



NEW YORK

Trump defense emphasizes Cohen's lies

After closing remarks, jury set to begin deliberations

By Tom Howell Jr.
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NEW YORK | Former President Donald Trump's attorney on Tuesday told the jurors in his hush money trial that they "should want and expect more" evidence to convict the presumptive Republican nominee.

Defense attorney Todd Blanche said prosecutors managed to show that Mr. Trump wanted to win an election — not carry out some evil plot — and that Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg made a huge blunder by making the "greatest liar of all time" his star witness.

"He's literally like an MVP of liars," Mr. Blanche said of Michael Cohen.

Mr. Cohen is the Trump attorney turned accuser who says he paid Stormy Daniels, an adult film actress, hush money to protect the 2016 presidential campaign. He received a series of Trump-signed checks in 2017 as reimbursement.

Mr. Blanche said Mr. Cohen was the only person who claimed Mr. Trump had direct knowledge of the payments and concealment scheme, yet Mr. Cohen has a track record of lying to Congress and even his family.

In more than four hours of closing arguments, prosecutors tried to rehabilitate Mr. Cohen's reputation. They also tried to connect gaps in a case that included weeks of evidence that

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STAND-IN: Actor Robert De Niro campaigned on behalf of President Biden outside Donald Trump's criminal trial. The White House is careful not to weigh in until the verdict is announced. Story, A3.



ANOTHER VOICE: Former Capitol Police officer Harry Dunn joined the pro-Biden speakers.



KEEPING QUIET: Former President Donald Trump gave a sign to his supporters as he left for a lunch break during a long day of closing arguments for his criminal hush money trial in New York.

IMMIGRATION

Migrant gangs create burglary 'industry' in U.S.

South Americans exploit lax system, highly trained to loot

By Stephen Dinan
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Federal authorities have identified a new crime "industry" involving robbery crews from South America who exploit America's immigration system, break into a string of homes and make off with loot before fleeing back to their home countries.

Some arrive in the U.S. legally on short-term visas specifically to steal, while others are part of the ongoing border surge and are recruited into sophisticated theft operations.

Last week, six Chileans were arrested in New Jersey and charged in federal court with robberies stretching from the tonier neighborhoods of Baltimore to Westchester, New York. Residents reported losing diamond earrings, pearl necklaces and rare coins.

When federal agents caught up with the six migrants, they found a cache of burglary tools, including a handheld radial saw, cutting tools, punches for breaking glass windows, and balaclavas and work gloves.

The FBI said they are part of a trend of migrants who travel from South America, hop from community to community to burglarize multiple homes and then head back home.

"This isn't your traditional crime spree; it is an actual industry of organized criminals who invade and shatter people's private sanctuaries and steal valuable possessions," said James E. Dennehy, the FBI's special agent in charge at its office in Newark, New Jersey.

Chilean migrants have been implicated in strings of burglaries

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RELIGION

Vatican apologizes for pope's slur in view on gay clergy

Francis astonishes Catholics

By Mark A. Kellner
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Vatican apologized Tuesday for a derogatory comment by Pope Francis to Italian bishops, confirming reports that the 87-year-old spiritual leader used a slur when telling clerics that gay men should not be allowed to enter seminaries and train for the priesthood.

The reports, initially from an Italian gossip-oriented website and later published in two respected daily newspapers, indicated that the Argentine-born pontiff used the derogatory Italian word "frocaggine" — translated as "faggotry" — when addressing the surprised clerics.

The pope, whose native language is Spanish, may not have known the word was a slur, said his defenders, noting that the remark ran contrary to his overall messages of acceptance of LGBTQ individuals in the church. Still, the church was quick to move to damage control.

On Tuesday, papal spokesman



HOLY COW! Pope Francis, an Argentine native, may not have known the Italian word he used was a slur, defenders say.

Matteo Bruni told the official Vatican News service, "The pope never intended to offend or express himself in homophobic terms, and he apologizes to those who felt offended by the use of a term, as reported by others."

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CAMPAIGN 2024

Young voters dismiss Biden's outreach efforts

By Jeff Mordock
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Biden is trying to save his reelection campaign by embracing policies that matter most to young voters, but their defections now account for the largest drop in his support among any demographic.

In April, Mr. Biden moved to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug, the first step toward federal legalization. He also stepped up his efforts to cancel student loan debt, shifted U.S. policy on Israel, ordered the Justice Department to sue the parent company of Ticketmaster to lower concert ticket prices and made abortion access a central argument for his reelection.

Those election-year moves have failed to improve Mr. Biden's appeal to young voters, who traditionally skew liberal. In 2020,



GIVING HIS WORDS: Among President Biden's efforts to court young voters are moves to reclassify marijuana, cancel student loan debt, ensure abortion access and lower concert ticket prices.

Generation Z and millennials lifted Mr. Biden over President Trump with an overwhelming 60% of their vote. This year looks different. Some polls show Mr. Trump,

the presumptive Republican Party nominee, leading Mr. Biden among voters younger than 30. Others show Mr. Biden only slightly ahead.

Pollsters, strategists and younger voters cite Mr. Biden's age and decline, persistently high housing costs, and failures to deliver on his promises.

Brian Grahe, a 22-year-old college student from Pittsburgh, said he planned to save money by living at home while going to school, but sky-high inflation forced him to also work a part-time job. He voted for Mr. Biden in 2020 but is unsure whether he will go to the polls in November. "It's been nothing but unfulfilled promises," Mr. Grahe told The Washington Times. "If Biden can start addressing the problems young people are concerned

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LABOR

Cash-strapped undergraduates form unions to sweeten campus jobs

By Sean Salai
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Undergraduate student employees are increasingly following the decade-old path of their graduate brethren in forming labor unions to secure higher pay and better benefits at their colleges and universities.

The board of trustees at California State University, which oversees 23 campuses, heard on May 21 from two undergraduate union leaders proposing

a collective bargaining agreement.

Officials at the University of Oregon in Eugene have said they are "ready to begin negotiations" with the school's newly formed undergraduate student workers union.

Efforts to redefine Starbucks workers at campus dining halls, graduate teaching assistants and NCAA athletes as "university employees" have inspired the undergraduate efforts, experts in student labor say.

"When conditions are not satisfactory,

workers might be compelled to organize, especially when they see union successes in other workplaces and when they get support from either a national union or from other unionized workers on campus," said Tim Cain, a University of Georgia professor of higher education.

Graduate student labor unions have surged since 2014 to more than 150 at public and private colleges nationwide. In 2016, the National Labor Relations Board ruled that graduate assistants at Columbia University, an Ivy League

institution, were college employees who could unionize.

The NLRB ruled in 2016 that undergraduate student dining workers at private Grinnell College were employees with bargaining rights. Unions have since expanded on public campuses as well.

"We've seen our parents suffer through the recession, we see how corporations keep making record profits while laying off thousands, and we see how the people in power continue to

blame us for our poverty when we're impoverished because of their greed," said Azure Starr, a fifth-year transfer student at California State University in Chico.

"We're tired of the fact that nothing's changed, and we're determined to do something to fix it," said Mr. Starr, a member of the bargaining team for the California State University Employees Union.

Officials in Kentucky and Colorado

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STILL VIGILANT IN TEXAS

The Lone Star State continues to conduct Operation Lone Star, a nonstop push against illegal immigration on the southern border, which was launched in 2021.

“Gov. Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas National Guard continue to work together to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry,” the governor’s office said in a written statement released on Friday.

“Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency effort has led to over 511,600 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 43,100 criminal arrests, with more than 38,000 felony charges. In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 481 million lethal doses of fentanyl, enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the United States and Mexico combined during this border mission,” the statement said.

“Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps created by the Biden Administration’s refusal to secure the border. Every individual who is apprehended or arrested and every ounce of drugs seized would have otherwise made their way into communities across Texas and the nation due to President Joe Biden’s open border policies,” the statement said.

In addition, Mr. Abbott allocated \$11 billion toward border security and also launched a program in 2021 that allows interested Texans to voluntarily donate to the continued construction of the border wall between Texas and Mexico.

The effort has since raised over \$55 million, according to the governor’s office.



The office of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott says state agencies will continue Operation Lone Star, their coordinated effort to combat illegal immigration.

MEANWHILE AT THE TRIAL

Veteran actor Robert De Niro joined a news conference outside the Manhattan courthouse that has been the site of former President Donald Trump’s ongoing hush money trial for many days. There has not been much “hush” involved, however.

“It’s election interference at the highest level,” said Jake Schneider, director of rapid response for the Republican National Committee, in a statement released just as the event was unfolding.

News organizations offered eager coverage. Here are a few headlines inspired by the late morning event:

“Robert De Niro claims Trump ‘could destroy the world’ outside Manhattan court” (Fox News); “Robert De Niro slams Trump and supports Biden outside the hush money trial” (NBC News); “Robert De Niro spars with Trump supporters at chaotic press conference outside trial” (Rolling Stone); “De Niro argues with MAGA hecklers outside the Trump trial” (The Daily Beast); and “Robert De Niro and the Biden campaign trolls Trump outside courthouse” (The New York Times).

VACATION INFLATION

The ever-vigilant Republican National Committee continues to tally up cost increases that the average American is encountering under President Biden. Yes, of course — the typical family vacation is going to cost more this year.

“2024 is predicted to be the most expensive summer for travel, with travelers spending an average of nearly \$10,000 on their trips. The average cost of a summer trip is up by 7% from last year and up by nearly 36% from 2021,” the committee said in a written report shared with Inside the Beltway.

“Unwilling to sacrifice a vacation, many Americans will find their finances strained this summer to keep up with Bidenflation. 40% of Americans said they would go into debt for a vacation, adding to the record household debt reached under Biden. 35% of Americans still have credit card debt from their last vacations. 65% of Americans think about post-vacation credit card bills while they’re on vacation,” the report said.

“On the other hand, nearly half of Americans are choosing to skip a summer vacation, with 65% citing affordability as the main barrier to taking a break,” it added.

“Biden and Democrats’ failed policies are squeezing Americans’ wallets and robbing them of their hard-earned money. Inflation has been at or above 3% for 37 months straight while prices have risen 19.9% overall since Biden took office,” the study said.

SCIENCE CORNER

While the presidential election bout continues, here’s some new British research to consider.

“Lancaster University and the University of Bath have been awarded almost half a million pounds from The Leverhulme Trust to perform research into the coat patterns of Dalmatian dogs,” according to Eureka Alerts, an online news site specializing in science and medical topics.

“This is the first time that fundamental research has combined experimentation and mathematical modeling to link Dalmatian genetics to

the pattern of coat pigmentation responsible for the breed’s iconic black and white spots,” the site continued.

The project, led by developmental biologist Richard Mort, is titled “Spot the Difference: The Cellular and Clonal Basis of Dalmatian and Mouse Spots.”

“We will, for the first time, build a comprehensive mathematical model of mammalian pigmentation. This model will serve not only as a framework to explore the full gamut of pigmentation patterns in nature but also as a paradigm for wider efforts to generate digital organ systems and eventually whole organisms,” Kit Yates, a mathematician from the University of Bath who will be on the research team, said in a statement.

Lancaster University said, also in a statement, that the research “at the interface of maths and biology will shed new light not only onto the patterns of Dalmatian dogs but also the developmental processes of mammals more broadly.”

POLL DU JOUR

- 34% of U.S. adults would be “very interested” in watching a debate between President Biden and former President Donald Trump; 50% of Republicans, 25% of independents and 30% of Democrats agree.

- 26% would be “somewhat interested” in watching a debate between the two; 26% of Republicans, 22% of independents and 30% of Democrats agree.

- 13% would be “not very interested” in the debate; 10% of Republicans, 14% of independents and 13% of Democrats agree.

- 19% would be “not at all interested” in the debate; 11% of Republicans, 26% of independents and 20% of Democrats agree.

- 8% are not sure about the issue; 3% of Republicans, 13% of independents and 7% of Democrats agree.

SOURCE: AN ECONOMIST/YOUGOV POLL OF 1,784 U.S. ADULTS CONDUCTED ONLINE MAY 19-21.

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DELAWARE

Appeals court dismisses Hunter Biden’s Second Amendment defense as premature

By STEPHEN DINAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A federal appeals court dismissed Hunter Biden’s attempt to derail his upcoming trial on gun charges, ruling Tuesday that his claims of Second Amendment protection have to be argued later.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the case is not yet at the stage where it can hear an appeal and Mr. Biden must face trial.

“The defendant’s Second Amendment defense does not implicate a right not to be tried that can be collaterally appealed,” the three-judge panel said. “Constitutional defenses, like the defendant’s Second

Amendment defense, can be effectively reviewed on appeal after final judgment.”

The trial of the president’s son is set to start next week in a federal courtroom in Delaware. He is charged with possessing a gun as an unlawful drug user and with lying on the federal firearms purchase background check form about his drug use.

He argued that the Second Amendment protects his right to bear arms and that the federal law barring drug users from owning weapons is unconstitutional.

Mr. Biden’s lawyers acknowledged the argument was “novel,” but said the legal situation surrounding gun laws is “rapidly changing” and deserves some certainty before Mr. Biden faces trial.

The Supreme Court two years ago issued a landmark ruling in the Bruen case striking down state laws setting strict standards for who can obtain a concealed-carry permit. In that case, the justices said only gun restrictions envisioned at the time the Second Amendment was crafted are permissible.

Federal law includes prohibitions on felons, immigrants without documentation, those facing domestic violence protection orders, and unlawful drug users. Each of those prohibitions is being challenged in court cases, with the Supreme Court slated to run on the protective order situation this summer.

Mr. Biden’s lawyers said that after the Bruen case, courts must start with the assumption that every

citizen has the right to possess a firearm. And they said letting Mr. Biden go to trial before that issue is settled would have a “chilling” effect on other potential gun owners.

“Apart from the harm of being convicted, the mere prospect of prosecution causes a distinct injury by inhibiting Biden and others who fear that prosecution under Section 922(g)(3) may follow the exercise of their Second Amendment rights,” argued Abbe David Lowell, Mr. Biden’s lawyer.

Mr. Biden’s Second Amendment defense was rejected by the trial court, and the appeals court said it had no jurisdiction to intervene in the case at this point.



REPUBLICANS

Johnson still willing to work with Greene

House Speaker Mike Johnson said Tuesday he is still willing to work with Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene despite her “ridiculous tirade” against him and bid to oust him from his leadership role.

“Oh good grief,” said the Louisiana Republican, clearly exasperated, when asked during a local radio interview if he had made up with Ms. Greene after she unsuccessfully tried to remove him as speaker earlier this month.

Speaking on radio station KEEL 710 in Shreveport, Mr. Johnson said he immediately tried to bury the hatchet with Ms. Greene after the House overwhelmingly voted to kill her motion to oust him from the speakership, 359-43.

“I don’t carry grudges. I don’t keep a record of wrongs,” Mr. Johnson said. “I went up to her after her ridiculous tirade and said, ‘You know what, we still got to work together, Marjorie.’”

— Lindsey McPherson

parties 90 days before the election, meaning Aug. 7 this year, to be on the state’s ballot. The Democratic National Convention starts Aug. 19.

No date is set yet for the virtual call.

— Mallory Wilson

2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION — NEW YORK

Kennedy has signatures to get on ballot

Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s campaign said it has turned in the number of signatures necessary to get on the ballot in New York for the Nov. 5 election.

The campaign announced it turned in over 135,000 signatures, three times the amount required for ballot access in the blue state. They were delivered by volunteers Tuesday to the New York State Board of Elections office in Albany.

Mr. Kennedy wrote in an X post that he had “more signatures than any presidential candidate has ever submitted” in New York.

— Mallory Wilson

2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION — NEVADA

Capitol Hill officers to warn of Trump

President Biden’s reelection campaign is dispatching two former Capitol police officers to Nevada to warn voters of the threat former President Donald Trump poses to democracy.

Former U.S. Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn and former Sgt. Aquilino Gonell will team Wednesday with members of the Nevada law enforcement community to remind voters of the pro-Trump Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol — including his vow to pardon some of the rioters. Mr. Biden is making the riot a central part of the campaign.

The Nevada event will come a day after the Biden campaign sent actor Robert De Niro, Mr. Dunn and former Washington Metropolitan Police Department officer Michael Fanone to New York to hold a press conference outside the Manhattan court building where closing arguments were being made in the Trump hush money trial.

— Seth McLaughlin



Rep. Jamaal Bowman said he has “no concerns at all” about losses by fellow liberal politicians in Portland, Oregon, rejecting the idea of them being warning signs for his brand of politics.

2024 U.S. HOUSE ELECTIONS

Bowman unworried that recent liberal electoral woes will hit him

Rep. Jamaal Bowman of New York, a far-left “Squad” member in a tough primary race, says he has not worried about recent losses by fellow liberal politicians.

“No concerns at all. We always govern and run as if it’s a tie game and two minutes to go in the fourth quarter. So we’re always grinding,” he told The Washington Times about his final sprint to the June 25 primary.

“We love our district. We love the people we serve with. So no concerns,” he said.

“We’re just going to continue to do the work and we believe that people will support us.”

Mr. Bowman is among the far-left Democrats swept into the House after President

Trump’s 2016 win. Mr. Bowman was elected in 2020 with Democrats who rode the “defund the police” movement into office.

He rejected the idea that recent losses for far-left candidates in Portland, Oregon are a warning sign for his brand of politics.

He pointed to Angela Alsobrooks’ win in Maryland’s Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate as proof that liberals are still beating establishment Democrats.

“Look at this incredible black woman in Maryland, who won that U.S. Senate seat,” Mr. Bowman said. “She is the soil of her community, they came out to support her.”

— Kerry Pickett

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Politics

COURTS

Judge rejects special counsel's request for gag order on Trump

By ALEX SWOYER AND ALEX MILLER
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The federal judge overseeing Donald Trump's criminal charges for allegedly mishandling classified documents at Mar-a-Lago rejected special counsel Jack Smith's request for a gag order against the former president Tuesday.

Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee, said Mr. Smith failed to communicate with the former president's counsel before requesting the gag order over the weekend.

She said it was "wholly lacking in substance and professional courtesy."

"It should go without saying that meaningful conferral is not a perfunctory exercise. Sufficient time needs to be afforded to permit reasonable evaluation of the requested relief by opposing counsel and to allow for adequate follow-up discussion as necessary about the specific factual and legal basis underlying the motion," the judge added.

Mr. Trump's lawyers had

sought sanctions against the government attorneys for filing the gag request without meeting with them beforehand, but the judge also denied that request.

Mr. Smith sought the gag order in the classified documents case Friday to keep the former president from talking about the raid on his Mar-a-Lago compound.

The Smith request came after Mr. Trump claimed in an email to supporters last week that President Biden was "locked & loaded and ready to take me out" during the FBI's raid of his Florida estate in August 2022.

Mr. Trump faces 40 charges of mishandling classified documents and obstructing the government's retrieval of the records after he left the White House. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges. He calls the case bogus since he's protected by the Presidential Records Act.

The special counsel noted in the court filing that the raid was intentionally done when Mr. Trump and his family were not there and that the search

was coordinated with the Secret Service.

Mr. Smith asked the judge to impose a condition that would prevent Mr. Trump from making public statements that could "pose a significant, imminent and foreseeable danger to the law enforcement agents participating in the investigation and prosecution of this case."

He added, "Whether a particular statement meets that test 'must be determined by reference to the statement's full context.' But that condition would clearly prohibit further statements deceptively claiming that the agents involved in the execution of the search warrant were engaged in an effort to kill him, his family or Secret Service agents."

He further argued that a gag was necessary because Mr. Trump's claim could expose law enforcement, some of whom might be witnesses at his trial, to threats of violence.

"Those statements create a grossly misleading impression about the intentions and conduct



U.S. SENATE VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge Aileen Cannon rejected special counsel Jack Smith's request for a gag order against former President Donald Trump in the classified documents case.

of federal law enforcement agents — falsely suggesting that they were complicit in a plot to assassinate him — and expose those agents, some of whom will be witnesses at trial, to the risk of threats, violence and harassment," Mr. Smith wrote.

Mr. Trump's trial was slated for this month, but Judge Cannon postponed the case over issues with how the classified documents at the center of the case would be handled during a trial.

She has yet to establish a new trial date.

Mr. Trump's fundraising email raised the alarm for Justice Department officials and lawmakers concerned about political violence.

JUDICIARY

Biden judge pick faces opposition from Republicans

Conservatives blast decision to transfer transgender prisoner

By SUSAN FERRECHIO
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Judge Sarah Netburn, nominated by President Biden to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, faces a rocky path to confirmation after Republicans exposed her decision to move a sex offender who is a transgender woman to a women's prison.

Judge Netburn, who has served as a magistrate judge for 12 years, disregarded the recommendation of the Bureau of Prisons and ordered prison officials to move July Justine Shelby, who was imprisoned under the name William McClain, to a women's prison.

Republicans tore into her decision at a heated hearing this month, labeling Judge Netburn a political activist who twisted the Constitution to justify moving the prisoner and put vulnerable women in danger.

Sen. John Kennedy, Louisiana Republican, scoffed at Judge Netburn's reasoning for moving the prisoner, who she said had "serious medical needs" that were not being met at the men's facility.

"The Board of Prisons said, 'What planet did you parachute in from? You're going to a male prison with this kind of record,'" Mr. Kennedy said in response. "And you sent him to a female prison, did you? You said that the Board of Prisons was trying to violate Ms. Shelby, former Mr. McClain's, constitutional right, didn't you?"

Judge Netburn's nomination now hinges on a Senate committee vote that hasn't been scheduled and, if she clears that hurdle, a Senate floor vote.

If Judge Netburn loses the support of the entire GOP, she'll need at least 50 Democrats to vote for her, including vulnerable swing-state Democrats up for reelection.

Judge Netburn's nomination now puts those battleground-state Democrats such as Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Jon Tester of Montana on the spot.

"That's something that the voters need to make clear, that that this is something that they're going to hold them accountable for, that we're not going to allow judges to be activists and stuff men into women's prisons under the guise of the Constitution," May Mailman, director of Independent Women's Law Center, told The Washington Times.

"She says that the Constitution requires men to be housed with women, which is just absurd," Ms. Mailman said.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons currently has in custody more than 1,400 prisoners who are transgender women, many of them convicted sex offenders

deemed a "high-security" risk.

In 2023, Bureau Director Colette S. Peters testified that "fewer than 10" transgender women prisoners are incarcerated with women.

Under a Biden administration policy implemented in 2022, transgender women can be moved to a women's facility on a case-by-case basis, based on "whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems."

The policy directs that a transgender individual's "own views with respect to his/her own safety must be given serious consideration."

The prisoner claimed to be endangered in New York's Otisville Correctional Institution, a federal medium-security men's prison.

The Bureau of Prisons repeatedly denied the prisoner's request to be transferred to a women's prison, citing risks it would traumatize prisoners and possibly threaten their safety.

The prisoner served 24 years in prison for raping a 17-year-old girl and molesting a 9-year-old boy. The prisoner landed in prison again after being convicted in 2017 of distributing images of child sexual abuse involving an infant and a young girl.

Judge Netburn called the Bureau of Prisons' concerns "overblown" and based on fear, not evidence.

The prisoner hadn't assaulted anyone in years and had participated in a sex offender treatment program, Judge Netburn wrote in her ruling, and as a transgender inmate living as a woman, was at risk in the men's prison.

"The hypothetical concern that Petitioner will hurt someone must be counter-balanced by the actual evidence that she has been assaulted and harassed in a men's facility," Judge Netburn wrote.

The prisoner was transferred to the Federal Medical Center, Carswell, a female federal correctional facility in Fort Worth, Texas.

At her confirmation hearing, Republicans questioned how Judge Netburn weighed the safety and rights of inmates against her concerns for the prisoner.

"So you took a six-foot-two serial rapist. Serial rapist with male genitalia," said Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. "And he said, you know, I'd like to be in a women's prison. And your answer was, 'That sounds great to me.' Let me ask you something. The other women in that prison, do they have any rights?"

Judge Netburn said, "I considered the facts presented to me, and I reached a decision."

CAMPAIGN 2024

Biden campaign deploys to New York

Focuses on Trump's legal woes, Jan. 6

By SETH McLAUGHLIN AND MALLORY WILSON
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Biden administration was mum Tuesday about the president's reported plans to weigh in from the White House on whatever verdict is handed down in former President Donald Trump's hush money trial.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre dodged questions at the daily press briefing about a Politico report that Mr. Biden will formally address Mr. Trump's hush money case from the White House when the verdict is delivered. The jury is likely to get the case on Wednesday.

"I am just not going to comment on that, I am not going to speak to an ongoing case, and to someone who is a candidate for 2024," she said.

The idea among Mr. Biden's advisers is to make it appear that, by delivering a statement from the White House, Mr. Biden's commentary on the trial isn't political and would draw a contrast with Mr. Trump, who has been stuck in a New York courtroom four days a week since mid-April.

Sources familiar with the White House's plans told Politico that Mr. Biden has a game plan and that his statement on the verdict will be tailored to the jury's decision.

If the former president is



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Michael Fanone, a former Capitol Police officer, spoke in support of President Biden across the street from former President Donald Trump's criminal trial in New York on Tuesday.

convicted, the Biden team will argue that Mr. Trump is unfit for office. Social media headlines could read "Convicted Felon Donald Trump." There will be other attacks depending on whether Mr. Trump is acquitted or if there's a hung jury.

The Biden campaign, meanwhile, deployed actor Robert De Niro and several former Jan. 6 Capitol police officers to Manhattan on Tuesday to highlight Mr. Trump's legal troubles and warn he is unfit for office.

The ramped-up attack from the Biden campaign came as prosecutors and defense lawyers for Mr. Trump delivered their closing arguments in the history-making case. Judge Juan Merchan is expected to give his instructions to the jury on Wednesday.

Mr. Trump is the first current or former president to face criminal charges, and the Biden team hopes the case can bolster the incumbent's reelection chances.

Mr. Trump is charged with fudging business records to try to hide hush money payments sent to adult film actress Stormy Daniels to keep an alleged extramarital affair out of the headlines, a story that could have harmed his prospects in the 2016 election.

A verdict in the hush money could come as early as this week.

The end of the trial has coincided with the beginning of a more aggressive Biden campaign, which is reeling from a constant stream of polling that suggests he is struggling to navigate choppy political

waters five months out from the election.

Mr. Biden has touched on the subject of Mr. Trump's legal troubles in a coy way, when Mr. Biden announced this month that he would be willing to participate in a presidential debate with the former president.

"I hear you're free on Wednesdays," Mr. Biden told Mr. Trump in the video posted on his personal X page. Wednesdays were the typical days off for the hush money trial.

Mr. De Niro slammed the former president, saying he will "destroy" the country and the world if he wins in November.

"This is the time to stop him, by voting him out once and for all," Mr. De Niro said. "If he gets in, I can tell you right now, he will never leave."

HOUSE

Johnson bashes White House for not backing International Criminal Court sanctions

By LINDSEY MCPHERSON
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House Speaker Mike Johnson suggested Republicans will proceed with legislation to sanction the International Criminal Court to warn it against issuing arrest warrants for top Israeli officials despite the White House's announcement Monday that it opposes that approach.

"The ICC should clearly be sanctioned for its outrageous and unfounded claims of authority," Mr. Johnson said in an X post. "The White House's refusal to

protect Israelis and Americans is a terrible decision that will set a dangerous precedent."

The ICC's chief prosecutor is seeking arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, as well as three top Hamas leaders, accusing them of war crimes.

President Biden and lawmakers in both parties have denounced the ICC's decision to equate Israel and Hamas and said the court should let Israel, as an independent democracy, police itself.

Republicans in the House and

Senate have said they are drafting legislation to sanction the ICC and had secured commitments from Secretary of State Antony Blinken during hearings before the Foreign Affairs committees last week that the Biden administration would consider partnering with them on a legislative response.

"We want this to be signed into law. We don't want it to be a messaging bill," House Foreign Affairs Chair Michael McCaul, Texas Republican, said after his panel's hearing with Mr. Blinken. "Because otherwise you have no deterrence against the ICC."

But on Monday, White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said that the Biden administration would not support legislation to sanction the ICC.

"We don't believe that sanctions against the ICC is the right approach here," he said. "Look, we obviously don't believe the ICC has jurisdiction. We certainly don't support these arrest warrants. We've said that before. We don't believe, though, that sanctioning the ICC is the answer."

Mr. Kirby did not specify an alternative approach.

The White House's position

will likely influence most congressional Democrats to oppose sanctions legislation as well, although certainly some could break from their party if House Republicans bring a sanctions bill to a vote.

However, it would be unlikely to go anywhere in the Democratic-controlled Senate with the White House advocating against it.

Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin, Maryland Democrat and Foreign Relations Committee chairman, said last week he would be talking to Biden administration officials about the best way to respond

when asked about potential sanctions or another legislative response.

Other Democrats were open to sanctions but some suggested a diplomatic pressure campaign may be more effective in getting the ICC to drop the pursuit of the arrest warrants, which still have to be considered by a three-judge panel.

"Right now I'm focusing on what we can do through our public advocacy," Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Connecticut Democrat, told The Washington Times last week.

HOUSE

Trump harms Good's reelection hopes by endorsing GOP foe

Freedom Caucus chair previously backed DeSantis

By ALEX MILLER
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Former President Donald Trump struck a deep blow to Rep. Bob Good's reelection chances on Tuesday when he endorsed challenger John McGuire in the Virginia GOP primary, three weeks ahead of the contest.

Mr. Good, Virginia Republican, and his opponent, a state senator, are engaged in one of the most bitter Republican primaries in the country, filled with attack ads and Republican lawmakers picking sides.

The tension, in part, comes from Mr. Good's previous endorsement of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, whom he said would be better suited for the White House because he could serve two full terms.

After Mr. DeSantis dropped out of the race, the House Freedom Caucus chair immediately

pivoted to endorse the former president. But Mr. Trump said his change of position "was too late."

"Bob Good is BAD FOR VIRGINIA, AND BAD FOR THE USA," Mr. Trump wrote on Truth Social. "He turned his back on our incredible movement, and was constantly attacking and fighting me until recently, when he gave a warm and 'loving' Endorsement - But really, it was too late."

Mr. Trump's endorsement could further tip the scales in Mr. McGuire's favor.

The state legislator has touted internal polling from GOP pollster Battleground Connect that showed 45% of voters in the district would support him, compared to 31% who said they would support Mr. Good.

"Thank you President Trump for endorsing my campaign for Congress," Mr. McGuire wrote on X. "Together we will fight for We the People and Save America. We

can do better than Good."

Mr. Trump's scathing takedown of the lawmaker comes after Mr. Good and Mr. McGuire both made the pilgrimage to the Manhattan courtroom where the former president's hush money trial is taking place as a show of support.

Even though Mr. Good has sung the praises of Mr. Trump in recent months, the former president said it was not enough.

"The damage has been done! I just want to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, and the person that can most help me do that is Navy Seal and highly respected State Legislator, John McGuire, a true American Hero," Mr. Trump said.

He continued, "John, who fought the Cartels on the Front Line, and then came home and fought the drug dealers in Virginia, will ALWAYS PUT AMERICA FIRST."



House Freedom Caucus chair Bob Good's opponent in Virginia's Republican primary was endorsed by former President Donald Trump.

The Washington Times reached out to Mr. Good's campaign for comment.

The race between Mr. Good and Mr. McGuire has proven divisive within the House GOP. Mr. Good's vote to boot former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy created enemies among his House

Republican colleagues and caused some, like House Armed Services Chair Mike Rogers of Alabama and Reps. Ryan Zinke of Montana and Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin, to support his opponent.

Mr. Good attacked his opponent's record in the Virginia legislature, and accused his campaign

of being bolstered by so-called "dark super PAC money" under the direction of Mr. McCarthy.

"My opponent does not have an America-first conservative record in the General Assembly. That is why he is supported by the RINO moderate establishment wing of the Republican Party," Mr. Good said. "And it is why he is funded by allies of the former Speaker who is directing the dark super PAC money in support of his campaign."

Mr. McCarthy's replacement, House Speaker Mike Johnson, Louisiana Republican, has thrown his support behind the incumbent, despite him and the House Freedom Caucus playing the antagonist throughout his speakership. He has urged lawmakers to stop fighting one another during the pivotal primary season.

The lawmaker who led the ouster against Mr. McCarthy, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, is backing Mr. Good. Mr. Gaetz also just received a ringing endorsement from Mr. Trump.

TRUMP

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hadn't been sewn into a tidy narrative. To prove a felony, they must demonstrate that Mr. Trump falsified business records with intent to violate another law, though they don't have to specify whether it was federal election law or some state law.

Assistant District Attorney Joshua Steinglass said many people don't care whether Mr. Trump had sex with Ms. Daniels, whose story about a sexual encounter with Mr. Trump in 2006 prompted the \$130,000 payoff.

The problem, he said, is that Mr. Trump and his orbit conspired to quash the story and criminally conceal the scheme.

"A handful of people sitting in a room can decide what information gets into voters' hands," said Mr. Steinglass, painting a portrait of an illegal conspiracy.

Mr. Trump, who will face President Biden in November, is charged with 34 counts of falsifying business records with intent to cover up another crime, which prosecutors said had to do with election or tax laws.

He sat quietly during closing arguments, though he looked at his attorneys during major objections.

Jurors watched patiently as attorneys presented arguments from a lectern with a microphone. The defense's closing lasted roughly three hours.

Mr. Steinglass' voice was animated

and blunt as he retraced efforts by Trump allies to suppress unflattering news stories, culminating in the Daniels payment. Mr. Blanche used PowerPoint slides and stalked around the well of the courtroom, his voice dropping out of range of the mic at times.

Mr. Blanche said the state's evidence showed little more than standard business practices and that Mr. Trump thought he was paying Mr. Cohen's legal fees when he signed a series of checks at the White House.

"President Trump is innocent. He did not commit any crimes, and the district attorney has not met their burden of proof, period," Mr. Blanche said.

Mr. Blanche hit Mr. Cohen early and often as untrustworthy.

He said Mr. Cohen told his worst lie of all right in front of jurors. Mr. Cohen claimed to have had a phone call with Mr. Trump in which the former president approved the Daniels payment, though defense attorneys showed evidence that the call was placed to Mr. Trump's bodyguard to complain about a young prank caller.

"That was a lie," Mr. Blanche said of Mr. Cohen's testimony, punctuating each word. "That is per-jur-y."

Mr. Steinglass, in a creative turn, said the call could have covered both topics.

He said handwritten notes from Trump Organization employees are the "smoking guns" because they outlined the \$130,000 payments plus other expenses as described by Mr. Cohen.

He said the notes undercut Mr.

Blanche's claim that Mr. Trump was simply paying legal expenses to Mr. Cohen in 2017.

Summations demanded all-day attention from the jury and blew by the court's typical closing time of 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, state Supreme Court Judge Juan Merchan will instruct the jury on the law so deliberations can begin in the first criminal trial of a former U.S. president.

Once the case is in the jury's hands, there is no telling how long it will take to reach a campaign-altering verdict.

Mr. Trump insists Mr. Bragg is targeting him at the behest of Mr. Biden.

"It's going after Joe Biden's political opponent because he can't do it himself," Mr. Trump said in the courthouse hallway. "They should have brought this case seven years ago, not in the middle of a presidential election."

Mr. Blanche started closing arguments by trying to undercut prosecutors' claims that Mr. Trump and his tabloid friends were part of a "catch and kill" plot before the 2016 election. He noted that National Enquirer executive David Pecker was eager to run salacious stories and that Playboy model Karen McDougal leveraged her story of an affair with Mr. Trump to obtain magazine jobs, not publicity during the campaign.

He said Ms. Daniels took advantage of the "Access Hollywood" audio, in which Mr. Trump spoke crudely about women, to extort Mr. Trump on the cusp of the 2016 election, only for Mr. Pecker to say he wouldn't be part of any payment.

Mr. Steinglass said Mr. Pecker bent over backward to protect Mr. Trump's 2016 bid, tantamount to an illegal campaign contribution.

"Extortion is not a defense to falsifying business records," he said.

Mr. Steinglass played a recording of Mr. Trump proposing to reimburse his tabloid allies in cash for killing the McDougal story. The prosecutor said it showed a "cavalier" attitude toward using money to hide information from voters.

Mr. Blanche repeatedly said jurors should not believe Mr. Cohen, particularly his claim that Mr. Trump was looped in on the Daniels payment plot and reimbursement scheme. He said Mr. Cohen paid Ms. Daniels himself to get kudos from his boss.

Mr. Cohen remained Mr. Trump's attorney in 2017, so legal fees would have been a normal expense and logged correctly by Trump Organization employees, Mr. Blanche said.

"The bookings were accurate, and there was absolutely no attempt to defraud," he said.

Mr. Blanche said the state's math around the payments didn't make sense. Prosecutors said Mr. Trump paid Mr. Cohen \$420,000 in 2017 to cover the Daniels payment, a bonus for Mr. Cohen and payments for tech services from the Red Finch company — plus a "grossing up" of the amount to account for taxes.

Mr. Blanche said the idea that Mr. Trump paid Mr. Cohen \$420,000 when he owed him \$130,000 "is absurd."

The defense said Mr. Cohen's admission that he stole \$30,000 of the \$50,000 paid to satisfy an invoice from Red Finch ruined his credibility. Attorneys said Mr. Cohen had financial and other incentives to damage Mr. Trump, with books and podcasts telling of his dream of sending his former boss to prison.

Mr. Steinglass said prosecutors didn't get Mr. Cohen from "the witness store" and had to work with him, for better or worse, as the central player alongside Mr. Trump in the alleged scheme. He said Mr. Cohen has a right to be angry with Mr. Trump.

"To date, he's the only one who paid the price for this," he said. "When it got bad, the defendant cut him loose, dropped him like a hot potato."

He said the defense revealed itself by slamming Mr. Cohen's theft of Red Finch money while saying the checks were payments for general legal services.

"They can call him a thief or claim this wasn't really a reimbursement, but not both," Mr. Steinglass said.

Trying to blunt claims of a wide conspiracy, Mr. Blanche said Mr. Trump disclosed the payments to Mr. Cohen on IRS and ethics forms, so he wasn't trying to conceal them from tax authorities. Influencing coverage and burying unflattering stories was "standard operating procedure" for political campaigns, he said.

"Every campaign in this country is a conspiracy to promote a candidate, a group of people who are working together to help somebody win," Mr. Blanche said. "This is not a crime."

BIDEN

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about — abortion, student debt and the economy — I think more people will turn out for him."

A CNN poll released this month revealed that Mr. Biden is 11 percentage points behind Mr. Trump among voters ages 18 to 34 in a head-to-head matchup. Among voters ages 18 to 29, Mr. Biden leads by only 1 point (47% to 46%) over Mr. Trump, according to a New York Times/Siena College poll. A Marist College poll showed Mr. Trump had a 2-percentage-point lead among millennial and Gen-Z voters, including those ages 18 to 27.

The Harvard Youth Poll released in April gave Mr. Biden an 8-percentage-point lead over Mr. Trump.

Complicating matters is the blurry picture of young voters, who are not as liberal as previous generations and reject the monolith of party ideology.

A Gallup poll released last week found that 47% of Gen Z voters identify as Democratic and 39% identify as Republican — an 8-point difference and the narrowest Democratic lead since 2005. In 2019, Democrats had a 23-percentage-point lead with the age group.

"All Americans are results-oriented, and this generation is not any different. They want results and are frustrated because the president has talked a lot but only done some of those things," said Democratic strategist Brad Bannon.

He said Republicans in Congress have prevented the president from following through on some of his promises.

Ignite National, which researches youth political participation, surveyed 1,300 members of Gen Z across the country and found party affiliation tracked similarly to older voters. Gen Z's male and White voters split evenly between Democratic and Republican. Black and female voters in Gen Z overwhelmingly identified as Democrats.

The survey found that 90% of Gen Z say they want younger candidates. Mr.



President Biden is counting on voters younger than 30 to help carry him to reelection, just as they did with more than 60% of their support in 2020. Yet young voters are not as liberal as previous generations and reject the monolith of party ideology.

Trump, 77, is only four years younger than Mr. Biden.

"They are very disillusioned with the candidates, both of them," said Sofia Huizar, chief marketing officer at Ignite. "There really wasn't a partisan difference in terms of feeling, but they want someone who can relate to them in terms of their personal experience. They want someone in their mid-30s or 40s who has experience but is close to them as a generation."

More than 80% of voters younger than 30 said Mr. Biden is too old to be president, and 61% said the same about Mr. Trump, according to a recent New York Times/Siena College poll.

Despite Mr. Biden's grab bag of policies aimed at younger voters, none appears to have motivated their support. His Achilles' heel with Gen Z and

millennials is the same as with their parents and grandparents: the economy.

Inflation has cooled considerably since peaking at a 9% annual rate in June 2022, but prices remain higher than before the 2020 election. Although wages have grown, young adults have the lowest earnings-to-assets ratio of any age group, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

High interest rates and rental costs eat up much of their earnings. Apartment rents jumped about 18% from October 2020 to January 2024, according to Redfin. Homeownership is also down. Sky-high mortgage rates affect younger voters more than older voters, who are more likely to already own a home.

"Questions about the economy and the cost of living are really at the top of mind for young voters," Ms. Huiza said.

"They want to know how they are going to afford a home, why the cost of living is so high and what the candidates are going to do about student debt and inflation?"

Student debt and high rental prices weigh on Leslie Keough, a 19-year-old retail worker from Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. She has delayed college for fear of taking on too much debt.

"It's nearly impossible for my generation to achieve financial stability," she told The Times. "Biden needs our vote, but what is he doing to lower costs?"

Mr. Biden insists he has fixed the economy and that U.S. growth outpaces other countries' growth even as prices remain high.

Beyond the economy, Mr. Biden has struggled to deliver on issues most important to young voters.

His promise of widespread student

loan forgiveness gave hope to many young voters, but the Supreme Court declared his plan unconstitutional.

Since then, Mr. Biden has approved nearly \$167 billion in forgiveness through more narrow methods. He has targeted specific groups, including those with disabilities, some who attended for-profit colleges and public servants who have been repaying their student loans for years.

Mr. Biden and his team were caught off guard by the timing of the 2022 Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*, even though the decision to send the abortion issue back to the states had been leaked months earlier.

Since then, the president's plan to safeguard abortion rights has hit roadblocks. Mr. Biden argues that he needs Democratic majorities in the House and Senate to enshrine abortion rights into federal law.

In 2020, Mr. Biden pledged to decriminalize marijuana on the federal level and issue mass pardons for people in federal prisons on nonviolent marijuana offenses. Though he has issued some pardons, he hasn't moved to decriminalize marijuana. After three years in office, he took a step forward by moving to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug.

Under pressure from Democrats and young voters, Mr. Biden shifted U.S. policy on Israel to be more sympathetic toward the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip during Israel's relentless war with Hamas terrorists. Mr. Biden has repeatedly chided Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and withheld weapons so they couldn't be used during Israel's invasion of Rafah. He also reversed his steadfast refusal to call for a cease-fire.

Wassim Kanaan, chairman of the New Jersey chapter of American Muslims for Palestine, told The Times that the moves were "too little, too late."

"Joe Biden sees the writing on the wall. He's lost the young progressives," he said. "His legacy is that of supporting genocide. He can't do anything to escape that. He dug his hole."

ROBBERY

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in California, Florida and Michigan, and they are known for the planning they put into their jobs. They case neighborhoods, track routines and target homes of wealthy Americans.

They are even known to use jammers to block wireless security camera signals.

Sheriff Mike Bouchard in Oakland County, Michigan, said Chilean thieves stole \$800,000 worth of cash and jewelry from a single home in his jurisdiction.

"They're super well-trained when they get here, highly organized, they look like ninjas, they're all masked up, gloves, they each have a backpack with their particular set of tools for their job in the burglary," the sheriff said at a press conference last month.

Authorities say the Chileans often arrive legally as tourists, go on crime

sprees and then return home. Chile is part of the U.S. visa waiver program, which means most visitors can skip the usual in-person interview overseas.

Other South American theft ring operators are illegal immigrants who appear to have been recruited into burglary gangs.

The six men charged in the latest New York and Maryland burglaries are Flavio Bladimir Astete Castillo, Dareyen Mauricio Cortes-Canete, Luis Esteban Castillo Vivar, Max Vidal Navarrete, Jordan Estefano Contreras Vilches and Juan Jose Ramirez Nilo.

Authorities say they were arrested as part of an investigation into burglaries in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. They traced a Kia Forte to one of the New York crime scenes and later located the vehicle outside an apartment building in Jersey City.

Security footage from the building showed figures lugging a safe the same

day police in Baltimore received a report of a safe stolen from a home.

When authorities approached the men at a shopping mall in New Jersey that day, they found one of them wearing a chain necklace stolen from one of the New York burglaries. The Kia had bags containing other looted items.

Neither the U.S. attorney's office nor U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement provided immigration histories on the men, but five of them were arrested on April 19 by deportation officers, indicating they had less-than-solid legal status.

Mr. Nilo was released that day but was arrested later in Los Angeles, where he was being held late last week.

Authorities have also linked the South American crime wave to Colombians, Peruvians, Ecuadorians and Venezuelans — particularly Tren de Aragua, a Venezuelan-born gang that has become a focus amid the Biden

border surge.

The brother of the man accused of killing Georgia college student Laken Riley has been tied to the gang through tattoos and social media posts. Diego Ibarra sneaked into the U.S. last year, attempted to bite a Border Patrol agent, was released by ICE with an ankle monitor, cut off the monitor and began a string of alleged criminal entanglements, including shoplifting and driving under the influence. Police were called to his home for reported domestic violence.

Tren de Aragua also has been linked to the migrant mob that beat two New York City police officers this year, brazen motorcycle drive-by robberies of pedestrians' cellphones and strings of burglaries targeting wealthy neighborhoods.

Patrick Lechleitner, acting director at ICE, said authorities are working to prevent Tren de Aragua from becoming

a major threat.

"We don't want it to become the next MS-13," Mr. Lechleitner told The Washington Times in an interview. "We're very cognizant of what occurred with MS-13 and what it took to get that under control, and we don't want it to happen again. So we're taking a very tough look at it to make sure we're ahead of that curve if possible. But it is a concern, and it's a problematic gang."

Tren de Aragua has seeped into the U.S. immigration debate so quickly that Customs and Border Protection's list of gang members apprehended didn't include a category for them until last month.

CBP reports having spotted 41 members of the gang in 2023 and six members so far in fiscal 2024. Given the criminal activity blamed on Tren de Aragua, those numbers likely understate the gang's presence in the U.S.



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Union organization emboldened graduate students and other academic workers at the University of California, Santa Cruz, to go on strike last week, joined by members of Students for Justice in Palestine.

COLLEGE

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oppose undergraduate labor unions, and higher education experts question their staying power.

"Usually, we think unionization is successful if there is an ability to coordinate easily and give a credible threat to management of strike if demands are not met," said Mike Kofoed, a higher education economist at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. "I am skeptical that this could work with undergraduates because most of their work is semester-by-semester, and their goal isn't necessarily to create a career out of campus work."

Advocates point to several recent labor wins on college campuses.

Nearly 20,000 student food service, support staff and residence hall assistants in the Cal State system have joined CSUEU, which concluded elections in February. It has quickly become the nation's largest undergraduate labor union.

A Cal State spokesperson confirmed this month that two union members spoke during public comment at the board meeting and that trustees "formally received the bargaining proposals."

Writing to The Times, a union spokesperson called it "the first official step of negotiations" and said the next step would be agreeing to bargaining dates.

"The CSU respects the decision of student assistants to form a union and looks forward to engaging with them as we do with our other union partners," the Cal State spokesperson said in an email.

CSUEU President Catherine Hutchinson said Cal State exploits undergraduates by treating them differently from full-time employees.

In California, most undergraduate student assistants earn just over the state hourly minimum wage of \$16 for working 10 to 20 hours weekly. Union members say that is insufficient to cover record-high inflation in housing, food and tuition costs over the past few years.

"For decades, CSU management treated student assistants as a cheap labor pool, paying them minimum wage and with no benefits, even though they perform similar work as union staff," said Ms. Hutchinson, a Cal State Channel Islands biology technician and former undergraduate lab assistant.

In November, the Oregon

Employment Relations Board certified the unionization of undergraduate student assistants at the University of Oregon.

That move followed a 2022 vote by campus Starbucks employees that unionized some undergraduate workers.

"The University of Oregon values the contributions made by student employees," the school said in a statement emailed to The Times. "We remain committed to providing our students with valuable work experience and financial assistance through part-time employment while they pursue higher education."

Undergraduate unions have reached private campuses as well.

In February, the NLRB ruled that basketball players at Dartmouth College could unionize as employees of the Ivy League campus.

William Herbert, executive director of the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions at Hunter College in New York City, said tuition increases and a "massive growth in economic and wealth inequality" since 1980 have driven the trend. He said President Biden's pledge to lead "the most pro-union administration in American history" has also played a role.

"President Biden's use of the bully pulpit to advocate for the rights of workers is helping to inspire labor organizing drives both on and off campuses," Mr. Herbert said.

Meanwhile, conservatives and moderate Democrats have opposed efforts to organize undergraduates.

In the Colorado General Assembly, a 2022 bill that would have extended bargaining rights to undergraduates and a wider pool of public employees foundered during closed-door negotiations. Ultimately, the bill signed by Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, added only county workers to union rolls.

Paul Lundeen, Republican minority leader of the state Senate and a former chair of the Colorado State Board of Education, said the proposal failed because of "broad political opposition."

"If the idea is not dead now, it's hiding in a corner," Mr. Lundeen said. "The idea that you would try to unionize undergraduates for a moment in time before they disperse into different professions is idiotic."

Elsewhere, the NLRB heard this month from Berea College students looking to form a labor union on their private campus in Kentucky.

All 1,300 undergraduates at

the federally recognized "work college" put in 10 hours on campus weekly as part of a mandatory work-study program. Berea administrators have asked the NLRB to block their unionization effort, calling it an "existential threat" to the school's financial sustainability.

Higher education watchers say undergraduate labor unions add financial pressure to universities struggling with decades of enrollment and revenue declines to merge campuses, cut staff or reduce services.

"Anything that increases operational complexity or labor costs increases the risk of negative financial pressures," said Gary Stocker, a former chief of staff at private Westminster College in Missouri and founder of College Viability, which evaluates campuses' financial stability. "While public colleges are unlikely to close, they are already engaged in widespread layoffs and cutbacks, just like private colleges."

Several higher education consultants and advocacy groups were divided on the potential impact of undergraduate unions.

"The idea of college students unionizing is absurd," said Michael Warder, a California-based nonprofit consultant and former vice chancellor at private Pepperdine University. "What's next? Children unionizing to deal with parents?"

Steven Bloom, assistant vice president for government relations at the American Council on Education, said the group does not oppose undergraduate labor unions in principle but treating students like employees in collective bargaining negotiations "can be problematic since student workers are students first."

"These potential agreements can create challenges in the student-institution relationship, given that the relationship is built on an educational model, not an employment model," Mr. Bloom said.

Labor union expansions could cause more financial problems than they solve for undergraduate student workers, said Peter Wood, president of the conservative National Association of Scholars.

"They will tap institutions that have falling enrollments, reduced needs for services and no resources to significantly increase student wages," said Mr. Wood, a former associate provost at public Boston University. "Where they succeed in raising wages, those positions will become attractive to non-students and create more competition."

POPE

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The Vatican added, "As he has stated on several occasions, 'In the Church there is room for everyone, for everyone! Nobody is useless, nobody is superfluous, there is room for everyone. Just as we are, all of us.'"

In 2013, Francis declared when asked about gay clergy, "If a person is gay and seeks God and has goodwill, who am I to judge?" In December, the pope said priests could bless members of same-sex pairings, which LGBTQ advocates in the church called "a tremendous step forward."

Conservatives in the church have repeatedly said the liberal pontiff is rejecting fundamental Catholic teachings in place for centuries.

The online Cambridge Dictionary says "frocio," the root of "frocaggine," means "pansy" and is "an offensive word for an effeminate man."

Corriere della Sera in Milan and Rome's la Repubblica, two leading Italian newspapers, said Francis made the comment in a May 20 meeting with 200 members of the Conference of Italian Bishops, confirming a report from the website Dagsopia.



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Pope Francis has said the Catholic Church has room for everyone, including members of the LGBTQ community.

A report in America magazine by its Vatican correspondent Gerard O'Connell said, "Various sources here say the pope's use of 'frocaggine' was a gaffe on the part of the pope," who might not have been aware of its negative connotations. The magazine is published by the Jesuit order, to which Francis belongs.

According to the Tuesday statement, Mr. Bruni confirmed the pontiff's initial comments. "Pope Francis is aware of the articles recently published about a conversation, behind closed doors, with the bishops of the

CEI," the statement said. CEI refers to Italy's conference of bishops.

The pope was responding to a question of who should be admitted to Catholic seminaries in Italy to prepare for ordination. The sources said Francis made a distinction between those with an orientation versus those who practice homosexual acts.

La Repubblica quoted the pontiff as saying, "It is necessary to put down markers and prevent the risk that the gay person who chooses the priesthood could later end up living a double life, continuing to practice homosexuality, while at the same time suffering from this dissimulation."

The newspaper also quoted Francis as saying, "Respect is due to every person irrespective of their sexual orientation," which the pope has repeatedly emphasized.

The Vatican's official policy, dating to 2005 and approved by Francis' conservative predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, states that "the Church, while profoundly respecting the persons in question, cannot admit to the seminary or to holy orders those who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies or support the so-called 'gay culture.'"



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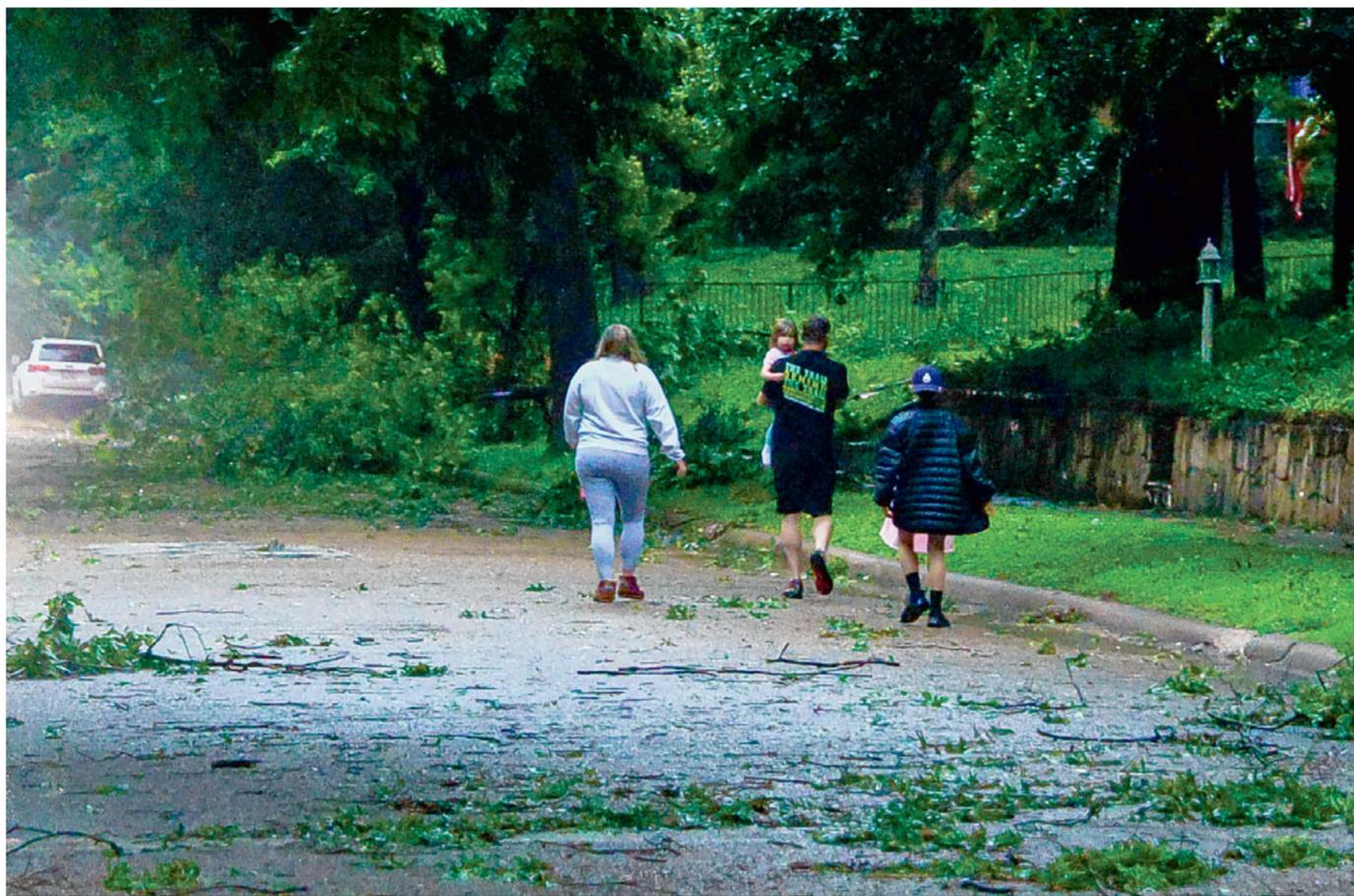
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A family walks along a street littered with downed tree branches after a storm in Dallas on Tuesday. The state was pummeled by hail and strong winds.

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WEATHER

Storms kill at least 24 during holiday weekend

More than 1 million homes, business without power across area

By JOHN SEEWER
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Strong storms with damaging winds and baseball-sized hail pummeled Texas on Tuesday, leaving more than 1 million businesses and homes without power as much of the U.S. recovered from severe weather, including tornadoes, that killed at least 24 people during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Widespread outages were reported across a wide swath of storm-weary Texas, where an oppressive, early-season heat wave added to the misery.

Voters in the state's runoff elections found some polling places without power. Roughly 100 voting sites in Dallas County were knocked offline. Dallas County said it would keep polls open two hours later because of the outages Tuesday.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins declared a disaster area and noted that some nursing homes were using generators. "This ultimately will be a multiday power outage situation," Judge Jenkins said Tuesday.

Around Houston, cars crawled through flooded highways and more than 300,000 customers were without power in the area, which includes parts still recovering from hurricane-force winds earlier this month.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that a 16-year-old boy died when a home under construction began to shift and then collapsed during a thunderstorm in the Houston suburb of Magnolia.

The teen was confirmed to be an employee of the construction company



Widespread power outages were reported in north Texas. More than 300,000 customers in Dallas County alone lacked electricity. The area was also in the middle of an early-season heat wave, which made matters even more uncomfortable for residents.

and was authorized to be on the site, the statement said.

An East Houston school district issued a shelter-in-place order and directed buses with students back to their campuses in the afternoon until the weather subsided.

Destructive storms over the weekend caused deaths in Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia. Meanwhile in the Midwest, an unusual weather phenomenon called a "gustnado" that looks like a small tornado brought some dramatic moments to a western Michigan lake over the weekend.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Deanne Criswell will travel to Arkansas on Wednesday as the Biden administration continues assessing the damage from the weekend tornadoes.

Seven people were killed in Cooke

County, Texas, from a tornado that tore through a mobile home park Saturday, officials said, and eight deaths were reported across Arkansas.

Two people died in Mayes County, Oklahoma, east of Tulsa, authorities said. The injured included guests at an outdoor wedding. A Missouri man died Sunday after a tree limb fell onto his tent as he was camping.

Roughly 160,000 homes and businesses lacked electricity Tuesday following the weekend storms in Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri and West Virginia.

It has been a grim month of tornadoes and severe weather in the nation's midsection.

Tornadoes in Iowa last week left at least five people dead and dozens injured. Storms killed eight people in Houston this month. April had the second-highest number of tornadoes on record in the country. The storms come as

climate change contributes in general to the severity of storms around the world.

Late May is the peak of tornado season, but the recent storms have been exceptionally violent, producing very strong tornadoes, said Victor Gensini, a meteorology professor at Northern Illinois University.

"Over the weekend, we've had a lot of hot and humid air, a lot of gasoline, a lot of fuel for these storms. And we've had a really strong jet stream as well. That jet stream has been aiding in providing the wind shear necessary for these types of tornadoes," Mr. Gensini said.

Harold Brooks, a senior scientist at the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma, said a persistent pattern of warm, moist air is to blame for the string of tornadoes over the past two months.

That air is at the northern edge of a heat dome bringing temperatures typically seen at the height of summer to late May.

SUPREME COURT

Avenatti's appeal of conviction rejected

Latest legal blow for embattled lawyer

By STEPHEN DINAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Supreme Court on Tuesday turned aside anti-Trump lawyer Michael Avenatti's appeal of a felony fraud conviction stemming from his attempt to extort tens of millions of dollars from Nike, the sports apparel company.

The justices rejected the appeal without comment.

Avenatti had argued both that the law he was convicted of violating was too vague and that his attempted extortion of Nike was normal "litigation conduct" for a lawyer and should not be subject to criminal penalties.

Avenatti, 53, was a high-profile lawyer and darling of left-leaning news networks such as CNN and MSNBC.

He at one point flirted with running in the Democratic presidential primary in 2020. He even registered support in some polls, with party voters appreciating his combative approach to then-President Donald Trump.

Avenatti's most famous client was Stormy Daniels, whose claims of an affair with Mr. Trump and subsequent hush payments by Mr. Trump, led directly to the former president's current criminal trial in New York.

But Avenatti's world came crashing down as federal investigators accused him of a lengthy list of frauds, including tax evasion, bilking clients and the extortion attempt.

In that case, while representing a youth basketball program director, Avenatti approached the company and claimed he had evidence it was illegally paying amateur players. He demanded up to \$25 million to stop going public — in part by hiring Avenatti himself to conduct an "internal" investigation.

At the time he was drowning in debts and playing financial games with other clients and business interests, according to prosecutors.

Avenatti was convicted at trial and was sentenced to two years in prison for that case.

In their argument to the justices, Avenatti's lawyers said attorneys need to be free to make bargaining demands as part of civil cases.

"The courts of appeals are divided on the question, but as the majority have reasoned, litigation is a socially preferred form of dispute resolution, and exposing litigants to criminal sanctions deserves that policy," Avenatti's team argued.

The Justice Department said Avenatti's suggestion that he personally be hired by Nike to make the allegations go away means the disgraced lawyer was not acting on behalf of his client's litigation interests.

Avenatti has also been convicted and sentenced for bilking clients and obstructing the IRS. His total sentence across three cases is 19 years in prison.

He began serving his time in late 2022.



Avenatti

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Republican who angered Trump faces another recall push

By SCOTT BAUER
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MADISON, WIS. | Supporters of former President Donald Trump, including a former Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, submitted more than 9,000 signatures Tuesday in an effort to force a recall election of Wisconsin's top elected Republican after their first attempt fell short.

They targeted Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, the longest-serving Assembly speaker in Wisconsin history, after he refused to impeach the official who oversees the battleground state's elections, angering Mr. Trump and his followers.

The bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission must determine whether there are enough valid signatures to

trigger a recall election. The panel rejected the first attempt for not having enough valid signatures.

Petition circulators said they submitted 9,022 signatures primarily from voters in the district where Mr. Vos was elected, most recently in 2022, not the one where he lives now under new lines in place for the November election.

They need 6,850 valid signatures to force a recall election in the district where Mr. Vos was elected.

In March, the group submitted more than 9,000 signatures but of those the elections commission determined that only 5,905 were valid.

Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman, who has been working with the group, said the

previous effort had been "sabotaged" but this time more stringent efforts were put in place to ensure only valid signatures were collected.

Mr. Vos, who has derided those targeting him as "whack jobs and morons," said the first recall effort "engaged in election fraud on a massive scale."

"We are hearing reports that this effort will have similar problems," he said in a statement Tuesday. "Once again, we look forward to rooting out any criminality and ensuring that anyone who participates in an effort to defraud Wisconsin voters is held accountable."

In Wisconsin, candidates can be removed if they are defeated in a recall election. As of Tuesday, there was no announced candidate to challenge Mr.

Vos if an election happens.

Mr. Vos has 10 days to challenge signatures that were collected. He can challenge on a variety of grounds, including that a person signed more than once, signed someone else's name or doesn't live in the legislative district. He can also challenge if he believes the person circulating the petition misled the signer about its intent or if a signature was not collected during the allowable circulation period.

The elections commission has 31 days to determine if the petition has enough valid signatures, which can be appealed in court. If a petition is determined to be sufficient, a recall election must be called for six weeks later.

The commission has a meeting on

June 27, which is the day before the deadline to determine if a recall should be ordered. If it votes at that meeting to call one, under state law the election would be Aug. 6 — just one week before the regular fall primary on Aug. 13. If more than two candidates run in a recall election, the primary for that would be Aug. 6 with the recall election Sept. 3.

That could potentially create a scenario in which recall elections or the recall primary, are decided a week before Mr. Vos appears on the Aug. 13 primary ballot as a candidate for a new two-year term starting in January.

If recalled, Mr. Vos would lose his office for the remainder of the year. The state legislature is not scheduled to be in session again until January.

ECONOMY

'No-buy' year pledges to curb spending emerge as a growing trend

By **ADRIANA MORGA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK | A 35-year-old Brooklyn resident gave up buying new clothes. A 22-year old in San Diego swore off retail therapy at Target. A 26-year old in England banned carbonated drinks from her shopping list.

These three women, who don't know each other, all started the year resolving to spend money only on necessary purchases, or what is popularly known as engaging in a "no-buy" challenge. The self-imposed rules are simple: Participants pledge to stop buying non-essential items—unnecessary shoes, discretionary beauty products or other impulse buys—for a set amount of time, usually 12 months.

What started several years ago as a blogged-about experiment in budgeting and mindful spending has become a popular trend on social media. A Reddit group where people share their experiences has 51,000 members. The challenge primarily gained popularity on TikTok, where some videos of users



Ameya Wadsworth, who moved back home after graduating college, wanted to use her first full-time job as a chance to save and take a hard look at her spending activity. "I'm tracking everything that I'm spending, I'm writing it all down," she said.

seeking to hold themselves accountable get hundreds of thousands of views.

Elysia Berman, a creative director who lives in Brooklyn, decided she needed to drastically change her

spending habits after she accumulated a collection of vintage designer clothing and a five-figure credit card debt. Her no-buy pledge included no new clothes, getting makeup and hair products only

after she finished the ones she had, and limiting social outings to low- or no-expense activities.

For Ms. Berman, adopting a more frugal lifestyle is serving one purpose: paying down her credit card debt. "It wasn't like I wanted to challenge myself. I'm really in a position where this is a necessary next step for me," she said.

Talking about any personal financial struggles is difficult for most people, but Ms. Berman approached hers head-on by discussing her financial struggles with friends and family and then posting about these issues on social media. The latter action resulted in more exposure than she originally expected; she has more than 60,000 followers on TikTok, where a video in which she displayed her empty skin and hair products received more than 1 million views.

While the trend has been growing for some time, the beginning of 2024 provided another opportunity for people to seize control over their finances following the "doom spending" of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Courtney Alev, a consumer financial advocate for

the personal finance company Credit Karma.

"It's just people trying to reclaim what's been a rampant cycle of overspending, to be able to get their financial situation back in order and be able to save money," Ms. Alev said.

Not everyone electing to join the no-buy trend has debt. Ameya Wadsworth, who moved back home to San Diego, California, after graduating college, wanted to use her first full-time job as a chance to save—both the environment and money for her future.

After returning to live with her mom, she began noticing how many things she had that took up space. Working for a sustainability app also has made her more aware of her personal contribution to the world's mountains of waste.

"I'm tracking everything that I'm spending. I'm writing it all down," said Ms. Wadsworth, who also records the times she wants to buy something but doesn't. She reviews the entries at the end of the month to determine if her purchases were really necessary purchases or a response to a quick craving.

CALIFORNIA

State official pleads guilty to diverting water for profit

FRESNO | A former California water official has pleaded guilty to conspiring to steal water in a deal with federal prosecutors in the state's crop-rich Central Valley.

The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that 78-year-old Dennis Falaschi, who used to head the Panoche Water District, entered the plea in federal court in Fresno. He also pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return.

Falaschi was accused in a case that alleged that more than \$25 million in water was stolen over two decades when it was siphoned from a federal irrigation canal through a secret pipe and sold to farmers and other water districts.

The Panoche Water District supplies irrigation for farmland in Fresno and Merced counties—much of it from the federal Delta-Mendota canal.

Authorities said in court documents that Falaschi wasn't the only one taking water, but did not specify who else

was involved. They estimated Falaschi stole less than \$3.5 million in water, a small portion of what they initially alleged had been stolen.

— Associated Press

SOUTH DAKOTA

Small town ex-mayor faces 3 first-degree murder charges

CENTERVILLE | Three people were shot to death in a small South Dakota town, and a former law officer who once served as the town's mayor is charged in the killings.

Jay Ostrem, 64, was jailed on \$1 million cash-only bond on three counts of first-degree murder, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said Tuesday in a news release.

A probable cause affidavit identified the victims as two brothers, ages 26 and 21, and a 35-year-old man.

Mr. Ostrem worked in law enforcement for more than two decades in Wyoming and South Dakota, media reports said. He served as mayor of Centerville about a decade-and-a-half ago, but the exact dates weren't

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immediately available.

The probable cause document said a man in Centerville called police at 9:44 p.m. Monday to report that his brother had been shot by "a guy from across the street" and that the shooter had gone back home.

The caller was still on the phone with a dispatcher when he said that he had been shot, too. He then stopped talking, the document said.

— Associated Press

OREGON

Vineyards sue utility over wildfire damage to grapes

PORTLAND | Dozens of Oregon wineries and vineyards have sued utility PacifiCorp over the deadly 2020 wildfires that ravaged the state, alleging that its decision not to turn off power

during the Labor Day windstorm contributed to blazes whose smoke and soot damaged their grapes and reduced their harvest and sales.

In the latest lawsuit to hit the utility over the fires, some 30 wineries and vineyards in the Willamette Valley accused PacifiCorp of negligence and requested over \$100 million in damages.

In an emailed statement, PacifiCorp said it is "committed to settling all reasonable claims for damages as provided under Oregon law."

The wine producers named as plaintiffs in the suit are located in the Willamette Valley, home to two-thirds of Oregon wineries and vineyards and the oldest wine region in the state, according to the Oregon Wine Board.

— Associated Press

ILLINOIS

Police kill stab attack suspect, but wound his intended victim

CHICAGO | Chicago police fatally shot a stabbing suspect and wounded the person he was trying to stab after the suspect refused to drop his

weapon, police said.

Officers were patrolling the city's west side about 11 p.m. Monday when they saw a male attempting to stab a male in the street and ordered the suspect to drop his weapon, police said.

When the suspect continued the attack, officers opened fire, wounding both the suspect and the victim, the Chicago Police Department said in a statement Tuesday morning.

The suspect was later pronounced dead at a hospital, and the other person was hospitalized in critical condition, police said. The suspect's name and age were not released.

Two officers were also taken to a hospital for observation, police said.

Video from WLS-TV shows the shooting scene on Chicago's West Side was near a liquor store, where bottles could be seen on the sidewalk outside that business.

The shooting occurred near the border of the Harrison and Austin police districts, two of Chicago's most violent districts, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

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World

TAIWAN

Legislature moves to clip president's power

Thousands protest pro-China changes

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TAIPEI, TAIWAN | Taiwan's new opposition-controlled legislature passed changes on Tuesday that are seen as favoring China and diminishing the power of the island's independence-leaning president, sparking protests by thousands of people.

The changes pushed by the opposition Nationalist Party and its allies would give the legislature greater power to control budgets, including defense spending that the party has blocked in what many see as an effort not to exacerbate tensions with China.

It remains unclear whether the package of bills will become law. The Executive Yuan, the executive branch of government headed by the premier, may veto legislation or pass it on to new President Lai Ching-te, who has to proclaim bills into law within 10 days. If the Executive Yuan or the president does not comply, the bills will not become law.

Thousands of people gathered outside the legislature to protest the changes. The legislative chamber was festooned with banners promoting both sides in the dispute, while arguments on the floor broke into shouting and pushing matches.

The Nationalists, also known as the KMT, officially back unification with China, from which Taiwan separated

during a civil war in 1949. They took control of the legislature with a single-seat majority after elections in January, while the presidency went to Mr. Lai of the Democratic Progressive Party, which favors Taiwan's de facto independence from China and is hated by Beijing.

The divided government could provide some tense moments for the new president, and new opportunities to Beijing to meddle in the politics of an island democracy China has long vowed to claim as its own.

"People must stand up at this time, and we must let those legislators know that the laws they are enacting are not what we want," said Huang Hong-wei, a protester. "That's why so many people are taking to the streets to protest, because we used to believe in these legislators, but they didn't do what they promised, so the people got angry."

DPP legislators accused deputies from the KMT and the minority Taiwan People's Party of undermining Taiwan's democracy by expanding the legislature's oversight of the executive branch. They denounced the legislation as creating a "black box" for what the KMT has portrayed as reforms.

"There was no discussion on the legislation this time and these bills are rough," said Ray Wan, a protester from Kaohsiung. "Without detailed



Members of the Nationalist and the Democratic Progressive Party clashed Tuesday in Taiwan's Executive Yuan over a presidential power bill. The Nationalists, which took control of the parliament after January elections, support unification with China. President Lai Ching-te, however, favors Taiwan's de facto independence from China.

discussions, these incomplete bills will do Taiwan a great disservice."

While the KMT controls the legislature, its speaker and its allies in the TPP were elected on party lists, meaning they answer to no actual constituents. Although Mr. Lai won a convincing victory in the Jan. 13 elections, he took only 40% of the vote, while the two major opposition parties received a combined 59%.

Taiwan was governed under martial law for 40 years under the Nationalists, who have lost three consecutive presidential elections but still hold power on the local level through well-entwined networks of business and social interests. Pro-China business groups have also captured a major share of Taiwan's media market, even as the younger

generation turns to social media for its information.

China sends planes and ships near Taiwan on a daily basis in a campaign aimed at wearing down Taiwanese opposition to unification and at deteriorating its defenses, which are strongly backed by the U.S., despite a lack of formal diplomatic ties.

Despite the rocky start to his tenure, Mr. Lai received some good news from a new Taiwanese Public Opinion Foundation survey released Tuesday. The poll gave the new president a 58% approval rating. On the question of Taiwan's future, the poll found that 47.2% preferred independence, 12.4% supported unification with China, and 28.5% were happy with the status quo.

MIDDLE EAST

Damage forces closure of pier built to deliver aid

By Mike Glenn

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Defense Department is unhooking the temporary pier it set up in Gaza to deliver humanitarian aid to Palestinians following what a Pentagon spokeswoman on Tuesday said was a "perfect storm" of rough seas and weather that caused serious structural damage.

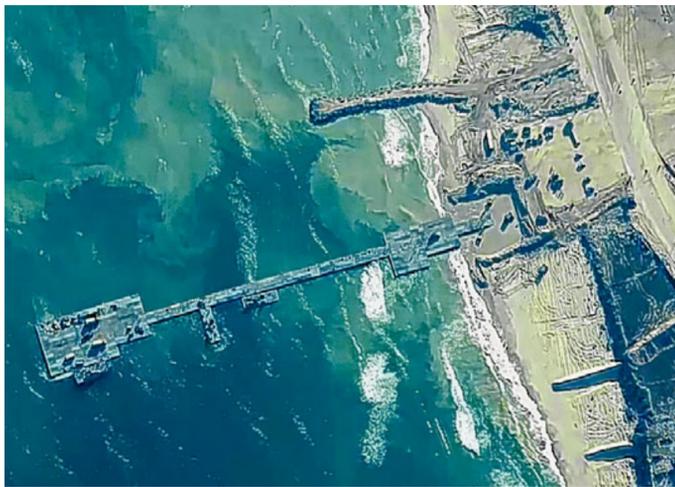
Some sections of the floating pier disconnected as a result of the storm early Tuesday, damaging the remaining sections still anchored on the Gaza coast. The latest mishap comes just after four U.S. military vessels were beached after losing power over the weekend. Two of them washed up on the coast of southern Israel near the city of Ashdod. The others were beached in Gaza.

"Over the next 48 hours, the Trident Pier will be removed from its anchored position on the coast and towed back to Ashdod where U.S. Central Command will conduct repairs," Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said. This is the latest blow to an initiative touted by President Biden and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin as a way to get humanitarian aid into Gaza even as the Israel-Hamas war rages on.

The Associated Press, citing local emergency workers and hospital officials, reported Tuesday that Israeli shelling and airstrikes killed at least 37 people. Most of the victims were sheltering in tents outside Rafah. Israeli strikes ignited a deadly fire five days earlier in a camp for displaced Palestinians.

The tent camp strike has drawn widespread international criticism, including

Biden announced structure in March as way to deliver relief into Gaza



The Trident Pier, which has allowed the U.S. to deliver more than 1,000 tons of international aid to the Gaza Strip, sustained heavy damage in a storm early Tuesday. Repairs will take at least a week. The temporary pier will then need to be reanchored to the coast of Gaza before humanitarian assistance can resume.

from some of Israel's allies, over the military's expanding offensive into Rafah. Spain, Norway and Ireland formally recognized a Palestinian state on Tuesday.

The Biden administration has warned against a full-fledged offensive in the city, but State Department spokesman Matthew Miller on Tuesday gave no

indication the U.S. sees Israel as crossing any of its "red lines" for Rafah. He said the offensive is still on a "far different" scale than assaults on other population centers in Gaza, the AP reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to press ahead in Rafah saying remaining Hamas fighting

units must be dismantled and hostages must be freed.

Repairs to the damaged pier will take at least a week. It will then need to be reanchored to the coast of Gaza before humanitarian assistance can resume, Ms. Singh told reporters on Tuesday.

The weather-related damages are only the latest setback for the \$320 million pier, which only began operations over the past two weeks.

The temporary pier was announced in March by Mr. Biden as a way to augment humanitarian relief into the Gaza Strip.

The Defense Department said the temporary pier has allowed the U.S. to deliver more than 1,000 tons of international aid to Gaza before it was damaged due to the weather. Ms. Singh acknowledged that the weather and high seas off the coast of Gaza created "not an optimal environment" for humanitarian operations there.

The Israeli Navy is working with U.S. officials to try and free the beached military vessels and help with the damaged pier. But the Defense Department acknowledged that the floating pier and accompanying airdrops of supplies into Gaza aren't enough to stave off a mounting humanitarian crisis in the densely populated Palestinian enclave.

"The most efficient way to get aid in [to Gaza] would be through land routes. We are seeing more land crossings opening up," Ms. Singh said. "We need to see those crossing continue to open up to allow more trucks in."

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

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THE WORLD

UKRAINE

Zelensky scores another arms pledge; Putin warns

LISBON, PORTUGAL | Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky received a second \$1 billion promise of military aid in as many days Tuesday during a whirlwind tour of three European Union countries, while President Vladimir Putin warned that hitting Russian soil with Western-supplied weapons could set the war on a dangerous new path.

The aid pledge for 2024 came from Belgium, which topped up the money with a commitment to give Ukraine 30 F-16 fighter jets in the next four years, following a \$1.1 billion arms pledge from Spain the day before. The onslaught by the Kremlin's better-equipped forces in eastern and northeastern Ukraine as summer approaches has brought Ukraine its biggest military test since Russia's full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

The European offers come as a long-delayed \$60 billion military aid package from the U.S. finally passed Congress earlier this month. Mr. Putin has repeatedly warned the West against deeper involvement in the fighting, holding out the specter of a nuclear conflict.

"Representatives of countries that are NATO members, particularly in Europe, should be aware of what they are playing with," he said, speaking to reporters on a trip to Uzbekistan, adding that "countries with small territory and dense populations" should be particularly careful.

— Associated Press

JAPAN

Toyota challenges full EV push with 'green engine'

TOKYO | "An engine reborn" — that's how Japanese automaker Toyota introduced plans to cast a futuristic spin on the traditional internal combustion engine.

During a three-hour presentation at a Tokyo hall Tuesday, the car manufacturer giant announced it would offer lean compact engines that also run on so-called green fuels like hydrogen and bioethanol, or get paired with zero-emissions electric motors in hybrids.

This comes as many competitors in the auto industry are pushing for fully electric vehicles. China is revving its push for Battery Electric Vehicles, and its own BYD is threatening to outshine Tesla in that push.

Toyota's Chief Executive Koji Sato said the "engine is optimized for the electrification era" with hopes of helping push the world into "carbon neutrality."

Domestic allies Subaru Corp. and Mazda Motor Corp., both preparing ecological engines designed to meet the inevitably upcoming stringent emissions standards, joined Toyota's presentation billed as a "multipathway workshop."

— Associated Press

CHINA

First arrests made under harsh security statute

HONG KONG | Hong Kong police on Tuesday arrested six people, including a former organizer of the city's decades-long annual vigil that commemorated China's Tiananmen Square crackdown, for allegedly publishing seditious social media posts, in what were the first publicly known arrests under the city's new national security law.

Secretary for Security Chris Tang said Chow Hang-tung, a former leader of the group behind the vigil, alongside five others, used a Facebook page to anonymously publish the posts. Police said their acts began in April and that the suspects were targeting a "sensitive date."

The authorities have not detailed the content of the posts. But the page started publishing a series of posts to mark the upcoming 35th anniversary of the 1989 crackdown, a politically sensitive topic in Hong Kong and mainland China, on April 30.

Mr. Tang alleged the group made the posts with the intent to incite dissatisfaction or even hatred against the Chinese central government, the Hong Kong government and the judiciary. The posts also aimed to encourage online activists to organize activities "endangering national security," he said.

— Associated Press

DIPLOMACY

Japanese jets scramble to intercept Chinese military drone

By Bill Gertz

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Japanese fighter jets were scrambled to intercept a Chinese military drone flying over the East China Sea spotted for the first time, Tokyo's defense ministry disclosed this week.

The Chinese WL-10 reconnaissance and strike uncrewed aerial vehicle was tracked flying over waters near Okinawa on Monday, prompting the fighter jet response, the Joint Staff Office stated in a press release. Photos of the drone flying were released by the defense ministry.

The Joint Staff Office stated that fighter jets were dispatched to intercept the drone by the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Southwest Air Command Support Flight, an air force unit located at the Naha Air Base in Okinawa. The type of jets used in the interception was not disclosed.

On its social media site, the Joint Staff Office posted a photo the WL-10 and a map showing its track. The WL-10 did not enter Japanese air space, but penetrated the larger air defense identification zone used to monitor foreign air threats.

"This was the first time that this aircraft was spotted in an airspace violation response by the Japanese navy," the post stated.

The drone flight was tracked heading east and appeared to originate from China.

"China's military operations are becoming more active, and this is believed to be part of that trend," a ministry official told Japan's Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper.

The Wing Loong-10 drone is a long-range, medium-altitude aircraft built by the Chengdu Aircraft Design and Research Institute, a division of the Aviation Industry Corp. of China (AVIC),

according to the military website The Aviationist.

"China is rapidly developing a variety of domestic unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), including high-altitude, long-endurance (HALE) UAVs for reconnaissance and other purposes as well as those capable of carrying weapons such as missiles," the ministry said in a military white paper issued last year.

"It is suggested that the Chinese Air Force has created a UAV unit for attack missions and frequently used UAVs for reconnaissance and other purposes in waters and airspace surrounding China," the report stated.

The WL-10 dual-use reconnaissance attack drone can gather electronic intelligence as well as carry weapons. China state media said the drone was first deployed in 2020.

Its potential armaments reportedly include China's Blue Arrow air-to-surface

missiles, light cruise missiles, YL-12 GPS-guided bombs and GB-4 precision-guided bomb.

China flew its smaller WL-7 reconnaissance drone near Japan last year.

The U.S. military also operates similar drones in the area. The MQ-4C Triton maritime surveillance uncrewed aircraft has been deployed to Okinawa, and Tritons also are based in Guam.

Tensions remain high between Japan and China over the disputed Senkaku Islands. The flight also comes just after Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Chinese Premier Li Qiang attended a trilateral summit hosted by South Korea intended to ease tensions in East Asia.

It also followed large-scale Chinese military exercises simulating a military encirclement of Taiwan that ended last weekend, maneuvers timed after the recent inauguration of Taiwan's new president.

THEATER

‘Water for Elephants’ trumpets Tony nods

Broadway production blends timing of circus, stage

By MARK KENNEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK | You don't initially see a full elephant in the Broadway musical “Water for Elephants.” It's more like a tease. First come a pair of enormous ears. Then a trunk. And then the legs.

The execution is by director Jessica Stone, who wanted to make it extra special for the audience when they finally get to see the big reveal at the end of Act I. She thought it had to be awe-inspiring, tender and the spirit of an elephant.

“People were talking about how moved they were when they finally were seeing her in full and I was like, ‘OK, I think it's going to be OK,’” Ms. Stone says.

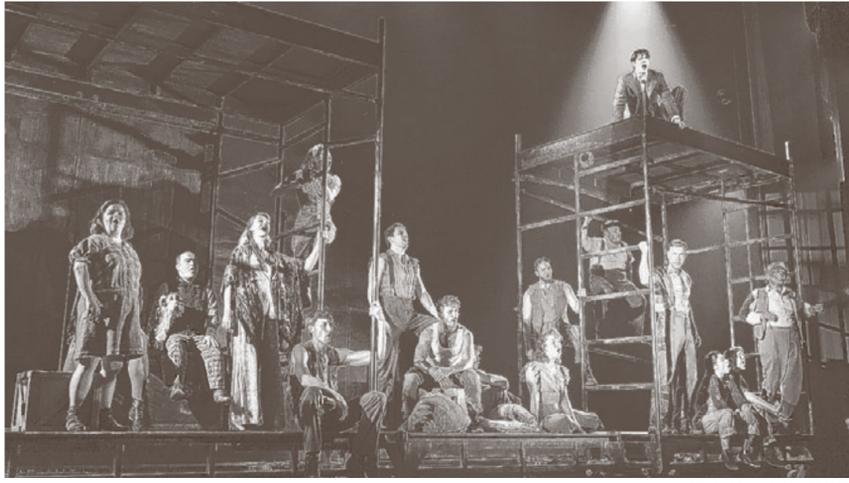
It's been more than OK for Ms. Stone, whose show earned seven Tony Award nominations, including one for best new musical and one for her heroic efforts to seamlessly create a big Broadway musical with elements of circus.

Ms. Stone knits puppets and vaudeville acts, songs and somersaults, and melds two groups of people who might not have shared a lunch table in high school — jocks and theater geeks.

“It's a very humble, disciplined, hardworking, loving cast,” she says. “I overuse this metaphor, but it couldn't be more true: We literally and figuratively hold out our arms and catch each other.”

The show — adapted by Sara Gruen's popular 2006 historical romance novel and with music by the band PigPen Theater Co. — follows a love triangle in a traveling circus during the Depression.

The New York Times called it “a stunning, emotional production that ‘leads with movement, eye candy and awe.’” Variety raved that Ms. Stone brought “it



The Broadway musical “Water for Elephants,” directed by Jessica Stone, has received seven Tony Award nominations. The story is framed by the fond recollections of an older former circus worker.

all under one spectacular tent without forgetting its human — and animal — hearts.”

Her skill is on show with the first big song — “The Road Don't Make You Young” — a nine-minute, upbeat number that involves 23 performers, singing, dancing and flipping. It leans on circus designer Shana Carroll, who co-choreographs with Jesse Robb, who both also earned Tony nods.

The number starts with a circus train coming into town, and the audience learns about each of the characters as they get off and raise a tent. Soon we're in the middle of a circus act, with acrobats flying through the air, twisting on ropes and poles.

That took two years to develop, and Ms. Stone calls it “the gate to the rest of the show.” She credits producers for giving her team the time to create it and to figure out the way to marry Broadway timing to circus.

“You actually have to have a little wiggle room for circus because you don't fly through the air on the exact same counts every single time,” she says. “So everywhere throughout the show and the number, there's always a little bit of wiggle room. We've had to build it in for safety.”

Negotiating the

non-negotiable

Rick Elice, the playwright of “Jersey Boys” and “Peter and the Starcatcher” who earned a Tony nod for “Water for Elephants,” said he was intrigued when Ms. Stone auditioned as director and spoke her mind even about elements that seemed non-negotiable, like his initial framing device.

“She's brilliant. She's funny. She's totally prepared. She's fast on her feet. She's somebody that you just love to have lunch with because you laugh a lot and you bat ideas back and forth, which to me is a great lunch,” he said.

“Water for Elephants,” framed as an old former circus worker fondly looking back, joins a raft of recent memory plays on Broadway like “Mother Play,” “The Notebook,” “A Beautiful Noise” and “Harmony.”

“It's not like we all got in a room and said, ‘You know what? 2024 is going to be the memory season,’” she says with a laugh. She thinks it's a byproduct of the pandemic.

“Memory plays have to do with looking back on your life and determining whether or not you did it right, and whether or not you're still doing it right,” she says.

That became the key to how to

marry circus elements in “Water for Elephants” — they are hazy memories for the main character, fragmented and not fully formed.

“I really didn't want people arbitrarily peeling off into back handspings for no reason. It had to really honor his most, important memories,” Ms. Stone says.

Ms. Stone was an actor on and off-Broadway, in television and in film, for decades before transitioning to directing. She previously earned a Tony nod directing the Tony-winning Broadway musical “Kimberly Akimbo,” which beautifully captured sadness with humor.

“That dichotomy is the thing that's most interesting to me — that you can feel great pain and still something can really make you laugh in that moment. That's something that I seek when I'm telling stories.”

Mr. Elice says Ms. Stone's background as an actor gives her an ability to know how to talk to actors, comparing her favorably to the late, great Mike Nichols, a legend on Broadway.

“I've never seen anybody better than Nichols talking to actors. She just has the knack of being able to cut through a lot of BS and say exactly the right thing to get a great performance.”

Mother wants limits on son's girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My son is a sophomore in college. He has been dating a girl he met at school for almost a year. Her family no longer speaks to her for reasons I don't know. I have included her in our family holidays, but she later tells my son that she thinks I don't like her.

It causes problems for me when I visit him at school, which is often because it's my alma mater. When I'm there, she attends all dinners and family events whether she's invited or not, and I am expected to pay for her as well. My son has invited her to our house without my permission, and I do not want her to come. How do I tell him I don't want her here without causing major problems in my relationship with him? — **OPPOSED MOM IN OHIO**

DEAR MOM: Teach your son good manners by telling him you don't want anyone joining you for every family event and dinner without first being asked to include her. As much as he may like the girl, she is not (yet) a family member. Be sure to point out that you do not dislike her, but this is a formality you would like observed. The two of them are not a package deal.

P.S. The fact that her family doesn't talk to her is a red flag that should not be ignored. Broach that subject with your son now.

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned that my son-in-law is emotionally abusing my daughter. She was always a bit shy but was able to stand up for herself.

Recently, we were driving to a new destination and she was using Google Maps. It said we had arrived at our destination, but we couldn't see it. After backtracking, her husband was able to find it. He then berated my daughter for “being

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
DEAR ABBY

unprepared and not knowing where it was!” No one had been there before, and we were following an effective app. She apologized to him.

I wanted to say something, but when I have in the past, she became upset with me. I see her confidence ebbing away. She needs to stand up to him. There have been many more instances. How can I help her return to being the strong and confident woman she was? I don't think counseling would work. She doesn't recognize what is happening to her. — **MOM WHO SEES IT IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR MOM: Talk to your daughter privately. Explain that you are worried about her because she's no longer the person she once was. Give her examples of her husband's verbal abuse that you have observed and ask if she thinks she really deserved it. Offer to (quietly) pay for her to talk with a licensed counselor if she would be willing. Then cross your fingers that she will accept your offer and act on it without spilling the beans to her husband.

DEAR ABBY: Unfortunately, I was involved in a traffic accident. (The other party was found liable.)

After the crash, the other driver was bleeding and had gashes. I experienced a couple broken ribs. Would it be OK to contact the other driver to see how he is? He was so polite to me at the accident scene. I really feel like he was a nice person. — **BROKEN IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR BROKEN: I know you mean well. However, before contacting this nice person, you would be wise to discuss it with an attorney to make sure there will be no legal ramifications you might later regret.

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OPERA

Poignant ‘Innocence’ entwines grief, celebration

By MIKE SILVERMAN
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SAN FRANCISCO | An uneasy orchestral prelude sets the mood: muffled percussion, brooding woodwinds, anguished strings. The curtain rises and the first voices we hear are of two young men covering in the shadows.

“I ... I ... I can't ... go to work,” one stammers in German.

“I can't board a plane. ... I can't sit with my back to the door,” another says in Spanish.

They are living ghosts, traumatized survivors of a school shooting that occurred 10 years earlier, but the memory of which intrudes like an unwelcome guest on a wedding celebration taking place in the present.

So begins “Innocence,” the last opera by Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho, who died of brain cancer last year at the age of 70. First seen at the Aix-en-Provence festival in France in 2021, it is now receiving its U.S. premiere in San Francisco beginning June 1.

For 100 intermission-less minutes on a split-level rotating set, the two worlds play out, separately at first but gradually intertwining as we learn the tragic connections between the groom's family and the long-ago events at an international school.

“She wanted to create a kind of thriller,” said Clement Mao-Takacs, who will conduct the opera in the San Francisco Opera. “It's very focused, which keeps the audience's mouths wide open and the heart beating from the first note.”

As for the score, Louise Baker, who is directing the production, said Saariaho had created “atmosphere as much as music.”

“Don't expect long, romantic Puccini melodies,” she said. “That's not what this is at all. But the beauty of this piece is in its truth and in its precision and what you can bring from that.”



“Innocence,” an opera by the late Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho, connects a wedding celebration with the bridegroom's connection to a shooting at an international school 10 years earlier.

Memories of school shooting intrude on wedding banquet

Simon Stone, who directed the premiere and will oversee the production when it arrives at the Metropolitan Opera in a future season, said the revolving set helps make audience members feel they are discovering the links between past and present for themselves.

“I thought if I could turn the restaurant where the banquet is happening into the school slowly, gradually, throughout the production,” he said, “without the audience noticing, that they could be dragged into the same sense of intractable grief that the characters felt.”

If that grief is palpable, less clear is the “innocence” of the title. It turns out no one in the story is without some responsibility, not even the waitress whose daughter was one of the victims and who is working at the banquet unaware that the family's older son was the shooter.

“Innocence is what's killed when an event like this happens,” Mr. Stone said.

Curiously, Saariaho's initial idea for the opera stemmed from Da Vinci's fresco of “The Last Supper.”

Matthew Shilvock, the San Francisco Opera's general director, recalls first hearing about the project over dinner with the composer in 2015.

“Kaija was fascinated about the mindset of each of the 13 people around the table,” he wrote in an article on the company's website. “A group brought together in a moment of deep emotional impact, but each bringing their own perspective, history and reality.”

From this kernel, Saariaho and her librettist, Finnish novelist Sofi Oksanen, developed the scenario, which has 13 singing or speaking roles: seven at the school and six at the wedding banquet. As if to underscore the different understanding each character brings to the events, nine different languages are used in the libretto.

Finland has not been immune from school shootings, with the worst of them being two that

resulted in mass casualties in 2007 and 2008. But the prevalence of gun violence in the U.S. makes the subject especially sensitive here.

“I wonder how American audiences will cope with its unsparring approach to a subject that, for several decades, has been locked in accelerating cycles of national insanity,” critic Alex Ross wrote in The New Yorker after the opera's premiere in 2021. “No false tone of healing or hope is sounded at the end; instead, the circles of complicity keep widening. What rescues the opera from utter bleakness is the inherent beauty of Saariaho's writing.”

Acknowledging how sensitive the topic is, the San Francisco Opera has put together a series of panel discussions and community outreach events focusing on such subjects as gun violence and “depicting trauma on stage, screen and in music.”

Despite the subject matter, there's a sense of things coming full circle in having the U.S. premiere take place in San Francisco. It was here, in 2018, again with Mr. Mao-Takacs conducting, that music from the opera was first performed by an orchestra.

Mr. Shilvock had arranged for the company's musicians to record excerpts so the creative team could experience the opera's “sound world.” Saariaho was on hand in the auditorium.

“It was crazy, and really moving,” Mr. Mao-Takacs recalled. “I will always remember the look of Kaija when I turned to her, and I was in the pit in the big empty hall and I said, ‘What did you think?’”

“And she had this beautiful sentence: ‘It sounds like I want it,’” he said. “She was expressing her joy in the orchestra sounding well, her pride in having been able to write exactly what she had in mind.”

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 29).

There's power in vulnerability, and vulnerability in power, and you'll know this concept from many different angles in this year of leadership. You'll nurture and teach others. You'll set up systems that contribute to everyone's thriving. More highlights: bonds made in fun, a new way of eating and moving, and a fabulous trophy. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 5, 14, 28 and 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Historians know what happened already. Visionaries see what hasn't happened, and perhaps never will. It's better to be a learner than to be learned. Futurists predict. You'll find your lane in time and bring imagination to your knowledge of the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll respectfully disagree without hurting anyone's pride. You'll show vulnerability when it's right. At first, these don't seem like the power moves they are, but when they make a difference, you'll feel it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll advance past obstacles and find freedom by being open-hearted. Of course, being kind and wise requires more than just an open heart; it demands social skills, and you have those as well, to an enviable degree.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing someone's inner world, their pains, desires and quirks, is the cornerstone of meaningful connection. It's not just pragmatic; it's essential for navigating life's significant decisions and interactions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To get what you want is a thrill. To discover you want what you have is less of a charge upfront and more of a steady stream of satisfaction. You may feel the most alive when you want nothing at all.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of your many strengths now is in gathering information in an

intuitive and conversational way. It's like you just know what to ask. Wherever possible, participate in groups, even if you have to initiate and organize them yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be busy making sure that what you do has enormous value to someone. If that someone is you, it counts, too — maybe even more today. You're the one who is the best at keeping yourself happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes dream teams just happen, but more often they are assembled. New alliances are exciting because you never know what you'll be able to accomplish with a particular lineup of talents and interests. Experiment in this regard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ultimately, you'll give what others need and be paid well for the contribution. Teaching is the best way to learn. When you try to show someone how to do a thing, you'll learn what's necessary for your own mastery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Instead of wishing for a superficial improvement, you'll wish for an essential elevation that will lift and build everything around you. Once you tweak your vision, you will have no conflict.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expectation and assumption, the close cousin of expectation, will change your understanding of reality. This adventure goes better when you leave kin at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're serious about making progress, but you won't let that interfere with your kindness, humor or style. You put people first. Their feelings about interacting with you are as important as anything else about a deal.

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DISTRICT

Court rules jury pool doesn't affect Jan. 6 defendants' rights

Panel says D.C. residents voting for Biden doesn't determine partiality

By **ALEX SWOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A federal court in the District of Columbia unanimously ruled that the city's overwhelming liberal lean doesn't prejudice the jury pool against Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot defendants.

Thomas Webster, a retired New York police officer who was convicted of five felonies and one misdemeanor related to the riot, brought the case to challenge his conviction because the district court denied his motion to change venues.

Webster had been sentenced to 120 months in prison, 36 months of supervised release and a \$510 fine.

He had argued in court documents that the jury pool in the District was "simply too Democratic, too connected to the federal government, and too steeped in January 6th news coverage to produce twelve unbiased jurors."

He also said that a poll revealed District residents' negative impression of people who participated in the Jan. 6 riot.

The three-judge panel for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected his claims.

The court reasoned that a negative impression of an event — like Jan. 6 or a murder — says nothing about a juror's ability to be impartial.

"What the Constitution forbids is for a juror to hold a firmly entrenched view about an individual defendant's guilt or innocence before the trial starts," Judge Patricia Ann Millett, an Obama appointee, wrote in the unanimous opinion.

She was joined in the ruling by Judge Neomi Rao and Judge Gregory Katsas, both Trump appointees.

The court also said the fact that D.C. residents voted overwhelmingly for President Biden doesn't matter for paneling an impartial jury.

"The political inclinations of a populace writ large say nothing about an individual's ability to serve impartially in adjudicating the criminal conduct of an individual," the court said.

Webster also argued he was not



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A three-judge panel for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected claims by retired New York City police officer Thomas Webster (in red jacket) that he was convicted for assaulting a police officer during the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot by a prejudiced jury.

afforded adequate opportunity to cross-examine an officer he fought with during the riot, and that part of the jury instruction was problematic. But the court rejected those arguments too.

According to court documents, Webster carried a Marine Corps flag and charged toward the U.S. Capitol during the riot. He broke

through a line of bicycles used to keep protesters away from a police line.

Shortly after, he wrestled an officer to the ground over his flag pole, knocking the officer down and pushing on the officer's gas mask.

The scuffle lasted about 10 seconds.

DISTRICT

Mayor backs Giant's large personal bag ban

Local grocery chain continues effort to fight retail theft in District

By **MATT DELANEY**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser on Tuesday backed Giant Food's decision to ban customers from bringing certain large bags into its District-based grocery stores as the local chain continues to combat retail theft.

The mayor said she sympathized with the Maryland-based grocer's new policy on preventing shoppers from carrying suitcases, duffel bags and bags larger than 14" x 14" x 6" — usually in the form of closable tote bags — in order to deter shoppers from smuggling out products.

"What we call on all of the retailers to do is everything within their power to strengthen security within their stores," Ms. Bowser said. "Shoppers want to be able to use their stores without having everything locked up, so the people who are stealing from stores — we have to make sure that that message is loud and clear that they threaten the whole community by doing that."

Giant Food did clarify that



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Reusable shopping bags are exempt from a Giant Food ban on large personal bags in an effort to fight retail theft in the District.

open, reusable shopping bags are exempt from the new ban.

The grocery chain also said the policy, which took effect last week, only applies to its stores in the District. The company said thieves undercut Giant's bottom line and not only disrupt shopping trips for law-abiding customers but threaten the safety of everyone in the store.

"The retail theft we are experiencing across our market area is a problem that affects everyone," Giant said in a

statement. "It limits product availability, creates a less convenient shopping experience, and, most critically, puts our associates and customers in harm's way."

Giant Food, which is headquartered in Landover, Maryland, and has over 160 stores spread between the District, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware, has ramped up efforts to defend itself against aggressive shoplifting in recent years.

Last spring, Giant had

customers enter its District locations through one entrance so security could keep better tabs on suspected shoplifters.

The grocery chain also hired more security guards and put a cap on the number of items purchased at self-checkout stands to fight theft.

The Giant location on Alabama Avenue Southeast — the only full-service grocery store in Ward 8 — removed major brands such as Advil, Colgate toothpaste and Tide detergent last fall after they were repeatedly poached by criminals.

Retail theft was a major sore spot for the District last year, according to a Forbes Advisor survey published in November.

The survey found that the District recorded the most instances of retail theft per capita last year at 2,829 per 100,000 residents.

Shoplifting costs residents in the nation's capital an average of \$336 per person, according to the survey. Forbes Advisor said the District had 69% more retail theft than expected last year based on its share of the U.S. population.

BRIEFLY THE REGION

VIRGINIA

ASHBURN

Tech firm settles claim over 'White' job listing

A Northern Virginia tech company is paying \$38,500 to settle claims that it discriminated by posting a job listing seeking White, U.S.-born candidates for an opening as a business analyst.

The Justice Department announced Thursday that it had reached a settlement agreement with Arthur Grand Technologies, an information technology firm in Ashburn.

The company listed the business analyst job online in March 2023, specifically seeking "Only Born US Citizens (White) who are local within 60 miles from Dallas, TX (Don't share with candidates)."

"It is shameful that in the 21st century, we continue to see employers using 'Whites only' and 'only U.S.-born' job postings to lock out otherwise eligible job candidates of color," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "I share the public's outrage at Arthur Grand's appalling and discriminatory ban on job candidates based on citizenship status, national origin, color and race."

In the settlement agreement, the company said the ad was "generated by a disgruntled recruiter in India and was intended to embarrass the company," and that it never intended to dissuade noncitizens from applying.

Arthur Grand did not return a call and email Tuesday seeking comment.

The settlement includes a \$7,500 penalty to settle a Justice Department investigation and \$31,000 as part of a settlement with the Labor Department to compensate individuals who filed complaints alleging they were discriminated against by the advertisement.

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NORTH CAROLINA

RANDLEMAN

Ross distribution hub set to create 850 jobs

The discount retailer Ross Dress for Less will build a southeastern U.S. distribution center in central North

Carolina, investing \$450 million and creating 850 jobs, state officials announced Tuesday.

Ross Stores Inc., which operates Ross Dress for Less and another off-price chain, aims to complete its capital investment at the Randolph County site by the end of 2026 and create the jobs from 2027 to 2031, according to a document provided by the state Commerce Department.

Off-price chains, which also include TJ Maxx and Marshalls, buy brand-name clothing and other products directly from manufacturers or other retailers with excess inventory, then sell them in no-frills stores.

Ross Stores calls Ross Dress for Less the largest off-price apparel and home fashion chain in the U.S., with over 1,700 stores in 43 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam.

The 330-acre distribution center, to be about 20 miles south of Greensboro, will provide warehousing, fulfillment and packing operations, Gov. Roy Cooper's office said in a news release.

The minimum average wage for the new jobs will be essentially at the Randolph County average of \$45,800 per year.

The California-based company chose between the site in Randleman and another in Laurens County, South Carolina.

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PENNSYLVANIA

INDIANA

Defendant pleads mentally ill in killing

Authorities say one of eight defendants has pleaded guilty but mentally ill in the slaying of a man taken from a western Pennsylvania home and later found stabbed in a rural area more than 18 months ago.

Indiana County District Attorney Robert Manzi said Friday that 20-year-old Taylyn Edwards of Johnstown entered the plea to charges of first-degree murder and kidnapping in the October 2022 kidnapping and killing of 19-year-old Hayden Garreffa.

Trooper Cliff Greenfield told reporters at the time that Garreffa, who had autism, was taken in a minivan from a relative's Buffington Township home without his cellphone and medication, both of which "he never would have left behind." His body was found two days later in Brush Valley Township with stab wounds and blunt force trauma.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Lawsuit tries to prevent mail-in ballots from getting tossed

By **MARC LEVY**
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HARRISBURG, PA. | A new lawsuit filed Tuesday by a constellation of left-leaning groups in Pennsylvania is trying to prevent thousands of mail-in ballots from being thrown out in November's election in a battleground state that is expected to play a critical role in selecting a new president.

The lawsuit, filed in a state court, is the latest of perhaps a half-dozen cases to challenge a provision in Pennsylvania law that voters must write the date when they sign their mail-in ballot envelope.

Voters not understanding that provision has meant that tens of thousands of ballots have been thrown out since Pennsylvania dramatically expanded mail-in voting in a 2019 law.

The latest lawsuit says multiple courts have found that a



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A lawsuit challenges a provision in Pennsylvania law that voters must write the day when they sign their mail-in ballot envelope.

voter-written date is meaningless in determining whether the ballot arrived on time or whether the voter is eligible. As a result, rejecting someone's ballot either because it lacks a date or a correct date should violate the Pennsylvania Constitution's free and equal elections clause, the 68-page lawsuit said.

"This lawsuit is the only one

that is squarely addressing the constitutionality of disenfranchising voters under Pennsylvania's Constitution," said Marian Schneider, a lawyer in the case and senior policy counsel for voting rights for the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania.

Enforcement of the dating provision resulted in at least 10,000 ballots getting thrown out in the 2022 mid-term election alone, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit names Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro's top election official, as well as the election boards in Philadelphia and Allegheny County, both heavily Democratic jurisdictions.

However, Democrats have fought to undo the dating requirement, while Republicans in the past have fought in court to ensure that counties can and do throw out mail-in ballots that lack a complete or correct date.

Empire state of mind

'If a New Yorker can't save this country, no one can'

NEW YORK
Under smiling skies last Thursday night, former President Donald Trump ventured far beyond Yankee Stadium into a tough Democratic neighborhood in the South Bronx to be greeted by an adoring, enthusiastic crowd waving red, white and blue.

Standing on a low platform at the crest of a hill overlooking Crotona Park, Mr. Trump talked about prosperity and possibility and the hope for a brighter future.

"We're going to make New York bigger, better and more beautiful than ever before," he promised. "And that includes right here in the Bronx!"



Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Trump showed up in a neighborhood that hasn't voted Republican in many lifetimes. And he respectfully asked the people of the Bronx to vote for him.

The last Republican to campaign here was Ronald

Reagan in 1980. He didn't win Crotona Park. But he won the state of New York.

"Thank you, everybody. What a crowd!" Mr. Trump said as the audience cheered and waved homemade posters bearing Mr. Trump's mug shot from one of the five court cases Democrats are hoping will keep him from winning reelection to the White House. "We wanted to keep it small, but — who knew? — this is a love fest!"

The crowd went wild.

"Who said we're not going to win New York?" he marveled, eight years into his unlikeliest of political careers.

Those odds are still stacked heavily against Mr. Trump in blue, blue New York, of course. But anything can happen in New York — the city Mr. Trump helped build.

His hometown, he said, is a "monumental testament to the power of the American spirit and the American dream."

Once, New York was just wilderness and marsh from Crotona Park to nearly the tip of Manhattan, where the Dutch had staked out a small, rugged trading post.

But thanks to the "muscle and backbone and genius of the people of New York, we built this city into the towering forest of iron, aluminum, concrete and steel," he said. "We made this city and state into the capital of global commerce. We turned our hometown into the bustling center of a confident, glamorous American culture."



Donald Trump

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And, he said, "We inspired the entire world."

Mr. Trump's speech in the Bronx — and the unlikely Bronx cheer they gave him back — was most unusual in politics today, where lines are drawn, false promises are made, and expectations are set in stone.

President Biden isn't so much running for reelection as he is on a bitter old entitlement tour. Last week he ventured to a historically Black college in Atlanta. He delivered a nasty speech full of lies about how much America hates the very graduates he was there to inspire and how much they owed him — a man who has been failing in politics for 50 years.

As Mr. Biden has said, if you don't vote for him, "you ain't Black." Mr. Biden's only talent — and it is a remarkable one — is managing to fall UP the stairs. It is a talent crafted over a 50-year career failing upward, upward and upward until he found himself sleeping in the White House.

The Democrats who supposedly represent the Bronx in Washington were enraged that Mr. Trump had dared to come to the Bronx to ask people to consider voting for him.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez heralded thunderstorms she hoped would swamp the people of her district who lined up early to hear Mr. Trump speak.

"God is good," she declared with a set of brown, praying hands at the news of nasty storms slamming her district.

It is true. On Thursday morning, powerful storms rolled through New York's towering forest of concrete, glass and steel. But when the black clouds passed, the forest was still there, gleaming a little brighter, and the crowd that had already begun gathering to hear Mr. Trump speak was still there.

Among them was longtime local Bronx Democratic politician Ruben Diaz, who came on stage to endorse Mr. Trump and ripped Ms. Ocasio-Cortez.

"Madam Prophet AOC, you have become a false prophet," he said.

Mr. Trump waxed sentimental about some of his prouder accomplishments in the New York construction world. He thanked his parents, who he said were watching from above. And he thrilled the crowd with a dramatic reading of his favored poem about the snake — a dark parable about the treachery of open borders.

"Get me the snake, please!" he called out when he realized he didn't have the poem in his pocket.

But mostly, Mr. Trump kept it positive and hopeful — though always honest.

"It doesn't matter whether you're Black or brown or White or whatever the hell color you are — it doesn't matter," he said. "We are all Americans."

He admonished the crowd that "we are not going to abandon our hope and our pride."

And he respectfully asked them for their vote in November, reminding them that no matter their differences, he was one of them — he is a New Yorker.

"If a New Yorker can't save this country, no one can," he said to riotous cheers.

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Pittsburgh or Paris?

Let's put American energy first

By Carla Sands

Seven years ago this week, then-President Donald Trump announced the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, correctly declaring U.S. commitment to its radical climate policies a "self-inflicted major economic wound" to the United States.

Mr. Trump made an important assertion: that he was "elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." This pithy statement cut directly to the heart of how American leaders should make policy decisions, putting Americans first.

With this mindset, Mr. Trump reached the correct conclusion: The Paris Agreement is a bad deal for America. Yet immediately upon taking office, President Biden made rejoining the Paris Agreement a top priority as part of his plan to center his administration on climate goals.

Now, with gasoline prices up by 52% and grocery prices up by 21% since January 2021, it is a good time to take stock of these two pivotal presidential decisions — and the direction Americans want for our future.

Under the Paris Agreement, the U.S. cripples its energy and economic development. Instead of using our vast energy resources to drive growth and lift Americans out of poverty, this agreement commits us to economically devastating reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions.

At the same time, we send billions of taxpayer dollars abroad to "developing" nations, including China, as they continue to ramp up emissions in exchange for unenforceable promises of decreases far in the future. Even if all promises were met, the agreement would reduce global temperatures by a measly 0.2 degrees by the year 2100.

The Trump administration's withdrawal from the Paris climate accord and commitment to America First pro-energy policies set the U.S. on a course of historic energy production and economic growth while continuing to be a global leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In 2019, the U.S. became a net energy exporter for the first time in nearly 70 years, while our energy-related carbon dioxide emissions had the largest absolute decline of any nation in the world.

Instead of handicapping our businesses and sending money to China, pro-growth policies under the Trump administration removed barriers to allow American businesses to drive prosperity and innovation.

Rejecting this approach, the Biden administration rejoined the Paris Agreement and increased emissions reduction targets. This move is central to its commitment to a government-led march to "net zero" emissions.

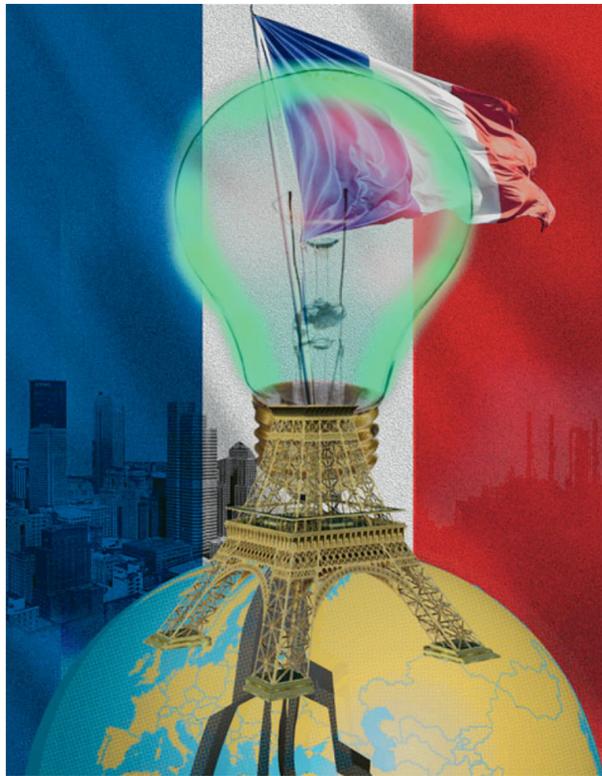


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Instead of energy source competition on a level playing field, the Biden administration declared war on American hydrocarbon production. At the same time, the administration recommitted to sending taxpayer dollars into foreign treasuries for unenforceable climate promises.

At the most recent U.N. Climate Conference, Vice President Kamala Harris pledged an additional \$3 billion to the Green Climate Fund under the Paris Agreement, which treats China as a recipient. The agreement does not require China to start reducing emissions until 2030 and does not include any enforcement mechanisms. Meanwhile, China emits more greenhouse gases than all developed countries combined and has unsurprisingly rebuffed attempts for concessions under the Biden administration's climate diplomacy.

At home, the Biden administration's regulatory fervor, driven largely by its climate hysteria, has added a whopping \$1.6 trillion in economic costs. Further, its commitment to trillions in green spending has driven painful inflation. Americans are seeing very little bang for their hard-earned buck, with \$7.5 billion producing just seven electric vehicle charging stations in two years. Meanwhile, the average American family is paying more than \$11,400 more to afford the same standard of living as when Mr. Biden took office and is unlikely to afford an EV, even if they wanted one and had a place to charge it.

Even Paris is stepping back from its climate ambitions as it realizes how deeply unpopular the self-inflicted road to economic ruin is. French President Emmanuel Macron has called for a regulatory pause, and leaders across Europe are taking a hard look at net-zero policies as voters wake up to their negative economic consequences.

As our allies realize the damage of radical climate policies, the Biden administration's defeatist approach to energy is emboldening our enemies. Nations like Russia and Iran use high oil revenue

to fuel their dangerous aggression on the world stage. Nevertheless, the Biden administration holds its climate ambitions as central to its domestic and national security policy. As threats increase, this administration clings tight to the Paris model of incoherent climate ambition, crippling American growth and redistributing our wealth, jobs and power to our adversaries.

Seven years from Mr. Trump's decision, the question of Pittsburgh or Paris looms large for American leaders. It's time for the United States to make another pivotal decision and choose the American people and strong American leadership that drives us to security, prosperity and progress. The future of the U.S. and the world begins when our leaders choose to put Pittsburgh — and America — first.

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Feds blow up Democrats' Hunter laptop scam

Biggest election interference ever brought to you by the Washington swamp

By Rowan Scarborough

Last September, Hunter Biden's laptop counter-attack strategy targeted the two Trump-linked lawyers who teamed up to bring his disturbing MacBook Pro contents to the American people.

In U.S. District Court in New York, the president's son is suing Rudy Giuliani and his former lawyer Robert Costello. He accuses them of tampering with his laptop's digital streams of debauchery, family squabbles, and messages about million-dollar foreign paymasters. The distortions supposedly happened before the former New York mayor released the data to the New York Post in October 2020, shortly before Election Day, when Hunter's father, former Vice President Joe Biden, faced President Donald Trump.

The Abbe Lowell-headed legal team has also sued John Paul Mac Isaac, the workaday computer repairman whose famous customer, Hunter, dropped off the laptop, never returned and changed American political history.

And then something happened on May 22. A federal prosecutor officially ended this Hunter hoax by declaring the laptop hard drive "real" based on FBI forensics and Hunter himself.

Back in 2020, with the election just weeks away, Democrats needed to shut down the New York Post's award-quality scoop



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in a hurry to ensure that an uninterested liberal media remained uninterested. Thus, the Biden campaign, led by then-adviser and now Secretary of State Antony Blinken — engineered a great deception, House Republicans alleged based on witness testimony.

Fifty-one Obama intelligence loyalists, including his CIA and national intelligence directors,

put their signatures to a phony letter asserting that the laptop was Kremlin disinformation. Candidate Biden joined the election interference by repeating the letter lie at his debate with Mr. Trump.

Off the hook, the liberal media had yet another fake Russia story to pursue. Never mind that the hard drive held a wealth of never-before-seen messages on how the

then-vice president's son hauled in millions of dollars from shady foreign nationals with whom dad met.

The twin allegations of a Russia hack and Giuliani-Costello tampering allegations collapsed, ironically thanks to the Justice Department under President Biden.

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Trump's libertarian outreach

Speech to rowdy audience may be his most important

Former President Donald Trump isn't afraid to stand up for what he believes. He'll hold massive public rallies anywhere, even in places like the South Bronx, where he picked up only 16% of the vote in the 2020 election.

On Saturday, Mr. Trump ventured into the most hostile territory yet — the Washington Hilton — on a mission to win over attendees at the Libertarian Party convention. His remarks were nothing like the platitudes one might expect from a professional politician.

"In the last year I've been indicted by the government on 91 different things," Mr. Trump said. "So, if I wasn't a libertarian before, I sure as hell am a libertarian now. And, unlike Joe Biden, I don't throw people in jail for disagreeing with me."

Mr. Trump's unconventional approach was appropriate for an audience that refuses to compromise, even if that means accomplishing nothing. The Libertarian Party traditionally prefers to fall on its sword rather than advance liberty one step at a time. This stubborn streak manifested in the sometimes crude, often rude reception given to the first former president to speak at the event.

The remarks described the rise of left-wing fascism and the need for everyone embracing the cause of freedom to come together to defeat it. Mr. Trump sought common ground — no easy task in a room full of people who tend not to get along well with others.

On the important issues, the GOP standard-bearer is on the right side: free speech, freedom of religion, hands off your guns, less taxation and less regulation. He'd end the current administration's abuses of power, and he'd

put a stop to U.S. involvement in endless wars around the globe. He'd restore constitutional rule of law by firing the activists currently running the Justice Department and FBI.

The call for Libertarians to join forces with him to defeat President Biden in November was met with jeers, but it represented the clearest statement yet of the depth of the problem supporters of liberty face today.

"What you're witnessing under Biden is a toxic fusion of the Marxist left, the deep state, the military-industrial complex, the government security and surveillance services and their partners all merging together into a hideous perversion of the American system," he said. "And that's exactly what it is."

The promises Mr. Trump made to attendees would almost certainly be fulfilled. He said he'd include libertarians in his Cabinet. He'd pardon all of Mr. Biden's political prisoners, including abortion protesters, Jan. 6 protesters and Ross Ulbricht, the founder of the Silk Road online marketplace — a top Libertarian Party priority. That's a good deal — one any sensible political gathering would accept without a thought.

But Mr. Trump was addressing the Libertarian Party. Instead of siding with a potentially powerful ally to get things done, delegates nominated a mask-wearing fan of drag queens and open borders to serve as the face of Libertarians.

The former president's words, however, were heard far beyond the Hilton. In the privacy of the voting booth, Mr. Trump's graciousness may win over the libertarians who still believe in liberty. In another close election, that could make all the difference.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commonwealth of China?

Peace between China and Taiwan could be very easily achieved if all involved kept level heads ("Taiwan's new president confronted by major Chinese military drills, protests at home," web, May 24).

The United Kingdom consists of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, but the so-called

Commonwealth of Nations retains 56 countries that look to King Charles III. A commonwealth of China — which would include the historically connected island country of Taiwan — could be formed with the several countries all maintaining sovereign status while still being part of the larger body. In essence, the central

sovereign body would be China, but the other sovereign countries would keep their central governing authority.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping would be akin to King Charles III, but Taiwan would have its own rights.

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There's a doctor for what ails us

If the United States were a human undergoing a physical examination, here's what we would find.

The brain is infected with leadership suffering from an incompetent and corrupt chief executive.

The heart, which covers the moral framework, insists that men can be women, that third graders should watch drag queens and skin pigmentation determines righteousness.

The lungs are inhaling toxins of illegal aliens, drugs and sex traffickers across the border.

The circulatory system of education is rife with clogged arteries filled with self-serving teachers unions and "woke" school boards.

The muscular system includes the military, whose abhorrent flight from Afghanistan and emphasis on diversity, equity and inclusion in its ranks exposes its soft underbelly.

Alas, Uncle Sam is sickly, prone to infection and in need of considerable rehabilitation.

There is no doubt that most Americans know something is wrong. A recent Gallup Poll shows a whopping 83% are dissatisfied with the way things are going with our country. But perhaps of greater concern is that our enemies are keenly aware of the feeble condition of the patient.

It is abundantly clear the nation is in ill health and doomed if it continues

down this path. We need a doctor who can identify the symptoms and prescribe treatments.

Fortunately, it so happens the nation is blessed with a veteran physician with the experience, intelligence and track record to begin to heal this nation. There are many who find his bedside manner annoying and some dislike like his hair. Nevertheless, his accomplishments are beyond dispute. He has promised to make America great and healthy again. He did it once and he can do it again. God bless America!

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Not a win for true journalism

So a CNN executive is the new CEO of C-SPAN ("CNN executive Feist named CEO of C-SPAN," web, May 14).

In a recent week, CNN averaged just 632,000 prime-time viewers. As for C-SPAN, whenever I tune in to its forums, book reviews, discussion groups or morning call-in access, it seems more and more to be a place for its followers to vent against conservative think

During the morning open phones, whenever a Republican calls in, there are about seven callers on the Democrats' line. Frequently, for conservatives who do venture to call in to state their opinions, the ever-ready moderator has a column to read of the opposing mindset, usually from the go-to Washington Post.

So having another individual from the well-documented leftist think tank

of CNN join C-SPAN just contributes to the unbalanced reporting in networks and cable. (Never mind all the government money going to the recently unmasked NPR.)

And I here I thought C-SPAN was meant to be objective. I guess they just can't help themselves.

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Avast left-wing conspiracy

By Fred Fleitz

Washington Post columnist and MSNBC contributor Jennifer Rubin is one of the more tiresome Trump critics, writing several columns a week full of knee-jerk attacks on former President Donald Trump and shameless cheerleading for President Biden. Ms. Rubin's columns are a bizarre world where the Trump administration had no accomplishments, no rational person can support Mr. Trump, and Mr. Biden is a brilliant and successful president.

Her recent Post column "Take it from conservative national security experts: Trump is unfit" is a new low.

In this column, Ms. Rubin tries to piece together a narrative that Mr. Trump is a threat to global security by quoting two former Trump administration officials — former national security adviser John Bolton and former White House chief of staff John Kelly — as well as Robert Gates, who served as secretary of defense for Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama and CIA director for President George H.W. Bush.

(Full disclosure: I served as chief of staff to Mr. Bolton when he was Mr. Trump's national security adviser and when Mr. Bolton was undersecretary of state for arms control in the George W. Bush administration. I also worked with Gen. Kelly when I was the National Security Council's chief of staff.)

Ms. Rubin's column is dishonest because she knows these men do not represent most conservative national security experts, who are unifying behind Mr. Trump because they believe the world is much more unstable and dangerous because of Mr. Biden's disastrous national security policies.

So, to make her case, Ms. Rubin cherry-picked three former Republican officials known for having a personal animus against Mr. Trump and deliberately ignored the views of the vast majority of conservative national security experts. Ms. Rubin rigged her column by stacking it with Trump critics.

Ironically, the day after Ms. Rubin's column ran, former Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley said that despite her differences with Mr. Trump, she plans to vote for him because a second Biden term "would be a catastrophe." Ms. Haley's decision must have stung Ms. Rubin, who all but endorsed Ms. Haley for the GOP presidential nomination. Unlike Messrs. Bolton, Kelly and Gates, however, Ms. Haley is putting her personal differences with Mr. Trump aside for the good of our country.

Ms. Rubin also ignored an important new book by the America First Policy Institute on the Trump administration's approach to national security by 15 experts who endorsed Mr. Trump's approach, including former national security adviser Keith Kellogg, Rep. Michael Waltz, former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf, former U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, former Energy Secretary Rick Perry, former Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie, former State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus, and other experts.

The book, "An America First Approach to U.S. National Security," received a great deal of press, including an article by The Associated Press that Ms. Rubin must have read.

The authors of this book praise Mr.

Columnist cherry-picks Trump national security critics

Rubin consults only those who dislike former president

Trump's foreign policy achievements such as the Abraham Accords, keeping our country out of new wars, defeating the Islamic State, lowering tensions with North Korea, standing up to Russia, China and Iran, promoting free and fair trade, and making the United States energy secure. They explain why the America First approach to national security works, why it is not isolationism, and how returning to this approach is the only way to repair the damage done to U.S. and global security by Mr. Biden's foreign policy incompetence.

The book's authors don't pull their punches that there was room for improvement in the Trump administration's foreign policy, mostly because of bad choices to fill top national security posts and a failure to get control of the national security bureaucracy. The book concludes with two insightful chapters on how to address these problems by implementing major reforms of the U.S. intelligence community and a comprehensive program to name the most qualified and capable officials to implement Mr. Trump's national security agenda if he is reelected.

I view Ms. Rubin's column as a sign of desperation by the mainstream media and the foreign policy establishment struggling to counter the growing perception that Mr. Trump's foreign policy was highly successful and Mr. Biden's has been an unmitigated disaster.

Ms. Rubin seems to think that by citing criticism of Mr. Trump from Mr. Bolton, Gen. Kelly and Mr. Gates, she can distract the American people from the long list of Mr. Biden's foreign policy failures, including the disastrous U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the surge in tensions from China, the increase in North Korean missile tests, the deterioration of stability in the Middle East, major advances in Iran's nuclear program, and the 11 million aliens, including thousands of criminals and people on terrorist watchlists, who crossed into the United States illegally because Mr. Biden refuses to secure the southern border.

The American people are not stupid. They are not going to discount Mr. Biden's sorry foreign policy record just because three people who dislike Mr. Trump told them to.

I'll end with this note to Jennifer Rubin: I am the editor of the new book "An America First Approach to U.S. National Security." If you want to write an honest and informative column on where conservative experts stand on Trump and U.S. national security, please give me a call.

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Europe's Hamasniks

U.N., Norway, Spain, Ireland and others back the terrorists

By Clifford D. May

The flag of the United Nations was flown at half-staff last week to honor the late Ebrahim Raisi, the president of Iran who was killed May 19 in a helicopter crash.

Known at home as the “Butcher of Tehran,” he was responsible for torturing and executing thousands of Iranian political prisoners, minorities and women. The regime he served supports Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and the Houthis of Yemen.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed his “sincere condolences” for Raisi. The U.N. Security Council, at the request of Russia, China and Algeria, held a moment of silence for the neo-imperialist theocrat. America’s representative dutifully stood for the ceremony.

Also last week: Norway, Spain and Ireland announced they would recognize a Palestinian state.

Hamas expressed its gratitude for this “historic turning point” brought about by the “brave resistance.”

Coincidentally, videos released last week showed Hamas’ “brave resisters” on Oct. 7 harassing bloodied female soldiers abducted moments earlier. They called them “sabaya,” meaning sex slaves.

In another video, a young Gaza man recounts how he, a cousin and his father raped a hostage. He nonchalantly recalled: “After we finished raping her, my father killed her.”

But wait, there’s more. On CNN last week, International Criminal Court prosecutor Karim Asad Ahmad Khan announced that he will seek arrest warrants for Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel’s prime minister, and Yoav Gallant, Israel’s defense minister.

Mr. Khan said he’d also like warrants for several Hamas leaders. Sen. Tom Cotton observed: “Equating Israel’s democratically elected leaders with the perpetrators of the worst attack on Jews since WWII shows what a farce the International Criminal Court is.”

The Oklahoma Republican added: “Mr. Khan’s kangaroo court has no jurisdiction in Israel to pursue these anti-Semitic and politically motivated ‘charges.’ My colleagues and I look forward to making sure neither Khan, his associates nor their families will ever set foot again in the United States.”

Mr. Cotton understands — as Mr. Khan apparently does not — that under international law, the International Criminal Court has jurisdiction only over signatories to a 1998 treaty

known as the Rome Statute. Israel didn’t sign. Neither did the U.S.

Mr. Khan’s work-around is to declare that he is pursuing these warrants on behalf of “the State of Palestine.”

Who governs that state? In the Gaza Strip, it’s been Hamas since 2007 — two years after the Israelis withdrew every last Jew and Jewish grave from the territory.

In the West Bank, it’s the Palestinian Authority, which is so weak that it almost certainly would be overthrown by Hamas were it not for Israel’s quiet support. The only way for the Palestinian Authority to return to Gaza — from which it was expelled by Hamas in a civil war just after the Israeli departure — would be behind Israeli tanks.

There’s a second reason Mr. Khan lacks authority. Under the Rome Statute, the International Criminal Court was set up as a court of last resort, empowered only to investigate nations “unwilling or unable genuinely” to prosecute wrongdoing on their own. But Israel does that well. (The same can be said of no other nation in the Middle East.)

With all this in mind, Mr. Cotton and 11 other senators wrote to Mr. Khan warning that they “will not tolerate politicized attacks by the ICC on our allies. If you move forward with the measures indicated in the report, we will move to end all American support for the ICC, sanction your employees and associates, and bar you and your families from the United States.”

Mr. Khan fired back: “When individuals threaten to retaliate against the Court or Court personnel ... such threats, even when not acted upon, may also constitute an offense against the administration of justice under Art. 70 of the Rome Statute.”

Were you under the impression that Americans are guaranteed freedom of speech? Mr. Khan begs to differ.

Among those paying Mr. Khan’s salary and funding the lavish budget of the International Criminal Court bureaucracy in The Hague: Germany, Japan, France, Britain, Italy and South Korea.

Do you suppose that President Biden and his ambassadors could have an influence on those countries if they tried?

Another important international organization came out in support of Hamas and its patrons in Tehran last week. Nawaf Salam, the presiding judge of the International Court of Justice, also based in The Hague, declared that “Israel must immediately halt its military offense” in Rafah, “which may inflict on the Palestinian group in Gaza conditions of life that could bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part.”

Mr. Salam is from Lebanon, a state dominated by Hezbollah, Iran’s most formidable proxy, which since immediately following the Oct. 7 attack has been firing hundreds of missiles into northern Israel, killing and wounding Israelis, and causing tens of thousands to abandon their homes.

Hamas leaders welcomed Mr. Salam’s ruling. Israeli officials responded by saying, in effect: “Thanks for the guidance. We’ll continue fighting Hamas terrorists in such a way as to not bring about the physical destruction of the Palestinian group in Gaza, in whole or in part — even as Hamas uses Palestinian civilians as human shields guaranteeing that civilians will be killed.”

These developments should serve as a reminder — not that you needed one — of what the U.N. and many other international organizations have become: clubs for tyrants, the United States, and antisemites, their fellow travelers and assorted useful idiots, all of them emboldened by billions of dollars provided by America and its allies.

As for the current leaders of Norway, Spain and Ireland, they are demonstrating the truth of the adage that ideas can’t be destroyed militarily. During World War II, all three of these nations were neutral toward — or actively supportive of — the Nazis, whose big ideas included mass-murdering Jews.

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Tyranny of the experts

The COVID-19 misinformation campaign

By Richard W. Rahn

Last week, a House committee revealed emails from David Morens, who worked under Dr. Anthony Fauci, former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The emails further indicate a cover-up as to the origins of COVID-19 (a Chinese lab). Dr. Fauci was the federal government’s primary architect in response to and spokesperson in the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is considerable evidence that Dr. Fauci and his colleagues were wrong in assessing the disease and the correct response to it. They also engaged in an active campaign to smear the reputations of distinguished scientists who, as we now know, were correct in explaining the errors, misstatements and responses to the pandemic.

The result of the COVID-19 misinformation campaign was to destroy millions of jobs and businesses, unnecessarily shut down schools, and damage future generations. It also caused undue panic among young people who had little chance of contracting fatal infections from the disease and many excess deaths because of undertreatment of those most at risk while misallocating resources to those at little risk.

The public, including many government officials and Presidents Donald Trump and Biden, understandably had little knowledge of exotic viruses. All turned to the experts. Dr. Fauci had the title and experience. Yet few were aware of how little he knew. Fame and power went to his head. He conned millions at a terrible cost by failing to admit what he did not know and pretending to know things he did not know.

When an issue requires specialized knowledge or experience, people naturally seek out the “experts.” The experts shape public policy, business strategies and societal expectations. Yet history is replete with examples where the experts in science, political and military affairs, economics, demography, history, and the environment have failed to provide accurate information, leading to incorrect actions and predictions.

Economists are often regarded as the oracles of financial markets and national economies. Their predictions, however, often go awry, sometimes with catastrophic consequences. Most recently, President Biden’s economic advisers, including the treasury secretary and the chairman of the Federal Reserve, missed the inflation of the last three years. Many economists had warned that the big increase in the monetary supply as a response to the pandemic would cause inflation but were ignored by the Biden administration’s “experts.”

Many economists worldwide believed that Japan’s rapid economic expansion before 1990 would continue indefinitely, dubbing it the Japanese Economic Miracle. But the asset bubble burst in the early 1990s, leading to the Lost Decade of stagnation. This misjudgment stemmed from a failure to account for underlying structural issues within the Japanese economy, such as demographic challenges and rigid corporate practices.

Back in 1968, biologist Paul Ehrlich wrote a book, “The Population Bomb,” warning that the world would soon run out of resources because of the rapidly rising overpopulation. His “mankind was doomed” thesis was soon accepted as the conventional wisdom by the global elite. But a funny thing happened on the way to overpopulation doomsday — population growth started slowing to the point where most countries are now below replacement levels — that is, women, on average, are having fewer children (less than two) than needed for a stable population.

In the last few months, there have been articles in major media about

the coming depopulation disaster — leading to an underpopulation doomsday. Decades ago, China initiated a “one child per household” policy, which it has been unable to reverse despite a now-falling population. A rising tide of the elderly and a fall in productive workers is not sustainable.

In the 1960s and 1970s, influential scientists and media outlets warned of an impending ice age because of observed temperature declines in the preceding decades. This hypothesis, however, was soon overtaken by a new consensus on global warming, a phenomenon driven by anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions.

But the beat goes on. “We don’t have 12 years to save the climate. We have 14 months,” the now-defunct news website ThinkProgress predicted 55 months ago.

Gordon Brown said in 2009, when he was Britain’s prime minister, that we had “fewer than fifty days to save the planet from catastrophe.” In that same year, former Vice President Al Gore announced that “there is a 75% chance that the entire north polar ice cap, during the summer months, could be completely ice free within the next five to seven years”

(15 years ago — and the ice cap is still there).

In 1989, a U.N. report predicted that “entire nations could be wiped off the face of the earth by rising sea levels if the global warming trend is not reversed by the year 2000.” Thirty-five years after the report, no nation (or inhabited island) has disappeared because of rising sea levels.

There are almost countless environmental disaster forecasts whose expiration date has come and gone — yet new forecasts (with only a change in the doomsday date) keep appearing, often by the same “experts” who have been wrong.

Western analysts in the 1980s believed that the Soviet Union was a permanent geopolitical fixture that would endure. Indeed, the rapid collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 caught most experts by surprise. Much of this miscalculation was because of an overestimation of the Soviet economy, an underestimation of political corruption, and growing public discontent within the Soviet bloc.

Expert opinions and predictions that have failed underscore the need for humility and caution when making and relying on experts.

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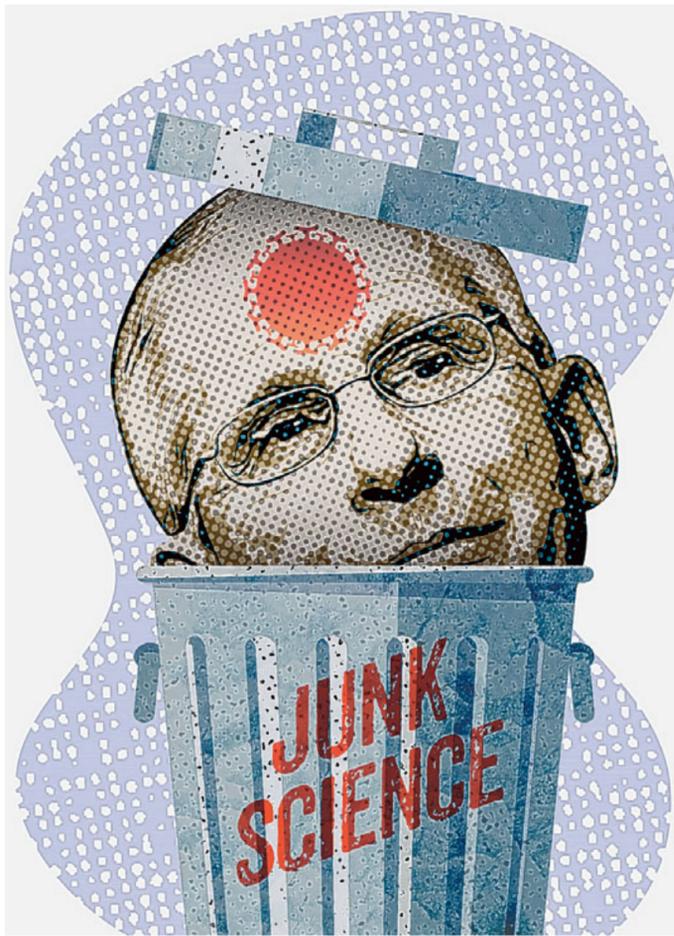


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What the ‘new Nixon’ could teach Trump

Can he reinvent himself in time to make a difference?

By Cal Thomas

In August 1968, Richard Nixon achieved what The New York Times called “the greatest reversal of fortune in American political history.” Times columnist James Reston went further, calling it “the greatest comeback since Lazarus.” This is from a newspaper, along with The Washington Post, that hated Nixon, as they now hate former President Donald Trump.

How did he do it, and could Mr. Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, learn anything from Nixon’s seeming transformation?

First, the parallels between Nixon and Mr. Trump are striking. Nixon, like Mr. Trump, believed America was in bad shape. In 1968, crime, the war in Vietnam, and the murders of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy shocked and depressed the country.

The Democratic National Convention would follow the Republican convention at the end of August. It featured riots in the streets that shocked voters watching on TV. Many argued those riots helped Nixon win the presidency. Some of those issues, especially crime and social unrest, prevail today. Nixon was a national figure longer than Mr. Trump, but Nixon was seen as dour, uncomfortable around others, and possessing a personality that conveyed awkwardness and insincerity.

The “new Nixon” no longer scowled; his hair had grown longer (possibly a nod to the hippie era), and he smiled more than in that sweaty 1960 debate with John F. Kennedy.

In his Miami acceptance speech, Nixon alternated between what the Times called “genuine grace notes and darker rumblings ... alternately bright and horrific.”

Mr. Trump is like that.

In the first scheduled debate with President Biden on June 27, Mr. Trump should consider presenting a “New Trump.” Critics might say that’s like asking a leopard to change its spots and Mr. Trump is unable to overcome his narcissistic personality.

If he can, how might it work? Mr. Trump should stop referring to Mr. Biden as a “crook.” Stick to the issues people care about — the open border and what is happening as a result of inflation (he can compare prices

when he was president and now), wars, school choice, defunding universities that tolerated antisemitic demonstrations on their campuses, revising the tax code to make it fairer and flatter so everyone has skin in the game, and how the \$34 trillion national debt cannot be sustained.

On this last point, Mr. Trump is vulnerable because he added \$8.4 trillion to the debt. Mr. Trump should promise to create a bipartisan commission that would recommend to Congress ways to reduce the debt. Yes, that would include reforming Social Security and Medicare to keep it from going broke, which every honest person knows must be done.

Mr. Biden has only a few policy achievements, so he will be left to

engage in personal attacks about the “threat to democracy” posed by Mr. Trump. If Mr. Trump occasionally displays soft answers, he can duck Mr. Biden’s punches and confuse the often confused president. Recall Ronald Reagan’s line to President Jimmy Carter in their Oct. 28, 1980, debate: “There you go again.”

Mr. Trump had some good lines in his speech to residents of the Bronx last week. He spoke of reducing crime, cleaning up the subway, lowering taxes and creating more jobs, but without details about how some of those promises would be paid for or fulfilled. If ever the phrase “we can’t go on like this” meant anything, it means everything today.

Absent a religious or other transformation, I’m not sure Mr. Trump can reinvent himself in time to make a difference, if at all. He seems comfortable as the “old Trump.” The political landscape changes quickly and might change even faster after the results of Mr. Trump’s current and upcoming trials are known. Like Reagan, Mr. Trump is experienced in television and that medium allows new looks,

even if they are not genuine. That’s the purpose of makeup.

The “new Nixon” turned out to be a cover for the old and real Nixon. Can Mr. Trump transform himself into a “new Trump” and mean it, or just fake it? Either way, he could upset the political dynamic and expectations between now, the debates and the election.

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U.S. must improve nuclear weapons or face threats from China, Russia

We failed to understand our enemies in Beijing and Moscow

By David Jonas and Patrick Rhoads

Our nuclear weapons capability is highly compromised and in need of immediate attention, according to a report issued last October by the Strategic Nuclear Posture Committee. The committee is composed of people across the political spectrum who otherwise would probably agree on nothing else.

The report is unsparring in its assessment of how we went from the sole leader of the new world order to playing catch-up to our nuclear rivals in a generation. All three legs of our triad have reached the ends of their life span, as has the command and control network that makes them function. The Nuclear Security Enterprise, owned and operated by the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, is at or beyond its capability to reliably meet operational demands for uranium, plutonium, lithium, tritium, high explosives and non-nuclear components.

While the U.S. and Russia have parity with respect to strategic nuclear weapons, the imbalance in nonstrategic — tactical — nuclear weapons, which are not subject to any treaty, is immense. At the moment, the Russians enjoy at least a 10-to-1 advantage over the United States in these nuclear weapons.

China is in the middle of a massive nuclear buildup, which has been described as “breath-taking” by the former commander of the U.S. Strategic Command. The buildup is expected to bring China to parity with the U.S. and Russia in about a decade. While the U.S. is just now embarking on its nuclear modernization efforts, China and Russia are completing their programs. We have never faced the prospect of two peer or near-peer nuclear rivals and do not yet have the analytical and intellectual bases to address the emergent nuclear tripartite.

How did we get here? In the course of 30 years, we went from what Francis Fukuyama labeled the end of history — where the world would coalesce around a new liberal global world order of Pax Americana — to one in which the U.S. and our partners are on the wrong side of an existential

game of nuclear chess with Russia and China.

We have failed on two fundamental fronts. First, we failed to understand our enemies. For Russia, we believed that it would join, not challenge, the emerging liberalized world order. While the West had always understood that the Russian capability for paranoia was unbounded, we acted as if the Russian character would change overnight and that Russia would become a trusted partner in the new world order. The inflection point for the Russians was the U.S.-NATO bombing of Serbia in 1999. Russia recognized that it could not keep pace with NATO airpower. It decided to double down on its nuclear arsenal as its security guarantor.

With respect to China, the U.S. and other nations welcomed China into the liberal economic order by admitting it into the World Trade Organization in 2001. By enabling the Chinese export-focused economy, the U.S. and the West believed that China would evolve into a liberal economic state with its new wealth. But we somehow forgot that China is a totalitarian state whose economy and military support not Chinese citizens, but the Chinese Communist Party. Along with this fact, we also forgot that the Chinese Communist Party keeps to its 100-year plan to expunge capitalism from the world.

Second, we wanted to believe the narrative. We wanted an end of history. We wanted a stable, liberal, globalized world order. We wanted Russia and China to reform. We wanted them to be partners. Accordingly, we saw what we wanted to see and failed to see what was right in front of us.

Given where we are, we need to abide by this admonition, which is carved into a pillar at the National Archives: “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”

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In Delaware, special counsel David Weiss has charged Hunter Biden with three felony gun violations. In this legal arena, Mr. Lowell also insisted outsiders poisoned the laptop.

As the case plodded along, on May 22, Mr. Weiss, in a U.S. District Court filing, asserted the original laptop data is authentic and pristine, and he plans to present it as evidence at trial.

“The defendant’s laptop is real,” said the filing from Mr. Weiss and his deputy, Derek Hines.

It’s not just that the FBI forensic team authenticated the hard drive in 2019 after Hunter left the computer with Mr. Mac Isaac, who eventually provided the data to the bureau and later to Mr. Costello, who shared it with Mr. Giuliani.

It’s that Hunter himself authenticates it. Laptop messages and photos match anecdotes from his memoir and his known



locations on various days.

And, prosecutors say, “the defendant has had the laptop data in its raw, original form since September 2023, but has provided the government with no evidence of its manipulation or alteration. He has not provided any evidence or information that shows that his laptop contains false information, and the government’s evidence shows the opposite.”

Mr. Lowell relies on a hearsay story from a Russian about Kremlin security hacking a laptop in Kazakhstan in 2014. (Kazakhstan, by the way, is home to an

oligarch who bought Hunter a \$142,300 Fisker sports car, the cash wired to his shared LLC with Devon Archer. Mr. Archer wired the money to the dealership, and Hunter took ownership and then testified to a House committee that the car came from Mr. Archer, not the oligarch.)

Back to Mr. Weiss and Mr. Hines: “This is yet another example of the defendant asking people to believe Russian intelligence when it suits his interests but not to believe Russian intelligence when it doesn’t suit his interests. None of this

The skunk at Fed Chairman Powell’s tea party

In this environment, interest rates may still have to go higher

By Peter Morici

News that inflation eased in April inspired euphoria in securities markets.

The S&P 500 index busted through its previous record high, and the key 10-year Treasury rate dropped, reflecting optimism that the Federal Reserve would soon broadly push interest rates down.

Not to be the skunk at Fed Chairman Jerome Powell’s tea party, but the war against high prices is hardly over.

In April, the consumer price index was up from March at a 3.8% annualized rate. Though below the 4.6% registered the prior three months, the April monthly increase was higher than the average for the prior 12 months — 3.4%.

The monthly inflation rate has been bouncing around for the last year, and progress in May could just as easily be worse or better.

Stripping out food and energy, core prices were up 3.6% from March to April — the same as its 12-month average.

The history of inflation struggles indicates the Fed should not start reducing rates until both headline and core inflation hit their target of 2%. That is just as likely to require further tightening of monetary policy as standing pat.

About 45% of the core is housing, and for almost two years, we have been told that a declining pace of rent increases would bring down housing inflation. But most of the shelter component in the CPI is the imputed rent on owner-occupied homes — what homeowners would have to pay to rent similar accommodations in their neighborhoods.

Over the past 16 years, we have not been building homes at the pace we did before the global financial crisis of 2007-2009.

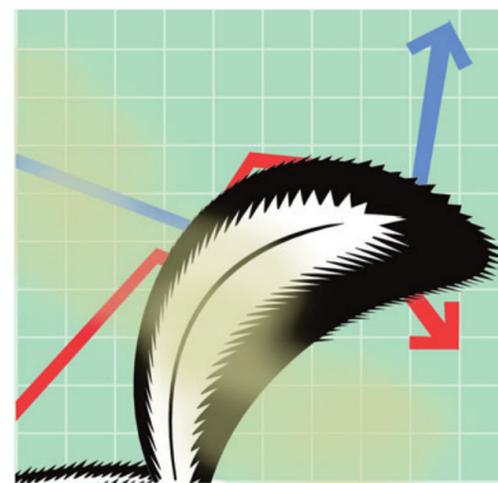


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Recently, higher mortgage rates have been a problem, but the secular trend reflects the scarcity of good sites near major employment centers, NIMBY zoning regulations and labor shortages. Resale prices on single-family units are rising more than 7% a year. With that, the shelter portion of the CPI is unlikely to rescue us from inflation.

Similarly, inflation for services other than housing was 5.1% in April.

All along, monetary policy has not been as tight as the task requires.

Inflation reached 8.5% in March 2022. And the Fed ultimately raised the federal funds rate — the overnight rate that banks charge each other to borrow reserves — to 5.3%, or about 62% of peak inflation.

When then-Fed Chairman Paul

Volcker slugged it out with inflation that peaked at 14.6% in 1980, he pushed the target interest rate all the way to 19.1%.

Complicating matters, President Biden’s policies have a decidedly inflationary bias.

He has said controlling inflation is the Fed’s job, but what and how he spends matters — a lot.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the president’s pandemic relief, incentives for electric vehicles and battery development, reshoring critical industries, infrastructure, and additions to the social safety net boosted the federal deficit from 4.6% of gross domestic product in 2019 to 5.6% this year and 6.1% in 2025.

The International Monetary Fund estimates larger deficits add half a percentage point to inflation. Mr. Biden’s climate exchange agenda has similar consequences.

The cost of installing a new air conditioner is up thousands of dollars. Overall, complying with new energy conservation and emissions standards is raising new home prices an estimated \$31,000.

The recent surge of immigration, enabled by Mr. Biden rolling back many of former President Donald Trump’s policies, allowed employment growth of about 250,000 a month in 2023. The sustainable pace under the prior immigration regime would be about 100,000.

And all those added workers are looking for apartments — no surprise. The vacancy rate in New York City is at a historically low 1.4%.

Moreover, the recently approved \$95 billion aid package for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, and Mr. Biden’s program to forgive an added \$475 billion in student debt, will add to the federal deficit.

Now a bipartisan group of senators is proposing the Pentagon spend an additional \$32 billion annually on artificial intelligence to keep pace with Chinese

and Russian military capabilities.

At the end of 2025, most of the personal tax provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will expire. Few observers expect these will be permitted to lapse entirely, and extending those without raising other taxes could cost \$4.8 trillion over 10 years.

It’s safe to assume that the stimulus to aggregate demand and inflation created by bigger deficits

will grow.

Ordinary Americans see this in their lives — groceries are taking the largest share of family incomes in three decades, and low-wage workers struggle with food insecurity.

Consumer expectations for inflation over the next year, as tracked by the Conference Board, University of Michigan and New York Federal Reserve average about 4%.

In this environment, the Fed should not be talking about easing monetary policy. Rather, it should recognize that interest rates may still have to go higher.

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hearsay on hearsay is evidence, and none of it demonstrates that the actual trial evidence was altered.”

To sum up, the two said: “What are the messages the defendant is claiming were somehow retroactively planted into his non-functional laptop, and what is the evidence of that? There is none. He has not shown any of the actual evidence in this case is unreliable or inauthentic because there is none.”

There are two electronic sources at issue: the laptop and Hunter’s Apple iCloud accounts.

Hunter claims the government-seized Apple messages were also distorted. (I would guess, in this case, by miraculous evil hackers able to get around Tim Cook’s firewalls.)

Again, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Hines: “The defendant has not offered any conspiracy theory, much less any evidence, regarding how or why Apple, Inc. produced manipulated data for his iPhone and iPad.”

(By the way, it was a 2017 iCloud message captured by IRS investigators that

showed Hunter shaking down a Chinese Communist Party-linked businessman for millions of dollars. Hunter typed that unless the money was in the works soon, he and his dad, then the former vice president, would make the businessman’s life miserable.)

If I may extrapolate from these Weiss court filings, they show, from the Biden Justice Department and its forensic experts, that the October 2020 bogus letter signed by 51 Biden loyalists was the biggest election interference ever by senior government alumni.

Add it to the other major Democratic Party scam carried out by Hillary Clinton campaign operatives: the Russian-sourced dossier and the mega-conspiracy among the FBI, Democrats and the news media to sabotage candidate and President Trump based on a bunch of untrue rumors, some planted by Vladimir Putin’s men.

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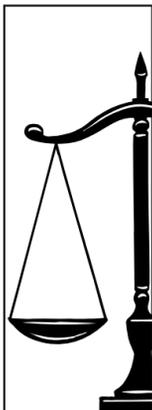
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JUNE 12, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Sect. 18-110 of the Zoning Ordinance, that at a meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) of said County, on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.** at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA 22035, the BZA will hold public hearings on the following applications at the time indicated. If you have questions, please contact the Special Permit and Variance Branch of the Zoning Evaluation Division, Department of Planning and Development, at (703) 324-1280 or BZAClerkMail@FairfaxCounty.gov, or review on-line at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/board-zoning-appeals> at least one week prior to the meeting for additional information on the status of the meeting. The meeting will be available to view live on Channel 16 and stream live online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/live-video-stream. Live audio of the meeting may be accessed via telephone as noted on the website. All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Clerk to the Board of Zoning Appeals at 703-324-1280 or register online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/board-zoning-appeals> to be placed on the Speakers List, and may appear to be heard in person, unless the meeting is electronic, or pre-recorded video. Deadlines by type of testimony are on the website. In addition, written testimony and other submissions will be received at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 801, Fairfax, 22035 and BZAClerkMail@FairfaxCounty.gov. The following is a descriptive summary only of the application and may not include every detail. Interested parties may review the application in detail on-line <https://plus.fairfaxcounty.gov/CitizenAccess/Welcomes.aspx> (to search enter the Zoning Case number in the "search box" in the upper right hand corner using dashes where needed) or, may be made available at 12055 Government Center Parkway with advance notice by contacting the Clerk to the Board of Zoning Appeals as listed above. ADA: Reasonable accommodation is available upon 48-hour advance notice. For additional information on ADA call (703) 324-1334 (TTY 711 Virginia Relay Center).

9:00 A.M. - Kaveh Sari, SP 2023-MV-00057 to permit a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit an accessory structure (two-story detached garage) to remain 28.8 ft from the front lot line and 17.8 ft. from the east side lot line. Located at 8926 Khalsa Ct., Lorton, 22079 on approx. 36,420 sq. ft. of land zoned R-1. Mount Vernon District. Tax Map 106-2 ((15)) 1. **This hearing is in addition to one previously held on December 6, 2023; anyone who testified in that previous hearing is on record and need not testify again at this new hearing.*

9:00 A.M. - Katherine E. Cox and Daniel G. Lamothe, SPA 87-L-053, to amend SP-87-L-053 previously approved for an error in building location to allow an addition to remain 19.6 ft. from the rear lot line, to permit a reduction in setback requirements based on error in building location for an accessory structure (shed) to remain 9.7 ft. from the rear lot line and 5.0 ft. from the north side lot line. Located at 5833 Bethel Rd., Alexandria, 22310 on approx. 17,918 sq. ft. of land zoned R-2. Franconia District. Tax Map 82-4 ((8)) 17. (Concurrent with VC 2024-FR-00004).

9:00 A.M. - Katherine E. Cox and Daniel G. Lamothe, VC 2024-FR-00004 to permit an addition 18.1 ft. from the rear lot line and 10.6 ft. from the southeast side lot line. Located at 5833 Bethel Rd., Alexandria, 22310 on approx. 17,918 sq. ft. of land zoned R-2. Franconia District. Tax Map 82-4 ((8)) 17. (Concurrent with SPA 87-L-053).

9:00 A.M. - Karen B. Apse and Steven E. Apse, SP 2024-MA-00020 to permit a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 7.7 ft. from the southeast side lot line. Located at 6241 Edgewater Dr., Falls Church, 22041 on approx. 16,100 sq. ft. of land zoned R-2. Mason District. Tax Map 61-1 ((11)) 1006.

9:00 A.M. - Brenda L. Crist, VC 2024-FR-00005 to permit a detached accessory structure (shed with covered porch) in a front yard on a lot less than 36,000 sq. ft. in area. Located at 7510 Berwick Ct., Alexandria, 22315 on approx. 12,225 sq. ft. of land zoned R-3 (Cluster). Franconia District. Tax Map 91-4 ((4)) 51A.

9:00 A.M. - Laura Sossa and The Reggio-Inspired Day Home LLC, SP 2024-BR-00027 to permit a home day care facility. Located at 5750 Heming Ave., Springfield 22151 on approx. 10,005 sq. ft. of land zoned R-4. Braddock District. Tax Map 80-1 ((9)) 42.

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Fairfax County Notice PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 5, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M.

Public hearing before the Planning Commission of Fairfax County, Virginia, to be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

SE 2023-FR-00033 - INOVA HEALTH CARE SERVICES, SE Appl. to permit sign modifications. Located at 6910 Beulah St., Alexandria, 22310 on approx. 21.61 ac. of land zoned PDC. Franconia District. Tax Map 91-1 ((4)) B and 91-1 ((32)) 1.

The meeting is available to view live on Channel 16 and stream live online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/live-video-stream. Live audio of the meeting may be accessed via telephone as noted on the website. At the public hearing, interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their view regarding the application. All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Planning Commission at 703-324-2865, or register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker to be placed on the Speakers List and may appear in-person, or be heard via telephone or pre-recorded video. Deadlines by type of testimony are on the website. In addition, written testimony and other submissions will be received at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035 and plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov.

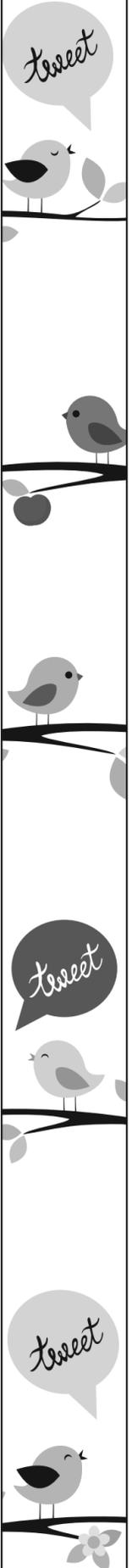
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Fairfax County Notice Planning Commission June 12, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M.

Public hearing before the Planning Commission of Fairfax County, Virginia, to be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the matter of an amendment to Chapter 112.1 (the Zoning Ordinance) of the 1976 Code of the County of Fairfax, as follows:

1. Parking and Loading

A. Repeal Article 6 in its entirety and replace it with new parking regulations applicable to all structures and uses.

(1) Applicability

- (a) Require all structures and uses to provide accessory off-street parking in accordance with the new regulations.
- (b) Authorize temporary parking adjustment or relocation during redevelopment.
- (c) Authorize parking reduction to allow for electric vehicle spaces and infrastructure.
- (d) Authorize parking reduction by 20 percent to add landscaping in an existing parking lot.
- (e) Define when a change in use or expansion of a structure or use requires additional parking.
- (f) Require additional parking for expansion or change in use or structure to extent it results in a 10 percent increase in parking supply or more than 10 additional spaces, with exemption for an accessibility improvement.
- (g) Require special exception to allow parking for C or I District use in a residential district.
- (h) Define when a parking tabulation for vehicles and bicycles is required.
- (i) Authorize use of an off-street parking lot as a public commuter park-and-ride lot when not fully used during the weekday.

(2) Off-Street Parking Standards, Layout, and Design

- (a) Require parking on the same lot as the structure or use requiring parking.
- (b) Identify minimum setbacks for parking lots and parking structures.
- (c) Limit surface parking in the front yard, with exceptions, in R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 Districts.
- (d) Establish standards for requiring pedestrian routes for parking lots with more than 50 spaces. Pedestrian routes must provide access to the principal building entrance from 25 percent of the parking spaces. Require pedestrian access for new construction or expansion of a parking lot of more than 30 spaces. Permit modification of these requirements to facilitate pedestrian routes.
- (e) Require parking lots to be constructed of a dustless surface and meet the standards of the PFM.
- (f) Require submission of a redesignation plan when parking lots are modified, with exceptions to the requirement that the plan be certified by an engineer or land surveyor.
- (g) Define when tandem parking is permitted for single-family detached, single-family attached, stacked townhouses, multifamily dwellings, company vehicles and valet parking.

(3) Calculation of Off-Street Parking

- (a) Provide for standard rounding down when the fractional unit is less than 0.5 and rounding up when the fractional unit is 0.5 or greater when the sum of required parking results in a number containing a fraction.
- (b) Require that square footage of permanent outdoor display and sales areas, and all areas within cellars not exclusively used for storage or mechanical equipment, be considered gross floor area.
- (c) Exempt accessory outdoor dining areas and temporary seasonal display and sales areas from minimum parking requirements.
- (d) Include accessory electric vehicle charging spaces as minimum required parking spaces.
- (e) Establish that accessible parking spaces required for a use or building be based on the use or building's base rate prior to any adjustments.
- (f) Prohibit parking of company vehicles, construction vehicles, and vehicles operated by nonresidential uses on public streets.

(4) Minimum Required Off-Street Vehicle Parking Spaces, and Stacking Spaces

- (a) Require off-street parking spaces in accordance with proposed use-based tables 6100.2 and 6100.3.
- (b) Establish a separate parking rate for shopping centers from 2.5 to 4 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area based on the size of the shopping center.
- (c) Permit office buildings to park all commercial uses, college, university, specialized instruction, craft beverage establishment, and small-scale production at the office rate if at least 50 percent of the building is an office use.
- (d) Require 10 stacking spaces for car washes; 4 spaces for a drive-through financial institution, drive-through pharmacy, drive-through, other lane or window; and 11 spaces for restaurant with a drive-through.

(5) Tiered Framework and PTC District – Off-Street Parking Requirements

- (a) Establish parking requirements for the area defined in the Comprehensive Plan as Dulles Suburban Center, Merrifield Suburban Center or Fairfax Center Area to be 90 percent of the requirement for multifamily dwellings and nonresidential uses in the proposed use-based table.
- (b) Establish parking requirements for any area designated as a Commercial Revitalization District or an area identified in the Comprehensive Plan as a Community Business Center (CBC), Commercial Revitalization Area (CRA), Urban Core of the Fairfax Center Area, or Suburban Neighborhood in the Richmond Highway Corridor to be 2 spaces for single-family detached dwellings, 1.8 spaces of which 0.3 space is shared per singlefamily attached dwelling, 1.8 spaces of which 0.3 space is shared per stacked townhouse unit, 85 percent multifamily requirement in the proposed use based table, and nonresidential uses at 80 percent of the requirement.
- (c) Establish parking requirements for any area identified in the Comprehensive Plan as a Transit Station Area (TSA) or the Tysons Urban Center to be 2 spaces for single-family detached dwellings, 1.3 spaces of which 0.3 space is shared per singlefamily attached dwelling, 1.3 spaces of which 0.3 space is shared per stacked townhouse unit, 0.6 spaces per multifamily bedroom, and nonresidential uses at 70 percent of the requirement in the proposed use based table.
- (d) Establish parking requirements for any area identified in the Comprehensive Plan as a Transit Oriented Development or Transit Development District: 2 spaces per single-family detached dwelling, 1.3 spaces of which 0.3 space is shared per singlefamily attached dwelling, 1.3 spaces of which 0.3 space is shared per stacked townhouse, 0.4 space per multifamily bedroom, and nonresidential uses at 60 percent of the requirement in the use-based table.
- (e) Require parking plans for the PTC District and define minimum submission requirements for parking plans. Set parking requirements for phased developments. Permit properties in the Tysons Urban Center, Transit Oriented Development, and Transit Development District as defined by the Comprehensive Plan to opt into the PTC District rates with approval when a parking plan is submitted as part of a rezoning, special exception, or site plan. Establish parking minimums and maximums for all uses in the PTC District.
- (f) Permit parking to exceed the maximums in the PTC District with approval of a special exception. Permit parking in the PTC District to be administered by a separate entity that may charge fees.

(6) Adjustments to Minimum Required Off-Street Parking

- (a) Permit adjustment to parking requirements in conjunction with a rezoning or special exception.
- (b) Permit the Board to approve parking adjustments.
- (c) Permit the Director to adjust the parking requirement for two or more uses based on a shared parking calculation where the uses have complementary hourly parking demand.
- (d) Permit the Director to make a 10 percent parking adjustment to the parking requirements in Tables 6100.2 and 6100.3 if a site is within 1,000 feet of a non-rail transit facility or greater adjustment up to 15 percent if additional requirements are met.
- (e) A parking utilization study may be required by the Board or Director if inadequate parking is provided and there is an adverse off-site impact. Alternative measures may be required to satisfy on-site parking needs.
- (f) Permit adjustment for affordable housing where all dwelling units in a building are available at 70 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) based on income averaging.
- (g) Permit adjustment if within 1,000 feet of metered, public or commercially operated public parking within one-half mile of the site.
- (h) Permit adjustment to accommodate historic structures or sites, significant trees, increased open space or improved stormwater management.
- (i) Permit adjustment for unique characteristics of the site or use.

(7) Off-Street Loading

- (a) Require loading spaces for most uses, including any incremental change or expansion of use.
- (b) Require loading spaces to be on the same lot as use it serves, subject to approved exceptions.
- (c) Prohibit encroachment on loading spaces, with some exceptions.
- (d) Establish minimum standards for loading spaces in terms of location, design, and size. Require loading spaces for each use and permit the Director to determine loading requirement if not clearly identified.
- (e) Require loading spaces for uses based on the classification of the use, except no loading spaces are required for a structure under 10,000 square feet. Require adequate receiving facilities for structures under 10,000 square feet to be determined by a need for such facilities. For Agricultural and Related Uses classification, require no loading spaces. For Residential Uses classification, require up to two spaces for multifamily dwelling, congregate living facility and residence hall. For all uses in Public, Institutional, and Community Uses classification, require up to five spaces. For Commercial Use classification require up to five spaces. For all uses in Industrial Uses classification, require up to five spaces. For a Public, Institutional, and Community Uses classification and Commercial Use classification no more than three spaces are required if located in a Commercial Revitalization District, Commercial Revitalization Area, Commercial Business Center, Suburban Neighborhood in the Richmond Highway Corridor, Transit Station Area, Transit Oriented District, Transit Development District, or Tysons Urban Center.
- (f) Require an adequate receiving facility when no loading space is not required for a structure.
- (g) Authorize adjustment of loading space requirements.

(8) Bicycle Parking Requirements

- (a) Establish minimum bicycle parking requirements for a use or building, including a requirement that each use provide at least two bicycle parking spaces, unless otherwise specified. Establish minimum features required and locational requirements for bicycle parking spaces. Permit adjustment of the required number of bicycle spaces by rezoning, special exception or site plan.
- (b) Establish separate bicycle parking minimum requirements for uses or sites located in areas defined as Commercial Revitalization Areas or areas defined by the Comprehensive Plan as Community Business Centers, Commercial Revitalization Areas, the Urban Core of the Fairfax Center Area, and Suburban Neighborhoods in the Richmond Highway Corridor. Establish separate bicycle minimum parking requirements for uses or sites located in areas defined by the Comprehensive Plan as Transit Station Areas, Transit Orient Districts, Transit Oriented Developments, or the Tysons Urban Center.

B. Update and modify other parking-related provisions to correlate with proposed Article 6, including, without limitation:

- (1) Add or modify definitions of Loading Space, Bicycle Parking, Parking Tabulation, Tandem Parking, Valet Parking, Stacking Space, Street Line, and Transit Facility to replace parking areas with parking lot.
- (2) Allow modification of open space and other site features to permit addition of parking and loading spaces subject to increase in area up to 10 percent.

2. Outdoor Lighting Around Turner Farm Park Observatory

A. Add new regulations for outdoor lighting on properties within one-half mile of the Turner Farm Park Observatory ("one-half mile area").

B. On single-family lots within the one-half mile area, fixtures that are exempt from certain other lighting regulations are limited to the following:

- a. Motion activated lighting fixtures of 1,500 lumens or less;
- b. Lighting fixtures at an exterior door or garage of 1,500 lumens or less; and
- c. Other lighting fixtures of up to 20 lumens.

C. Limit uplights or spotlights within the one-half mile area to 300 lumens.

D. Editorial revisions to clarify when previously existing lighting fixtures may remain and add new provision to allow lawfully existing fixtures within one-half mile around the Observatory to remain.

3. Sign Regulations Part II

A. Exempt from sign regulation scoreboards located at school, college, university, or Park Authority property.

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- B. Increase size of address and building entrance identification exempt from sign permit requirements from two to four square feet in area.
- C. Exempt from sign permit requirement and maximum allowed sign area, signs located in or immediately adjacent to reserved parking spaces.
- D. For minor signs located at new residential development containing at least three dwelling units, add requirement that the dwelling units under construction must be on contiguous lots to qualify for 60squarefoot sign.
- E. Add allowance for one illuminated or electronic window sign per nonresidential establishment, up to four square feet in area, and with no moving images or content.
- F. For multi-faced signs where the sign faces are parallel to one another, change the measurement from the interior distance to the exterior distance between faces, and increase this measurement from 18 inches or less to 24 inches or less.
- G. For electronic display signs, specify maximum nit limitations to control brightness at night based on zoning district classification and distance from land in a residential district or residential areas of P districts; add requirement that sign specifications be submitted with associated sign permit applications; and allow for Board approval for an increase in nits.
- H. Add requirement that signs located at single-family residential subdivisions or stacked townhouse developments may only be located at each major vehicular entrance and within an agreement or easement recorded for signage purposes or on common area.
- I. Include option for multifamily developments to have one freestanding sign up to 30 square feet or 50 square feet of building-mounted signage.
- J. Clarify that mixed use buildings in residential districts with ground-floor nonresidential uses may have the building-mounted signage permitted for a nonresidential use, but the building is limited to a maximum of one freestanding sign not to exceed 30 square feet in area or eight feet in height.
- K. Remove 20-acre minimum for agricultural operations to have a sign.
- L. Specify that freestanding signs at hospitals may only be located at a vehicular entrance.
- M. For building-mounted signs in C and I districts, remove standard where a single tenant with frontage resulting in sign area greater than 200 square feet occupying an area with more than one perimeter wall containing a main entrance may place 200 square feet on each perimeter wall when it does not exceed 1.5 times the length of the wall.
- N. Allow building-mounted signs in C and I districts to be measured using 1.5 square feet of sign area for each linear foot of building frontage. No single sign may exceed 200 square feet in area.
- O. For freestanding signs associated with a shopping center with frontage on two or more major thoroughfares, prohibit the two signs from being located on the same major thoroughfare.
- P. Add regulations allowing freestanding signs associated with the ordering station of a use with a drivethrough, limited to a maximum size of 20 square feet.
- Q. Delete Administrative Comprehensive Sign Plan regulations and sign regulations regarding special exceptions, special permits, and comprehensive sign plans in Planned districts, and replace them with a new consolidated procedure and regulations, described below.
- R. Consolidate current sign applications (comprehensive sign plan, special exception, and special permit) into a single special exception application available for any property in a P District, and any property in a C or I district with or planned for development with a minimum gross floor area of 30,000 square feet. The special exception may also be requested for any C or I district development under 30,000 square feet with unusual circumstances or conditions. The application includes review criteria, set standards for modifications to electronic display sign limitations, and submission requirements.
- S. Reduce appeal timeframe for minor sign violations from 30 days to ten days from the date of the notice.
- T. Revise existing definitions of moving or windblown sign and roof sign.
- U. Edit language throughout for plain language and readability.

4. Landscaping and Screening

- A. Repeal Section 5108 in its entirety and replace it with new landscaping and screening requirements applicable to all structures and uses.
 - (1) Address effective and functional landscaping; placemaking; ecological and social or recreational spaces; and health-related impacts from extreme heat in the purpose statement of Section 5108.
 - (2) Applicability and Administration
 - (a) Identify the Director of Land Development Services (Director) as the responsible party for administration of this section and that these provisions only apply to developments subject to site plans.
 - (3) General Landscaping Standards
 - (a) Planting, including height and caliper requirements and maintenance of trees and shrubs must be in accordance with the Public Facilities Manual (PFM).
 - (b) Suitable existing vegetation, as determined by the Director, will be used to meet the landscaping requirements with preference given to native species and environmentally tolerant species.
 - (c) Add reference to the landscaping and screening requirements for properties located in the Commercial Revitalization Districts and the Planned Tysons Corner Urban District.
 - (d) Add requirements for location of new utility easements within landscaping areas.
 - (e) Add requirements for when a landscaping plan must be submitted and what is included in the plan.
 - (4) Street Frontage Landscaping
 - (a) Require ten-foot-wide landscaping strip parallel to all street lines of a public or private street.
 - (b) Require trees within the street frontage landscaping strip.
 - (c) Add exceptions for lots developed with single-family dwellings, internal drive aisles within a development, or along a railroad, interstate highway, the Dulles International Airport Access Highway, and the combined Dulles International Airport Access Highway and Dulles Toll Road.
 - (5) Parking Lot Landscaping
 - (a) Require interior and peripheral parking lot landscaping covering a minimum of ten percent on any lot containing ten or more parking spaces including surface lots.
 - (b) Require interior parking lot landscaping for surface parking spaces only.
 - (c) Allow shade structures with solar collection systems to satisfy up to half of the interior parking lot landscaping requirement.
 - (d) Calculation of interior parking lot landscaping must be in accordance with the PFM and does not include landscaping within six feet of a building, required as peripheral parking lot landscaping, or transitional screening.
 - (e) Establish a distribution requirement for interior parking lot landscaping planting areas, as defined in the PFM, to be an average of one planting area for every ten contiguous parking spaces.
 - (f) Landscaping materials in parking lots cannot impede access to ADA compliant parking spaces.
 - (g) Add distance requirement between light poles and required trees of 15 feet.
 - (h) Interior parking lot landscaping is not required for storage yards.
 - (i) Parking structures with an exposed surface containing ten or more parking spaces must include shade structures covering a minimum of ten percent of the total area of the exposed portion of the parking structure. Alternatively, required percent of shade may be provided through shade trees or combination of trees and shade structures.
 - (j) Shade structures must be permanent and may include canopies, solar collection systems, or similar structures, and may exceed the maximum height by 16 feet.
 - (k) If the shade structure is a solar collection system, five percent of the total area of the exposed portion of the parking structure must be covered.
 - (l) Require shrubs to be planted within the peripheral parking lot landscaping strip when the parking lot abuts the street right-of-way.
 - (m) Require distance between the center of a tree planting and a restrictive barrier when the parking lot does not abut the street right-of-way.
 - (n) Require trees within the peripheral parking lot landscaping strip.
 - (o) Require a ten-foot-wide landscaping strip when the property abuts the street right-of-way.
 - (6) Transitional Screening & Barriers
 - (a) Require transitional screening and barrier on the lots based on the transitional screening and barrier table which utilizes the use classifications and specific uses.
 - (b) In Planned Districts, transitional screening and barriers are applied to the boundaries of the development and do not apply to individual lots and uses interior to the development.
 - (c) The Board or Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) may require transitional screening and barriers during the special exception or special permit process for uses such as agritourism; campground; cemetery; farm winery, limited brewery, or limited distillery; group household; marina (commercial or private noncommercial); office in a residential district; and riding or boarding stable.
 - (d) Transitional screening and barriers are not required for an agricultural operation or between different dwelling unit types with an affordable dwelling unit development.
 - (e) A public use is subject to the requirements of the most similar use.
 - (f) Establish three types of transitional screening with varying width and planting requirements.
 - (g) Allow an alternative mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees for transitional screening if it results in no less than 50 percent evergreen trees, and at least 25 percent of the transitional screening area contains existing vegetation and/or new native trees.
 - (h) Allow perpendicular crossing of transitional screening for sidewalk, trail, or share use path up to ten feet in width.
 - (i) Allow the transitional screening yard width and planting requirements to be reduced when a wall is provided.
 - (j) Allow barriers to be located at the property boundary.
 - (k) Require the faced or finished side of the barrier to face the adjacent use.
 - (l) Establish barrier types based on height, material and planting requirements.
 - (m) Allow the Director to allow the use of an earth berm or a more specialized barrier material in certain circumstances.
 - (7) Waivers and Modifications
 - (a) Establish waivers and modifications that may be approved by either the Board, BZA, or Director.
 - (8) Maintenance
 - (a) Identify the owner as the responsible party for maintenance, repair, and replacement of all required landscaping materials and barriers.
 - (b) Require plant material to be kept in a healthy growing condition.
 - (c) Require fences and walls to be maintained in good repair.
 - (d) Allow the Director to require openings within barriers for accessibility purposes.
 - (e) Allow the homeowner to add, remove, or relocate landscaping when tree conservation is required.
 - (f) Require landscaping to be in substantial conformance with any proffered conditions or with any approved development plan, PRC plan, special exception, special permit, or variance.
 - (g) Require Director approval to remove or place landscaping shown on an approved site plan.
 - (h) Require the owner to replace any landscaping that was removed or placed with the Director's written permission.
- B. Update and modify other landscaping and screening-related provision to correlate with proposed Section 5108, including, without limitation in subsection 3102.3 (Commercial Revitalization Districts standards) to:
 - (1) Update Zoning Ordinance references.
 - (2) Reduce the number of parking spaces required to trigger parking lot landscaping from 20 spaces to ten spaces.
 - (3) Update references to the Comprehensive Plan to reference the Urban Design Guidelines.
 - (4) Clarify that the caliper requirements are for deciduous trees.
 - (5) Remove decorative tubular steel or aluminum fence as a barrier option.

5. Outdoor Dining

- A. Permit outdoor dining in all zoning districts as an accessory use to approved food establishments including restaurant, carryout restaurant, restaurant with drive-through, craft beverage production establishment and any other similar use with a valid Nonresidential Use Permit and that has a food establishment permit, unless expressly prohibited by any applicable proffered condition, development condition, or special permit or special exception approval.
- B. Add new regulation requiring that any single outdoor dining area may not exceed an area equal to 50 percent of the indoor dining floor area of the establishment.
- C. Add new regulation requiring that the hours of operation generally conform to the business hours of the principal use.
- D. Add new regulation requiring that outdoor dining be located on impervious areas, such as existing patios or sidewalks of a private property, by right.
- E. Add new regulation prohibiting outdoor dining, including any furniture, enclosure, or tent, from obstructing any fire equipment, building entrance or exit or any other area marked or designated for emergency egress or ADA accessibility, or pedestrian passage on any trail or sidewalk.
- F. Add new regulation requiring that all tables, chairs, umbrellas, lighting, and other accessories be temporary and removeable, that the outdoor dining area must be kept free of trash and debris and that any extension cords associated with audio or video entertainment equipment may not create a trip hazard and meet all other County State and Federal Codes.
- G. Add new regulation requiring that outdoor dining located in a parking lot be permitted with limitations and with the issuance of an Administrative Permit by the Zoning Administrator, subject to a one-time application fee of \$240 (effective July 1, 2024) and \$275 (effective July 1, 2025), as authorized by Virginia Code 15.2-2286(A)(6).
- H. Add a new definition classifying outdoor dining as an accessory use and prohibiting permanent structures associated with the use.
- I. Amend the definition of carryout restaurant to clarify that seats provided as part of accessory outdoor dining are not included in the maximum indoor seat limitation.

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6. Minor and Editorial Revisions and Changes to Reflect Virginia Code Updates

- A. Correct typographical errors, correct or add cross references, make changes to reflect Virginia Code updates, and make other minor, editorial revisions.
- B. Add the term "dwelling" after stacked townhouse.
- C. Replace references to multiple family with multifamily.
- D. Add agritourism to the Noise Compatibility table in the Airport Noise Impact Overlay District section and revise the table to indicate that certain Agricultural and Related Uses do not need to provide acoustical treatment.
- E. Revise the permissions for personal service establishments from an associated service use to by right in the C-1 through C-4 Districts.
- F. Include a standard to the Standards for Administrative Permit Approvals to indicate that the Zoning Administrator may deny the renewal of an administrative permit if there is evidence of noncompliance by the applicant.
- G. Delete references to residents being "low-income" and replace tenants with residents in the standards for Independent Living Facility.
- H. Revise the standards for wireless facilities approved by special exception and the general standards for accessory uses and structures to allow a fence or wall that exceeds the maximum fence or wall height.
- I. Add a standard for Animal Shelters or Kennels located in a planned district that any outdoor component must specifically be shown on the approved development plan.
- J. Add a standard to allow accessory retail sales for a warehouse use approved by special exception in the I3 District.
- K. Clarify that gates and gateposts, limited by height and other associated standards, may be located in any part of the front yard and that gates and gateposts located in side and rear yards are regulated by the maximum fence or wall height standards.
- L. Clarify that the minimum front setback applies to each yard when there are two or more front yards on a corner lot.
- M. Revise the Required Notice for Public Hearing information to clarify that public notice is the hearing body's responsibility, and notice must be published at least in accordance with state law. Also delete the requirement that the advertisement must identify a descriptive summary of the proposed action.
- N. Clarify that to be complete, an appeal application must include all required materials.
- O. Add short-term lodging to the types of violations that are subject to a 10-day appeal deadline and clarify that the Zoning Administrator determines which other short-term, recurring violations may be subject to the 10-day appeal period.
- P. Add specified sanitary sewer information to the submission requirements for generalized development plans, conceptual and final development plans, PRC development plans, PRC plans, and certain SE and SP plats.
- Q. Revise submission requirements to remove requirement that a paper copy be submitted for each submission requirement and that multiple copies be submitted of other documents as all application materials are currently being submitted digitally via PLUS.
- R. Revise the Planning Commission provisions to reflect updates to the Planning Commission bylaws.
- S. Include language to reflect that the BZA may have up to three alternate members, in addition to seven permanent members, in accordance with state law.
- T. Revise the definition of a shopping center to include commercial uses on the first or lower floors of a residential building.
- U. Include examples of uses in the definitions of a specialized instruction center and a small health and exercise facility.

7. Zoning Application Fees and Planned District Recreational Facilities Minimum Expenditure

- A. Increase zoning application fees set out in Zoning Ordinance Table 8102.1 by 35 percent and rounded to nearest \$5, as authorized by Virginia Code § 15.22286(A)(6), phased in over two years, effective July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025. Fees for wireless reviews to determine compliance with Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act and family health care structures are excluded from the proposed increase.
- B. Increase the appeal fee by 10% rounded to the nearest \$5, as authorized by Virginia Code § 15.22286(A)(6), effective July 1, 2024.
- C. Increase the required Planned District recreation minimum expenditure from \$1,900 to \$2,400 per dwelling unit, phased in over two years, effective July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, for residential development in the PDH, PDC, PRM, and PTC Districts, as required by Zoning Ordinance subsections 2105.2.B(4)(b), 2105.4.B(4)(b), 2105.5.B(4)(b), and 2105.6.B(3)(b), as authorized by Virginia Code §§ 15.21200, -2200, -2280(1), -2283, -2284, and 2286(A)(7) and (9).

8. Miscellaneous

- A. Remove submission requirements for ALUs to document age or disability.
- B. Update the date references to May 10, 2023, for subsection 4102.5.R(2) – Commercial Recreation, Indoor; subsection 4102.5.W – Health and Exercise Facility, Large; subsections 4102.6.A.(2)(a), (3)(a) – Data Center; subsection 4102.6.B(3) – Goods Distribution Hub; subsection 4102.7.B(4) – Accessory Living Unit; Table 8102.1 – Fee Schedule: Special Exception for Addition to or Replacement of a Single-Family Detached Dwelling Existing in a Floodplain.

The meeting is available to view live on Channel 16 and stream live online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/live-video-stream. Live audio of the meeting may be accessed via telephone as noted on the website. At the public hearing, interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their view regarding the application. All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Planning Commission at 703-324-2865, or register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker to be placed on the Speakers List and may appear in-person; or be heard via telephone or pre-recorded video. Deadlines by type of testimony are on the website. In addition, written testimony and other submissions will be received at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035 and plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Additionally, a copy of the staff report and the full text of the proposed ordinance is available on-line at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning-ordinance/amendments> and can be made available for review at the Zoning Administration Division, Department of Planning and Development, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. If you have questions regarding the details of this amendment or to make arrangements to view the documents, please contact the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314.

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Fairfax County Notice PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 12, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M.

Public hearing before the Planning Commission of Fairfax County, Virginia, to be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

SE 2023-MA-00042 - DRI/WP ALTA CROSSROADS, LLC, SE Appl. to permit sign modifications. Located at 5837 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, 22041 on approx. 3.78 ac. of land zoned PDC, HC, SC and CRD. Mason District. Tax Map 61-2 ((19))5C and 11B.

SEA 2005-SU-007-03 - KOREAN CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SEA Appl. to amend SE 2005-SU-007 previously approved for a place of worship, child care and private school of general education to permit modifications to development conditions to expand the grade level of the private school. Located at 15308 Compton Rd., Centreville, 20121 on approx. 83.77 ac. of land zoned R-C and WS. Sully District. Tax Map 64-1 ((1)) 8, 9, 25, 26, and 27; 64-1 ((3)) 16, and 17; 64-2 ((3)) 18; 64-2 ((5)) 1, 2, and 3.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

JUNE 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Sect. 18-110 of the Zoning Ordinance, that at a meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) of said County, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA 22035, the BZA will hold public hearings on the following applications at the time indicated.

9:00 A.M. - Christian R. Quiroz and Nathalia J. Quiroz, SP 2022-FR-00105 to permit an increase in fence height in a front yard. Located at 6603 Bowie Dr., Springfield, 22150 on approx. 10,329 sq. ft. of land zoned R-4. Franconia District. Tax Map 80-4 ((5)) (19) 13. (Concurrent with VC 2023-FR-00002). *This hearing is in addition to one previously held on April 10, 2024; anyone who testified in that previous hearing is on record and need not testify again at this new hearing.

9:00 A.M. - Christian R. Quiroz and Nathalia J. Quiroz, VC 2023-FR-00002 to permit a freestanding accessory structure (shed) in a front yard on a lot less than 36,000 ft. in area. Located at 6603 Bowie Dr., Springfield, 22150 on approx. 10,329 sq. ft. of land zoned R-4. Franconia District. Tax Map 80-4 ((5)) (19) 13. (Concurrent with SP 2022-FR-00105). *This hearing is in addition to one previously held on April 10, 2024; anyone who testified in that previous hearing is on record and need not testify again at this new hearing.

9:00 A.M. - Nebiat Gebregziabher d/b/a Future Hope Home Childcare, SP 2024-MV-00013 to permit a home day care facility. Located at 2484 Windbreak Dr., Alexandria, 22306 on approx. 2,426 sq. ft. of land zoned R-8. Mount Vernon District. Tax Map 93-3 ((26)) 66.

9:00 A.M. - Daniel K. Van Brunt and Arika J. Van Brunt, SP 2023-BR-00196 to permit a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit: 1.) an accessory structure (outdoor fireplace) 3.9 ft. from the southwest side lot line, 2.) an accessory structure (frame shed) 3.0 ft. from the northeast side lot line, and 3.) an accessory structure (shed) 4.1 ft. from the northeast side lot line. Located at 5613 Heming Ave., Springfield, 22151 on approx. 13,840 sq. ft. of land zoned R-3. Braddock District. Tax Map 80-1 ((2)) (68) 4.

9:00 A.M. - Anthony Garman Ho and Ashleigh Drexler, SP 2024-PR-00017 to permit a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 14.1 feet from the rear lot line. Located at 2771 Oakton Plantation Ln., Vienna, 22181 on approx. 10,917 sq. ft. of land zoned R-3. Providence District. Tax Map 47-2 ((44)) 15.

9:00 A.M. - Yesenia Y. Cafferatta Vargas, SPA 2017-MA-029 to amend SP 2017-MA-029 previously approved for a home day care facility, an error in building location to permit a deck (at-grade patio) to remain 3.6 ft. from a side lot line, and a fence greater than 4.0 ft. in height to remain in a front yard, to allow a change in permittee and modification of development conditions. Located at 3713 Terrace Dr., Annadale, 22003 on approx. 11,465 sq. ft. of land zoned R-3. Mason District. Tax Map 60-4 ((3)) 91.

9:00 A.M. - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, SPA 2002-HM-045, to amend SP 2002-HM-045, previously approved for a religious assembly with child care center, to allow modifications to development conditions. Located at 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, 20170 on approx. 7.9 ac. of land zoned R-1. Hunter Mill District. Tax Map 11-2 ((11)) 34C and 35. *This hearing is in addition to one previously held on May 1, 2024; anyone who testified in that previous hearing is on record and need not testify again at this new hearing.

May 22nd, 2024
May 29th, 2024

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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON CO., VA, on June 6, 2024 at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 307, Arlington Virginia 22201 in a meeting at 2:00 PM. or as soon thereafter as matters may be heard, will consider the following cases, after offering the public an opportunity to be heard in a public hearing.

Sign up to speak in advance at https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/County-Board or call 703-228-3130 between 8am and 5pm starting the week before the meeting. Members of the public may participate virtually and in person. Speakers signing up will also be available in-person on the day of the meeting. The meeting will be available via live stream at www.arlingtonva.us and local cable stations on Comcast 25 & 1085 and Verizon FiOS 39 & 40. Contact the County Board office at 703-228-3130 or countyboard@arlingtonva.us 3 days in advance to request reasonable accommodations or language translation services.

NOTE: Copies of proposed plans, ordinances, amendments and applications, and related planning case materials may be viewed in-person at Arlington County offices available in the Permit Arlington Center (or PAC) (2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 107, Arlington, VA) between 9 AM – 3 PM each Tuesday and Thursday, except for the third Thursday of each month when the PAC's hours are 9AM-1PM. Text of proposed County Code amendments may be examined in the County Board Clerk's Office, Suite 300; 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA by contacting staff at (703) 228-3130. The term Site Plan in this notice refers to a Special Exception Site Plan as defined in the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance and is not the same as an engineering site plan or construction plans submitted in satisfaction of other codes or ordinances. The terms ACZO and GLUP means Arlington County Zoning Ordinance and General Land Use Plan, respectively. Please contact Planning Division staff at 703-228-3525 or cphd@arlingtonva.us with any questions about the operating hours of the Permit Arlington Center.

THE FOLLOWING CASES TO BE HEARD BY THE COUNTY BOARD:

SUBJECT: Ordinance to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 26 (Utilities Ordinance) of the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, concerning the creation of a Stormwater Utility to:

- Enact a new Stormwater Utility as Article III of Chapter 26 of the Arlington County Code pursuant to Virginia Code 15.2-2114
Set the annual Stormwater utility rate at a proposed \$258 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU),
Define the utility fee structure
Codify policies

SUBJECT: Repeal of Section 26-13 of the Arlington County Code to eliminate the Sanitary District Tax

Resolution establishing a Stormwater Fee Relief Program for senior and disabled residential property owners and disabled veterans and surviving spouses that currently qualify for real estate tax exemptions and deferrals

Resolution pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-3916 to provide by resolution for reasonable extension of time for the payment of real estate taxes and Stormwater Utility fees to June 26, 2024.

Mason Kushnir, Acting Clerk to the County Board

Publication dates May 29th, 2024, and June 5th, 2024

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301-563-3400

WEDNESDAY June 12, 2024

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION WHEATON HEADQUARTERS AUDITORIUM 2425 REEDIE DRIVE WHEATON, MARYLAND 20902

ALL HPC HEARINGS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN PERSON

The HPC will conduct the Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 12th. The Public Hearing will begin with a Worksession at 6:30 pm, followed by the hearing at 7:00pm. See the agenda below for item details.

GENERAL PUBLIC WISHING TO OBSERVE MAY ATTEND IN PERSON OR FOLLOW THE MEETINGS VIA THIS AUDIO LINK: https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/watch-online/

SIGN UP TO TESTIFY ONLINE

If you wish to testify on an item, you must sign up to testify online in advance of the hearing. https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/planning/historic/historic-preservation-commission/historic-preservation-commission-sign-up-to-testify/

Final Deadline to Sign up to testify:

- 9 am on June 11th (for the June 12th meeting)

Speakers must identify themselves for the record and wait to be acknowledged by the Meeting Clerk and Chair.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Members of the public or applicants may submit exhibits, via this email: mcp-historic@mncppc-mc.org

Comments received after the deadline will be included for the record, but not distributed for the HPC.

Final deadlines for comments to be distributed:

- 10 am on June 11th (for the June 12th meeting)

The HPC agenda is subject to change any time after printing or during the commission meeting. Please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at the email above to obtain current information.

MEETING ACCESSIBILITY POLICY:

Sign language interpreter services and other auxiliary aids or services will be provided upon request with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least five (5) full business days before the meeting. To request any reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact The Office of Historic Preservation in advance at MCP-Historic@mncppc-mc.org or please call (301) 563-3400. In all situations, a good faith effort will be made to provide accommodations. For any additional questions or concerns, please contact MCP-Historic@mncppc-mc.org or please call (301) 563-3400, or MD Relay 711.

HPC WORKSESSION - 6:30 p.m. in WHQ Second Floor Auditorium
HPC MEETING - 7:00 p.m. in WHQ Second Floor Auditorium

I. HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMITS (Staff assignments shown in parentheses below.)

- A. 108 Water Street, Brookeville (HAWP #1068951) (Brookeville Historic District); Jennifer and Nicholas Roy for hardscape alterations. (Chris Berger)
B. 3705 Underwood Street, Chevy Chase (HAWP #1068796) (Master Plan Site #35/91, WELSH HOUSE); Jacqueline and Rich Renz (Valerie with Capital Fence Inc., Agent) for fence installation. (Chris Berger)
C. 25 Montgomery Avenue, Takoma Park (HAWP #1070502) (Takoma Park Historic District); Steven Edminster (Bill Gunnlfers, Agent) for fence installation. (Dan Bruechert)
D. 9819 Capitol View Avenue, Silver Spring (RETROACTIVE HAWP #1070209 and #1070207) (Capitol View Park Historic District); Bruce Cohen for after-the-fact hardscape and siding alterations. (Dan Bruechert)
E. 7301 Holly Avenue, Takoma Park (HAWP #1070729) (Takoma Park Historic District); Stephen Smith and Jacqueline Newell for door replacements on rear. (Dan Bruechert)
F. 25 Hesketh Street, Chevy Chase (RETROACTIVE HAWP #1071279) (Chevy Chase Village Historic District); Whitney VanMeter (James Holly, Agent) for after the fact roof replacement, new gutters, material alteration. (Dan Bruechert)
G. 7502 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park (HAWP #1071522) (Takoma Park Historic District); Ann Elizabeth Flanagan for installation of HVAC and storm windows, fence alteration. (Dan Bruechert)
H. 19811 Darnestown Road, Bealsville (HAWP #1071643) (Bealsville Historic District); Montgomery County Parks Dept. (Scott Whipple, Agent) for shed demolition, basement level alterations, grading, new door installation, other alterations. (Chris Berger)
I. 9220 Damascus Hills Lane, Damascus (RETROACTIVE HAWP #1071680) (Master Plan Site #11/21, Rezin Bowman Farm); Daniel Ferenczy for after the fact fence installation, window alterations, door alterations, new lighting. (Chris Berger)
J. 7544 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park (HAWP #1071722) (Takoma Park Historic District); Jon Bateman (Richard Vitullo, Architect) for fenestration and door alterations, hardscape alterations. (Dan Bruechert)

II. PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS

- A. 6700 Needwood Road, Derwood (HAWP #1071486) (Master Plan Site #22/35, Needwood); Montgomery County Park Dept. (Eileen Emmet, Agent) for exterior alterations for ADA compliance. (Chris Berger)
B. 7405 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park (HAWP #1071301) (Takoma Park Historic District); Ann Shallock and James Klein (Paul Treseeder, Architect) for partial demolition, fenestration alteration, construction of new rear addition, hardscape alterations. (Dan Bruechert)
C. 200 Market Street, Brookeville (HAWP #1070413) (Brookeville Historic District); Claire Fuller for new deck construction. (Chris Berger)

III. HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS: GROUP IV (Dan Bruechert, Chris Berger)

IV. WORKSESSION AND ADOPTION OF HPC POLICY NO. 24-01 FOR THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SUBSTITUTE MATERIALS FOR PORCH AND DECK FLOORING

V. MINUTES
A. May 8, 2024 and May 22, 2024 (if available)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Commission Items
B. Staff Items

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHARTER

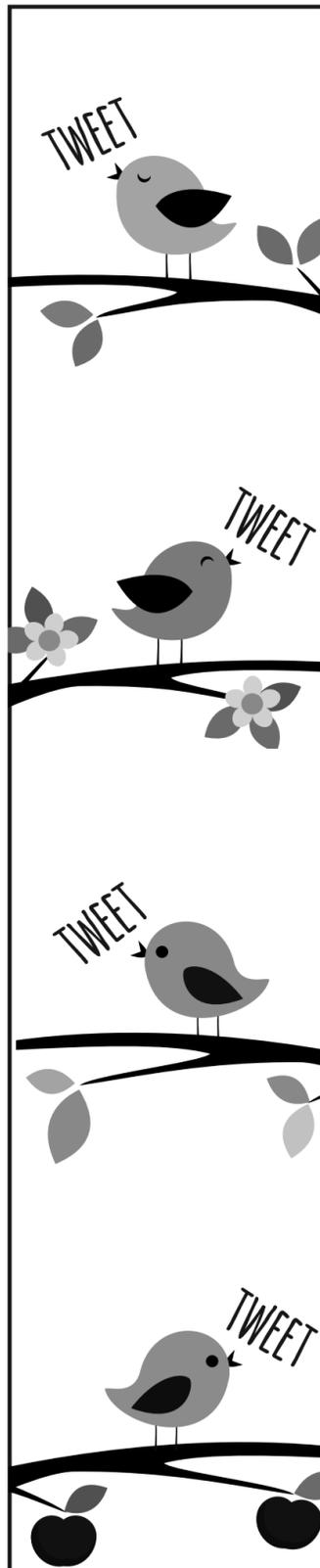
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Constitution of Maryland, Article XI-E; the Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 4-301, et seq.; and the Charter of Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase (the "Charter"), the Village Council of Section 5 on May 7, 2024, duly adopted the following Charter amendment:

Charter Amendment Res. No. 2024-1 to amend Section 701 of the Village Charter to permit single source, emergency, and other limited procurements for materials and work without having first invited competitive bids, and to raise the competitive bidding threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000, or the amount for which publication of notice of procurement is required by Maryland law, whichever is greater.

This amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of Section 5 on June 26, 2024, unless on or before June 17, 2024, there shall be presented to the Village Council, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) or more of the persons who are qualified to vote in municipal elections of Section 5, requesting the proposed amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the Section 5. A complete copy of the Resolution and Charter can be obtained from the Section 5 Village Manager, at P.O. Box 15140, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 (manager@chevychasection5.org).

May 29, 2024

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Fairfax County Notice PLANNING COMMISSION (JUNE 12, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M.)

Public hearing before the Planning Commission of Fairfax County, Virginia, to be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Policy Background: Fairfax County's Guidelines for the Provision of Workforce Housing (WDU Policy), a component of the Comprehensive Plan's Policy Plan, recommends development proposals with a residential component provide a percentage of the units committed for households at affordable rates. The county administers programs to encourage the provision of both for-sale and rental WDUs in line with the policy. The for-sale WDU policy applies to proposed developments within the county's designated mixed-use centers, including the Tysons Urban Center, suburban centers, transit station areas (TSAs), and community business centers (CBCs). The policy is designed to encourage affordable homeownership opportunities to households with a range of incomes from up to 70% to a maximum of 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment: On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the WDU for-sale policy based on recommendations of the WDU For-Sale Policy Task Force (Task Force). The proposed amendment, based on the task force recommendations, includes the following general policy changes:

- Shift the affordability level of the program from up to 80% to 120% AMI, to up to 70% to 100% AMI.
- Expand guidance on proportionality of bedroom counts between the WDU and market rate units with flexibility for family-sized units (units with three bedrooms or more); and,
- Extend the geographic applicability to certain properties outside of development centers that are planned and zoned for 8 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) or more.

Editorial and other related changes are proposed to better align elements of the rental and for-sale WDU policies and to bring the WDU recommendations in certain Area Plans in the Comprehensive Plan closer to the countywide policy in the Policy Plan of the Comprehensive Plan. The latter revisions would remove Plan recommendations in the Area Plans that are duplicative of or inconsistent with the countywide policy and replace them with a reference to the countywide policy, as necessary.

The meeting is available to view live on Channel 16 and stream live online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/live-video-stream. Live audio of the meeting may be accessed via telephone as noted on the website. At the public hearing, interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their view regarding the application. All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Planning Commission at 703-324-2865, or register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker to be placed on the Speakers List and may appear in-person or be heard via telephone or pre-recorded video. Deadlines by type of testimony are on the website. In addition, written testimony and other submissions will be received at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035 and plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Copies of the full text of proposed ordinances, plans and amendments, as applicable, as well as other documents relating to the aforementioned subjects, are on file and available for review at the office of the Department of Clerk Services and on the County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov. To make arrangements to view the documents, please contact the Office of the Planning Commission at 703-324-2865.

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May 29, 2024
June 5, 2024

AD#83894

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Solicit Public Comments N. Sycamore Street Complete Streets Project Arlington County Department of Environmental Services

The Arlington County Department of Environmental Services is accepting comments regarding the proposed changes for the N. Sycamore Street Complete Streets Project. The project seeks to improve crossings and access for people walking and biking on North Sycamore Street from Langston Boulevard to 19th Street North.

Information related to the project is available for review at the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22201, (tel.703-228-4019). Please call ahead for staff availability. Information is also available online: Visit www.arlingtonva.us and search "N. Sycamore Complete Streets".

Arlington County invites public comments related to the project. Comments must be received in writing at ayang@arlingtonva.us or by mail at the address listed above (ATTN: Ariel Yang) by June 14, 2024. Please reference "N. Sycamore Street Complete Streets Project" in the subject line.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, Arlington County is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Ariel Yang, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22201 on or prior to June 14, 2024. If upon receiving public comments it is deemed necessary to hold a public hearing, notice of date, time and place of hearing will be posted.

Arlington County ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or require special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Arlington County Department of Human Rights at 703-228-3559.

LOCATION MAP



[UPC 113249; State Project # 6682-000-R73, C501, P101, R201]

Run Dates: May 29th, and June 7th, 2024

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Fairfax County Notice

PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 12, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M.

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Plan Amendment #SSPA 2023-III-1FC(A) concerns approx. 4.37 acres located at 12801 Fair Lakes Pkwy (Tax Map Parcel # 45-4 (111) A2) in the Springfield Supervisor District. The area is planned for 54,720 square feet of office use. The amendment will consider up to 400,000 square feet of multifamily residential use (400 units). Limited editorial revisions to the recommendations for Sub-unit E1 of the Fairfax Center Area are also being considered. Recommendations relating to the transportation network may also be modified.

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Bids & Proposals

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK Notice of Invitation to Proposals

This is to give notice that the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, is accepting proposals for Tree Planting and Maintenance Services- RFP No. DPW 2024-007 until Friday, June 21, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

A Pre-proposal Zoom meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. To join, visit

<https://zoom.us/j/98023647093pwd=CHZkdUOQWp2Sks3bFEvaUhlS3AZZ209>

Or call: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 980 2364 7093, Passcode: p73uME)

A copy of the RFP No. DPW 2024-007 may be found at www.RiverdaleParkMD.gov and eMaryland Marketplace. Questions concerning the Invitation to Bid must be directed to RFP-BIDQuestions@RiverdaleParkMD.Gov.

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May 30th, 2024

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEE JUDICIAL SALE OF COOPERATIVE UNIT

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- i) All rights, title and interest in and to the Debtor's Proprietary Documents, 317 Shares on Stock Certificate No. 126 representing a membership in Capitol Hill Tower Housing Cooperative, Inc, which owns and administers a cooperative project located at 1000 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003
- ii) All rights, title and interest in and to that certain property document, lease or occupancy agreement by and between the cooperative described in (i) above, as Lessor Assignor, and Debtor as Lessee Assignee under which Debtor was granted assigned a leasehold interest in Unit 107 in the cooperative project described in (i) above.

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019 CA 000128 R (RP) the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction the allocated interest in 1000 New Jersey Avenue, SE Apt. 107, Washington, DC 20003, as described above, and as more fully described in the UCC Financing Statement recorded April 30, 2007, which is recorded as Instrument #200705197 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the offices of Alex Cooper Aucts., Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 AT 2:36 PM

The cooperative unit will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the UCC Statement/Loan Security Agreement referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

The assignment/transfer of the share of capital stock shall be subject to approval of the Cooperative, but the sale is not contingent upon the Purchaser's reasonable attorney fees and the Purchaser fails to obtain approval for the transfer from the Cooperative within the Settlement period provided for herein the sale shall be null and void, except that the Purchaser shall forfeit the deposit paid at the time of sale.

Any purchase shall be subject to all By-Laws and Regulations of the Cooperative Association, which may include a requirement that the unit be owner-occupied.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustee may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the underlying debt. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustee may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustee's reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 356590-1

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TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 1618 21ST PLACE SE WASHINGTON, DC 20020

The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Tidewater Auctioneers LLC, Chevy Chase Pavilion 5335 Wisconsin Ave NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

May 31, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from 21st Condos LLC, dated July 19, 2021, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2021100675 on July 26, 2021, with an original principal balance of \$3,351,530.00, and an original interest rate of 8.75% per annum with a default rate of 18.00% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.

Lot Thirty-two (32) in Square Fifty Five Hundred Ninety-one (5591) in Sylvester J. Equino's Subdivision, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 115 at folio 190.

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 Trustee's reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, and the Trustee has the right to resell the property. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee 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 Trustee. 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.

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TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 1320 8th STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20001

The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Tidewater Auctioneers, LLC, Chevy Chase Pavilion, 5335 Wisconsin Ave NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

May 31, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from 1320 8th St Fund LLC, dated February 16, 2022, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2022020574 on February 23, 2022, with an original principal balance of \$4,489,500.00, and an original interest rate of 8.75% per annum with a default rate of 18.00% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows: Lot numbered 0072 in Square numbered 0399 as per subdivision recorded in Book 218 and Page 148 among the Land Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.

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.

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COURT APPOINTED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

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In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's ("Court") Order Granting Judgment in Case #2022-CA-00480 (R/P) BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. v. DEBORAH MILLER the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Aucts., Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 AT 12:39 PM

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 0023 in Square 5728 in a Deed of Trust dated July 22, 1998 recorded as Instrument No. 9800058343 among the D.C. Land Records.

The property will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in fee simple subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of at least \$7,500 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in the form of cashier's or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within sixty (60) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 4.375% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or 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. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. (Matter #22-801043).

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

2426 L'Enfant Square, SE
Washington, DC 20020

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019-CA-005178 (R/RP) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 2426 L'Enfant Square, SE, Washington, DC, 20020, designated as being Square 5556, Lot 0050, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated June 7, 2006, which is recorded as Instrument #2006080114 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctions, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

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The property, in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon, will be sold by Trustee's deed, in "as is" condition, subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, to be paid in certified funds within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustees may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the purchaser. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustees may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 308899-3

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JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

2017 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019 CA 004889 (R/RP) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 2017 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001, designated as being Square 0360, Lot 0050, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated February 16, 2007, which is recorded as Instrument #2007027860 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctions, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

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The property, in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon, will be sold by Trustee's deed, in "as is" condition, subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$55,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, to be paid in certified funds within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustees may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the purchaser. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustees may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 83659-1

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1336 Anacostia Road, SE
Washington, DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019 CA 002075 (R/RP) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 1336 Anacostia Road, SE, Washington, DC, 20019, designated as being Square 5507, Lot 0003, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated August 19, 2016, which is recorded as Instrument #2016086417 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctions, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 AT 2:32 PM

The property, in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon, will be sold by Trustee's deed, in "as is" condition, subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$25,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, to be paid in certified funds within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustees may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the purchaser. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustees may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 336867-1

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JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1235 Trenton Place, SE
Washington, DC 20032

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019-CA-007173 (R/RP) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 1235 Trenton Place, SE, Washington, DC, 20032, designated as being Square 5933, Lot 0110, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated December 17, 2018, which is recorded as Instrument #2018128283 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctions, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

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The property, in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon, will be sold by Trustee's deed, in "as is" condition, subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

6516 North Capitol Street, NW
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In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019 CA 001506 (R/RP) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 6516 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20012, designated as being Square 3367-S, Lot 0064, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated June 15, 2015, which is recorded as Instrument #2015062368 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctions, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, to be paid in certified funds within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustees may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the purchaser. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustees may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 325792-2

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

4511 Eads Street, NE
Washington, DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2023-CAB-005875 (R/P) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 4511 Eads Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20019, designated as being Square 5133, Lot 0830, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2004, which is recorded as Instrument #2004139538 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the office of Alex Cooper Aucts., Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 AT 2:38 PM

The property, in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon, will be sold by Trustee's deed, in "as is" condition, subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, to be paid in certified funds within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustees may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the underlying debt. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustees may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 162778-1

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

3356 Blaine Street, NE
Washington, DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for District of Columbia's Order/Decree in Case #2019-CA-005390 (R/P) the Trustees will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 3356 Blaine Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20019, designated as being Square 5001S, Lot 0042, and as more fully described in the Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2005, which is recorded as Instrument #2005015510 in the Land Records of the District of Columbia. The sale will occur within the office of Alex Cooper Aucts., Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 AT 2:30 PM

The property, in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon, will be sold by Trustee's deed, in "as is" condition, subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. 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 sale is subject to ratification by the Court. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, to be paid in certified funds within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. There will be no abatement of interest for the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement, or in the event settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the aforesaid time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and the Trustees may apply the deposit toward costs, fees, and their compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process, with any remaining amount credited to the underlying debt. Additionally, if the purchaser fails to timely settle, the Trustees may file a motion to resell the property, and the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court in connection with said motion. The purchaser also waives personal service of any paper and Show Cause Order in connection with a motion to resell, expressly agrees to accept service by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser on the documents executed at the time of the sale, and agrees that such service is complete upon mailing and that actual receipt of said mailings is not required. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Real estate taxes are adjusted for the fiscal year in which the property is sold through the date of the sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Court Appointed Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Superior Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. BWW#: 29129-8

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Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
5501 Seminary Road #1808S,
Falls Church, VA 22041

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$213,000.00 dated August 15, 2005 and recorded as Instrument No. 2005033972.009, Book 17651, Page 1716 of the Fairfax County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the **Fairfax County Courthouse, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on June 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

Condominium Unit 1808S in the Skyline Square Condominium in accordance with the Declaration and plat attached thereto, duly recorded in Deed Book 5630 at Page 536, et seq, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia, and further shown in Exhibits attached thereto, all of which are hereinafter referred to collectively as the Declaration.

Together with the exclusive right to use the limited common element parking spaces identified as Numbers G2-59 and G1-181 as limited common elements hereby made legally appurtenant to and attached to the above described condominium unit.

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor's tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit by the Substitute Trustee of the conduct of the auction itself as well as the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust, including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE:
Lenox Title Trustee Services, LLC,
c/o McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC,
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260,
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Lenox Title Trustee Services, LLC,
Substitute Trustee
c/o Adrian G. Jacobs, Esq.
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
Phone: 404.474.7149
Fax: 404.745.8121
MTG File No.: VA2024-00035

Run Dates: May 22nd, 2024
May 29th, 2024

AD#82773

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
9723 Counsellor Drive,
Vienna, VA 22181

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2006 and recorded December 12, 2006 in Book 18976 Page 1546 in the Clerk's Office for the Fairfax County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$507,500.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION 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 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being situate in Fairfax County, Virginia, and as further described as follows:

Lot One Hundred Twelve (112), Section One (1), Barristers Place, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3116 at page 230 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 SUBSTITUTION 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
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May 29th, 2024
June 5th, 2024

AD#82963

Trustee Sales: Virginia

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
1424 ELIZABETH DR,
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22405

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$170,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.625000% dated July 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Stafford as Deed Instrument Number 060023472, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Stafford, on the courthouse steps of the **Circuit Court building for the County of Stafford located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia on July 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LOT 66 14015 SQFT
NORTHDRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Tax Map No. 46H-66

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 24-296189.

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 29th, 2024
June 5th, 2024

AD#83389

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
110 BRAFFERTON BOULEVARD,
STAFFORD, VA 22554

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$263,600.00, with an annual interest rate of 5.000000% dated July 16, 2007, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Stafford as Deed Instrument Number LR070017371, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the Stafford County, on the courthouse steps of the **Circuit Court building for the County of Stafford located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia on June 26, 2024 at 1:15 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LOT 95 SEC 3 12024 SQFT
PATRIOTS LANDING

Tax Map No. 20F 3 95

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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 24-295786.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION
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Mailing Address:
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Charlotte, North Carolina 28216
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Run Dates: April 24th, 2024
May 22nd, 2024
May 29th, 2024

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Trustee Sales: Prince William Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
14515 FULLERTON RD,
WOODBRIIDGE, VA 22193

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$300,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 5.250000% dated October 2, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Prince William as Deed Instrument Number 200610030142869, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the **Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on August 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

DALE CITY L 48 SEC 3

Tax Map No. 8191-97-3750

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 24-296057.

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Publishing Dates: May 29th, 2024
June 26th, 2024
July 3rd, 2024

AD#84162

Auctions: Maryland

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Cube contents will be sold for cash, credit or debit by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for the Owner East Frederick Self Storage, **100 Storage Way, Frederick, MD 21701** to satisfy a lien for rental on June 11, 2024 at approx. 3:00PM at www.storage-treasures.com

May 29, 2024 Ad#84192

Order Of Pub - Domestic: Alexandria

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Consent of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316

ALEXANDRIA JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Case No.: J038025-01-00
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: **URBINA GONZALEZ, CARLOS ISACC**

The object of this suit is to: CUSTODY/SJIS

It is ORDERED that **JUAN CARLOS URBINA MERINO** appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before **August 9, 2024 11:00 AM**.

DATE: May 8, 2024

Thomas Kevin Cullen
JUDGE

May 29, 2024
June 5, 12 & 19, 2024
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Rating: Gold

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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ACROSS

- 1 Stream from an aerosol
- 6 Facing the pitcher
- 11 NYC airport
- 14 Wear away
- 15 River mouth formation
- 16 Spanish cheer
- 17 Ingrid in chocolate
- 19 Hive insect
- 20 Make angry
- 21 Inn near a highway
- 23 "I'll take that wager"
- 27 Snoopy's strip
- 29 Actor Liam
- 30 Lost-package inquiry
- 31 Tex-Mex chip
- 32 Banquet platform
- 33 Quick scissor cut
- 36 Make a blunder
- 37 Clumsy people
- 40 Auto mileage gauge, for short
- 41 Sandwich breads
- 43 Fencing sword
- 44 Not on a tilt
- 46 Person sampling wines
- 48 Breakfast bowlful
- 49 Be the owner of
- 51 Well-organized
- 52 "No, thanks"
- 53 Strong smell
- 54 Lucy of Kung Fu Panda
- 55 Long song about Buddy Holly

DOWN

- 1 Fraction of a min.
- 2 Quid __ quo
- 3 Arabian Nights bird
- 4 Needless fuss
- 5 Grad's bound
- 6 All grown up
- 7 French head
- 8 Crunchy sandwich, for short
- 9 Snacked on
- 10 Airport pavement
- 11 Employee replacement
- 12 Naval force
- 13 Boat bottoms
- 18 Good, in Mexico
- 22 Small bills
- 23 Toward the center
- 24 Misty-eyed
- 25 Subtle ingredient for success
- 26 Bonfire residue
- 27 Nobel or Pulitzer
- 28 Worry-free feeling
- 30 "Baked" side dish, informally
- 32 Deceives
- 34 Best possible
- 35 "Want a cracker" parrot
- 38 Allows
- 39 Alaska's iditarod, e.g.
- 42 Talk back to
- 45 Before, in poetry
- 47 Source of bun seeds
- 48 Gator's cousin
- 49 Builds stacks with
- 50 Present a view
- 51 Praiseful poet
- 53 Triple-decker cookie
- 56 "YOU ARE HERE" chart
- 57 End-of-list abbr.
- 58 Nonverbal assent
- 59 Sty dweller
- 60 Suffix for percent
- 61 Shape of a dollar sign

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JUMBLE/David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CRNUH
RXBEO
FGNSUU
TRGIYT

I can see this replacing incandescent bulbs some day!

Wow! It's working with barely any power!

THE LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED) WAS INVENTED IN THE EARLY 1960S AND HAD A...

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GROUP WHISK CHOSEN INNING Answer: They reached the summit of the mountain at exactly 12 p.m., which was — HIGH NOON

RUBES/Leigh Rubin

FINALLY I WILL NOT DO TODAY'S CHORES!

- WASH DISHES
- COOK
- VACUUM
- LAUNDRY
- MOP FLOORS
- YARD WORK

Her goals met, Meg accomplishes another satisfyingly unproductive day.

IN THE BLEACHERS/Steve Moore

"Spectator interference!"

B.C./Mastroianni & Hart

YOU'RE LEAVING ME FOR A MAYFLY?

I NEED TO FOLLOW MY HAPPINESS, MAUDE.

SEE YOU IN TWO DAYS!

LOLA/Todd Clark

PSST, MONTY. HAND THIS TO LEEANNE.

Summer is near, time for lemonade drinkin' And once it gets hot, my pits will be stinkin'

WHAT DO I DO WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

CHERISH IT?

BOUND & GAGGED/Dana Summers

BAKERY

I NEED A CAKE FOR MY GRANDMOTHER'S 105TH BIRTHDAY AND I NEED IT FAST!

ADAM @ HOME/Rob Harrell

KA-CHUNK

(LAURA!)

(I THINK SOMEONE'S DOWNSTAIRS)

FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, THAT WAS THE ICE MAKER IN THE FRIDGE.

(THAT FRIDGE IS UP TO SOMETHING.)

(LONG SLOW GROAN)

THE BUCKETS/Greg Cravens

WHAT KEPT YOU?

STOPPED AT THE CORNER STORE.

...TO PICK UP A CANDY BAR AGAIN? BAD HABIT!

BUT I GOT TWO.

AW, SO THOUGHTFUL.

CANDY BARS! WHERE'S OURS?

SO HOW THOUGHTFUL WERE YOU?

ENOUGH FOR AN EXCUSE TO GO BACK TO THE CORNER STORE FOR THE KIDS!

ROSE IS ROSE/Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

I'LL BE DREAMING SOLO THIS EVENING, ANGEL...

TAKE THE NIGHT OFF.

MY SERVICES ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE!

I WITHDRAW MY REQUEST!

DOGS OF C-KENNEL/Mick & Mason Mastroianni

WHAT PART OF 'RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY' DO YOU NOT GET?!

HERB & JAMAAL/Stephen Bentley

YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE A PEACEFUL DEMEANOR, JAMAAL.

WELL, I TRY MY BEST NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS...

BECAUSE ZEN PHILOSOPHY TELLS ME TO "LET GO"...

OR BE DRAGGED DOWN WITH THEM.

CARPE DIEM/Niklas Eriksson

THE SATURN RINGS ULTRA MARATHON (SINGLE LAP).

BROOM-HILDA/Russell Myers

ICE CREAM

BAD JOBS IN HELL

DICK TRACY/Shelley Plegler & Mike Curtis

BOY COMPUTERS LEAVE INTERESTING TRACES.

ANYTHING NASTY?

NO, NOTHING IN THE FILES. IT'S THE BROWSER HISTORY THAT'S INTERESTING...

A LOT OF RESEARCH ON CRYPTO AND I WOULDN'T THINK A CEO WOULD SPEND SO MUCH TIME READING ABOUT A SCANDAL RAG.

SUPERHERO ERIC CORNELLO

CHARLES ETTINGER

MIKE CURTIS

POOCH CAFE/Paul Gilligan

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE A MEMBER OF A CRAZY CAT LADY SOCIETY!

IF YOU HAVE OVER A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CATS, THEY MAKE YOU BECOME A MEMBER!

THEY'RE VERY INTIMIDATING. EVEN TALKING LIKE THIS CAN GET YOU IN TROUBLE.

HOW CAN THEY MAKE YOU?

HOW ON EARTH WOULD THEY FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IN YOUR OWN HOME?

I DON'T KNOW. SOMEHOW THEY HAVE WAYS OF FINDING OUT.

YOU DON'T TRUST YOUR OWN CATS?

YOU CAN LOVE CATS AND STILL NOT TRUST THEM! CATS ARE VERY COMPLEX!

STRANGE BREW/John Deering

GOOD EVENING. MY CLIENT, TOMMY FILPO, HAS FILED THIS HARASSMENT SUIT NAMING YOU AND THE THING IN THE CLOSET. SEE YOU IN COURT.

BOTTOM LINERS/Eric & Bill Teitelbaum

BURGER CHICKEN TACO

FAST FOODS 9 US

"After raising prices, we've started calling our specials 'Unhappy Meals!'"

THE FLYING McCOYS/Glenn & Gary McCoy

DANG, MY TOOTHPICK JUST FELL IN THERE. NOW I'LL NEVER FIND IT!

PARDON MY PLANET/Vic Lee

YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING MEI NOW!

WHEN WEAPONS JAM

BLISS/Harry Bliss

OVERSHOT AGAIN!

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gibson leads MLB after Negro Leagues stats incorporated

NEW YORK | Josh Gibson became Major League Baseball's career leader with a .372 batting average, surpassing Ty Cobb's .367, when Negro Leagues

records for more than 2,300 players were incorporated Tuesday after a three-year research project.

Gibson's .466 average for the 1943 Homestead Grays became the season standard, followed by Charlie "Chino" Smith's .451 for the 1929 New York Lincoln Giants. They overtook the .440 by Hugh Duffy for the National League's Boston team in 1894.

Gibson also became the career leader in slugging percentage (.718) and OPS (1.177), moving ahead of Babe Ruth (.690 and 1.164).

"This initiative is focused on ensuring that future generations of fans have access to the statistics and milestones of all those who made the Negro Leagues possible," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "Their accomplishments on the field will be a gateway to broader learning about this triumph in American history and the path that led to Jackie Robinson's 1947 Dodger debut."

AUTO RACING

Stewart-Haas Racing to close NASCAR teams at end of 2024

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | Stewart-Haas Racing, a two-time NASCAR championship team with 69 Cup Series victories since its 2009 formation, will close its organization at the end of this season.

Co-owners Tony Stewart and Gene Haas announced the decision after nearly a year of rumors that their four-car Cup team was looking to sell its charters and either scale back or exit the stock car series completely. The news was delivered to the nearly 300 SHR employees late Tuesday afternoon.

"It is a decision that did not come easily, nor was it made quickly," the owners said. "Racing is a labor-intensive, humbling sport. It requires unwavering commitment and vast resources, with a 365-day mindset to be better than everyone else. It's part of what makes success so rewarding. But the commitment needed to extract maximum performance while providing sustainability is incredibly demanding, and we've reached a point in our respective personal and business lives where it's time to pass the torch."

WOMEN'S GOLF

Thompson, a 15-time winner, retiring from full-time golf at 29

LANCASTER, PA. | Golf is all Lexi Thompson has ever known, and one of the more popular players on the LPGA Tour decided Tuesday this will be her last year playing a full schedule.

Thompson chose the U.S. Women's Open — the major she first played when she was 12 — to announce that she will step away at the end of the year. The 29-year-old American became emotional while talking about the amount of work no one sees and the loneliness she has faced.

Thompson said she has contemplated semi-retirement the last few years and cited mental health as one of the factors that contributed to her decision.

Thompson is playing her 18th U.S. Women's Open before turning 30. She won the first of her 15 LPGA title at age 16. She is known as much for the majors she lost as the one she captured at the Kraft Nabisco Championship in 2014 when she was 19.

NHL

Jessica Campbell could be candidate as Kraken assistant

SEATTLE | New Seattle Kraken coach Dan Bylsma said current Coachella Valley assistant coach Jessica Campbell could be a candidate for a similar position with the NHL club.

Bylsma has been the head coach at Coachella Valley for the past two seasons with Campbell as one of his assistants.

"Jessica's been part of that conversation. Stu Bickell has been part of that conversation and what they've done the last two years in developing players down there — Tye Kartye, Ryker Evans — is evidence of that, so they are part of the conversation about going forward with the staff here," Bylsma said.

Campbell became the first female full-time assistant coach in the AHL when she was hired by the team before the start of its first season. There has not been a female full-time assistant on the bench at the NHL level.

Emily Engel-Natzke was hired by the Washington Capitals as the first woman in the role of video coordinator in June 2022.

From wire dispatches and staff reports.

NHL

Hintz's return provides big boost for Robertson, Stars

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

With first-line center Roope Hintz in the lineup again, the Dallas Stars suddenly have one of their top goal-scorers back in form: linemate Jason Robertson.

Hintz had an immediate impact in his return after missing four games with a lower-body injury.

"I don't know if anyone doubted that there would be," Stars forward Tyler Seguin said. "I think 'Robo' probably enjoyed it the most."

After 10 games without a goal, Robertson had a playoff hat trick in Game 3 of the Western Conference Final against Edmonton on Monday night. Hintz had the primary assists on the first two goals in a 2½-minute span that got the Stars even, and was also on the ice for Robertson's third which was the game-winning goal.

"You could see the speed really drive our line through the neutral zone," Robertson said. "It was a race (to the puck) and he won almost all



Stars center Roope Hintz (24) recorded the primary assists on the first two goals of Jason Robertson's playoff hat trick in a Game 3 win over the Oilers on Monday.

of them, if not all of them. So, yeah, it was great."

Dallas takes a 2-1 series lead into Game 4 on Wednesday night, and maybe Hintz and Robertson are getting on track

at the right time with the Stars trying to get to their second Stanley Cup Final in five seasons.

Hintz had only one goal without any assists in the first eight playoff games.

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by making seven 3-pointers in Game 3, Jrue Holiday overcame an illness to deftly pick Andrew Nembhard's pocket, and Derrick White delivered the go-ahead 3-pointer in Game 4, everyone seemed genuinely happy it was Jaylen Brown who was chosen series MVP.

"I didn't expect that at all," Brown said before explaining the emotions of being left off the all-NBA teams. "But as time has gone by and I got to this point, I just stopped caring and I don't care who

sees what as long as my team knows my value, my city knows my value, my family knows my value. That's all I really care about."

There's little doubt the Celtics understand where they would be — and where they wouldn't be — without Brown.

He scored 29 points and grabbed six rebounds to help Boston erase an eight-point deficit in the final six minutes Monday night. And after the defense forced two late turnovers, Brown helped close it out with a brilliant block of Nembhard just before White's big shot.

The reaction was telling for Holiday, who won an NBA title with the 2020-21 Milwaukee Bucks.

"I think it's even better that he didn't expect it. That really means that didn't matter to him," Holiday said. "It was about winning and whatever it took, however long it took. That's what was important to him and I think when you have that mentality and that mindset, you see great people rewarded for the things they do."

Holiday understands.

When the Bucks traded him to Portland in September to acquire Damian Lillard, he wasn't sure what would happen next. Four days later, the Celtics made another deal with the Trail Blazers to get the two-time All-Star and defensive whiz, hoping he could

help them complete their championship quest.

So far, the Celtics' investment in Holiday has delivered big dividends. And now everyone's about to find out if the addition of Holiday and the possible return of starting center Kristaps Porzingis from a strained right calf that has kept him out since April 29 just might help Boston earn another crowning achievement.

"Obviously, we fell short of our ultimate goal last year, lost in the conference finals," Tatum said. "So I think we've just applied everything we learned to this season and this postseason and it's been working really well."

"Just brings so much to our lineup," said Wyatt Johnston, their 21-year-old center. "It hard to, you know, just kind of explain. He just does so much."

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terms in Congress from 1987 to 1993.

"We would run into each other occasionally," McMillen said. "We always had some discussions politically. I always thought that Bill would have been good at politics. But he had an iconic career."

Yes, he did — two of them.

Walton is in both the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He won three consecutive national college player of the year awards from 1972 to 1974, leading UCLA to two national championships in 1972 and 1973 and an 88-game win streak.

For Walton, it was actually a 142-game winning streak over five years that started in his high school years.

In 1974, his UCLA squad lost to a North Carolina State team led by another legendary college star, David Thompson, 80-77 in double overtime. Walton finished his college career with an 86-4 record.

He was drafted by the Portland

Trail Blazers with the first pick in the 1974, but we had to wait until 1977 to see the best of Walton, as his first two years were limited by the chronic foot injuries that would hamper him throughout his career.

In 1977, Walton showed the NBA his greatness while averaging 18.6 points, 14.4 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 3.2 blocks per game, leading Portland to an NBA title.

That team is remembered as a disciplined unit that had mastered the fundamentals of basketball and played the game with a textbook precision that was a joy to watch. You know — the exact opposite of the NBA today.

And Walton did what he did in those NBA playoffs against Hall of Fame centers Artis Gilmore and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

He was named the MVP of the NBA finals, which prompted the losing coach, the Philadelphia 76ers' Gene Shue, to declare, "Bill Walton is the best player for a big man who ever played the game of basketball."

Walton the basketball player was, in some ways, like Joe Namath.

It's tough to convey the greatness of his game beyond the numbers limited

by an injury-diminished career, but some moments stand out no matter how distant they are in the past — 44 points on 21 of 22 field goals, with 13 rebounds, for UCLA in the NCAA title game against Memphis, and the 20 points, 23 rebounds, 8 blocks and 7 assists he had in the Game 6 championship clincher in the 1977 NBA finals against the Julius Erving's 76ers.

But, like Namath, you really had to see Walton in action to appreciate that he was one of the top five centers to ever play the game. You just had to be there.

Fortunately, most of us were there for Walton's second act — the colorful, warm basketball analyst who preached round ball, tie-dyed T-shirt love.

It was George Foreman-like, from angry and withdrawn to friendly and sociable, a Grateful Dead ambassador.

He underwent this change despite nearly 40 operations for foot and back ailments that left him in pain throughout much of his life.

The early Walton was combative and difficult, a child of the 1960s who was arrested at protests, and hung out with radicals — he was close to Jack Scott, the activist who helped

hide Patty Hearst and members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, who were on the run as wanted terrorists. He constantly battled with his Hall of Fame UCLA coach, John Wooden.

"He told me after his Player of the Year and national championship season I didn't have the right to have him wear his hair shorter," Wooden said in one of his many Walton tales. "I said that's right, but I have the right to determine who plays, and we are going to miss you."

Yet later Walton would often profess his love for his former coach and call Wooden twice a week.

Walton also had a stutter that held him back until he met Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Glickman, who gave Walton some advice and exercises.

"Marty Glickman completely changed my life in so many ways that things have never been the same since, nor have they ever been better," he wrote in an essay for The Stuttering Foundation.

Turns out it changed many other lives as well, because it gave all of us the gift of Bill Walton's soul.

• You can hear Thom Loverro on The Kevin Sheehan Show podcast.

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but a title, for me, is not satisfactory," which is understandable given his remarkable resume.

"In the moments when it mattered, I think I delivered. Played a great tiebreak. Stayed focused," Djokovic said about Tuesday's performance. "I'm glad that I started the way I started, the way I felt on the court. Comparing to the previous weeks of tournaments I played, I felt good. Better. So I'm moving in a positive direction. Yeah, it's just the beginning."

He seemed a bit edgy at moments against Herbert, a 33-year-old Frenchman who owns a career Grand Slam in doubles but never has been past the third round at any major in singles and is currently ranked 142nd.

The home crowd tried to push Herbert, repeatedly calling out his name, even imploring him in English at one point by chanting, "Let's go, Pierre-Hugues! Let's go!" They jeered Djokovic late in the third set when he went to the sideline to towel off after he slipped, stumbled and tumbled onto the clay chasing a ball.

A day after sitting in the Chatrier stands to watch rival Rafael Nadal's first-round loss against Alexander Zverev, Djokovic was competing in the chill of a 60-degree evening, and he did not always look happy. He rolled his head back after one miss while making four groundstroke mistakes to get broken early in the second set. He repeatedly gestured to ball kids to give him tennis balls so he could prepare to serve.

Although Herbert's game did not demand a maximum expenditure of energy from Djokovic, there certainly

was enough to keep things interesting. And by the end, the winner totals were 37 for Herbert, 29 for Djokovic.

There were some strokes of brilliance from Djokovic, to be sure, and he covered the court well when sprinting after the drop shots Herbert kept trying. The highlight for Djokovic was probably the closed-stance sliding backhand winner that earned him a match point - which was converted when Herbert double-faulted to end it.

Still, the statistic that truly mattered was the one that shows Djokovic is now 69-0 in opening matches at Slam events since starting his career with a 3-2 mark in first-rounders.

Djokovic's second-round opponent will be 63rd-ranked Roberto Carballes Baena of Spain.

The first round closed on a day during which rain delayed play for several

hours early in the day on all but the two principal courts, which are outfitted with retractable roofs.

Other winners Tuesday included the man Djokovic beat in last year's French Open final, Casper Ruud, and past major champions Aryna Sabalenka and Elena Rybakina.

Ruud, who also was the runner-up to Nadal in Paris in 2022 and leads the ATP with 36 wins in 2024, beat Felipe Meligeni Alves 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Two-time Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka overpowered Erika Andreeva 6-1, 6-2, and 2022 Wimbledon winner Elena Rybakina beat Greet Minnen 6-2, 6-3.

Sabalenka is trying to become the first woman since Serena Williams in 2015 to win the Australian Open and Roland Garros in the same season and get halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam.

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time when women's sports are surging.

Leading the way at the moment is Caitlin Clark, from her record-setting college career at Iowa to her debut in the WNBA that has led to spikes in ticket prices and attendance. Soccer and tennis remain more popular than golf, particularly in America.

Never mind that the LPGA Tour has more history and offers more money. The LPGA Tour dates to 1950 and has never received — nor asked for — help from the PGA Tour. Ty Votaw, the LPGA commissioner from two decades ago, once spoke to the LPGA's independence by saying, "If

you take the NBA out of WNBA, you'd have the ABL."

The American Basketball League launched in the mid-1990s right before the WNBA, and it folded in two years.

LPGA prize money this year tops \$100 million. Last year, 28 players earned at least \$1 million.

Mollie Marcoux Samaan, the LPGA commissioner, points to increasing consumption metrics from spectators to page views to television. She sees progress, and points to more energy and more volume being critical for that moment when women's golf reaches the forefront of the conversation.

Korda would seem to shoulder the bulk of that burden. She prefers to do that with her clubs.

She has been known to duck media

opportunities that could help the greater good of the LPGA. One of those moments was at the Women's British Open in 2021 when she declined a news conference. It was her first appearance since winning the Olympic gold medal.

"I think our responsibility is to go out and play golf, to hopefully put on a show for everyone, and to go out there and perform our best," Korda said. "Hopefully, that brings in the audience. I know there's expectations from players, and I think that our No. 1 priority should be to go out there, enjoy our time on the golf course, and grow the game playing good golf."

As for expectations of her role as the LPGA's biggest star, Korda said the lesson was to be honest with herself

and those around her, to not try to be someone she isn't.

A 13-year-old youth reporter asked Korda what she would say to her 13-year-old self.

"There's going to be expectations from the people around you, and the best thing you can ever do is stay true to yourself, stay your course," Korda said.

"I just try to be very, very pure and very, very honest with everyone around me," she said. "And I hope that they see that I am proud of the person that I am at the end of the day. And that is how I hope that I grow the game."

Winning never hurts, and Korda has certainly done her share. She already has six wins this year, and it's not even June.



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Novak Djokovic slips close to the net during his 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-4, win over Pierre-Hugues Herbert on Tuesday in the first round of the French Open. "I don't want to get too excited," Djokovic said. "I thought it was a good performance for me."

TENNIS

Djokovic starts quest for 25th Grand Slam title with a first-round victory

By HOWARD FENDRICH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS | Ignore the straight-set score: Novak Djokovic was not quite at his impervious best in the first round of the French Open on Tuesday night, and his 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-4 win over Pierre-Hugues Herbert was not enough to alter the defending champion's "low expectations" at this tournament.

"I don't want to get too excited," Djokovic said. "I thought it was a good performance for me. Solid. Of course, I could have done better, I think, on return games, but also credit to him for serving very well, for changing things up."

It's been a rougher-than-usual season so far for Djokovic, and while there were some signs of breaking out of his 2024 funk during the course of the contest at Court Philippe Chatrier, he still has room for improvement as he attempts to become the first player in tennis history to claim 25 Grand Slam singles trophies. There's no doubt he cares about such things.

"Grand Slams are the ones that are basically getting me up from the bed every day. Knowing that I have to hit the practice courts, I always think about what I can do in Grand Slams," he said. "So here I am. Hopefully I can have another deep run."

Djokovic is a three-time title winner at Roland Garros who needs to return to the final to retain his No. 1 ranking. But he arrived in Paris without having done that at any tournament this year. He is 0-3 in semifinals — including a loss last week at the lower-tier Geneva Open on red clay — and this victory across 2½ hours only served to make his overall record 15-6.

So when he spoke at a news conference on Sunday, Djokovic described his mindset heading into the French Open this way: "Low expectations and high hopes." Then he pointed out, "Anything

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NBA

Eyes on the bigger prize



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Celtics forward Jayson Tatum celebrates after he had a near-triple double in Monday's Game 4 series-clinching win over the Pacers in the Eastern Conference finals.

By MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celtics can now think about franchise's 18th title after reaching NBA Finals

INDIANAPOLIS | The Boston Celtics completed one quest Monday night by returning to the NBA Finals.

Now, they'll chase an even bigger goal, the one that's eluded this team for more than a decade — capturing the franchise's 18th championship.

Yes, despite playing for six conference titles in eight seasons, this marks only the second time Boston has advanced to The Finals during that span. And since winning their first NBA title in 1957, the Celtics' current 16-year

drought is the second-longest in franchise history.

It would be the crowning achievement to what has already been a remarkable season.

"Boston has a great team. They led the league from wire to wire," Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said after his team was swept 4-0 in its first conference finals appearance since 2014. "They didn't want this thing to go on any longer.

They blocked shots, they got offensive rebounds, they made key shots."

Boston has excelled in seemingly every possible way in this year's playoffs.

The Celtics have won seven straight games overall, they improved to 6-0 on the road with yet another comeback victory, 105-102 in Game 4 against Indiana, and they are 3-0 in elimination games. They beat Indiana three times down the stretch, rallying in the last two games

with decisive 13-2 and 7-0 closing spurts to end the Pacers' perfect 2024 playoff run at home — and their season.

Next up will be the Dallas Mavericks or Minnesota Timberwolves. Dallas led the Western Conference finals 3-0 and was able to clinch the series on its home court Tuesday night.

And Boston has been finding help in all corners.

While Jayson Tatum garnered the usual headlines for two 36-point outings and a near triple-double in Game 4, 37-year-old Al Horford defied the odds

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Walton leaves behind unmatched legacy

Former Maryland basketball star Tom McMillen was surprised to hear that Bill Walton had died at the age of 71 from cancer. "I didn't know he was that sick," McMillen said. "I would have reached out to him. He was a great human being."

The link between the two stars goes back to the 1970s, even before their illustrious collegiate careers.

"We were those high school boys that got a lot of publicity," McMillen said. "Our friendly rivalry started in high school."

Their college years included a legendary showdown in their senior years, as Maryland opened the 1973-74 season at Pauley Pavilion against Walton and UCLA (the Bruins won 65-64).

Sports Illustrated played up the Walton-McMillen meeting. "It has been, as McMillen says, a 'nebulous rivalry,' but a rivalry nonetheless, and it started when the two were precocious basketball lads and high school honor students at Mansfield, Pa. and La Mesa, Calif.," SI wrote. "The best big men in the East and West, back then. Compared and commented on; who was the best? One to Maryland. The other to UCLA. Naturally, fabulous freshmen."

"In the years since, while Walton has come to rule the sport, all McMillen has done is become an All-American on one of the better teams in the land, win an Olympic team berth and an NIT MVP trophy and, off the court, become a Rhodes scholar applicant and a participant in so many government-related activities his teammates call him 'the Senator.'"

McMillen went on to serve three



THOM LOVERRO

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Korda hopes winning is enough to help her sport grow

By DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANCASTER, PA.

Nelly Korda has won six of her last seven tournaments. She tied a record held by two LPGA greats, Nancy Lopez and Annika Sorenstam, by winning five tournaments in a row. So it's safe to say she is head and shoulders over everyone else.

She felt that way outside the ropes, too.

One of her favorite moments this year was when Korda became the first LPGA player — and first golfer since Tiger Woods in 2013 — to attend the

Met Gala earlier this month at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"For me, it was more shocking how tall I was compared to everyone," Korda said Tuesday with an easy smile. She is 5-foot-10 — her height contributes to one of the most graceful, athletic swings in golf — and Korda was quick to point out she was in heels.

"We were in a tent, and there was no air conditioning and it was really hot, and everyone was like sweating," Korda said. "And I was like, 'Oh, the air's fine up here, guys.'"

She says the best part of such a cool experience was looking around at who was there. "The ultimate

people-watching fest," is how she described it.

Korda should know the feeling. No one gets more eyeballs in women's golf at the moment. She has become the singular star of the LPGA Tour, the No. 1 player in the women's world ranking by more than twice the margin of No. 2.

Expectations have never been greater, and the stage is the biggest of the year.

The U.S. Women's Open starts Thursday at Lancaster Country Club, a classic tree-lined course with all the trappings of a tough, old-fashioned U.S. Open. The prize money is \$12 million, the largest in the world for a

standalone women's event, with \$2.4 million to the winner.

The last time the U.S. Women's Open came to Lancaster, it set an attendance record of 135,000 spectators. The same is expected this week at the championship that long has been considered the biggest on the LPGA schedule.

It's a big opportunity for Korda, and for women's golf.

It took her five-tournament winning streak, which Rose Zhang ended at the Cognizant Founders Cup, to bring the LPGA attention this year.

Even so, it has lagged behind at a

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Nelly Korda's five-tournament winning streak earlier this year has brought attention to the LPGA. The U.S. Women's Open starts Thursday.