndyCar late in the 2020 season. He’d just captured his third consecutive Australian V8 Supercars title — winning a record 18 races in 2019 — ticked the Bathurst 1000 off his resume, and he felt there was little left to accomplish racing across the world.

So he made the move to the U.S. — not such a tough decision since his wife, Karly, is a native New Yorker and he had an IndyCar offer from Penske — and has shown remarkable improvement in each of his three-plus seasons.

He won three races in 2022, and last year, he was the highest-ranked Team Penske driver in the standings at third, outdueling Newgarden, who won the Indy 500 and three other races but finished fifth.

Now, McLaughlin will lead the field to green as Penske seeks a record-extending 20th win in “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

The front-row sweep comes at a time when Team Penske is trying to move forward from a cheating scandal in which IndyCar late last month disqualified Newgarden’s victory and McLaughlin’s

third-place finish in the March season-opening race. The drivers were found to have illegally used their push-to-pass boost of additional horsepower when it was not allowed.

Penske has since suspended four team members, including Team President Tim Cindric, who is Newgarden’s strategist and considered one of the best in the business.

Not long after the qualifying across the front row, Team Penske scored another victory when Joey Logano won NASCAR’s \$1 million All-Star race at North Wilkesboro Speedway.

“Obviously the one person this whole thing hurt the most was Roger, and he took it to heart pretty hard,” McLaughlin said of the cheating scandal. “I think we have great depth and that’s a testament to the team. But this has been great medicine because whenever your integrity or reputation is put into question — and that’s understandable considering what happened — it sucks. But you look at how you turn those negatives into positives and I feel Team Penske is doing a good job.”

So good of a job that Power for months had been saying Team Penske’s offseason work was so intense that he was convinced at least one of the three Chevrolets would win the pole. McLaughlin could have used a little less of Power’s confidence.

“I wasn’t as confident as him and, if anything, wanted him to shut it off a little bit,” McLaughlin said. “I just don’t think we needed the unnecessary pressure. We knew. We all had a quiet belief that we could do it. But we didn’t need to be out there telling everyone.”



Scott McLaughlin was the highest-ranked Team Penske driver last year at third place, outdueling Josef Newgarden who won the Indianapolis 500 but finished fifth. McLaughlin leads the field Sunday as Penske seeks a record-extending 20th Indy 500 win.



Sky rookie forward Angel Reese is averaging 11.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in four games with Chicago. She is also part-owner of the DC Power FC women’s soccer team.

# WNBA

From page B10

what she does and she brings along everybody with her,” Chicago Sky coach Teresa Weatherspoon said. “She doesn’t go by herself in an instant in this life. ... If you have, make sure the next one has.”

Weatherspoon embraces that Reese has many sides to her.

“She’s a champion. She’s a winner. So she wants to go win. She’s a competitor,” Weatherspoon said. “When she steps out on the other side, she’s earned what’s on the outside.”

Reese also has become a team owner, buying into a professional women’s soccer team, DC Power FC.

“Obviously I love sports, not just basketball,” Reese said. “That’s going to just be a part of me and I’m going to continue to help build women’s sports. That is important to me.”

Reese and the Sky visited New York on Thursday night, which was a homecoming for Weatherspoon. The Sky coach starred for the Liberty when the WNBA launched its first season in 1997. She helped the team reach the WNBA Finals in three of the league’s first four years. She also spent time as the team’s first director of player and franchise development from 2015 to 2019.

She knew it would be emotional when she coached her first game against her former team.

“This is where I played, blood sweat

and tears,” Weatherspoon said. “I just tried to play a game in front of an amazing crowd that gave us everything they had.”

Thursday night’s game was Reese’s first time playing in New York. When she was a freshman in high school, she played in a showcase game at Christ the King against fellow rookie teammate Cardoso.

Reese recalled hitting a shot to send the game into overtime and that it was the first time she had at least 20 points and 20 rebounds. The 6-foot-3 former LSU standout from Baltimore who spent two seasons at Maryland said she’ll have a lot of friends and family in attendance against New York.

Another 20-20 performance in New York would certainly send her supporters home happy.



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TENNIS

# Stage is set for moving, memorable Nadal turn at the French Open

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If this is, as expected, Rafael Nadal's final French Open, it will be one that everyone — the 37-year-old Spaniard included — surely will remember vividly.

No matter how healthy the guy everyone calls "Rafa" might be. No matter how long his stay in Paris lasts. No matter whether he somehow adds another championship at Roland Garros to the record 14 he owns.

Narrator: Not even Nadal truly believes that is possible. Indeed, it wasn't even certain that he would be in the field until his name was placed in the bracket on Thursday — and he was drawn to face No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev — although Nadal has been practicing all week on site.

"I am not negative," he explained. "I am just realistic."

Think back just a couple of years ago to Serena Williams' farewell at the U.S. Open. That's the sort of atmosphere and adoration likely to be on display whenever Nadal swings a racket or simply strolls around the compact-for-a-Grand-Slam-grounds in the southwest section of the French capital where the clay-court tournament begins Sunday.

"I cannot predict what kind of emotions I am going to have there," said Nadal, who has been saying for a while that he thinks 2024 will be his final season before retirement. "I just want to enjoy every day."

That's been difficult lately because of hip and abdominal muscle injuries that limited him to 20 matches, and a 9-11 record, over the past 20 months.

Nadal missed nearly all of 2023 after hurting his hip during a loss at the Australian Open that January. He had surgery almost exactly a year ago and sat out the French Open for the first time since making his debut there in 2005, when, naturally, he claimed the trophy at age 19.

A torn hip muscle this January forced Nadal to miss the Australian Open; an ab problem sidelined him later. He returned in April, but in three places he's won a total of 27 titles — Barcelona, Madrid, Rome — Nadal made it no further than the fourth round anywhere and called himself "unpredictable."

That stretch was capped by a 6-1, 6-3 loss to Hubert Hurkacz at the Italian Open, a result so dispiriting that Nadal

## ROLAND GARROS 2024 WOMEN'S PREVIEW

Iga Swiatek can become only the third woman to win three successive titles at Roland Garros — and her fourth overall. At just 23, the world No.1 is already Poland's most successful tennis player.

### Three in a row:

Monica Seles YUG 1990-92

Justine Henin BEL 2005-07

### SWIATEK ROLAND GARROS TITLES

**2020**  
beat Sofia Kenin USA, 6-4, 6-1

**2022**  
Coco Gauff USA, 6-1, 6-3

**2023**  
Karolina Muchova CZE, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

May 26-Jun 9

#### Iga Swiatek

Could win Madrid, Rome and Paris in same year — feat last achieved by Serena Williams in 2013.

#### Aryna Sabalenka

Australian Open champion aims to recover from bruising losses to Swiatek in successive finals.

#### Coco Gauff

Clay court confidence boosted in Rome — reaching semis in singles and final in doubles.

#### Elena Rybakina

Three titles so far in 2024 — securing wins against Swiatek and Sabalenka en route.

PLAYER RECORD	Swiatek	Sabalenka	Gauff	Rybakina
2024 win-loss	38-4	25-7	25-8	30-5
2024 titles	4	1	1	3
Career titles (clay)	9	2	1	3
Career titles (total)	21	14	7	8
Grand Slams	4	2	1	1

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wondered aloud whether he should bother showing up at Roland Garros, although did say he was reluctant to skip "the most important event of my tennis career."

The 22-time major champion is not able to run at full speed or compete with full force. He does not have the match-readiness required to succeed.

"For him to feel like he's going in with his 'C' game — not 'B' game; 'C' game

— and maybe fearing almost that he could lose first or second round?" said Chris Evert, who won seven of her 18 Grand Slam titles in Paris. "He's been such a perfectionist on that surface, why would he want to expose himself at that level?"

No man has won even half as many French Opens as Nadal. His winning percentage there is .974. He had streaks of five championships in a row, four in a row and three in a row.

## ROLAND GARROS 2024 MEN'S PREVIEW

Rafael Nadal returns to Paris for what is expected to be his final campaign at Roland Garros after almost two decades of near-total dominance. Novak Djokovic is the defending champion.

### NADAL ROLAND GARROS BY NUMBERS

- 14** Titles (2005-08, 2010-14, 2017-20, 2022)
- 18** Appearances since 2005 debut
- 32** Wins against Top 10 opposition
- 39** Match-winning streak from 2010-15
- 112** Total victories (97.4% win ratio)
- 22** Grand Slam titles overall

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

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#### Novak Djokovic

Can surpass Margaret Court's all-time record with 25th major singles title in Paris.

#### Jannik Sinner

In stellar form — winning maiden Grand Slam at Australian Open, plus Miami and Rotterdam titles.

#### Carlos Alcaraz

Struggling for form after injury reduced clay court preparation. Suffered early exit in Madrid.

#### Alexander Zverev

Semi finalist in each of last three years at Roland Garros. Clinched Rome ATP 1000 title.

PLAYER RECORD	Djokovic	Sinner	Alcaraz	Zverev
2024 win-loss	12-5	28-2	18-5	28-9
2024 titles	0	3	1	1
Career titles (clay)	19	1	7	8
Career titles (total)	98	13	13	22
Grand Slams	24	1	2	0

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This says it all: There's already a statue of him near the main stadium.

"It's really a paramount challenge to play him in Roland Garros," said Novak Djokovic, whose 24 major trophies make him the only man with more than Nadal. "He's an incredible athlete. The tenacity and intensity he brings on the court, particularly there, is something that was very rarely seen, I think, in the history

of this sport." Djokovic — who formed, with Nadal and the now-retired Roger Federer, the so-called Big Three — and Iga Swiatek are the defending champions in France and both are ranked No. 1. Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner are the emerging stars of men's tennis; Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff have that status in the women's game.

GOLF

## Arresting officer punished for no bodycam on Scheffler

**LOUISVILLE, KY.** | The Kentucky police officer who arrested top-ranked golfer Scottie Scheffler outside the PGA Championship is receiving "corrective action" for not having his body-worn camera activated when he approached the golfer's vehicle — an interaction that allegedly resulted in the officer being dragged to the ground, authorities said Thursday.

Louisville officials said during a news conference that they are not aware of any video footage of the initial interaction last Friday between Scheffler and Louisville Detective Bryan Gillis outside the gates of Valhalla Golf Club on a dark and rainy morning. But Gillis wrote in a report on his failure to turn on the camera that Scheffler "demanded to be let in and proceeded forward ... I was dragged/knocked down by the driver."

Police did release video Thursday from a street pole camera that appears to show Scheffler's SUV turning into the golf club entrance, prompting an officer to run toward the vehicle and seemingly strike it as it comes to a stop. The camera is too far away to capture the full details of the encounter.

Another video released by authorities comes from a police vehicle dashcam and shows Scheffler in handcuffs as he is escorted by officers.

The local prosecutor handling the case has requested that any additional video or evidence related to the case not be released "until the conclusion of the legal process," the mayor said.

Scheffler was arrested on charges that he injured Gillis and disobeyed commands, but the golfer said "he never intended to disregard any of the instructions," and that the incident was caused by a misunderstanding.

NCAA

## NCAA, leagues sign off on \$2.8 billion antitrust plan

The NCAA and the nation's five biggest conferences have agreed to pay nearly \$2.8 billion to settle a host of antitrust claims, a monumental decision that sets the stage for a groundbreaking revenue-sharing model that

could start directing millions of dollars directly to athletes as soon as the 2025 fall semester.

The deal still must be approved by the federal judge overseeing the case and challenges could arise, but if the agreement stands it will mark the beginning of a new era in college sports where athletes are compensated more like professionals and schools can compete for talent using direct payments.

"There's no question about it. It's a huge quantum leap," said Tom McMillen, the former Maryland basketball player and congressman who led a group of collegiate athletic directors the past year years.

The Pac-12 was the final conference to sign off when university leaders voted Thursday to approve the plan, according to a person with direct knowledge of the decision.

Southeastern Conference school leaders unanimously approved the deal a few hours earlier, a second person with knowledge of that decision said. Both spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because a coordinated announcement among the Pac-12, SEC, Big Ten, Big 12, Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA was still being prepared.

All met a Thursday deadline set by plaintiffs' attorneys.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Orioles put starter Means on injured list with forearm strain

**CHICAGO** | The Baltimore Orioles placed left-hander John Means on the 15-day injured list with a left forearm strain before Thursday's series opener against the Chicago White Sox.

The 31-year-old Means was pulled after three innings of Wednesday's start at St. Louis. A forearm injury kept him out of the opening-day rotation and limited him to four starts this season.

He made only six starts over the 2022 and '23 seasons because of an elbow injury that required Tommy John surgery.

Means is 2-0 this year with a 2.61 ERA.

A prolonged absence could be trouble for the Orioles, who've stayed in stride with the AL East-leading New York Yankees a season after winning 101 games to take the division.

Baltimore recalled right-handed pitcher Jonathan Heasley from Triple-A Norfolk in a corresponding move.

From wire dispatches and staff reports.

## LOVERRO

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he says from his father. Cronin asks if he ever heard of Buck Garrison, and Goodhue says he remembers hearing about him from the Black Sox scandal. Wayne gets an autographed baseball from Goodhue.

He leaves New York and heads for Goodhue's hometown of Coaltown, West Virginia.

The film comes back to the present, with Cronin at home, waiting to tell his big city newspaper pal about his scoop: Goodhue is the legendary Buck Garrison's kid.

But when Cronin answers a knock at his door, he is faced with a woman holding a gun — Goodhue's fiancée (played by Vera Miles).

She had helped Cronin find Garrison during his visit to Coaltown, but now she begs Wayne's character not to print the story — it would ruin the young player.

"How can a man be so evil? How

can you honestly be so evil?" she asks.

"I'm a newspaperman. I don't make the facts — just report them," Cronin replies (who among us in the news business hasn't said this when described as evil).

The story shifts back to Cronin arriving in Coaltown. He meets the fiancée, who tells him where to find Larry Goodhue — Goodhue's father, who is, as we know now, is Garrison. He is at a local park, teaching kids baseball.

Cronin approaches him: "Hello Buck. Your boy gave me this Sunday (the autographed ball). He's good Buck, but he will never be as good as you were."

Garrison: "That's where you're wrong, mister. He's already better now than I ever was."

Cronin: "I'd like to quote you saying that."

Garrison: "A newspaperman. No newspaperman ever did me any good, before or after the trouble."

Cronin: "It's our job to print the news."

Garrison: "It had to come out

sooner or later."

Cronin: "It's a great story, Buck. Only one question — does the kid know?"

Garrison: No, he don't. You better go write your story mister. Go ahead. Print it. You don't think I'd beg now, do you?"

But while newspapermen may be evil, John Wayne is not. Dahlberg convinces Cronin (without the gun) not to print the story.

It turned the Yankees press corps all knew the story, and chose not to print it. Still, Shafer sets Cronin up with a story for the Globe, and good triumphs over evil.

As Cronin leaves his hotel, he walks by the offices of the Henryville Post-Gazette and throws the autographed Goodhue ball through the second-floor window, where it hits his editor on the head, and the story ends.

It's not "Citizen Kane," but it's John Wayne as a sports writer, and all of us with press passes should all be walking a little taller today.

• You can hear Thom Loverro on The Kevin Sheehan Show podcast.

## NHL

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Rookie forward Will Cuyll said that's been a team trademark under Laviolette.

"I think throughout the season we've showed when a game doesn't go our way, we're ready to go the next game," said Cuyll, who was stopped on a second-period breakaway.

Friday will tell. While Rempe seems a likely move for Game 2, the Rangers have other options.

They have used Jack Roslovic on the top line with Mika Zibanejad and Chris Kreider. One move might be to bring back veteran Blake Wheeler, who has been practicing with the team. He has not played since breaking a bone in his right leg Feb. 15.

Laviolette mixed up his lines late in the game and even used Artemi Panarin with the top group for a few shifts.

The Rangers aren't the only team that has made changes.

Maurice said he has struggled with his combinations on the fourth line. Eetu Luostarinen and Ryan Lomberg played in the opener. The coach also has used Steven Lorentz and Kyle Okposo there.

Maurice said he makes sure to address the players as a group about his decisions.

There were five penalties called in



Panthers forward Ryan Lomberg played on the fourth line in Game 1 as part of changes made by Florida. The penalty killers were outstanding for the Panthers.

Game 1, and the penalty killers were outstanding. The Rangers killed off all three Panthers power plays, and the Florida did the same on two for New York.

The Rangers are ranked second in the postseason, killing off at 90.2%. Florida is third at 86.8%. Edmonton leads the way at 91.4%.



Scott McLaughlin led the first Team Penske lockout of the front row at the Indianapolis 500 when he won the pole last week for Sunday's race. McLaughlin said he's soaked in every moment this week after calling the pole win the biggest moment of his career.

**AUTO RACING**

## Pole winner McLaughlin soaks up every moment at Indianapolis 500

By JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**INDIANAPOLIS** | In the late-night hours, long after Scott McLaughlin had won the pole for the Indianapolis 500 and with his adrenaline still running far too high to get any sleep, he slipped into the grandstands to collect his thoughts. McLaughlin sat alone in the darkened Indianapolis Motor Speedway, listening to Post Malone and scrolling through his phone, answering all the well wishes he'd received for what the IndyCar star considers the biggest accomplishment

of his career.

McLaughlin led the first Team Penske lockout of the front row at the Indy 500 since 1988 when he won the pole for Sunday's race. He will start alongside Penske teammates Will Power and reigning winner Josef Newgarden.

As he gazed between his phone and his Penske pit stand, McLaughlin found himself in awe of what he had done. His four-lap qualifying average set a record, and the moment he finished his first lap, the result seemed so predetermined that he said his parents watching back home in New Zealand burst into tears because

of that impending moment.

The 30-year-old McLaughlin? He collected the pole-winner award and then headed to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway golf course, the orders coming down from his boss, Roger Penske, to take the rest of the day off. And that's how he found himself alone in the IMS grandstands when he should have been sleeping.

"I just sat there alone. My music on. I had like 250 or 300 texts. I texted everyone back," McLaughlin said in an

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**NHL**

## Searching for answers



Rangers defenseman Jacob Trouba collides with Panthers center Kevin Stenlund on Wednesday. The Rangers failed to handle the Panthers' forecheck in Game 1.

By TOM CANAVAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** | After two rounds of the NHL playoffs, there were hopes the New York Rangers had a chance to end their 30-year Stanley Cup drought.

The defending Eastern Conference champion Florida Panthers needed only one game into the third round to give New York a reality check.

The Panthers pretty much had their way in Game 1 on Wednesday night, beating the Rangers 3-0 at Madison Square Garden. They clogged up the middle of the ice, pounded their opponent and limited the Rangers to 24 shots.

Most of those didn't give goaltender

### Rangers need spark against Panthers or their Cup wait will reach 31 years

Sergei Bobrovsky much trouble.

The Rangers' biggest problem was failing to handle Florida's forecheck, making bad breakout passes out of their zone. They didn't get their own forecheck established until the third period, and they didn't convert chances when they had them.

"Can we win (Friday) night?" Rangers coach Peter Laviolette said Thursday. "I definitely believe we can win (Friday) night. So, that that goes back to us taking care of things today and having

some meetings and talking (about) small adjustments and getting getting our game a little bit back in order to what we're comfortable with and what we're happy with."

Another response the Rangers can make is to change the lineup. That could mean putting tough guy Matt Rempe in for Game 2. He loves to mix it up, and the crowd would love it.

The Rangers need something. Florida was so good, there was a 14-minute span in the second period

during which the Rangers didn't get a shot on goal.

"On the bench, it didn't feel like we had the game shut down in any way," Panthers coach Paul Maurice said Thursday.

His big concern is Friday. He noted that after the Panthers' opening-round win over the Lightning, Tampa Bay came back and played its best game in Game 2. When Florida lost to Boston in the opening game in the second round, the coach said his team had its best showing of the postseason in Game 2.

Maurice expects the Rangers to respond, too.

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**WNBA**

## Reese excels on and off the court in rookie year

Scores 11.5 points, owns soccer team

By DOUG FEINBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** | Angel Reese is proud to be part of the stellar rookie class that is uplifting the WNBA. She is just somewhat disappointed that people don't pay attention to all the members of that first-year group.

The Chicago Sky rookie said the perception that it's only Indiana's Caitlin Clark that's raising the profile of the league is misleading.

"It's not just one person, I think people don't realize that (because) the narrative out there is that just one person changing the game," Reese said Thursday. "It's a lot of us - me, Kamilla (Cardoso), there's Cameron (Brink), Rickea (Jackson). There's so many great players and it's been long overdue and just being able to see that our impact has been able to change the game."

"I love it for us all and we're just going to continue to keep going."

The league has had tremendous growth in attendance, TV ratings and merchandise sold already.

Reese is off to a good start to her professional career on the court, averaging 11.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in four games with the Sky (2-2). She also has found time to participate in various endeavors off the court, including attending the Met Gala and a Megan Thee Stallion concert. She brought her Sky teammates on stage during the concert.

"She has a tremendous why behind

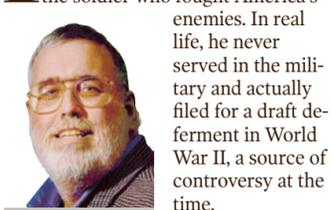


Reese

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## Baseball, redemption in 1955 gem starring 'The Duke'

It's John Wayne's 117th birthday on Sunday, the day before Memorial Day. On the screen, he was often the soldier who fought America's enemies. In real life, he never served in the military and actually filed for a draft deferment in World War II, a source of controversy at the time.



THOM LOVERRO

He lives on, though, as a fictional American hero in films, as a cowboy, on the battlefield, and even in the press box as, yes, a newspaper sports writer.

The Duke appeared as a sports

writer named Mike Cronin in a 1955 half-hour television drama called "Rookie of the Year," directed by Wayne's frequent collaborator, four-time Oscar-winning director John Ford.

The tale centers on baseball's greatest crime, the 1919 Black Sox scandal that saw eight members of the Chicago White Sox accused of being paid by gamblers to throw the World Series.

The scandal happened more than a century ago and the television episode itself is almost seven decades old. But the message resonates today, perhaps more than ever, with baseball's embrace of legalized sports betting and the Shohei Ohtani bookie scandal.

The 1955 teleplay opens in a small Pennsylvania town, in the newsroom of the Henryville Post Gazette. A copy boy named Willie is checking

the teletype for details of the starting pitchers for the upcoming World Series, which of course features the New York Yankees.

There is, predictably, a crusty small-town editor named Cully.

"Willie, tell Mike Cronin I want to see him right now," says Cully.

Willie finds Wayne's sports writer typing away at his desk. He tells him Cully — "Old Iron Lungs" — wants to see him.

But "Old Iron Lungs" has to wait. Cronin has a call into the press box at Yankee Stadium to a fellow reporter working for the New York Globe. He tells the New York reporter that he's got a big story — a story so hot the ambitious Pennsylvania sports writer figures it will land him a job in the Big Apple. "The biggest sports yarn since David KO'd Goliath," Cronin says.

The New York reporter says he will call Cronin back between innings.

As soon as Cronin hangs up, "Old Iron Lungs" does what newspaper editors did back then. He yells at Cronin for taking too many days off, and then he yells at him for making personal phone calls.

Too which Cronin responds, "I've been taking it here for 10 years. Stuck. Trapped. I've got just three words for you Mr. Cully — Drop dead."

The story goes back in time three days before, when Cronin traveled to New York for a Yankees game and saw for the first time in person, the "Rookie of the Year" from the teleplay's title — the baseball phenom at the center of the story, Lynn Goodhue, played by Wayne's son, Patrick Wayne.

Cronin can't help but see similarities between the young star and Buck

Garrison — the drama's fictionalized version of the real-life Shoeless Joe Jackson.

Cronin: "He was Buck Garrison all over again. Buck Garrison, probably the greatest natural ball player except for the Babe in the history of the game. He ran like Garrison, hit like Garrison, and when he struck out he did what Garrison never failed to do — that little trick of reversing his bat and bouncing the handle on home plate."

"It was crazy. It couldn't be. Someone besides me must have spotted the same thing, had to. You don't forget a player like Buck Garrison."

Cronin goes into the clubhouse after the game and meets Goodhue.

During the conversation, he asks Goodhue how he learned to play, and

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