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## U.S. and China lay out rival visions

Both stress their security alliances in Indo-Pacific, underscoring tensions

BY ABIGAIL HAUSLOHNER AND CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD

SINGAPORE — Defense leaders from the United States and China laid out their competing visions of a modern security order in the Indo-Pacific this past weekend, with the American side championing Washington's expanded network of security partnerships, while Chinese officials promoted their own such alliances and cast the United States as a foreign aggressor meddling in Asian affairs.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and his Chinese counterpart, Dong Jun, each delivered addresses at the Shangri-La Dialogue, an annual international security conference in Singapore — one of the rare settings that brings senior officials from the rival militaries into proximity with one another through panel discussions, dinners and cocktail hours in a luxury hotel. Austin and Dong also met on the summit's sidelines Friday, their first meeting in two years.

Competing rhetoric over the course of the weekend's debates — much of it referencing recent events, such as China's spate of large-scale military exercises around Taiwan less than two weeks ago — underscored the sense that regional tensions have grown increasingly incendiary.

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## Spat led to Hunter Biden's gun trial

His brother's widow disposed of weapon at center of federal case

BY MATT VISER

Hallie Biden awoke on an October morning in 2018 after Hunter Biden, the brother of her deceased husband, Beau, had spent the night. While he slept, she dropped her two kids off at school and then returned to rummage through the truck he had parked outside, anxious as to what the admitted drug addict might be hiding.

When she found a newly purchased Colt Cobra .38 handgun, she was hit by a wave of anger and fear. She put the gun in a shopping bag and drove a few miles to a high-end grocery store, where she tossed it into a trash can. That set off a chain of events that would trigger a flurry of frantic text messages, launch another dark chapter in a doomed and difficult romance — and lead to Hunter Biden's federal trial beginning Monday.

When Hallie told Hunter, whose father at the time was contemplating a run for the presidency, how she had disposed of the

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Sports have changed from a unifying bond to a platform for division. Is there any going back?



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HUNTSVILLE, ALA. — At this sports crime scene, a great myth suffered a random death. The games we love lost their unifying superpower here. It ruptured in a sound bite.

Some consider Donald Trump the culprit, but he was just the closer. Tension was already there, prime for manipulation. Seven years ago, during a political rally at the Von Braun Center, Trump used his presidential privilege

to finish the job. With one vulgar and meandering diatribe against protesting NFL players, he made American sports civility collapse. It seems no one cares to rebuild it.

The president shouted: "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say: 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He's fired. He's fired!'"

His taunt became the soundtrack for sports discord.

It spawned a countermovement that politicizes the arena in ways more blatant than athletes railing

against inhumanity. On Sept. 22, 2017, a Friday night, Trump invited right-wing grievance to the fight, an intractable adversary that continues to haunt the environment long after his presidency.

When we gather for sports now, some Americans root against the United States in international competition for reasons ranging from too much bravado to too many vocal equality seekers. In 2018, people started burning their Nike attire after the company released a promotion featuring former quarterback

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## Covid inquiry strained physicians' friendship

Two politicians from opposing parties tussle over pandemic legacy

BY DAN DIAMOND

Brad Wenstrup was alarmed. It was February 2020, weeks before the coronavirus pandemic shuttered America's businesses and schools. But the Ohio congressman, a former military combat surgeon, was reading email from a fellow doctor on how U.S. and Chinese researchers had been experimenting on viruses in Wuhan, China, the center of the outbreak.

"Look, I'm military, a military



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**Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.), left, and Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-Ohio) listen to testimony May 22 during their covid panel's hearing.**

doc. ... I started thinking about biological weapons," Wenstrup recalled in a recent interview with The Washington Post.

Four years later, the Republican congressman is still thinking about China's potential links to covid, as part of his work to shape America's understanding of the pandemic. As chairman of the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic — the only panel in Congress solely devoted to investigating a health crisis that left more than 1 million Americans dead — Wenstrup has led investigations into

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## Biden plan strains Israel

POLITICAL PRESSURE ON NETANYAHU

Hostage families push for cease-fire deal

BY SHIRA RUBIN, LIOR SOROKA, SARAH DADOUGH AND ADELA SULIMAN

TEL AVIV — Political pressure is mounting on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as more than 100,000 Israelis flooded the streets of this city on Saturday night demanding he accept a U.S.-brokered deal for a cease-fire in Gaza while members of his far-right coalition threatened that any such move would bring down the government.

The proposal, revealed in a surprise speech by President Biden on Friday, calls for a six-week pause in fighting, during which hostages taken from Israel by Hamas would be released in phases in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, and there would be a significant boost in aid shipments to the Gaza Strip. The key sticking point — the same one that has doomed past negotiations — is how and when the war will officially end.

Netanyahu's office said Friday

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## Executive editor of The Post steps down

In abrupt newsroom shake-up, Sally Buzbee departs after three years

BY ELAHE IZADI AND AMY ARGETSINGER

Sally Buzbee, the executive editor of The Washington Post since 2021, has stepped down, publisher and CEO William Lewis announced late Sunday.

She will be replaced by Matt Murray, the former editor in chief of the Wall Street Journal, Lewis said. After the presidential election in November, Robert Winnett, most recently the deputy editor of Telegraph Media Group, will take over in a newly created role of editor. Both have previously worked with Lewis.

The abrupt shake-up at the top of The Post — which Lewis announced alongside ambitious plans for a new division of the newsroom — is the biggest move by far from the British-born journalist since he took over as CEO in January.

Buzbee, previously the executive editor of the Associated Press, was the first woman to lead the nearly 150-year-old newspaper. She could not be immediately reached for comment.

The announcement — in the final months of a presidential

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# Sally Buzbee, first woman to lead The Post newsroom, to depart

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election campaign, traditionally a marquee news event for The Post — surprised many in the newsroom, which has also been consumed with coverage of the unprecedented guilty verdict in Donald Trump's New York hush money criminal trial and the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza.

Buzbee appeared onstage at a companywide meeting less than two weeks ago where Lewis told staff that about a plan to create new tiers of subscription offerings, in a bid to enhance revenue.

She had been hired in May 2021 by The Post's then-publisher and CEO Fred Ryan, who stepped down almost a year ago after a rare round of layoffs, public clashes with the newsroom's union and sharp declines in revenue and subscriptions.

When Lewis was named as the next publisher late last year, he told The Post he was "a huge fan" of Buzbee, whom he had gotten to

know when he was a member of the AP's board, and that he was "100 percent" committed to her remaining in the job.

Lewis also did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

In a statement released by the company, he said: "Sally is an incredible leader and a supremely talented media executive who will be sorely missed. I wish her all the best going forward."

Buzbee's departure comes at an already tumultuous time for The Post, which lost \$77 million over the past year, Lewis recently acknowledged, and offered buyouts to a couple hundred staffers at the end of 2023 to bring costs in line.

In his Sunday night email to staff, Lewis also announced plans to launch "a new division of the newsroom" later this year focused on "service and social media journalism" and aimed at audiences who "want to consume and pay for news differently from traditional offerings."

The aim, he added, "is to give

the millions of Americans — who feel traditional news is not for them but still want to be kept informed — compelling, exciting and accurate news where they are and in the style that they want."

Murray will oversee this new division after the election, Lewis said. Winnett, meanwhile, will oversee "core coverage areas," such as politics, investigations, business, technology, sports and features. David Shipley will remain the head of The Post's opinions section, which has traditionally operated separately from news.

Murray was the top editor of the Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones when Lewis served as the Journal's publisher and Dow Jones's CEO.

In recent months, Lewis has also announced the hiring of other former Dow Jones colleagues into top corporate jobs at The Post, including Karl Wells as chief growth officer and Suzi Watford as chief strategy officer.

Winnett is less well known in U.S. media circles than Murray,

but he also has a history with Lewis, who was editor of London's Daily Telegraph when he hired Winnett in 2007 as a senior reporter for the paper. Both had worked together previously at London's Sunday Times.

As a reporter, Winnett won acclaim for his part in breaking a major story about the misuse of expense accounts by members of Parliament, an exposé that triggered resignations and criminal probes.

Murray, meanwhile, was himself on the other side of an abrupt newsroom shake-up just a year and a half ago.

A 29-year veteran of the Wall Street Journal, he was named editor in chief in 2018. During his tenure, the Journal won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting and produced some groundbreaking investigative series. Digital subscriptions also rose during his time at the helm.

But in late 2022, he was he was replaced by Emma Tucker, a British

journalist from the Sunday Times of London with close ties to the inner circle of the Journal's controlling shareholder, Rupert Murdoch.

Buzbee's tenure coincided with a difficult one for much of the news media, which saw a drop-off in readership and revenue. She oversaw The Post's newsroom during a period of record hiring, but also some high-profile departures, as well as layoffs and buyouts. Buzbee shuttered The Post's weekly magazine, and the paper stopped publishing its Outlook section, dedicated to commentary and analysis.

Yet Buzbee is credited with launching newsroom departments focused on climate and well-being coverage. She also oversaw the newsroom when it won several Pulitzers, including the award for public service for coverage of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol and its aftermath. Last month, the National staff won a Pulitzer for a project on the politics and impact of the AR-15 rifle.

# Trump falsely claims he never called for Clinton to be locked up

Former president makes assertion in interview aired on Fox News show

BY MARIANA ALFARO

Former president Donald Trump, who now awaits sentencing after being convicted on Thursday on 34 charges in his hush money trial, told Fox News that he never called for his 2016 presidential campaign rival, Hillary Clinton, to be sent to jail.

During an interview, portions of which aired Sunday on "Fox & Friends Weekend," Trump was asked about a call often heard at his campaign rallies: "Lock her up."

The chant is perhaps one of the most popular among Trump supporters, and it refers to demands by his voters to imprison Clinton over her use of a private email server while secretary of state.

"You famously said, regarding Hillary Clinton, 'Lock her up.' You declined to do that as president," Fox co-host Will Cain told Trump.

"I beat her," Trump replied. "It's easier when you win. And they always said lock her up, and I felt — and I could have done it, but I felt it would have been a terrible thing. And then this happened to me."



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People yell, "Lock her up," referring to Hillary Clinton, at a rally on the National Mall in 2017.

Trump then asserted that he never called for Clinton's jailing.

"I didn't say 'lock her up,' but the people said lock her up, lock her up," Trump said. "Then, we won. And I say — and I said pretty openly, I said, all right, come on, just relax, let's go, we've got to make our country great."

However, there are several instances in which Trump called explicitly for Clinton's jailing and others in which he agreed with his supporters' chants.

In July 2016, for example, Trump said he would not be "Mr. Nice Guy" when it came to Clinton, during a Colorado rally where

the crowd was calling for Clinton to be locked up.

"Every time I mention her, everyone screams, 'Lock her up, lock her up,'" Trump told the crowd. "You know what, I'm starting to agree with you."

On Twitter, now known as X, Trump posted that October: "Hil-

lary Clinton should have been prosecuted and should be in jail. Instead she is running for president in what looks like a rigged election."

During a campaign rally in June 2016, Trump said Clinton "has to go to jail," Politico reported at the time. "She has to go to jail. ... She's guilty as hell."

During an October 2016 debate, Trump also threatened that he could jail Clinton if he used his executive power as president to reopen that email-server case. "If I win, I am going to instruct my attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into your situation," Trump said.

But after his election, on Nov. 9, 2016, Trump did not lash out at Clinton when, during a post-election rally, a crowd began a loud chant of "Lock her up!"

"Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country," Trump said then. "I mean that very seriously. Now it is time for America to bind the wounds of division. ... I say it is time for us to come together as one united people."

But the chants didn't stop, even four years later when Trump was running against a different Democratic presidential nominee. In September 2020, Trump said "I agree" during chants to lock up Clinton.

# Warming temperatures may be making hail more damaging

BY SCOTT DANCE

Hail has pummeled parts of the central United States in recent weeks, with no signs of letting up: Baseball-size chunks of ice caused

damage in parts of Colorado on Thursday, after DVD-size hail crashed down in Texas last week.

Hail that was at least the size of golf balls was observed across the Denver region, over an area home to some 1 million people, 9News meteorologist Chris Bianchi estimated. It could be the fourth hail storm to hit the area with at least \$1 billion in damage since 2017.

"It has not been a quiet hail year," said Andrew Heymsfield, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

Meteorologists said such frequent hail storms are to be expected at this time of year, when spring warmth fuels severe weather. But there are factors making them more damaging than ever, experts said.

Warming temperatures may be, in effect, making hailstones larger, while also perhaps diminishing the likelihood of smaller hail. And the spread of population across the country means it's more likely those hailstones fall on structures or vehicles, causing damage.

"It's going to be a very painful year for insurers," said Victor Gensini, an associate professor at Northern Illinois University. "When the bull's eye starts getting bigger, you're going to start hitting it more."

**Hailstones may be getting larger**

Hail is the product of towering thunderstorm clouds whose strong updrafts allow ice to build up and thicken before falling to the ground. Hailstones start as ice pellets known as graupel and develop more frozen layers as the updrafts toss them high up into the atmosphere and they encounter droplets of ice-cold moisture that keeps accumulating.

As temperatures warm along Earth's surface, those updrafts may be getting stronger — and that may allow hail to grow larger before the winds can no longer keep it aloft.

The warmer the air, the more moisture it can hold. And when thunderstorms develop, a greater contrast between hot, moist air



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Warming temperatures may be, in effect, making hailstones larger and more damaging.

close to the ground and cold, dry air overhead can supercharge the upward winds needed to produce hail.

"If it's very humid, that's like the gasoline you need for these updrafts," Gensini said.

Extreme abnormal warmth in the Gulf of Mexico, which sends moisture flowing across the nation's midsection, is also probably adding fuel to those storms.

"All those things are definitely compounding," Heymsfield said.

**Suburban sprawl makes hail more damaging**

Besides the meteorological factors, there are simply more buildings and vehicles in the way of hail storms — the same effect that is increasing damage from severe thunderstorm hazards, including tornadoes.

But hail accounts for the vast majority of that damage, said Ian Giammanco, lead research meteorologist at the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety. Hail damage is behind as much as three-fourths of storm damage costs in any given year, he said.

Severe storms caused a record \$60 billion in damage across the United States last year, according to insurance industry data.

As a warming climate spreads conditions prime for large hail, the risks are expanding northward and eastward from the traditional Tornado Alley region and into more populated areas, Giammanco added. Hail that might have damaged only some agricultural buildings a few decades in the past now lands on sprawling communities.

**Questions remain about changing hailstorms**

Meteorologists say there is still much to learn about how hail forms, and the effects of climate change, in part because of competing factors that could make hail more, or less, prevalent.

For example, while increasing temperatures and humidity could fuel larger hail, it could also mean smaller pellets are more likely to melt before hitting the ground, Gensini said.

Wind shear — a change in wind

speed and direction at varying altitudes — can help to encourage large hail formation. But research suggests that climate change is causing wind shear to diminish, which may result in conditions that are less ripe for hail storms, Giammanco added.

Meteorologists including Gensini and Heymsfield have proposed a National Science Foundation-funded project that could help answer some of those questions with observations gathered during next year's storm season. They plan to use radar systems, unmanned aircraft and laboratory analysis of hail specimens to better understand where and how they form and how much they melt on the way down, Heymsfield said.

The goal is to improve hail forecasting to allow people more time to prepare and reduce damage, he said, such as by parking vehicles in covered garages.

"The reality is these hail storms not stopping — they'll probably get a little more intense," Gensini said. "We're going to see more and more of these billion-dollar hail-storm disasters."

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Many Republicans, falling in line, criticize trial after Trump’s conviction

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Many prominent Republicans have been quick to echo former president Donald Trump in criticizing the prosecution, the venue and his conviction on 34 counts related to falsifying business records, with only a few coming out in defense of the legal process.

Rather than expressing confidence in the judicial system, Republicans ranging from long-time Trump allies to those who backed his impeachment have expressed dismay over what they have characterized as a political weaponization of the judicial process.

Some repeated Trump’s argument that the judge in the criminal case, Juan Merchan, was not impartial. Several asserted, without evidence, that the case brought in New York was an example of the Biden administration’s weaponization of the judicial system. Others blamed the jury by saying they did not have confidence in the 12 Americans chosen to hand down a verdict in the case.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) told Fox News on Sunday that the Republican Party would “fight back ... with everything in our arsenal.”

He referenced how the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), had issued requests for Alvin Bragg, the district attorney in Manhattan, and for the lead prosecutor to appear for a hearing June 13 by the House Judiciary select subcommittee on the weaponization of the federal government.

While the Manhattan district attorney serves in an elected local position, Johnson still tied the verdict to the Biden administration, suggesting without evidence that it was the result of a push by President Biden and federal Democrats to prosecute Trump.

“So what we’ll do with our tools that we have in Congress, in the House, is we’ll use our oversight responsibility,” Johnson said. The hearing will “investigate what these prosecutors are doing at the state and federal level to go out to use ... political retribution in the court system to go after political opponents of federal officials like Donald Trump.”

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who has for years had an acrimonious relationship with the former president but nonetheless endorsed him in March, also criticized the trial process. “These charges never should have been brought in the first place,” McConnell said on X on Thursday. “I expect the conviction to be overturned on appeal.”

Republican National Committee co-chair Lara Trump, the former president’s daughter-in-law, lashed out against Merchan during a Sunday morning interview with CNN’s “State of the



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House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) and businessman Vivek Ramaswamy listen to former president Donald Trump speak at Manhattan criminal court on May 14.

Union,” saying that Merchan “should have never been presiding over the case” and that the entire trial was a “waste of time.”

“This is not the United States of America,” she said. “This is the kind of thing you would expect to see in the communist U.S.S.R.”

Laurence Tribe, a constitutional law expert, called the attacks on the courts, combined with the larger broadside against elections, “alarming.”

“They’re all symptoms of an increasingly deep disease, a disease of social and political order, and they can easily pave the path to a dictatorship,” Tribe said in an interview.

Even several moderate Republicans were coming to the former president’s defense, including Sen. Susan Collins (Maine), who voted to convict Trump on an impeachment charge of inciting an insurrection in 2021 and has pledged not to support his reelection.

“It is fundamental to our American system of justice that the government prosecutes cases because of alleged criminal conduct regardless of who the defendant happens to be. In this case the opposite has happened,” Collins said in a statement. The senator specifically attacked

Bragg, the district attorney, who she suggested “brought these charges precisely because of who the defendant was rather than because of any specified criminal conduct.”

“The political underpinnings of this case further blur the lines between the judicial system and the electoral system, and this verdict likely will be the subject of a protracted appeals process,” she said.

Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah), who twice voted to convict Trump on impeachment charges, similarly criticized the district attorney.

“Bragg should have settled the case against Trump. ... But he made a political decision,” Romney told Atlantic staff writer and Romney biographer McKay Cop-pins. “Bragg may have won the battle, for now, but he may have lost the political war. Democrats think they can put out the Trump fire with oxygen. It’s political malpractice.” (There were no publicly known plea discussions before trial. However, Bragg could not have unilaterally settled the case; Trump would have to have agreed to any plea deal.)

Gregg Nunziata, who leads the Society for the Rule of Law, said it’s fair to question whether this

case was a good exercise of prosecutorial discretion.

Collins’s remarks, he added, were “criticizing aspects of this particular prosecution, not trying to cast doubt on the legitimacy of the justice system as a whole.”

Former federal judge Jeremy Fogel warned of the consequences of attacking an independent branch of government.

“If you look around the world and you look at democratic countries or formerly democratic countries that became authoritarian, one of the things that happened in each of those cases was a concerted attack on the independent judiciary,” Fogel said.

Many of Trump’s longtime allies were critical of the trial’s results and argued that the convictions will play to his advantage.

Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) likened the case to “fascism.”

“I think that what happened in New York is disgraceful,” Vance told CNN’s Wolf Blitzer on Friday. “Throwing your political opponents in jail — thank God it only happened in New York and not the rest of the country.”

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.), the former 2024 GOP presidential

candidate seen as a possible Trump vice-presidential contender, told Fox News on Sunday that the conviction will persuade Republican voters.

“There’s no doubt that this verdict has actually brought — unifying our party,” he said. “Without any question what we’re seeing is Never Trumpers calling me and say, ‘Tim, I’m on the bandwagon now. I’ve seen this two-tiered justice system working against the president United States, it can work against me too.’”

Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.), another Trump vice-presidential prospect, was asked by CNN’s Laura Coates if he respected the jury’s verdict.

“No, I don’t,” he responded. While he told CNN that he believes it’s “partly the jury’s fault,” he has largely blamed Bragg and Merchan.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.), a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk, wrote on X after the verdict that the New York trial was a “sham” and “an absolute travesty of justice.”

“This was ALL politics,” he said.

There were a few Republicans who went against the party line — and were met with swift push-

back from Trump’s allies.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (Alaska), a frequent Trump critic who also voted in 2021 to convict Trump in his second impeachment trial, said Friday that the guilty verdict in his hush money criminal trial — and his other legal problems — have made him a flawed challenger against Biden.

“These distractions have given the Biden campaign a pass as the focus has shifted from Biden’s indefensible record and the damage his policies have done to Alaska and our nation’s economy, to Trump’s legal drama,” Murkowski said on X.

Murkowski did not offer any commentary on the verdict other than to say that it is the “first step in the legal process” and that she expects Trump to appeal it.

And when former Maryland governor Larry Hogan, now the Republican candidate for one of Maryland’s U.S. Senate seats, urged “all Americans to respect the verdict and the legal process,” top Trump adviser Chris LaCivita had a had a blunt response on X.

“You just ended your campaign,” he told the former governor.

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# An uncertain future awaits Trump’s coming criminal trials

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With one trial down, Donald Trump’s legal future remains a jumble of uncertainty.

Just months ago, it looked like Trump could be bouncing from courthouse to courthouse in the final months before the presidential election, with multiple criminal cases scheduled to go to trial.

Now, after a guilty verdict in the New York hush money case, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee is a felon awaiting sentencing. But none of the three other criminal cases against him have trial dates — and it’s unclear when or if any of them will go before a jury.

The Supreme Court will make a pivotal decision this month or early next that could determine whether Trump’s D.C. election interference trial is scheduled before the November election. The pace of his federal classified documents trial in Florida is largely up to U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon, who has moved slowly in handling pretrial motions, according to legal experts.

And Trump’s election interference case in Georgia will almost certainly push into 2025, as the trial judge waits for an appeals court to take up the question of whether Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis should be allowed to remain on the case.

If Trump is elected president in November, that would greatly complicate at least the two federal trials, because he could appoint an attorney general who might dismiss the indictments against him. It’s also against Justice Department policy to prosecute a sitting president, and it’s unclear whether courts would allow a president to stand trial on state charges in Georgia.

And if any of the three remaining cases do make it to a jury, Trump will be sitting at the defense table under different circumstances than in New York. He is no longer a first-time offender. He will be a felon with a criminal history.

That means any new conviction carries a significantly greater risk of a prison sentence or a



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Former president Donald Trump at a news conference in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York on Friday.

harsher punishment. And during a trial, it could generate fresh attacks from prosecutors on Trump’s credibility if he decided to take the witness stand.

“When calculating the federal sentencing guidelines, his criminal history will go into account,” said Tess Lopez, a sentencing consultant. “And it will drive up the range of the sentencing guidelines.”

Trump’s legal team has tried so far to delay the trials, a strategy that has been fairly effective.

In Florida — where Trump faces federal charges for improperly keeping classified documents after he left the White House — Cannon delayed the trial indefinitely. She has allowed pretrial motions to pile up and canceled her previously scheduled May trial date.

She plans to spend the summer

holding hearings on defense attempts to whittle away at the indictment or dismiss it entirely, making a trial before November unlikely.

Legal experts say that the D.C. federal election interference case — where he is charged with conspiring to defraud the United States, conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding and conspiring against people’s rights — is the most likely to go to trial before the election. That case is on pause until the Supreme Court weighs in on Trump’s claim that presidential immunity prevents his prosecution in the case.

A decision will come by the end of the court’s term, either this month or in early July. If the justices agree that Trump can be prosecuted for at least some acts alleged in the indictment, the D.C. case would resume its pretrial

preparations.

The key issue may be what, if any, legal tests the high court sets for deciding whether any of the charged conduct in the case constitutes official acts that are exempt from prosecution. Leaving those questions to the trial judge could mean more time-consuming rounds of court rulings and appeals.

If the Supreme Court decides the matter itself, however, the D.C. trial could happen more quickly.

In Georgia — where Trump and 14 others face state racketeering charges related to their 2020 efforts to reverse the former president’s defeat in the state — the case is in a holding pattern.

Prosecutors and defendants are waiting on the timing of an appeal of a lower court judge’s decision to allow Willis to remain

on the case despite a romantic relationship with an outside attorney she had hired to serve as lead prosecutor on the case. The Georgia Court of Appeals is not expected to take up the case before late summer, with a ruling not expected before late 2024 or early 2025.

The trial judge, Fulton Superior Court Judge Scott T. McAfee, is unlikely to schedule the start of a trial against Trump before the appellate court rules.

The Georgia case could also be affected by the Supreme Court’s immunity decision. If the justices decide outright that Trump has immunity, defense lawyers will almost certainly seek to apply that legal principle to the Georgia case as well, prompting a new round of filings and hearings over the summer.

If Trump does go to trial in any

of these three cases, several criminal defense lawyers said, his New York conviction could influence whether he might testify in his own defense. A criminal defendant testifying at their own trial is rare and risky under any circumstances, but Trump has flirted with the idea and has said he wants to do it.

He did not testify in the New York trial.

If he were to testify in the pending trials, prosecutors in those cases might be allowed to introduce his conviction — and the behavior that led to it — as evidence that impeaches, or discredits, his testimony.

It’s not certain that the judges presiding over those cases would allow prosecutors to do so, but it’s a common legal maneuver, these lawyers said.

And when being sentenced after any potential future guilty verdict, there would be no way for Trump or any felon to avoid their criminal history, Lopez said.

Federal sentencing guidelines are based on a point system in which a judge assesses the person’s criminal background, personal characteristics and the crime they committed. The more points a person accrues, the higher the sentencing range becomes. Those points then act as a guide to the judge in handing down their sentence.

Lopez said Trump would probably receive one point for his New York state conviction if he is found guilty of a federal crime. If he goes to jail in the New York case for at least 60 days — which is unlikely, given Trump’s age and lack of prior criminal history — that’s another two points, according to Lopez.

The judge would also assess personal characteristics, which could include whether Trump has respected court orders and shown contrition. Judges typically adhere to these sentencing guidelines, but they have discretion and are not bound by them.

“They really focus on your criminal history and personal characteristics and what the circumstances of your crimes are — whether they are aggravating or mitigating,” Lopez said. “They really flesh that out when considering your sentence.”

## THE TRUMP TRIALS

# One case down, three more to go after historic hush money verdict

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We launched the Trump Trials newsletter almost nine months ago to keep you up to speed on the myriad court proceedings and criminal trials of Donald Trump. And now we have one completed trial in the books — and the first-ever conviction of a former U.S. president.

As a candidate, Trump’s mix of television swagger and online trolling has often defied the political laws of gravity. Last week’s guilty verdict, however, is the latest sign that Trump is far less skilled at defying the gravity of laws.

(Do you have questions about Trump’s trials? Email us at [perry.stein@washpost.com](mailto:perry.stein@washpost.com) and [devlin.barrett@washpost.com](mailto:devlin.barrett@washpost.com) and check for answers in future newsletters.)

Okay, let’s get started.

### What’s ahead

It was a seven-week trial, so ... maybe a nap? But before that, let’s recap a wild week that wrote a new chapter in the history of American politics and law.

#### New York: State hush money case

**The details:** 34 charges connected to a 2016 hush money payment.

**Trial dates:** Began April 15, ended May 30

**Last week:** “Guilty,” the jury foreman said 34 times in a row. For weeks, Trump has gritted his teeth through the rules and rituals of the Manhattan criminal courthouse. The most painful ritual came Thursday, when a jury of seven men and five women found him guilty on all counts.

In an angry speech the following day, Trump declared that “we’re living in a fascist state” and vowed to appeal. The most important thing to remember about appeals is that they are long shots and take a long time.



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Supporters of Donald Trump protest in Collect Pond Park outside of Manhattan criminal court on Thursday. Trump was found guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment, making him the first U.S. president to be convicted of a crime.

### Question time

**Trump says he will appeal his conviction. Will that delay his sentencing on July 11?**

No, it shouldn’t. Once he is sentenced by the trial judge, his lawyers will have 30 days to file a notice of appeal. In New York state, the trial courts are called the Supreme Court (don’t get us started), and the first step of an appeal for Trump would be the Appellate Division. A further appeal would go to the Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state. If he does not succeed there, he could then appeal to the

U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, but the main thing to remember about this sequence of steps is that it typically takes years.

### Nerd word of the week

**ROR:** Minutes after the guilty verdict was read against Trump, New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan ordered him “ROR’d.” Short for “release on recognizance,” the phrase is commonly used in court to describe when a defendant does not have to post bail to remain free while awaiting trial.

In cases that carry long prison sentences, like violent crimes, a defendant can be ordered to start serving their sentence the moment they are convicted. In many white collar cases involving less potential jail time, defendants will be allowed to remain free while they await their sentence. That is what happened to Trump on Thursday.

#### Florida: Federal classified documents case

**The details:** Trump faces 40 federal charges over accusations that he kept top-secret govern-

ment documents at Mar-a-Lago — his home and private club — and thwarted government demands to return them.

**Planned trial date:** Indefinitely postponed

**Last week:** Judge Aileen M. Cannon denied a request from special counsel Jack Smith to add conditions to Trump’s release that he not be allowed to make incendiary allegations against the FBI agents who handled his case.

The request came in response to Trump falsely suggesting on May 21 that a document describ-

ing the FBI’s deadly force policy somehow showed agents were hoping or planning to shoot him.

Cannon rejected Smith’s request, saying he had not properly first consulted with Trump’s lawyers.

Smith made the request again to Cannon on Friday. This time, he said he conferred in “good faith” with Trump’s attorneys via phone and email, but they were unable to come to a resolution. The second request is pending.

#### D.C.: Federal case on 2020 election

**The details:** Four counts related to conspiring to obstruct the 2020 election results.

**Planned trial date:** Unclear (it was March 4, but that has been delayed)

**Last week:** Still quiet, but we are at least entering the month in which the Supreme Court is likely to rule on Trump’s claim that presidential immunity prevents his prosecution in this case. A decision on that question is expected in late June, and if the highest court in the land agrees that he can be prosecuted, the D.C. case would resume its pretrial preparation.

The key questions would then become what, if any, legal tests the court sets for deciding which acts in the indictment, if any, are official acts that should be exempted from the trial. If those questions are left to the trial judge, we can expect more time-consuming rounds of litigation and possible appeals. If the Supreme Court decides the matter itself, the trial could happen more quickly.

#### Georgia: State case on 2020 election

**The details:** Trump faces 10 state charges for allegedly trying to undo the election results in that state. Four of his 18 co-defendants have pleaded guilty.

**Planned trial date:** None yet  
**Last week:** All quiet.



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# Physicians join to seek pandemic answers, end up divided

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the origins of the virus as well as hearings on school shutdowns, vaccine mandates and possible side effects from coronavirus vaccines. He recruited another doctor — California congressman Raul Ruiz, an emergency medicine specialist — to serve as the panel's top Democrat last year, promising they would be two physicians working together to get answers and accountability.

But 16 months into their investigations, Wenstrup and Ruiz have splintered on a core question: whether their work is helping prepare America for the next pandemic, or deepening divisions from the last one.

Wenstrup and his fellow Republicans have focused much of their effort on the possible lab origins of the coronavirus, suggesting federal officials worked to cover up U.S. ties to researchers in Wuhan. The issue is set to receive national attention Monday, when Anthony S. Fauci — to many Americans, the face of the nation's coronavirus response — testifies in front of the panel. Republicans are poised to grill the former National Institutes of Health official on the agency's funding of EcoHealth Alliance, a nonprofit organization that participated in risky virus research in China before the pandemic. Federal officials in May halted funding to the organization, citing irregularities uncovered by the coronavirus panel.

Ruiz and other Democrats concede there were episodes of pandemic-era wrongdoing, such as EcoHealth misleading the government on its potential work and a former Fauci adviser admitting he deliberately deleted emails. But they say the GOP-led investigations have amounted to a wild-goose chase, wasting taxpayer dollars and a crucial opportunity to prepare for the next health crisis.

"We have gone through a countless amount of pages, countless amount of interviews, countless amount of hours," Ruiz said in a recent interview, stressing that no one has linked SARS-CoV-2, the virus that sparked the outbreak, to any lab. Many scientists



Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-Ohio), in the Rayburn House Office Building, says the covid panel is helping correct the record for history.

say it's more likely the crisis began just like other outbreaks: the virus made the leap from an animal to a human.

Despite repeated calls from politicians and editorial pages, there are no plans to establish a Sept. 11-style commission on the pandemic, with Trump and Biden officials worried about revisiting unpopular decisions or spotlighting mistakes. Congress is unlikely to continue the covid panel past this year, making Wenstrup and Ruiz's fragile partnership perhaps the last, best hope to get bipartisan answers about a still-mysterious outbreak and the government's response.

In interviews during the past year, Wenstrup and Ruiz acknowledged fractures in their relationship, as they wrestled over how to use the powers of Congress. Ruiz said he has

thought about the Hippocratic oath that physicians must take, pledging to do no harm.

Is the covid committee playing with fire by elevating the lab-leak theory, raising questions about vaccines and spotlighting accusations against public health experts like Fauci? Or is the panel — finally — giving voice to points of view suppressed during the pandemic?

"Look, I'm a doctor, and I took an oath to do no harm," Ruiz said as he helped kick off a May 2023 hearing on coronavirus vaccine mandates, warning about "the disinformation and the misinformation" that he said had damaged confidence in public health. "We cannot get to a place where we are explicitly or implicitly sowing distrust in covid vaccines," Ruiz said later.

"An opinion is far different

from misinformation," Wenstrup quickly countered. "And if we're not allowed to have opinions in the medical community, we are doomed. We are absolutely doomed."

### A covid panel is born

Since the earliest days of the pandemic, lawmakers and public health officials have said that "do no harm" was never really an option. "Do less harm," perhaps. Fauci and other leaders have conceded that telling Americans to keep apart from family, or encouraging them to attend school remotely, caused harm — even as they continue to believe it was less harmful than contracting a novel virus that had no existing treatments and ended up as the nation's third-leading cause of death in 2020.

House Democrats feared some of the harm was coming from President Donald Trump touting unproven treatments, and in April 2020 they created a panel to oversee trillions of dollars in coronavirus spending and to serve as a check on the White House.

Leading up to the election, the committee delivered high-profile reports about Trump's mismanagement of the pandemic response — over GOP accusations that the Democrat-led panel was playing politics.

Then came a new year and a new administration. And with President Biden in office, the committee steered away from criticizing the White House. There were no hearings about vaccine mandates. No threats of subpoenas to Biden officials.

No talk — at least from the Democrats — about the possibility that the virus began in a laboratory.

Then Republicans won back the House.

### A shift in focus

It was January 2023, Kevin McCarthy was on the phone, and Wenstrup weighed the new House speaker's offer: become the next leader of the covid committee.

Finally, Republicans would hold the gavel. They could ask about school shutdowns, and whether teachers' unions had too much sway in shaping social-distancing policies. They could review the safety and necessity of vaccines. They could train their lens on whether scientists tried

to hide a lab leak.

The panel could do a true after-action review, just like in the Army, Wenstrup thought.

Growing up in Cincinnati, Wenstrup dreamed of being a doctor — inspired by a 1970s TV show, "Medical Center," and its fictional hero, Dr. Joe Gannon — and he'd wanted to serve in the military, too.

He got the chance to do both in Iraq, as a major in the Army Reserve and chief of surgery at Abu Ghraib prison hospital in 2005 and 2006. Wenstrup ended up operating on Ali Hassan al-Majid — the infamous cousin of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein who was nicknamed "Chemical Ali" after ordering poison gas attacks.

Six years later and back in Ohio, Wenstrup began a long-shot campaign for Congress, winning support from the tea party movement for his conservative politics and getting favorable coverage from local media; one reporter compared the podiatric surgeon to Cincinnati-area native George Clooney.

After unseating the incumbent Republican, Wenstrup joined dozens of new lawmakers in January 2013, a freshman class that included Ruiz. The two doctors found common ground, partnering on health bills, but their tendency toward bipartisan deals didn't help either stand out in a Congress that rewards firebrands.

Then came the 2017 shooting at a congressional baseball practice, where Republicans were attacked by a gunman. It was like being back in Iraq, Wenstrup thought. His military training took over as he rushed to save Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.) from bleeding to death near the outfield grass.

Other brushes with the spotlight would come, as the pandemic hit and the GOP doctor emerged as one of his party's go-to voices. Wenstrup cut a pro-vaccine ad with other Republican doctors. He administered hundreds of shots around Ohio. He even met with skeptical GOP voters over Zoom, suggesting the new vaccine could spare them longer-term problems.

The pitch fell flat. "I've had covid," said one skeptic who gave his name as Patrick. "I had a cold for three days, and I was fine after that ... the vaccine, I just don't see any rush to do it."

To Wenstrup, it was a vivid illustration: Americans didn't want to be told what to do on public health, especially by bureaucrats. They needed to be educated, not indoctrinated.

What better way to inform than by leading the covid committee? Yes, Wenstrup said in January 2023, I'll do it.

With Wenstrup's encouragement, the panel ended up packed with GOP physicians: Texas Rep. Ronny Jackson, who had been Trump's White House doctor; Iowa Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who had led that state's public health department; Rep. Richard McCormick, a newly elected Georgia emergency-medicine doctor who had treated covid patients; and Rep. John Joyce, a Pennsylvania physician with experience in intensive care.

McCarthy also picked Georgia Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, who had been banned from Twitter for amplifying questions about the covid vaccine.

There was one other doctor Wenstrup wanted on the panel. He called Ruiz right away.

"I said, try to get on this subcommittee," Wenstrup recalled, following up with a quick text message. "Try to be ranking member."

### 'We've even seen flat-out lying'

Raul Ruiz felt caught in quicksand again.

He'd taken Wenstrup's encouragement and won a spot as the covid panel's top Democrat. He'd come prepared to focus on improving public health; one pet project involved equipment and ventilation that could keep schools open in the next pandemic. He'd been excited to work with Wenstrup, a friend and occasional dinner companion.

Now it was July 2023, and Ruiz told his staff he was stuck, unable to move forward on pandemic preparations because he was busy defending science.

And on this day, sitting in one of Congress's most famed oversight rooms, Ruiz was again listening to Republicans accuse scientists of a coverup, suggesting that Fauci and longtime NIH Director Francis S. Collins had conspired with prominent virologists to write a paper dismissing the possibility of a lab leak. (The scientists repeatedly denied the accusation.) He heard Greene wrongly claim that "most of the intelligence community" had concluded that the coronavirus came from a lab.

It was a parade of dishonesty, Ruiz thought — "baseless allegation after baseless allegation and unsubstantiated claim after unsubstantiated claim," he spat out, nearly three hours into the hearing.

"We've even seen flat-out lying today — lying," Ruiz added, walking through examples he said were dishonest and gesturing in Wenstrup's direction. For instance, just two agencies favor the lab-leak theory, compared with the four agencies and the National Intelligence Council that think the virus emerged naturally.

"Four is more than two. Four is more than two," Ruiz repeated, holding up four fingers on his right hand and two on his left for emphasis, mocking the GOP's math.

It was a characteristically passionate appeal from the energetic, cerebral Ruiz. It bombed with Wenstrup, sitting a few feet to Ruiz's left.

"We're working on behalf of the lives lost or severely damaged," the committee chairman snapped back, his normally flat tone a little ruffled, as he rebutted his counterpart in what became a 17-minute riff. (He would also argue with Ruiz behind

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Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.) says he has heard what he calls dangerous lies about covid-19.

closed doors later, angry to be labeled a liar, a dispute that briefly strained their friendship.) “You may call it going down a rabbit hole and trying to find vendettas — or somebody here might — but I do have a vendetta against dishonesty, and as a doctor I’m against politically motivated science,” Wenstrup added.

Ruiz’s worries had been building for months.

He was worried by news releases that accused scientists of wrongdoing. He was alarmed by behavior from his GOP counterparts that seemed cruel and designed to provoke, such as Greene’s personal battles with witnesses.

And he knew that, as the top Democrat on a GOP-led committee, there was only so much he could do to shape the panel’s work.

Ruiz understood life as an underdog.

He grew up in Coachella, Calif. — an area made famous by its annual music festival, but one marked by widespread poverty, which he experienced as the son of farmworkers.

By age 4, Ruiz decided to be a doctor; at 18, he raised tuition money by pledging to businesses that he would return home to care for the community. He earned his medical degree at Harvard — one of three graduate degrees he earned from the school, where he became a protégé of legendary public health physician Paul Farmer.

Now in Congress, Ruiz approached new challenges with the framework he had learned in medical school: Find the root causes of a problem, diagnose what wasn’t working, prescribe a solution. But he wasn’t sure how to solve the problems he saw with the covid committee.

Take vaccine safety. Democrats knew rare side effects could happen — Michigan Rep. Debbie Dingell, one of the panel’s members, once suffered a serious side effect from a flu shot. But Ruiz didn’t understand why some Republicans were raising debunked theories, such as the connection between autism and vaccines.

His most persistent frustration: how Republicans and their handpicked witnesses kept talking about the virus’s origin.

“It’s a no-brainer it came from the lab,” Marty Makary, a Johns Hopkins University transplant surgeon and Fox News analyst, said at the panel’s first roundtable in February 2023. The public has tended to agree; polls show that about two-thirds of Americans, including about half of Democrats, believe the virus originated in a laboratory.

Ruiz said he’s more open to the lab-leak theory than when he joined the panel. But the congressman said he’s surprised by how little he has learned from the GOP’s relentless investigations.

“What I can tell you so far, of the data and the investigations and countless hours of research,



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**Workers wearing personal protective equipment bury bodies in a trench on Hart Island in the Bronx, New York on April 9, 2020. RIGHT: Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) listens to testimony May 22 at a House subcommittee hearing on the pandemic.**



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there is no evidence to show that Dr. Fauci and EcoHealth have created this virus,” Ruiz said.

**The return of Fauci**

Rain pelted the Capitol on Jan. 9 as Tony Fauci strode through its depths, escorted by Capitol police, his own security detail, a pair of government lawyers, two personal lawyers, even a couple of junior legal aides, navigating underground corridors hidden from visitors.

It was a walk Fauci and his

entourage had already made a dozen times by that evening, shuttling between a room of congressional investigators and his holding room every hour.

The 83-year-old doctor had been summoned to the nearly empty Capitol to privately testify about the pandemic for 14 hours across two days. On Monday, he will face lawmakers’ questions in public for the first time since leaving government in 2022.

Fauci has repeatedly denied accusations of a coverup into the

virus’s origins, telling friends he feels caught in a Kafkaesque nightmare where personal emails and comments have been distorted by conservatives in Congress and on television. In his private testimony, he spoke of the “constant threats” he and his family have received, particularly when lawmakers allege he played a role in creating the virus. Fauci declined to comment for this article.

For months, Democrats have protested Republicans’ focus on

Fauci, Collins and other public health officials, worried about undermining Americans’ already-declining confidence in public health agencies and their leaders.

But Democrats have begun to agree with Republicans about evidence of *some* wrongdoing. First came a May 1 hearing with Peter Daszak, president of EcoHealth, during which Wenstrup and Ruiz said the federal government should consider blocking the nonprofit’s funding for failing to monitor and report on its risky virus research in China. EcoHealth has protested the resulting funding crackdown, and Daszak maintains the organization is being scapegoated.

Then, the panel battered David Morens, a former Fauci deputy and close friend of Daszak, over his attempts to evade federal records requirements when corresponding with Daszak and others about sensitive coronavirus topics. Democrats joined that effort but took pains to distinguish between their anger at Morens for deleting emails vs. the lack of evidence for a broader conspiracy to hide the origins of the virus.

“It is not anti-science to hold you accountable for defying the public’s trust and misusing official resources,” Ruiz said. Morens told Congress he had made mistakes, but said there was no coverup of secret virus experiments.

Later this year, the panel will need to write a final report, summarizing its investigations and offering recommendations. It will probably be one of Wenstrup’s final acts in Congress; the 65-year-old is retiring.

The Republican chairman said he views the panel as helping correct the record for history, and that fully exploring controversial topics will safeguard the world against another crisis.

“Science involves looking at everything,” Wenstrup said in a May interview, adding that people who raised questions about the virus possibly originating in a lab and other issues were written off as conspiracy theorists. “Serious harm was done to science [by] canceling people who had different opinions.”

Ruiz, sitting in his office later that day, countered that Republicans have harmed the public by focusing too much on trying to validate the lab-leak theory. Even the panel’s success stories, like catching Morens deleting emails, are small victories, he added.

“When we have the next emerging virus that’s a pandemic and is killing thousands of people daily, do you think that they’re going to look back and say, ‘Oh, thank goodness, we caught that misconduct,’” Ruiz said. “Do you think identifying this misbehavior is somehow going to lead to better protective equipment, better protective protocols so that we can respond to the [next] pandemic and save lives? ... I personally don’t think so.”

# CDC’s 6-foot distancing rule during pandemic had little scientific basis

BY DAN DIAMOND

The nation’s top mental health official had spent months asking for evidence behind the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s social distancing guidelines, warning that keeping Americans physically apart during the coronavirus pandemic would harm patients, businesses, and overall health and wellness.

Now, Elinore McCance-Katz, the Trump administration’s assistant secretary for mental health and substance use, was urging the CDC to justify its recommendation that Americans stay six feet apart to avoid contracting covid-19 — or get rid of it.

“I very much hope that CDC will revisit this decision or at least tell us that there is more and stronger data to support this rule than what I have been able to find online,” McCance-Katz wrote in a June 2020 memo submitted to the CDC and other health agency leaders and obtained by The Washington Post. “If not, they should pull it back.”

The CDC would keep its six-foot social distance recommendation in place until August 2022, with some modifications as Americans got vaccinated against the virus and officials pushed to reopen schools. Now, congressional investigators are set Monday to press Anthony S. Fauci, the infectious-disease doctor who served as a key coronavirus adviser during the Trump and Biden administrations, on why the CDC’s recommendation was allowed to shape so much of American life for so long, particularly given Fauci and other officials’ recent acknowledgments that there was little science behind the six-foot rule after all.

“It sort of just appeared, that six feet is going to be the dis-

tance,” Fauci testified to Congress in a January closed-door hearing, according to a transcribed interview released Friday. Fauci characterized the recommendation as “an empiric decision that wasn’t based on data.”

Francis S. Collins, former director of the National Institutes of Health, also privately testified to Congress in January that he was not aware of evidence behind the social distancing recommendation, according to a transcript released in May.

Four years later, visible reminders of the six-foot rule remain with us, particularly in cities that rushed to adopt the CDC’s guidelines hoping to protect residents and keep businesses open. D.C. is dotted with signs in stores and schools — even on sidewalks or in government buildings — urging people to stand six feet apart.

Experts agree that social distancing saved lives, particularly early in the pandemic when Americans had no protections against a novel virus sickening millions of people. One recent paper published by the Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan think tank, concludes that behavior changes to avoid developing covid-19, followed later by vaccinations, prevented about 800,000 deaths. But that achievement came at enormous cost, the authors added, with inflexible strategies that weren’t driven by evidence.

“We never did the study about what works,” said Andrew Atkeson, a UCLA economist and co-author of the paper, lamenting the lack of evidence around the six-foot rule. He warned that persistent frustrations over social distancing and other measures might lead Americans to ignore public health advice dur-

ing the next crisis.

The U.S. distancing measure was particularly stringent, as other countries adopted shorter distances; the World Health Organization set a distance of one meter, or slightly more than three feet, which experts concluded was roughly as effective as the six-foot mark at deterring infections, and would have allowed schools to reopen more rapidly.

The six-foot rule was “probably the single most costly intervention the CDC recommended that was consistently applied throughout the pandemic,” Scott Gottlieb, former Food and Drug Administration commissioner, wrote in his book about the pandemic, “Uncontrolled Spread.”

It’s still not clear who at the CDC settled on the six-foot distance; the agency has repeatedly declined to specify the authors of the guidance, which resembled its recommendations on how to avoid contracting the flu. A CDC spokesperson credited a team of experts, who drew from research such as a 1955 study on respiratory droplets. In his book, Gottlieb wrote that the Trump White House pushed back on the CDC’s initial recommendation of 10 feet of social distance, saying it would be too difficult to implement.

Perhaps the rule’s biggest impact was on children, despite ample evidence they were at relatively low risk of covid-related complications. Many schools were unable to accommodate six feet of space between students’ desks and forced to rely on virtual education for more than a year, said Joseph Allen, a Harvard University expert in environmental health, who called in 2020 for schools to adopt three feet of social distance.

“The six-foot rule was really an error that had been propagated for several decades, based on a misunderstanding of how particles traveled through indoor spaces,” Allen said, adding that health experts often wrongly focused on avoiding droplets from infected people rather than improving ventilation and filtration inside buildings.

Social distancing had champions before the pandemic. Bush administration officials, working on plans to fight bioterrorism, concluded that social distancing could save lives in a health crisis and renewed their calls as the coronavirus approached. The idea also took hold when public health experts initially believed that the coronavirus was often transmitted by droplets expelled by infected people, which could land several feet away; the CDC later acknowledged the virus was airborne and people could be exposed just by sharing the same air in a room, even if they were farther than six feet apart.

“There was no magic around six feet,” Robert R. Redfield, who served as CDC director during the Trump administration, told a congressional committee in March 2022. “It’s just historically that’s what was used for other respiratory pathogens. So that really became the first piece” of a strategy to protect Americans in the early days of the virus, he said.

It also became the standard that states and businesses adopted, with swift pressure on holdouts. Lawmakers and workers urged meat processing plants, delivery companies and other essential businesses to adopt the CDC’s social distancing recommendations as their employees continued reporting to work during the pandemic.

Some business leaders weren’t sure the measures made sense. Jeff Bezos, founder of online retail giant Amazon, petitioned the White House in March 2020 to consider revising the six-foot recommendation, said Adam Boehler, then a senior Trump administration official helping with the coronavirus response. At the time, Amazon was facing questions about a rising number of infections in its warehouses, and Democratic senators were urging the company to adopt social distancing.

“Bezos called me and asked, is there any real science behind this rule?” Boehler said, adding that Bezos pushed on whether Amazon could adopt an alternative distance if workers were masked, physically separated by dividers or other precautions were taken. “He said ... it’s the backbone of trying to keep America running here, and when you separate somebody five feet versus six feet, it’s a big difference,” Boehler recalled. Bezos owns The Washington Post.

Kelly Nantel, an Amazon spokeswoman, confirmed that Bezos called Boehler and said the Amazon founder’s focus was the discrepancy between the U.S. recommendation and the WHO’s shorter distance. The company soon said it would follow the CDC’s six-foot social distancing guidelines in its warehouses and later developed technologies to try to enforce those guidelines. “We did it globally everywhere because it was the right thing to do,” Nantel said.

Boehler said he spoke with Redfield and Fauci about testing alternatives to the six-foot recommendation but that he was not aware of what happened to those tests or what they found. Fauci declined to comment. Red-

field did not respond to requests for comment.

But challenging the six-foot recommendation, particularly in the pandemic’s early days, was seen as politically difficult. Rochelle Walensky, then chief of infectious disease at Massachusetts General Hospital, argued in a July 2020 email that “if people are masked it is quite safe and much more practical to be at 3 feet” in many school settings.

Five months later, incoming president Joe Biden would tap Walensky as his CDC director. Walensky swiftly endorsed the six-foot distance before working to loosen it, announcing in March 2021 that elementary school students could sit three feet apart if they were masked. Walensky declined to comment.

The most persistent government critic of the social distancing guidelines may have been McCance-Katz, who did not respond to requests for comment for this article. Trump’s mental health chief had spent several years clashing with other Department of Health and Human Services officials on various matters and had few internal defenders by the time the pandemic arrived, hampering her message. But while her pleas failed to move the CDC, her warnings about the risks to mental health found an audience with Trump and his allies, who blamed federal bureaucrats for the six-foot rule and other measures.

“What is this nonsense that somehow it’s unsafe to return to school?” McCance-Katz said in September 2020 on an HHS podcast, lamenting the broader shutdown of American life. “I do think that Americans are smart people, and I think that they need to start asking questions about why is it this way.”

# Spat set off events that led to Hunter Biden’s gun charges

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gun, he erupted. “Are you insane,” he texted furiously, according to documents submitted by prosecutors. “Tell me now. this is no game. And you’re being totally irresponsible and unhinged.”

Eight seconds later, he wrote again: “Tell me now.”

Hallie reacted with disbelief that Hunter Biden — a drug addict who’d just stashed a gun in a truck outside her home — was accusing her of recklessness. “Check yourself into a local rehab hunter, this has all got to stop,” she responded. “Don’t run away again. Please don’t leave.”

She had to go, she added. Police were arriving.

The text messages, submitted by federal prosecutors as part of their case against Hunter Biden for lying on a gun purchase form, reflect the tortured nature of a Biden family drama that unfolded after the death of Joe Biden’s son Beau of cancer in 2015.

Hallie was the grieving widow of Beau, the rising family star many expected to win the presidency himself. She and Hunter, Beau’s surviving brother, had a turbulent romantic relationship at a time when both were struggling and vulnerable; at one point, she wrote to him, “You want me to relapse.”

In public, leading political figures and journalists were weighing Joe Biden’s presidential prospects and the chance that he could rescue the Democratic Party and end Donald Trump’s chaotic tenure. In private, according to text messages and people close to the family, accusations of betrayal and unfaithfulness multiplied as the family struggled to find its way out of a morass of drugs, grief and troubled love affairs.

The rash decisions Hunter and Hallie made that October day have now propelled him into court, enormously complicating a Biden reelection campaign that many Democrats believe will determine the future of American democracy. With prosecutors preparing to question Hallie Biden — and other women from Hunter Biden’s past — and to introduce personal text messages as evidence, the trial could spill deeply personal topics into the glare of the campaign.

Hunter Biden faces charges of lying on an official form when he bought the gun in 2018, falsely saying he was not using illegal drugs when in fact he was in the throes of addiction. Prosecutors have put Hallie, who had first-hand knowledge of both the gun purchase and Hunter’s addiction, on a list of witnesses they are prepared to call.

In other words, the widow of President Biden’s beloved son Beau could be taking the witness stand as part of prosecutors’ effort to convict his surviving son, Hunter.

This account of the dramatic day that led to the federal charges is drawn from interviews, court records, police reports and, in some cases, the participants’ own memoirs. Attorneys for Hunter Biden and Hallie Biden declined to comment.

People close to Hunter Biden say he has largely stabilized his life in the intervening six years, and they worry about the toll such a trial could take on someone who has struggled with addiction through much of his life. Hunter Biden’s ex-wife, Kathleen, who left the family orbit after Beau died and Hunter started a rela-



Then-Vice President Joe Biden arrives with son Hunter Biden and daughter-in-law Hallie Biden at the funeral for Beau Biden in 2015.

tionship with Hallie, is also on the witness list.

Associates say President Biden himself is worried about his son. He has ensured that on Monday he will be in Wilmington, Del., at his home just miles from the federal courthouse where the trial will unfold.

## A romance born in grief

Hallie Olivere grew up in Wilmington and knew the Biden family from an early age. Her mother, Joan, was a childhood friend of Joe Biden, and he once joked about trying to date her in high school (“I was the Catholic kid. She was the Jewish girl,” he said in September 2015. “I still tried. I didn’t get anywhere.”)

Her parents owned a local dry-cleaning business, and she played field hockey at Tatnall School, a private school on the same leafy street where Joe Biden now lives. By the late 1990s, she was dating Beau Biden and often spending time with his brother, Hunter, and Hunter’s new wife, Kathleen.

Beau proposed on Nantucket on Thanksgiving 2001, and the couple married in a small Catholic church on the island a year later, according to public accounts. The two Biden brothers, who as children survived the 1972 car crash that killed their mother and baby sister, now had growing families and successful careers. Hunter was a lawyer and lobbyist in Washington, and Beau would soon be fulfilling the family political legacy, becoming Delaware’s attorney general and setting his sights on the governorship and possibly one day the presidency.

Kathleen and Hallie bonded, sharing an interest in running and facing together the challenges of marrying into a prominent political family. When Kathleen discovered that Hunter was having an affair in 2014 after seeing photos on his iPad, Hallie was one of the few people she confided in, according to Kathleen’s 2022 memoir “If We Break.”

“If you leave him, Kathleen, he’ll find someone else, and then you’ll have to live with that,” she recalled Hallie telling her. Kathleen confronted Hunter, and they

began meeting with a therapist even as they were drifting apart.

But any equilibrium within the family was disrupted when Beau Biden, after several years of battling brain cancer, died on May 30, 2015.

As the family mourned, Kathleen grew suspicious of the time Hunter was spending with Hallie, but she felt guilty questioning his desire to support his brother’s family, she later wrote. Ultimately, her daughters found his phone, discovering the affair and telling their mother during a tearful exchange in a therapist’s office.

Several months after Kathleen filed for divorce from Hunter in 2017, news broke in the New York Post that Hunter and Hallie were in a romantic relationship. Hunter issued a statement saying that he and Hallie were “incredibly lucky to have found the love and support we have for each other in such a difficult time.”

Hunter also urged his reluctant father to provide a statement as a way to break the news to the rest of the family, and to the world.

“‘Dad,’ I told him, ‘if people find out, but they think you’re not approving of this, it makes it seem wrong,’ ” Hunter wrote in his memoir. “‘The kids have to know that there’s nothing wrong with this, and the one person who can tell them that is you.’”

Joe Biden released a statement saying that the couple had his and his wife Jill’s “full and complete support.” “We are all lucky that Hunter and Hallie found each other as they were putting their lives together again after such sadness,” it said.

Hunter and Hallie rented a house in Annapolis, trying to start a new life together.

But it was a complicated life. As Hunter and Hallie sought to support each other, they also served as reminders of the person both had loved and lost.

And it got even more complicated when something else was thrown into the mix: a gun.

## Depression, drugs and a gun

Late in the afternoon of Oct. 12, 2018, a salesman was standing in the window of StarQuest Shoot-

ers & Survival Supply in Wilmington, which sits near ice cream and bicycle stores and across from a ballpark. Hunter Biden walked in, saying he was interested in purchasing a Colt Cobra revolver, according to court documents.

The store owner knew the Biden family lived a few miles away. He also knew that Joe Biden, sponsor of a federal assault weapons ban that passed in 1994, was not considered a gun rights supporter. The owner told federal prosecutors in a recent interview, a transcript of which was filed in court, that he wanted to complete the sale quickly, thinking it would be bad for business if Joe Biden’s son was known to be a customer.

But first, Hunter needed to fill out a federally required form. It asked for his height, weight and birth date. He checked boxes declaring he was not a fugitive, had never been convicted of a felony and had never been committed to a mental institution.

Finally, there was the box that is the subject of the upcoming trial: “Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance?” Hunter marked “no.”

The store ran a criminal-background check that came back negative. Hunter provided his passport, but it is unclear whether he also supplied documentation of his address, as required by law. (Three years later, when the gun purchase became the focus of public scrutiny, store workers altered the original form to reflect that they had checked Hunter’s car registration for the address, according to the store owner, a move that defense attorneys may highlight at trial.)

At 6:53 p.m., a receipt shows, he bought the gun and several other items, including ammunition and a speed loader, paying \$886.81 in cash.

He then went to a consignment store next door and bought more items. The gun salesman, according to an interview with federal agents, said an employee of the consignment store told him Hunter had purchased a rubber chicken. He “is not sure whether the

employee was making a joke,” an FBI interviewer wrote, “or if Biden actually bought a rubber chicken.”

Eleven days later, on the morning of Oct. 23, Hallie Biden took her two children to school, dropping them off at 8 a.m. When she returned home, as Hunter slept inside, she searched his black pickup truck and found the handgun in the center console, according to police records. Around 11:20 a.m., she put it in a black shopping bag and drove her BMW to Janssen’s Market, a local institution frequented by the Bidens that offered baked goods, fresh flowers and high-end groceries.

She threw the handgun into a trash can and entered the store. A review of video footage showed that she bought beef, bread rolls and a bottled drink.

When she returned home, she later said, Hunter’s car was gone, so she called and told him she had found his gun and thrown it into a trash can. He immediately became alarmed, angrily telling her to go retrieve it, text messages show.

Just before noon, according to the video footage, Hallie arrived back at Janssen’s. She checked two trash cans, and when she could not find the gun, she approached the store owner and relayed what had happened.

The police were called and, by 12:56 p.m., opened a gun theft case, with Hunter listed as the victim and Hallie as the suspect, since she had taken the gun from his car and thrown it out.

The officer felt she was evasive when he asked whether it had been used in a crime and whether she also found drugs. “I found her to not be very reliable and she was kind of all over the place,” the officer wrote.

Hallie called Hunter, who also came to the store to talk to police, saying he’d kept the gun in the truck to avoid bringing it in Hallie’s house because of her children, court documents show. He wondered aloud whether store workers might have taken the gun from the trash can, pointing to two Latino men in Janssen’s Market shirts and saying, “Yea, prolly illegal.”

The police officer asked wheth-

er Hunter had told anyone about the incident, including his father. “I have never called my dad for anything,” he replied, according to the police report. “I have always handled my own affairs.”

The officer asked whether he was using drugs, floating that as a reason that Hallie was searching his truck.

“Listen, it isn’t like that,” Hunter responded, according to the police report. “I think she believes I was gonna kill myself.”

He told the officer that he was living a nightmare, that he had fallen in love with his brother’s widow, and that he was depressed but in love.

## Lashing out in anger

Hours later, Hunter turned on Hallie again for tossing the gun in a public place, especially one across from a public high school, text messages show.

Cursing the FBI, he wrote that the gun had been in a locked car, adding: “What more can I do than come back to you to try again. And you do this???? Who in their right mind would trust you would help me get sober?”

“Do you want me dead,” he added.

“I’m sorry. I just want you safe. That was not safe,” Hallie wrote back. “And it was open unlocked and windows down and the kids search your car.”

The police still had not found the gun, but investigators were chasing leads on an elderly man who often went through garbage bins in the area to collect recyclables. No one knew how to find him — until one day, employees of a local bank called the police and said he was there.

Wilmington Police Lt. Millard Greer arrived and watched the man for nearly an hour as he rummaged through trash receptacles, he wrote in his report. Eventually, Greer approached and struck up a conversation, telling the man that he was aware someone had recently placed something in a trash can that should not have been there.

“Yes, they did,” the man said quickly.

Greer asked him what it was. “A .38 Special,” the man responded.

The man had the gun back at his house, so he and Greer went to retrieve it. A leather pouch held the revolver and an ammunition box, as well as a box containing lip balm and a speed loader. Greer called and texted Hunter to let him know.

“Mr. Biden was firm in his desire that there not be any prosecution for this case,” the officer wrote, meaning Hunter did not want Hallie charged for throwing out his gun. “He stated, ‘The whole thing is just stupid.’”

The next day, Oct. 30, top officials in the attorney general’s office decided that, without Hunter Biden’s cooperation, the stolen gun case should be closed.

And now, six years later, as federal officials pursue an unrelated tax probe, they have charged the president’s son with lying about his drug use when he bought the gun.

A week ago, President Biden visited Hallie Biden’s house for about 15 minutes, a trip that White House officials said was connected not to Hunter’s upcoming trial but to the ninth anniversary of Beau’s death. On Thursday, the Bidens went to church and visited Beau’s grave, with Hunter walking out just before his father. Hallie was not with them.

# What to know about charges, location and duration of Hunter Biden’s trial

BY PERRY STEIN

WILMINGTON, DEL. — Hunter Biden is returning to his family’s hometown on Monday to stand trial on three felony gun charges in federal court. He is not a political figure, and the allegations against him have nothing to do with his father, but it’s still an extraordinary moment: The younger Biden is on trial as President Biden is in the throes of his reelection campaign.

The trial threatens to reveal some of the Biden family’s most painful and tumultuous moments in a public courthouse. Court filings indicate that prosecutors will ask the younger Biden about what he has described as a dark period in his life when he was addicted to drugs and grieving the loss of his brother, who died of brain cancer in 2015.

Here is everything you need to know about the trial.

## What are the charges?

Hunter Biden faces three felony charges related to a gun he purchased in 2018. A four-page indictment accuses him of making two false statements in filling out the paperwork to purchase

the weapon. He allegedly claimed to not be addicted to or using illegal drugs, the indictment says, “when in fact, as he knew, that statement was false and fictitious.” And then he allegedly certified he was telling the truth.

Count three of the indictment charges Biden with unlawfully possessing that gun, a Colt revolver, for 11 days following the purchase. That charge is based on a federal law making it illegal to possess a weapon while a person is using illegal drugs.

## Where is the trial being held?

The younger Biden was charged in his home state of Delaware because that is where he allegedly made the illegal gun purchase. The trial will be held in the federal courthouse in downtown Wilmington.

## Who could testify?

Prosecutors say they expect to call 11 or 12 witnesses. The defense did not offer an exact number of witnesses, but suggested that it plans to call the gun shop owner who sold Biden the weapon and a possibly a few experts. During a pretrial conference, defense attorney Abbe Lowell did not rule

out the possibility that Biden himself could take the stand, though it is unusual for criminal defendants to testify at their own trials.

The testimony could get deeply personal and reopen some of the most painful moments in the Biden family’s past. Among the witnesses are Hunter Biden’s ex-wife; his brother’s widow, with whom he became romantically involved after his brother’s death; and a former romantic partner who is said to have observed him “using crack cocaine frequently — every 20 minutes except when he slept.” Some of that description fits Lunden Roberts, an Arkansas woman with whom Hunter Biden had a child. An attorney for Roberts did not respond to a request for comment in late May.

## How long will the trial last?

We don’t know for sure, but at a recent hearing, Judge Maryellen Noreika said she could inform the jury that the trial could last up to two weeks — or 10 days in court — with a possibility that it runs into a third week. This is based on conservative timing estimates from both sides.

The judge said jury selection could last until Wednesday, al-

though it could also go more quickly. From there, prosecutors said it could take three days to present their case. Biden’s attorney did not say how long the defense needs, but told the judge that informing the jury that the trial would end by June 14 is a “reasonable projection.”

## What sentence does Hunter Biden potentially face?

If convicted, the maximum sentence for the most serious crime in the indictment is 10 years in prison. Under federal sentencing guidelines, however, Biden, who has no prior felonies and has acknowledged being addicted to drugs at the time of the gun purchase, would probably face far less.

## Will the trial be televised?

No, and there is no audio streaming. In general, cameras and recorders are prohibited from federal courthouses. The Delaware courthouse does not allow reporters to bring laptops into the courtroom or use their phones. That means the public probably won’t have real-time updates as was the case with in Donald Trump’s just-completed

hush money trial in New York state court, where reporters could send information as they sat and watched the proceedings.

But The Washington Post and other media outlets plan to attend the trial each day and will provide readers with regular updates.

## Doesn’t Biden also face tax-related charges?

Biden was charged in Los Angeles last year with failing to file and pay at least \$1.4 million in federal taxes from 2016 through 2019, tax evasion and filing false tax returns. Three of the charges are felonies; six are misdemeanors. That case is set for trial in September.

While the two indictments are separate, they stem from the same troubled period in Biden’s life, share some of the same evidence and were once more closely linked together. Last summer, Biden reached a tentative agreement with prosecutors to plead guilty in Delaware to two misdemeanor tax-related charges and admit to the facts of a gun charge. But that plea deal fell apart after Noreika questioned some of its terms.

Soon after, Attorney General

Merrick Garland named U.S. Attorney David Weiss of Delaware, who had been leading the Hunter Biden investigation, as special counsel — a move that gave him clear authority to file charges outside of Delaware and paved the way for the tax indictment in California.

## Will President Biden attend the trial?

On Monday, the president will be in Wilmington, Del., with no public appearances scheduled. But he has given no public indication that he would be in the courthouse — a possibility that would require considerable security arrangements. In the evening, he is slated to travel to Greenwich, Conn., for a political fundraiser before returning to the White House.

On Tuesday, Biden will travel to France to participate in the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Allied landings in Normandy. He will return to the United States on June 9. Days later, he will travel to Italy for the G-7 summit.

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At a rally, above, for Luther Strange in Huntsville, Ala., in 2017, President Donald Trump, below left, took aim at NFL players such as Colin Kaepernick, below right, who protested during the national anthem.

JERRY BREWER

# Grievance removed sports' power to unify us

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Colin Kaepernick, whose kneeling protest shook the nation and cost him his career.

Legendary quarterback Aaron Rodgers persists, reputation be damned, with misinformation campaigns. The slogan “Save women’s sports” invigorates an aggressive, nationwide political effort to restrict transgender participation in sports. These grievances are everywhere, spreading insidiously, challenging our core beliefs about social interaction and fair play.

I used to have no doubt about the unifying superpower of sports — how they turn strangers into teammates and teammates into family, how they make community out of motley spectators, how they raise the curtains for societal progress. I used to believe it was an imperishable kind of magic. I don’t anymore. Or rather, I can’t. Division has seized too much control.

It is the embrace of these divides rather than the newness of them that spoils our ability to unite around anything, even the fun stuff. There is almost nothing fresh about the issues barricading us except for the commitment to be angry and inhuman, vindictive and regressive, insincere and obtuse. To feel threatened and become a threat in response.

The sports world did not create these attitudes. Neither did Trump, for that matter. Yet for as much as we celebrate the positive, transcendent impact of these games, we either chose or allowed the landscape to be flooded with insecurity, resentment and petty behavior. Some relish the grievance. Others chase it for clout. The worst find perverse joy within the conflict.

Before Super Bowl LVIII, the romance between music icon Taylor Swift and Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce fueled a wild conspiracy theory: Swift, the Chiefs and the NFL were in cahoots to rig the title game *and* help President Biden win reelection. The belief was strong enough that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell addressed media questions before the game.

“I’m not that good a scripter,” he joked.



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When humor did not suffice, he scoffed, “Just nonsense.”

This is what our sports world has become, so full of lunacy and suspicion, so devoid of galvanizing spirit.

I came to Huntsville to chase a ghost, returning to the site of the explosion and conjuring those raw feelings once more. It was late February, just after Presidents’ Day, and the Rocket City could not decide whether it wanted to drizzle, gust wind or defer to sunshine. The multiple personalities of an expiring Alabama winter seemed

appropriate for the dissonant new sports era.

Samantha Nielsen, the Von Braun Center marketing and public relations director, guided a tour of the city’s downtown centerpiece. With a soft Alabama drawl, she stitched a blissful image of all the fame and fellowship the complex has experienced, all the culture and enrichment it has provided for her hometown.

“This is a melting pot,” Nielsen insisted. “Different people, different cultures, different backgrounds — they come here, they fall in love with it. Because

it’s a melting pot.”

That description, melting pot, is a mossy old American concept now. But the innocence in her voice made it sound aspirational again.

Framed photos on the walls memorialize signature events as well as music legends who brought thousands together: Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Lionel Richie, Reba McEntire, Prince, Elton John. There is no recognition of Trump, the iconoclast who made a thunderous noise seven years ago.

Nielsen walked me through the

back entrance that Trump took, the lounge where he waited, the hallway that he strode through to take the stage. It opened an eerie emotional portal to the past.

The roar of the crowd that night prefaced the madness. Trump shook his head and lifted his hands. Chants of “USA! USA! USA!” filled the arena. In blood-red Alabama, the audience received his words like poetry. Trump came to Huntsville to support Sen. Luther Strange, who was trying to fend off Roy Moore in a GOP runoff. Despite the endorsement, Strange would lose a few days later. Still, Trump

## Grievance Games

Washington Post columnist Jerry Brewer has used athletics to chronicle the successes and failings of American society throughout his three decades as a sportswriter. Over the past three months, he interviewed dozens of people to explore an unnerving trend: the splintering of sports along ideological lines. Grievance Games is an in-depth look at how the promise of sports as a national unifier has buckled under the pressures of grievance and division.

accomplished something greater — or worse. He recalibrated the power of sports for his own agenda.

He tapped into the central racial grievance that keeps athletics ensnared in American polarization: The resentment that the largest fan faction, most of them White and many of them conservative, holds toward Black athletes who have the nerve to complain about injustice despite all their fame and fortune. Those fans see the athletes as ungrateful, disrespectful, race-baiting contrarians whose mothers must not have raised them right.

When the athletes, many of whom rose from poverty, articulate a heart-wrenching desire to represent marginalized people who look like them and have no voice, those fans scoff at their cries to be seen as full humans, to be accepted as worthy of respect when they’re not entertaining.

Fire them. They make too much damn money anyway.

To understand that attitude is to understand how one off-script snippet of a speech can carry such significance. It was the opening through which all kinds of regressive conduct entered what many of us thought was a safe space to model the nation’s potential.

The tension has always been there, but the history of American athlete protest is filled with solitary acts, isolating the recoil. However, we have been on this path since 2012, when Trayvon Martin’s death sparked a movement that stirred Black athletes and led to an era of widespread protest. The controversy peaked when Kaepernick protested the entire 2016 season. The activism persevered even after he was forced off the stage.

For all the public discomfort, there had been no true organized backlash, only scattered displeasure. Then Trump

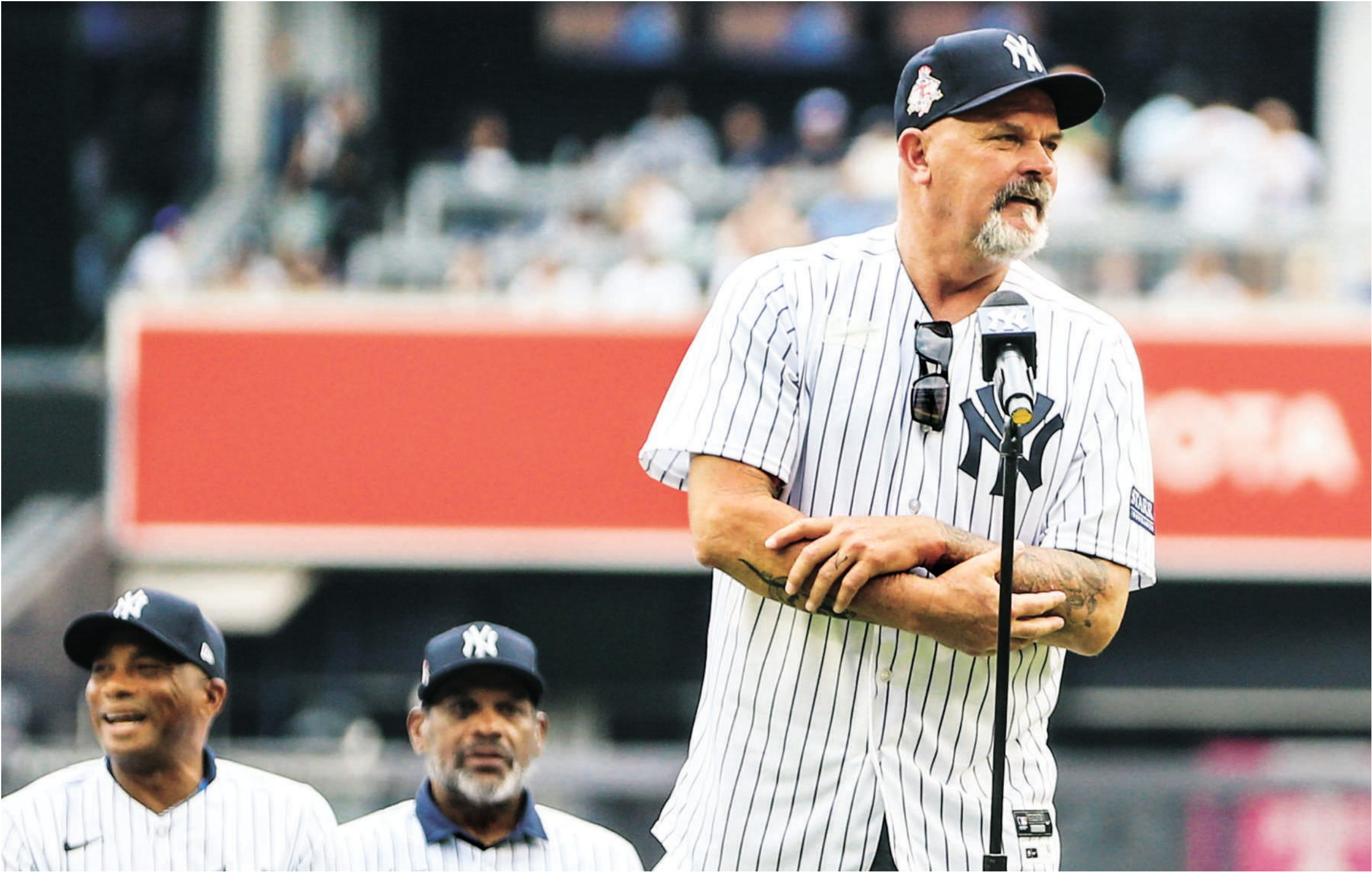
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Boosters of Huntsville, which hosts the Taste of Soul Family Festival in March, think of the northern Alabama city as a melting pot.

*“We don’t see the politics of the privileged. We only see the politics of those challenging privileged authority.”*  
**Victoria Jackson**, sports historian and clinical associate professor of history at Arizona State University



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**Ex-Yankee David Wells, above, ripped “woke” Nike. NBA star LeBron James, below left, is among those who have battled former president Donald Trump, who honored ex-football coach Lou Holtz, below right.**

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unleashed extreme patriotism on the activists’ cause. It was no longer a fight to make people understand the deadly consequences of racial injustice. It turned into an unambiguous, not to mention misleading, choice: Are you American or un-American?

The man representing the nation’s highest office had declared a sports culture war. “Sports are a sacred object to many people,” said Barbara A. Perry, the Gerald L. Baliles professor and presidential studies director at the University of Virginia’s Miller Center. “Patriotism is sacred to others. Putting them both in conflict helped to perpetuate the constant stream of Donald Trump.”

Trump didn’t need to be all that convincing. This fire had been burning. He just added gasoline.

**D**avid Wells, the outspoken and beer-chugging former pitcher, visited Yankee Stadium last September for Old-Timers’ Day. He is 61 now, his head bald, his goatee various shades of gray. In 1998, after he threw a perfect game, Wells laughed at himself and declared he made history as the only pitcher to do it “half-drunk, with bloodshot eyes, monster breath and a raging, skull-rattling hangover.” He was the colorful everyman who walked the line of appropriate behavior. He usually landed on the endearing side. On this day, he was antagonistic. Before he took the field, he placed tape over the Nike swoosh on his pinstriped jersey.

“I hate Nike,” he announced to reporters. “They’re woke.” Three factions dominate the current sports landscape: the apolitical, the aggrieved and the activists. The aggrieved try to convince the apolitical that they’re on the same team, that blame for the politicization of sport should be placed entirely on people who care too much about societal change to keep entertainment and escapism as the priorities.

Grievance stands as a dreadful foil for activism. Activism often uses civil disobedience as a plea for equality. Grievance stokes fear and anger to protect inequality. Activism constantly challenges convention. Grievance leans into tradition, weaponizing the way things used to be.

But grievance is not merely protecting normalcy. It aims to reinforce the athletic power structure. It wants to use sports for more inherently political reasons than do the stars who strive to platform human decency. It is now the dominant



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strain of political sports conversation. The shift occurred without much acknowledgment. Since the end of 2020, the protests have quieted in sports. We are nearly a half-decade into the backlash era. “I think 2020 was both the high point and the beginning of the end of the liberal, left-leaning phase,” said Douglas Hartmann, a University of Minnesota professor who researches sports and social movements. “It has given way to a backlash phase, one not only against Black athletes and protest but a fairly aggressive, radical and

reactionary right-wing effort to use sport to further their agenda. “It’s a movement masquerading as an earnest attempt to reclaim sport. I don’t think people see how dominant it is. They still think the sports and politics conversation is all about left-leaning protest. I haven’t seen much of that lately. But the countermovement is far more developed than a lot of folks think, and the great contradiction is that it’s implicitly more political than anything we saw in the 2010s.” On the Sunday after Trump provoked the NFL in 2017, every

team made a statement in some way. The demonstrations were supposed to be a show of strength, but over time, it became clear the league’s owners participated because they were interested in temporary pacification. For the remainder of the 2017 season, the NFL warred with itself and defended its public image against a propagandized foe. Soon the conflict would spread to other sports. “That’s where you really started to see that fracture,” said former NFL safety Malcolm Jenkins, who helped form the

nonprofit Players Coalition to support social change. “I’ve always tried to stay focused on the main thing, and the main thing is the people.” Instead, it became an ideological wrestling match about athlete empowerment, a war of celebrity words, often delivered through social media: Trump and his high-profile allies vs. LeBron James, vs. Gregg Popovich, vs. Stephen Curry, vs. Megan Rapinoe, vs. Roger Goodell, vs. Bubba Wallace. You needed a Q rating to fight. The fame brought attention and passion, but there was no

penetrating discourse. It was a reality-show scuffle. No one could win, except for rubbernecking gossip fiends. No societal progress could be made, either. Perhaps the stalemate was the point. “All of these arguments are just distractions,” Jenkins said. “People aren’t listening.” On the first Sunday of the Trump aftermath, veteran NFL cornerback Josh Norman felt the awkward vibe in the stadium. Cheers were indistinguishable from boos, and the color of the fans’ clothing did not tell the full story of their loyalty. Allegiances had become entangled, discourse drowned out by noise. “It was,” Norman said, “like something out of a horror film.”

**G**rievance helped Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), a former college football coach who led Auburn to a 13-0 season, get into office. In the ad that defined his 2019 campaign, he exhumed dusty criticism of Kaepernick. “The way I was raised, before a football game, you stood to honor America,” he said. “And after the game, you knelt to honor God. But today, those values are under attack. Socialism. Abortion on demand. Open borders. It’s got to end. So I’m getting off the sidelines and into the fight.”

He trolled his way into power, and five years later he tries to troll his way through serving Alabama. When he feels the need, he will use his experiences coaching predominantly Black players against the Black community, resorting to the worst stereotypes and validating them because he used to coach ‘em up. Many have wondered: How could he? Doesn’t it violate some kind of code? Shouldn’t he hold his former players in the highest regard? The naiveté ignores a most American reality about race: Throughout the nation’s history, White men have profited off Black labor without conscience. All that work and sweat has never guaranteed increased compassion. It is possible to vilify and benefit at once. Tuberville is doing what he has always done. Many older football coaches have been drawn to Trumpism because of the perception of masculinity and a desperate need to remain in control. The 87-year-old Lou Holtz, who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Trump in 2020, took to social media this year to declare: “We need to coach America back to greatness!” The desire to corral the progressive forces of America, to restore some order, is a significant motivation of



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**By the summer of 2017, Colin Kaepernick’s protests during the national anthem had inspired activists for and against his stance.**

*“It’s a lot of good in this world — and a lot of evil, too, you know? But we’ve just got to love each other, man.”*

**Kelvis White**, football coach at Bob Jones High in Madison, Ala.



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**For the Bob Jones High football team in Madison, Ala., unity is paramount. Coach Kelvis White, below right, doesn’t impose his political views on his players, but they bond while talking about life’s challenges.**

grievance. Athletes, particularly minorities and women, are often the target.

No one is safe. For the nearly 10 months Brittney Griner spent as a political prisoner in Russia, the effort to free her was a polarizing topic back home. It was as predictable as it was sad. It did not matter that the State Department considered Griner “wrongfully detained.” This was an opportunity to put a prominent athlete in her place, even if it meant siding with Russia.

The right-wing media labeled her an America hater because she once protested and a drug addict because she received a preposterous nine-year sentence for getting caught with small amounts of cannabis oil in vape cartridges. It was somehow her fault for going to Russia to earn more money than she can make in the United States.

The agony over another of our own being in a foreign jail competed with the troubling disdain for a gay Black woman who stands 6 feet 9. It seemed Vladimir Putin knew America better than it knew itself. When a prisoner swap brought Griner home in December 2022, hostility lingered amid the joy and relief.

“The conversation around her is very reflective of what a lot of Black women experience in the world and especially in our country,” said WNBA all-star Nneka Ogwumike, the president of the league’s players association. “So that was something that we live with every day, not just because of BG but because a lot of us live with those realities every day. I really hope that conversation doesn’t die because she’s come back.”

The way Victoria Jackson sees it, sports cannot be separated from politics because of how the games are structured. “Modern sport is a political project,” said Jackson, a former NCAA champion distance runner who is now an Arizona State sports historian and clinical assistant professor. “It is a project, a global project, of exclusion.”

Protest and backlash, it turns out, are much older rivals than we realize.

“The first part of the project centered on exclusivity: who gets to play and who gets to lead,” Jackson said. “In America, so many of the origins go back to White males controlling the access. The second part, and it’s still going, is inclusivity. People of color and women gaining access on the field and behind the scenes.

“That’s how sport reflects society, and the way it handles its own issues of exclusion and inclusion has a great influence.”

The conversation with



Jackson persuaded me to think deeper and abandon my ahistorical perspective. For more than a century, American sports have manipulated politics for their benefit.

The most prominent leagues didn’t become lucrative entertainment giants because they kept the nation’s problems and politics from eating away at them. They succeeded precisely because they swallowed politics whole, turning the public craving for diversion into negotiating tactics to receive government subsidies and influence lawmakers to champion their

most ambitious profit-boosting ideas, all under the guise of bringing people together.

When pressured to change, the gatekeepers return to where they have always gone in times of need, expecting the politicians and traditionalists to help them maintain their systems — while claiming to be apolitical. One group gets mocked and ordered to stick to sports. The other attempts, without apology, to stick it to sports.

“We don’t see the politics of the privileged,” Jackson said. “We only see the politics of those challenging privileged authority.”



At Bob Jones High in Madison, Ala., a few minutes from Huntsville, Coach Kelvis White walks through the weight room and heads toward the football field. The final bell rang about an hour earlier, and a diverse population of students spilled into the parking lot, looking for their cars and school buses, retreating to their extracurricular activities, laughing and dancing and teasing. Their spirit is why White loves his job.

Coaching is the family business. His father, Louis, made the state Hall of Fame after

leading Courtland High to four state football titles and five track crowns. His older brother, Laron, recently retired after winning two state football championships in a 20-year career. The brothers played for their dad and earned college scholarships at Alabama. “I was carrying coolers and painting fields since I was young,” White said.

He is not lost in time, however. His father had a stern coaching style, but he was also a father figure in the community. Kelvis has taskmaster traits, but he does not try to copy his dad. Coaches must connect differently with this



**Colt Dixon, center left, and Kaleb Christopher, center right, joined their Bob Jones teammates in prayer after a morning workout.**

generation. Some coaches ignore this call. White would rather meet the moment.

“I’m not a know-it-all coach,” he said. “You’ve got to give them a voice, listen to their thoughts and how they feel about things.”

He left Mae Jemison High and took the job at Bob Jones in February 2020, just before the pandemic forced the world into isolation. He began building his new program during a dire time. After George Floyd’s murder that May, White had to guide his players through a national tragedy that reshaped sentiments about athletes protesting lethal police force.

Patriotism could not obstruct the cause anymore. This was no time to antagonize. Trump’s voice on the issue weakened. Later, he lost the 2020 election — with athletes using their influence to convince people to vote.

But America didn’t vote out grievance. The bitterness has lingered, tempering the progressive spirit of a sports world built around striving to improve. It’s one more place to confront divisiveness.

“We’re in a moment where education has been politicized, where we’re not all receiving the same sort of news, where movies and theme parks aren’t happy, simple entertainment,” said Jackson, the Arizona State professor. “Sport becomes a potent, dangerous place for these battles to play. Sport makes them explicit. You can’t turn a blind eye in sporting spaces. The ideas held through society always play out most explicitly through the bodies of athletes.”

White has tried to build the most responsible space for his team. Without him imposing his political beliefs on the students, they have bonded while talking about life’s challenges. His message always comes back to a theme: stay together. When the players discussed whether to protest, he demanded only that they make a group decision and stick with it. They decided against a pregame demonstration.

Their nickname is the Patriots, and they lived up to it — not because they obeyed anyone’s rules of behavior but because they supported each other.

“It’s a lot of good in this world — and a lot of evil, too, you know?” White said. “But we’ve just got to love each other, man. Sometimes we’re out here in 90-degree heat, drenched with sweat, just being brothers. No matter what you see on television, don’t judge a person. Let nothing get in the way of our unity.”

In a suburb of Huntsville, 11 miles from where the unity fractured, a coach holds on to a relic of a decayed dream. He would be wise to stash it somewhere safe.

# THE WORLD

## Reservists fight in Gaza but question what comes next

Lack of political consensus in Israel on what should happen to the enclave after the war also divides soldiers who weave in and out of civilian life

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ISRAEL-GAZA BORDER — As Israel’s war in Gaza rages, it’s leaning on a backbone of reservists to fight — soldiers who say they are committed to serve but who are also divided over what comes next.

Most Israelis support the war against Hamas, which is seen here as an existential battle. But there’s no political consensus around how to manage the Gaza Strip after the fighting stops. It’s a question that has vexed Israeli leaders and their allies and is now on the minds of some reservists, as they weave in and out of civilian life.

“I really want to know what the end will be,” said Lia Golan, 24, a reserve tank instructor and student at Tel Aviv University. “And no one has told us what that point is.”

Golan served in southern Israel for more than two months after the war broke out on Oct. 7. She said she’s troubled by the toll the uncertainty is taking: Israeli hostages in Gaza are turning up dead, soldiers are being killed and Israeli citizens are still displaced.

But she wouldn’t hesitate to go back and serve when she’s called up again. People are “dying and fighting,” she said. “How can I say no to the reserves?”

Israel maintains a conscripted army but called up the vast majority of its 465,000 reservists in the early days of the war. It vowed to eradicate Hamas, which ruled the territory, after the group’s fighters killed about 1,200 people in Israel and abducted more than 250 others to bring back to Gaza as hostages.

Many of the mobilized reservists have since gone home, returning to their jobs, families, communities and studies. But as Israel struggles to stamp out the militants, it has called on reserve soldiers to deploy again with just a few days’ notice: Several reserve brigades are now fighting in Rafah in the south and participated in a recent operation in Jabalya in the north.

“A reserve unit is really a family,” said Ariel Heimann, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv and former chief reserve officer for the Israel Defense Forces. “And that gives a lot of power to the ability to fight.”

But, he said, Israel’s reserves are also like a rubber band: If you stretch them too far and for too long, they will eventually snap. “We have to be very careful in the use of the reserve forces,” he said, adding that reservists failing to report for duty, while not a problem now, “could be a problem in the future.”

Before the war, soldiers could expect to serve 54 days in the reserves over a period of three years to maintain readiness. But Israel formally declared a state of emergency in October, allowing the Defense Ministry to continually call up reservists with little notice or restrictions.

The ministry also recently proposed changes to Israel’s military and reserve laws, seeking to extend the service of both conscripts and reservists, but the amendments have not yet been sent to the Knesset for consideration.

Since Israel launched its ground invasion of Gaza in late October, 293 Israeli troops have been killed, according to the military. The official tally does not



Military reservist Lia Golan, 24, gives instructions to Israeli soldiers atop a Tiran tank on the Israel-Gaza border in December. Golan, a reserve tank instructor and student at Tel Aviv University, says she is troubled by the toll the uncertainty of the Gaza war is taking.

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identify which casualties were reservists, and the Israel Defense Forces declined to comment. It also declined to comment on how many reservists are currently serving.

In Gaza, the war has killed more than 36,000 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which doesn’t distinguish between civilians and combatants but says the majority of the dead are women and children. The military campaign has also caused widespread destruction, devastating towns and cities, wiping out critical infrastructure, and displacing most of Gaza’s population of 2.2 million people.

In May alone, nearly 1 million Palestinians fled the city of Rafah as Israeli tanks encroached on its outskirts. The operation there has cut off key aid routes and forced overwhelmed hospitals to close, leaving the masses of displaced with little food, water, shelter or medical care.

Israeli leaders have said they don’t want responsibility for Gaza, a territory Israel occupied from 1967 to 2005. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has come under fire for failing to plan for the “day after,” also opposes letting the Palestinian Authority govern.

The lack of strategic vision is tearing at Netanyahu’s fragile coalition and drawing fierce criticism from within his own war cabinet. On May 15, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant gave a blistering speech warning against Israeli military rule in Gaza, which he said would result in more bloodshed and drain Israel’s economy. Three days later, war cabinet member and Netanyahu opponent Benny Gantz threatened to resign if no postwar plan was approved by June 8.

But some reservists said they saw military occupation as the only way to end the war — and to prevent another one. Those views align with a plurality of Israelis,

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Oren Shvill, a reserve special forces commander

40 percent of whom think Israel should govern Gaza after the war, according to a Pew Research Center poll published Thursday.

“The only solution is to go back to Gaza, like before 2005,” said 38-year-old Yechezkal Garmiza, a reserve soldier in the Givati Brigade.

At a sandy staging ground for tanks resupplying troops in Jabalya, he said Israel should also rebuild Jewish settlements in Gaza, which were dismantled when Israeli forces withdrew. Garmiza lives with his wife and four young children in the Nokdim settlement in the West Bank, but has been home only for short periods since the start of the war.

If the military doesn’t rule over Gaza, “everything will come back again and again,” he said, referring to attacks by Palestinian

militants. “We need to finish the job.”

Ariel Shauliyan, 41, is also a reservist and Garmiza’s neighbor in Nokdim. “We are frozen in place,” he said. “We still think that military rule like there was in the second intifada is correct.”

Shauliyan, a father of three, said that like Netanyahu, he doesn’t want the Palestinian Authority to control Gaza. Its forces were routed from Gaza by Hamas fighters in 2007 — and Shauliyan doesn’t think the same approach will prevent the militants from returning to power.

“It’s a problem,” he said of what he saw as Israel’s only options. “We need to understand that it’s a long fight.”

As the war picked up, people, schools, businesses and veterans groups across Israel marshaled support for reservists who lost



Avichai Levi, 41, with his mother, Roneat Levi, 62; his partner, Zavah Cohen; and his support dog in Rosh Haayin, Israel, on May 21. Levi says he hasn’t received nearly enough mental health support.

### DIGEST

#### UKRAINE Attacks leave most of country without power

Ukraine imposed emergency power shutdowns in most of the country Sunday, a day after Russia unleashed large-scale attacks on energy infrastructure and claimed it made gains in the eastern Donetsk province.

The shutdowns were in place in all but three regions of Ukraine following Saturday’s drone and missile attack on energy targets that injured at least 19 people.

Sustained Russian attacks on Ukraine’s power grid in recent weeks have forced the government to institute nationwide rolling blackouts. Without adequate air defenses to counter assaults and allow for repairs, though, the shortages could still worsen as need spikes

in late summer and winter.

Also Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, speaking at Asia’s premier security conference in Singapore, accused China of helping Russia to disrupt an upcoming Swiss-organized peace conference on the war. He said China is pressuring other countries not to attend the upcoming talks. He did not identify the nations.

— Associated Press

#### SOUTH KOREA North Korea to stop sending trash balloons

North Korea said it will stop sending trash-carrying balloons into South Korea, claiming Sunday that its campaign left the South Koreans with “enough experience of how much unpleasant they feel.”

Earlier Sunday, South Korea’s

military said more than 700 balloons flown from North Korea were discovered in the country, in addition to about 260 balloons found a few days earlier. Tied to the balloons were manure, cigarette butts, scraps of cloth, waste paper and vinyl, but no dangerous substances, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

South Korea said it would soon punish North Korea with “unbearable” retaliatory measures. North Korea announced its suspension of balloon launches hours later.

It was not clear if South Korea would still take punitive steps. Observers said that if it did, it probably would restart front-line loudspeaker broadcasts into North Korea that include criticism of its abysmal human rights situation, world news and K-pop songs. North Korea is extremely sensitive to such broadcasts because most of its

26 million people have no official access to foreign TV and radio.

Kim Kang Il, a North Korean vice defense minister, said the balloons were a countermeasure against previous South Korean leafletting campaigns. He said that if South Korean activists float anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets via balloons again, North Korea will resume flying its own balloons.

— Associated Press

**Iran’s hard-line former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** registered Sunday as a possible candidate for the presidential election, seeking to regain the country’s top political position after a helicopter crash killed the nation’s president. The populist former leader is the most prominent candidate to register so far. His registration puts pressure on Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

While in office, Ahmadinejad openly challenged the cleric, and authorities barred his attempt to run in 2021. The firebrand, Holocaust-questioning politician vowed to seek “constructive engagement” with the world and improved economic relations with all nations.

**South African President Cyril Ramaphosa** called Sunday for parties to find “common ground” to form the first national coalition government in the country’s young democracy. South Africa announced its final election results Sunday confirming that no party won a majority and unprecedented coalition talks were starting. Ramaphosa’s African National Congress party, which had a majority for 30 years, received 40.2 percent of the votes. Without a majority, it will need to agree on a coalition with

work, fell behind at university or needed psychological care because of their service.

Communities came together to provide food and child care to households where one parent or both had been called up. The Defense Ministry called up mental health officers in the reserves, set up an around-the-clock emergency hotline, and also beefed up resources for reservists before and after discharge.

Reserve combat engineer Avichai Levi, 41, said he hasn’t received nearly enough support from the Defense Ministry for his diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder, which developed after he completed his mandatory military service more than two decades ago.

His condition has worsened since Oct. 7, he said, after he spent more than half of the months-long war driving a D9 armored bulldozer in Gaza, demolishing buildings across the territory. In May alone, he was deployed to Rafah in the south and Jabalya in the north, where the military just concluded a weeks-long operation.

“I have almost been killed so many times,” Levi said. But the hardest thing for him is returning home to Rosh Haayin in central Israel, where he struggles to sleep. He said he’s often able to rest only after sunrise, on the couch next to a maroon patterned blanket he looted from a house in Gaza’s Nuseirat refugee camp.

For Levi, Israel’s disengagement from Gaza nearly 20 years ago was a “disaster,” because Hamas was able to seize control soon after the withdrawal, leaving Israel exposed to attacks on its border.

When Israel occupied Gaza, Palestinians kept their heads down, he said. Then he added: “We can’t leave without an absolute victory.”

But not everyone believes Israeli military control is the answer — even if they want to see Hamas defeated. Oren Shvill, 52, is a reserve special forces commander and co-founder of Brothers and Sisters in Arms, a group of reservists and ex-reservists that helped organize protests against Netanyahu’s planned judicial overhaul last year.

Shvill’s eldest daughter is also a reservist, and his son is a conscript. His wife spent months at home alone while her family served.

“I hope there will be a solution, an international body that can come and run this area,” he said of Gaza. “There are people there. There must be something. But no Hamas.”

Shvill and his group recently started protesting again, attending weekly demonstrations calling for Netanyahu to resign.

“Netanyahu has interests that contradict with ending the war and bringing back the hostages,” Shvill said, referring to what he described as the prime minister’s efforts to stay in power and avoid looming corruption charges.

But back on the border, Moshe, 28, a reservist and light-machine-gun operator, said that now wasn’t the time to protest the government. He spoke on the condition that only his first name be used so he could freely discuss his views as a private citizen.

Israel needs “a fresh start after the war,” he said, as outgoing artillery boomed and a fighter jet rumbled overhead. But right now, “you don’t want to create more chaos,” Moshe said.

another party or parties to co-govern and reelect Ramaphosa.

**Halla Tomasdottir won Iceland’s** presidential election, topping a crowded field of candidates in which the top three finishers were women, the country’s national broadcast service reported. Tomasdottir, 55, a businesswoman and investor, was elected to the largely ceremonial post with 34.3 percent of the vote, defeating former prime minister Katrin Jakobsdottir and Halla Hrund Logadottir. RUV said Sunday, Tomasdottir campaigned as someone who was above party politics and could help open discussions on fundamental issues such as the effect of social media on young people, Iceland’s development as a tourist destination and the role of artificial intelligence.

— From news services

# Biden proposal tightens political squeeze on Netanyahu

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that it had “authorized” the text of the proposal. On Saturday, however, it added that “Israel’s conditions for ending the war have not changed” and that any deal that does not allow for the complete destruction of Hamas, the release of all hostages and the end of Gaza’s security threat to Israel was a “non-starter.”

Hamas said Friday that it viewed Biden’s speech on the deal “positively,” but that its willingness to engage was “based on a permanent cease-fire” and the “complete withdrawal” of Israeli forces from the Strip.

“We have every expectation that if Hamas agrees to the proposal . . . that Israel would say yes,” National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Sunday in an interview with ABC’s “This Week.”

But nothing in Israeli politics is so simple.

For weeks, Netanyahu has been under competing pressures: from moderate members of his war cabinet and families of hostages, who have been pushing for a deal, and from more extreme partners in his coalition, who have continuously insisted on “absolute victory” in Gaza. Biden’s public airing of the cease-fire proposal has forced those tensions to the surface, meaning Netanyahu may no longer be able to stall for time.

Biden’s speech Friday came after sundown in Israel, as some far-right coalition members were observing the Jewish Sabbath, during which they abstain from work or using their phones. When the Sabbath ended Saturday night, the far-right national security minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, posted on X that the deal was tantamount to “absolute defeat.” If Netanyahu goes ahead with it, he said, his party would “dismantle the government.”

Bezalet Smotrich, another ultranationalist member of the coalition, said on X that he told Netanyahu he would also quit the government if the deal went through. “We demand the continuation of the fighting until the destruction of Hamas and the return of all the hostages,” he



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A sign in Tel Aviv urges the return of Israeli hostages held by Hamas. Families have advocated for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to agree to a cease-fire, but far-right lawmakers say they would “dismantle the government” if he goes through with it.

said.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid said the government would not necessarily collapse without Ben Gvir and Smotrich, and that he would be willing to provide a “safety net” to see it through the implementation of a cease-fire.

“The threats from Ben Gvir and Smotrich are [an act of] abandoning national security, the hostages and residents of the north and the south,” Lapid tweeted Saturday night. “This is the worst, most reckless government in the history of the country. From their perspective, let there be war here forever.”

As political leaders traded barbs on social media, more than 120,000 people took to the streets of Tel Aviv on Saturday, accord-

ing to organizers. They viewed Biden’s announcement as a turning point after eight months of agonizing limbo.

“I hope that Biden’s speech will pressure whoever needs to be pressured in order for there to be a deal,” said Mor Korngold, whose brother Tal Shoham is among the 125 hostages still held in Gaza.

If they do not return, he said, “we will never have victory.”

“We will continue to fight until the destruction government says yes,” said Ayala Metzger, whose father-in-law, Yoram Metzger, 80, was kidnapped from Kibbutz Nir Oz. She spoke near the Israeli military headquarters in Tel Aviv, where police clashed with thousands of protesters chanting for

the immediate resignation of the government. Her leg was injured by police cavalry, according to videos that circulated on social media.

“Our trust, as citizens, in the government collapsed on Oct. 7, and nothing has been done to repair it,” said Gil Dickman, a cousin of 39-year-old hostage Carmel Gat.

“Biden is showing himself as the responsible adult in the room, saying, ‘I will tell you the situation, so that no one can retreat afterward because of some political reason or another,’” Dickman said. Addressing Netanyahu, he added: “Biden is saying that this train has already left the station. Now the question is, will you get on it and

get the hostages home or stay with your head to the wall, as if you want to continue the war forever.”

Hostage families have intensified efforts to pressure the government into reviving negotiations, trying to convince officials that the Israeli public would support an agreement.

Israeli President Isaac Herzog, whose position is mostly ceremonial, said Sunday that he had thanked Biden for his speech and pledged to Netanyahu his full support for a hostage deal.

“It’s now or never,” Dickman said.

On Thursday, he said, Israeli National Security Council chief Tzachi Hanegbi told him and several other hostage relatives

that if the current cease-fire proposal is not implemented, “there is no plan B.” The day before, Hanegbi told Israeli media that fighting in Gaza could last another seven months.

The Israel Defense Forces said Sunday that it was continuing operations in Rafah, killing militants and locating weapons caches. Israel’s offensive in the southern city has triggered a chaotic exodus of more than 1 million people, the United Nations says, many of them already displaced several times.

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All 36 shelters in Rafah run by the U.N. refugee agency for Palestinians are now “empty” said Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA’s commissioner general. Families have fled to Mawasi, a desolate coastal area with little aid or services available, or to central Gaza, where Israel continues to battle Hamas.

As efforts for a cease-fire continue, officials from the United States, Israel and Egypt met in Cairo on Sunday to discuss the reopening of the Rafah border crossing — the most vital entry point for humanitarian aid to Gaza — according to a former Egyptian official familiar with the negotiations, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive talks.

But that agreement too hinged on the six-week pause in fighting outlined in the Israeli proposal, the official said. “All eyes are on the proposal to reach an end to this war,” he said.

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# Without naming the other, U.S., China lay out rival visions

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The dialogue also allowed the two powers to make their arguments before an international audience of their peers, including defense officials from nearby South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia and others — themselves the targets of U.S. and Chinese influence campaigns and the often uncomfortable bystanders to a global strategic power struggle.

Both Austin and Dong appealed to shared values and a respect for international law, without mentioning the other's country by name, at a conference that nonetheless revolved almost entirely around the U.S.-China relationship.

In his address to the conference Saturday, Austin stressed the United States' vast and expanding network of security partnerships in the Indo-Pacific — a clear warning to Beijing, observers said, that further Chinese military aggression in the region could prompt a U.S. response.

"We are operating with our allies and partners like never before," Austin said, noting that the United States has recently "secured a series of historic agreements with our allies and partners to transform our force posture throughout the Indo-Pacific."

U.S., Japanese and South Korean forces are training together in "unprecedented" ways, he said. The United States and the Philippines, along with Australia and France, recently completed their largest annual Balikatan joint naval exercise. The United States has also forged new levels of defense cooperation with Australia, Japan, South Korea, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

And this was "just a starting point," Austin added. "We are on the verge of even more powerful changes" in U.S. force posture in the Indo-Pacific, he said.

Dong's remarks Sunday largely mirrored Austin's rhetoric but flipped the claims of respect for international order and allegations of unlawful aggression to blame Washington and its allies and partners. It is China that is committed to peace and that has

exercised tremendous "restraint" in the Asia-Pacific region, Dong said, alluding to the United States — without naming it — as a nefarious outsider seeking to influence the affairs of a region where it doesn't belong.

China, too, has vast strategic partnerships around the world, Dong said, as well as the ability and willingness to arm and train other countries in the region. "We have a well-established system of military education, and we are ready to provide greater support to other countries in personnel training and offer tailored courses to meet different needs," he said.

In remarks that hewed closely to Beijing's usual talking points, Dong described China's aspirations to live in a "multipolar world" — as opposed to one dominated by the United States — and appealed to the rest of the region's "unique Asian wisdom" and shared experience of "imperialism" from outside forces.

China's disputes with Taiwan and in the South China Sea were regional issues best resolved between regional states, not by outsiders, he said — again, without referring to the United States.

"Anyone who dares to separate Taiwan from China will only end up in self-destruction," Dong warned.

**A subtle regional shift — against China**

The growing frustration felt by many of China's regional neighbors over Chinese intimidation at sea, as well as the criminal and cyberthreats posed by Chinese state-affiliated companies, was also palpable over the weekend, as academics and representatives of other Asian countries that have drawn closer to the United States in recent months picked apart Dong's claims and accused China of dishonesty.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., in his opening remarks Friday night, laid out what many interpreted as a warning to China, referring to the "illegal, coercive, aggressive and deceptive actions" that were undermining regional security in territorial waters claimed by the Philippines — a likely reference



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**U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin at the Shangri-La Dialogue, an annual security conference, in Singapore on Saturday. Austin met with his Chinese counterpart on the summit's sidelines Friday.**

to intensifying aggression by the Chinese coast guard and maritime militia that has regularly blocked the passage of Philippine ships near disputed islands in recent months.

Marcos's remarks illustrated the sharp pivot the Philippine government has taken in the past

war," triggering a U.S. military response under the countries' mutual defense treaty, Marcos said.

Others also raised objections. During a question-and-answer session following Dong's speech on Sunday, Chung Min Lee, an expert on Korean and Northeast

neighbors, its support for North Korea's dictatorship and the threatening behaviors of its coast guard in contested waters.

"How can we trust you when your work and your actions are totally opposite?" Chung asked, prompting applause from the multinational audience.

Meanwhile, when a Chinese military officer and academic at China's Institute of War Studies, Sr. Col. Cao Yanzhong, suggested Saturday that NATO expansion in Europe "led to the Ukraine crisis," Austin garnered applause when he said he "respectfully" disagreed with that claim.

"I thought it was striking that there was spontaneous and widespread applause," said Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.), who attended the conference after meeting with officials in Taiwan and the Philippines. The notion that the United States and NATO set off the Ukraine war is "a narrative that I hear a lot in the Global South," he said.

The United States has been able to expand its strategic alliances in the Indo-Pacific "in large measure because of the aggres-

siveness of China," Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), another member of the Senate delegation to Singapore, told reporters.

To the smaller nations of Southeast Asia, China is an inescapable "geopolitical fact," Bilahari Kausikan, former ambassador at large for Singapore's Foreign Ministry, said in an interview. But there is also a growing, albeit often unspoken, acceptance that the United States, too, is an "irreplaceable part of the security balance," Bilahari said. "That is not so much a success for U.S. policy as a failure of Chinese policy."

Even as some Asian officials brooked stronger public dissent with China than in previous years, many were cautious not to take their criticism too far.

Wang Dong, a scholar at Peking University and member of the Chinese delegation to Singapore, observed that no other country's officials made statements as strong as Marcos's, saying, "The absence of public support for the Marcos position speaks volumes about what other regional countries consider a pragmatic approach."

Dewi Fortuna Anwar, an Indonesian academic, worried during a question-and-answer session whether the twists and turns of the U.S.-China relationship would leave the rest of the region "trampled." And Singaporean Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen stressed that the region found Washington's and Beijing's stated aversion to conflict "reassuring" but also said that "most of us here would agree that the U.S. and China are the dominant factors to decide Asia's fate of this decade and beyond."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who made a late arrival to the conference Sunday, also trod carefully around China, criticizing its alleged arms support for Russia but also appealing to Beijing to participate in Ukraine's upcoming peace summit in Switzerland.

"We need the support of Asian countries," Zelensky said during a news conference. "We respect each voice, each territory. ... We want Asia to know what is going on in Ukraine."

*In his address to the conference Saturday, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin stressed the United States' vast and expanding network of security partnerships in the Indo-Pacific. "We are operating with our allies and partners like never before," he said.*

two years, aligning itself more closely with Washington and breaking with the previous administration's more deferential approach to China. Any "willful" act that led to deaths of Filipinos during the standoff with China would be considered an "act of

Asian security at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed the minister sharply, laying out the contradictions between Dong's claims of peace and cooperation from the podium and the state-backed cyberattacks against China's



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# Chinese spacecraft lands on 'dark' side of the moon to collect rare samples

BY KELLY KASULIS CHO

An uncrewed Chinese spacecraft touched down on the far side of the moon Sunday, China's space agency said, marking its second mission to a lunar region that no other country has landed on amid a growing international rivalry over space exploration. If successful, it will be the first mission in history to retrieve samples from the far side of the moon.

The China National Space Administration sent the Chang'e 6 lunar probe to collect rock and other material near and around an impact crater called the Apollo basin, which is part of the larger South Pole-Aitken basin of the moon, according to the country's official Xinhua News Agency.

The Chang'e 6 landed at 6:23 a.m. local time after it was launched into space May 3 from the Wenchang Space Launch Center on the southern island of Hainan. In Chinese mythology, Chang'e is the goddess of the moon.

China, the United States, Japan, India and Russia have invested heavily in space exploration in recent years – crowding a field that has throughout history been touted as a symbol of national power and progress.

For China and the United States, in particular, a rivalry is escalating over scientific frontiers in space. The United States



**Technicians work at the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing on Sunday. A Chinese spacecraft landed on the far side of the moon to collect soil and rock samples that could provide insights into differences between the less-explored region and the better-known near side.**

plans to send humans to the moon again as soon as 2026, and China hopes to land its first crewed mission on the moon by 2030.

The far side of the moon — also known as the dark side of the moon — is the lunar hemisphere that always faces away from Earth.

The word “dark” doesn’t refer to a lack of light but rather the fact that scientists know so little about this hemisphere.

Astronauts on the Apollo 8 mission were the first to see the dark side in 1968, and the Chang'e 4 made the first-ever landing there in January 2019. Communications are more difficult on the far side because radio waves are blocked by thick, solid rock, requiring scientists to use a relay satellite to send signals to the spacecraft and to work under a shorter window for sample collection. Rough terrain also makes for difficult landings.

The Chang'e 6 is expected to take about 15 hours to collect the samples. To adjust to that short time frame, CNSA scientists developed the spacecraft to make autonomous judgments while executing fewer commands than on previous missions, according to Xinhua.

The mission aims to develop key sampling technology, as well as takeoff and ascent capabilities from the far side of the moon, Xinhua added.

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

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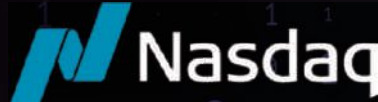
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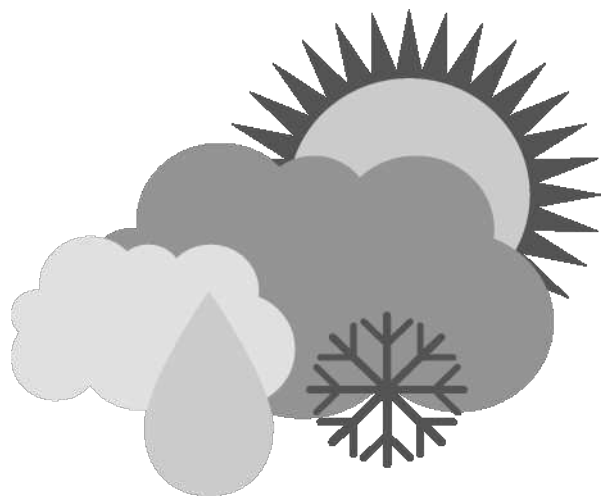


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# Mexico looks set to select nation’s first female president in historic election

Exit polls reportedly show Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN AND PAULINA VILLEGAS

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans were poised Sunday to elect the country’s first female president in a historic vote that underscored the nation’s progress on gender equity but also highlighted concerns about the weakening of its democratic institutions.

Three television networks, Azteca, Financiero and N+, and the polling firm EnKoll said their exit polls showed that former Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum had won the race. Mexicans waited for official returns.

Sheinbaum, 61, a protégé of outgoing President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, campaigned largely on promises to continue his governing program. López Obrador, one of Latin America’s most popular leaders, built a devoted base by increasing aid to the poor but has been criticized for concentrating power and giving the military a growing role in the economy and public security. Mexico’s constitution limits the president to a single six-year term.

Sheinbaum, an engineering professor, faced Xóchitl Gálvez, 61, a tech entrepreneur with Indigenous origins. She promised to spur economic growth and curb the rising power of organized crime groups, evident in the scores of attacks on candidates and their aides during the campaign. Gálvez represented a coalition of traditional parties that have struggled to catch up to the juggernaut that is López Obrador’s Morena movement.

The election in the United States’ most populous neighbor has important implications. Mexico is the No. 1 U.S. trading partner, and key sectors of the countries’ economies — from auto manufacturing to the cultivation of berries and avocados — are intertwined. Mexico is also a crucial funnel for migrants and drugs bound for the U.S. border.



Rarámuri Indigenous people wait to vote Sunday in the town of Norogachi in Mexico’s Chihuahua state, as Mexicans voted for president, lower and upper houses of Congress, and local officials.

“This is a vital election because the two main candidates represent two contrasting visions of government and radically different visions of the world,” said Luis Rubio, chairman of the policy think tank México Evalúa.

Gálvez has blasted López Obrador for weakening institutions such as the federal electoral agency and for eroding checks and balances.

On Sunday morning, José Carlos Ramírez, 60, a Mexico City lawyer, said he was voting for Gálvez. “We have to defend democracy,” he said. “I don’t want an authoritarian government.”

Sheinbaum has promised to expand the social programs of López Obrador. She has pledged to maintain the North American free-trade treaty when it comes up for renegotiation in 2026, but says the economic changes of recent decades have created “starvation wages.”

Rogelio Librado Galicia, 45, a Mexico City engineer, voted for Sheinbaum. “I’m not saying this government doesn’t rob,” he said.

“They all rob. But they’ve distributed money to the poor, unlike other parties that just steal for themselves.”

Voters on Sunday also chose 500 federal deputies and 128 senators, the mayor of Mexico City, eight governors and more than 20,000 officials at the state and local level.

**Mexico will have a female president before the U.S.**

It has long been clear that Mexico would elect its first female president. The lone man in the race — Jorge Álvarez Máynez, 38, from the small, center-left Citizens’ Movement party — ran a distant third in polls.

Women in this traditionally macho country didn’t win the right to vote until 1953, three decades after their American counterparts. But with the adoption of gender quotas and a gender-parity law during Mexico’s transition from a one-party state to democracy, women now hold half of the seats in Congress and nearly one-third of the governorships.

Starting in October, one will occupy the presidency.

“This will have an enormous impact,” predicted the writer Sabina Berman, a prominent feminist. “Boys and girls will now know that girls can become anything they want, depending on their talent, their efforts. And that, in a country as violent and historically machista as Mexico, is an enormous thing.”

If Sheinbaum wins, she’ll also be Mexico’s first Jewish president.

**Election raises concerns about Mexican democracy**

While two women headlined the presidential race, the most pressing issue centered on a man — López Obrador. The folksy, silver-haired president shook up Mexico with what he called the Fourth Transformation, a program aimed at helping the lower classes and protecting symbols of national pride such as oil and corn from foreign competition.

López Obrador has tripled the minimum wage, increased benefits for the elderly and vulner-

able, and poured money into Mexico’s heavily indebted state oil company. In a country of vast income inequality, he won over ordinary Mexicans with visits to villages and hardscrabble neighborhoods, pressing the flesh and promising public works.

At daily news conferences, he blasts his perceived enemies — old-school politicians, journalists and critics.

The percentage of Mexicans expressing confidence in the national government doubled in five years, according to Gallup, reaching 61 percent last year, twice as high as in the United States.

The opposition accuses López Obrador of demonizing the middle class and the wealthy while re-creating the sort of imperial presidency that ruled Mexico for most of the 20th century. Of particular concern have been his efforts to diminish the power of institutions that have opposed him, including the judiciary. He’s proposed replacing the Supreme Court with judges picked by popular vote. Sheinbaum has embraced the idea. “What’s at risk with a Morena triumph is our democracy,” said Carlos Bravo Regidor, a political analyst.

Sheinbaum has dismissed such concerns. “Our project is to defend democracy, liberty and the dignity of the people,” she said in a closing rally Wednesday.

**How Mexico’s next president will work with the U.S.**

Mexico’s next president will play a significant role on issues critical to Washington, such as migration and drug trafficking.

López Obrador became an important ally of presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden in trying to decrease the flow of U.S.-bound migrants. Bilateral efforts on drugs have been rockier; López Obrador has scaled back cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, accusing it of violating Mexico’s sovereignty, and failed to rein in the trafficking of deadly fentanyl to the United States.

Sheinbaum and Gálvez both pledged to maintain good relations with the United States and to prioritize the fight against violent cartels and gangs. Sheinbaum’s

platform included beefing up the intelligence capabilities of security forces and increasing cooperation between police and prosecutors. Gálvez says she would work more closely with U.S. authorities and increase resources for local police.

Both candidates spoke of promoting near-shoring, the trend of companies moving production from China and other countries to Mexico to be closer to the U.S. market. But the power grid here is already overwhelmed, and international firms have accused López Obrador of discriminating against them in the generation of energy, particularly renewables.

**The cartels’ fight for territory threatens Mexico’s stability**

Voters’ biggest critique of López Obrador has been his failure to halt the expansion of organized crime activity. While homicides have dipped since he took office, official statistics show, crime groups are taking de facto control of more territory and economic activity. They’ve moved beyond drug trafficking to a host of other illegal enterprises, including the extortion of businesses ranging from sprawling cattle ranches to tiny tortilla shops.

More than 230 candidates, their relatives and aides were assassinated during the current electoral cycle, the consulting firm Integralia has reported, as cartels have fought to install allies in mayors’ offices.

The next president will face another challenge: maintaining political stability. López Obrador, a savvy political operator, has kept Morena’s competing factions in check. Sheinbaum doesn’t have the same influence in the party, which was founded as a vehicle for López Obrador’s ambitions.

“Claudia is going to have this problem” if she wins, Alejandro Rojas Díaz Durán, a senator who broke recently from Morena, said before the vote Sunday. “She’s not Andrés. She is an efficient administrator, but not a political administrator like Andrés.”

Lorena Ríos in Monterrey, Mexico, and Gabriela Martínez and Isabel Maney in Mexico City contributed to this report.

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TECH AT WORK

## AI career coaches are here. How much should you trust their advice?

BY DANIELLE ABRIL

Artificial intelligence tools can spit out basic code, construct legal arguments and even illustrate children’s books. A new crop of chatbots is tackling another area typically handled by humans: career coaching.

At a time when people worry they could be replaced by AI in their jobs, some are using that same tech to help guide them at work. People already turn to generative AI for the kind of advice provided by professionals — things like dating tips, trip planning and how to deal with toxic people. Why not our jobs?

We tested six bots to see how they compare to real career coaches, asking everything from how to best handle sexual harassment to when to move on to a new job.

We found that while the AI tools give decent boilerplate advice, they can also complicate issues or offer biased solutions.

How they did in our tests

Though not as powerful as human coaches, generative AI showed some promise as another tool for people struggling at work. The key is to use it as an idea generator or to get additional perspectives, but ultimately rely on your own judgment.

“Say, ‘This is my plan. What else should I think about?’” said Hatim Rahman, an assistant professor at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management who studies AI’s impact on work. “That’s where I see the most promise.”

The AI tools specifically built for professional coaching walked us through issues step by step, often asking targeted follow-ups. These apps typically guided us to solve our own problems and avoided nudging us down a path. The more general apps like ChatGPT were likely to dump a bunch of information at once.

For sensitive subject matters such as harassment or suicidal thoughts, all the bots recommended contacting HR or mental health professionals.

**Google SGE:** The company’s generative AI search, which automatically shows up on the top of many Google searches, typically gave us a bulleted list of advice followed by links for more information. The links were to job sites, career service providers, and company and university blogs.



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**Copilot:** Microsoft’s AI bot was similar, though it allows you to hold more of a conversation. After we asked it how to talk to a boss about micromanaging tendencies, we were then able to press it for things such as how to set boundaries. It spit out more steps, including possible wording: “I appreciate feedback, but I’d prefer to receive it during our weekly check-ins rather than throughout the day.”

**ChatGPT:** The free version of OpenAI’s app often loaded everything into one response, giving a list of tips, a sample script of how to have a difficult conversation and wrapping up with final thoughts. Similar to Copilot, you can follow up with additional questions or tweaks. (We asked for a less formal script for our fictional micromanager).

**AIMY:** When we asked AIMY — which is powered by tech from OpenAI, Anthropic and the com-

pany’s own models — whether to quit our job, the AI didn’t answer right away. First, it replied with questions about why we were asking, how we felt about our job and whether there were steps we could take to solve our issues. The app is owned by CoachHub, a company that connects people with human career coaches.

“If you need to manage a complex situation today, you don’t need to wait for your coach,” said Pedro Cabrera, senior vice president of data and insights at CoachHub.

**Wisq:** This app allows you to choose from a selection of topics such as “developing leadership skills” or chat freely with the bot. It similarly stayed middle of the road, suggesting a career-switch could be challenging but rewarding.

It uses a combination of proprietary algorithms along with large language models from

OpenAI, Meta and Anthropic.

“A very small percentage of employees have access to a human coach,” Wisq CEO Jim Barnett said. “We’re focused on giving the other 98 percent coaching.”

**Rocky.ai:** This tool stayed focused on specific goals, sometimes to a fault. That may be because the system, powered by its own models, pulls only from curated content vs. the entire internet, or data your company uploaded for corporate accounts, according to Harry Novic, founder and CEO of Rocky.ai. It uses major models like Google’s Gemini and OpenAI’s GPT to enhance specific conversational requests.

CoachHub’s AIMY, Wisq and Rocky.ai are available as mobile apps or on the web. CoachHub and Rocky.ai offer free versions, and all three have paid options.

Beware: If you’re using a consumer tool, your data may be

used for training purposes. Corporate accounts often have a little more protection, but use your discretion when using company-provided software to ask sensitive questions about your job.

Why they’re not as good as humans

AI is no replacement for human career coaches, in part because of the technology’s habit of making things up.

OpenAI’s usage policy warns builders from using ChatGPT to facilitate activities that “may significantly affect the safety, well-being, or rights of others,” though it does not specify anything about professional advice. It warns that answers may sound right but be wrong and reminds users it doesn’t know everything. Microsoft says it agrees Copilot was not built to be a career adviser.

AI is also known to have issues with gender and racial bias in its answers. For example, when we asked ChatGPT for job recommendations for a woman and then a man, it gave gendered answers like more science and technology-related jobs for the man.

The bots were sometimes too general to be helpful, or too weird to make sense. Copilot didn’t know how to advise someone who may suspect they’re the victim of unconscious bias in the workplace, instead offering generic advice about unconscious bias like “educate yourself.” At one point Rocky.ai asked, “Which task will you prioritize today and draw upon your deepest reserves of discipline?”

In other cases, the follow-up questions became confusing and circular, almost baiting us to answer the original question by asking the same question back. In those cases with AIMY, we ended the loop with a simple, “I don’t know. Can you help?” which prompted the bot to then brainstorm with us.

“AI lives on the internet, and you and I live in the real world — a distinction we shouldn’t forget,” said Vinay Menon, who leads the global artificial intelligence practice for recruiting firm Korn Ferry. “AI is meant to support decision-making, not take it over completely.”

Will AI coaches be employable in the future?

AI won’t be able to give you what a human coach can as they will lack empathy, human emotional cues and knowledge of your personal experiences, experts and software makers agree.

“A mentor has awareness of your career trajectory and experience that [AI] wouldn’t,” Rahman said.

You should start with basic AI literacy and skepticism, and familiarize yourself with data privacy policies before asking for advice.

Software makers and AI experts agree that the technology is expected to only get better. OpenAI has already introduced tech that can identify some visual cues. That said, AI treats decision-making like a science vs. by using insight. If you use it, don’t forget to rely on your own human intelligence.

“The human needs to come first and the AI second,” Menon said.

## What a viral — and fake — image of Rafah can tell us about AI propaganda

Tech Brief
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When you think about people using artificial intelligence to generate fake images for political purposes, you might think about deception and deepfakes. But an image that went viral last week on Instagram and other social platforms, which my colleagues Jennifer Hassan and Sarah Dadouch reported on Wednesday, shows the technology being put to a different purpose.

The image, first posted as an Instagram Story by a relatively obscure account, shows endless rows of what appear to be refugee tents — some of which spell the words “all eyes on Rafah” — against a backdrop of snowy mountains.

It isn’t remotely realistic, but realism isn’t the point. Instead, the image seems to conjure up the general idea of a vast refugee camp while serving as a striking visual backdrop for the simple text-based message at its center.

The person who posted it used an Instagram feature called Add Yours that explicitly encourages others to share it in their own Stories, putting their own spin on it if they like.

As of Wednesday evening, the original image had been shared more than 45 million times, while innumerable copies proliferated elsewhere on social media.

It is, in short, a meme. In other words, this isn’t exactly the sort of political AI fake that everyone has been worried about.

We know AI image and voice tools can be used to deceive people about real political figures and events. But in this case, it’s unlikely that most people sharing the image would



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Members of the Student Network for Palestine protest outside the headquarters of an Israeli shipping and logistics company in Naples on May 10. Students painted the slogan “All eyes on Rafah” on the street outside the company’s headquarters.

think it’s real. And even if they did, it isn’t obvious how that would meaningfully change their view of the conflict.

If anything, the image presents a far tamer view of Rafah than the gruesome real photos and footage emerging from the city, where Israeli strikes recently killed dozens. Here, the AI serves not to trick or embellish, but to cauterize the messy viscera of reality. The result is a bloodless abstraction that lacks the power to outrage or offend.

That anodyne quality is what makes it so shareable.

“In this specific instance, the actual images that emerged are horrific,” said Renee DiResta, research manager at the Stanford Internet Observatory. “So this does provide a way for people who want to call attention to the conflict to not have to boost that deeply traumatizing content.”

While the use of AI makes the image seem novel, she added, it’s really just a new twist on an old tactic. “There is a rich history of

sharing propaganda posters [in times of conflict] to support your side, rather than going and sharing a photo of actual carnage,” she said.

One other factor could be working in the post’s favor: With Meta trying to downplay politics and limit the reach of graphic imagery, pro-Palestinian creators have had to get creative to avoid triggering its moderation systems.

The AI meme accomplishes that, perhaps aided by the fact that even the phrase “all eyes on

Rafah” is formatted as an image rather than text.

Some pro-Palestinian voices have criticized the meme as a form of “slacktivism.”

Like the plain black squares that millions posted to Instagram in 2020 to show solidarity with Black Lives Matter, or the #kony2012 hashtag before that, the “all eyes on Rafah” meme allows people to gesture at sympathy toward the Palestinians without committing themselves to a substantive position.

“It gives a space to lazy activism — to people who never actually wanted to talk about the cause ... or don’t want to be controversial,” an Instagram user with the handle Islam.mc said in a video post. “It gives them the space to say, ‘Here, you wanted me to talk about it? Here, I post about it. Now shut up.’”

He and others also criticized the use of AI imagery as an insult to the Palestinian journalists who have died working to show the world what’s happening around them. But the meme could still be valuable if it reaches people who had not previously been following the conflict and encourages them to learn more, he added.

Meta’s AI policies do not have much to say about an image like this.

While the company has touted its efforts to label AI-generated images, there are plenty of gaps in its rules. Images created with Meta’s AI tools are labeled automatically, as are images created with some other popular AI tools. But users aren’t required to label AI-generated images — only “photorealistic video or realistic-sounding audio.”

The “all eyes on Rafah” image appears on Instagram without a label, and the company does not appear to have taken any action on it. A Meta spokesperson declined to comment on it Wednesday.

Indeed, AI-generated images have been going viral on Facebook for months, including an infamous depiction known as “shrimp Jesus.” They have become “the latest form of social media spam,” according to an April research paper that DiResta co-authored.

Now, for better or worse, they’re also the latest form of social media politics.

OPINION

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

The Supreme Court is unanimous: Speech should be free

THE BIG legal event of recent days was former president Donald Trump's guilty verdict — so momentous it overshadowed a unanimous Supreme Court decision on the First Amendment. Yet the court's 9-0 ruling in *National Rifle Association v. Vullo* was a positive development in two ways: It showed that the fractious justices can still unite around certain basic constitutional principles; and the constitutional principle they rallied behind in this case was the sacred one of free speech.

We say this even though the winner in the case was the NRA, an organization synonymous with constitutionally dubious and socially harmful resistance to gun safety legislation. And yet it is precisely because the NRA's position on the Second Amendment is repugnant to so many that it was important for the court to protect its rights under the First.

The case arose out of efforts by officials of deep-blue New York state to put indirect pressure on the NRA in the wake of the 2018 Parkland school shooting. Maria Vullo, the former superintendent of the New York Department of Financial Services, had oversight authority over financial service firms doing business in New York. And she allegedly invoked that power to get some of these firms to shun the NRA. Specifically, she allegedly notified

executives at Lloyd's of London that she would be less likely to pursue regulatory action against them if they severed ties with the NRA.

Ms. Vullo issued "guidance" letters that urged companies to "continue evaluating and managing their risks, including reputational risks, that may arise from their dealings with the NRA or similar gun promotion organizations" and to "take prompt actions to manage these risks and promote public health and safety." She sent out a joint news release with then-Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) urging companies to stop doing business with the NRA. Multiple insurance companies capitulated to this pressure campaign.

The obvious problem is the precedent this could set not only for other unpopular organizations in New York but also for organizations that are as unpopular in red states as the NRA is in blue ones. Think of, say, how Planned Parenthood could face similar tactics in Louisiana. This is why David Cole, national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, defended the conservative NRA before the high court, in the finest free-speech tradition of that generally liberal-leaning organization. It is also why other free-speech groups, such as the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, supported the NRA. Though the case is not clearly related to campus speech issues, FIRE saw it as a challenge to

an informal but real coercive attempt to limit disfavored speech, similar to pressure administrators sometimes exert in college campuses.

To be sure, state officials such as Ms. Vullo have every right to punish actual legal infractions by any companies that do business with NRA members, as Justice Sonia Sotomayor, writing for the court,

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explained. And they have every right to speak out against gun violence and the NRA. What they cannot do, however, "is use the power of the State to punish or suppress disfavored expression," Justice Sotomayor wrote. "At the heart of the First Amendment's Free Speech Clause is the recognition that viewpoint discrimination is uniquely harmful to a free and

democratic society."

The Supreme Court's decision reinforces an important message that it had previously sent more than 60 years ago in the 1963 case of *Bantam Books v. Sullivan*. In that case, the justices said it was unconstitutional for the Rhode Island Commission to Encourage Morality in Youth — yes, there was such an institution back then — to warn book distributors that they could face criminal penalties if they distributed certain "objectionable" books.

Ms. Vullo denies that she threatened, coerced or retaliated against anyone. Her lawyer, Neal Katyal, argues that she merely enforced the law and that the letters she sent are "routine and important tools." He expressed confidence that Ms. Vullo will be protected by "qualified immunity" when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, based in New York, reconsiders the case, as the Supreme Court instructed it to do. Qualified immunity is the doctrine that shields government officials from lawsuits if the unlawfulness of their alleged conduct was not "clearly established" by prior precedent.

The lower court might or might not accept that particular argument. What matters for the future, though, is what a unanimous court did just establish, clearly: The Constitution does not permit state regulators to strong-arm companies into boycotting controversial speakers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to reduce the number of abortions in Virginia

If you want to see the number of abortions decrease, as I do, our No. 1 goal should be to decrease abortion *demand* in Virginia.

Republicans have constantly looked to abortion bans as the best solution, most recently rallying around a 15-week ban on abortions in Virginia. Voters responded by putting Democrats back in power in the General Assembly. We must stop making these political mistakes.

Studies suggest that roughly 40 percent of all abortions are economically driven. Women who have no clear path on how to afford raising a child make these decisions. To substantially reduce abortions, we must rally behind positions that promote hope and economic purpose to women who choose life.

Last year, I promoted a workforce bill that I hoped would help single mothers in particular. The legislation would have made community college training free in high-demand fields such as nursing so long as recipients went on to work in that profession in Virginia for five years. Another proposal I offered would have provided tax credits to employers who voluntarily paid for their workers' child care. Both proposals died in the House of Delegates.

That's a shame. Policies like these are desperately needed to create robust workforces in Virginia and pull people up from poverty without lifetime handouts. And if women who are considering terminating their pregnancies learned that as single mothers, they would be supported as they trained to become nurses and that their employers could help with child-care expenses, more of them might choose life. Abortion demand will decrease. And we will have changed the conversation about how to become a true "pro-life" party.

Republicans must abandon the philosophy of telling women they "can't" have an abortion. It does not work, and many voters run to Democrats because we refuse to adjust our paradigm on abortion.

When I say the Republican Party needs to evolve, I am not saying to abandon our core values, but to find other ways to accomplish goals. Let's be pro-life by being pro-mother *and* probaby. After all, they are a package deal. Those of us who are pro-life should allow ourselves to think outside the box.

Proposals like mine would save more babies in Virginia from abortion than any 15-week ban ever could. And if we rallied around these sorts of affirmative solutions, the Virginia General Assembly would be solidly in Republican control today.

**Tim Anderson**, *Virginia Beach*  
The writer, a Republican, is a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

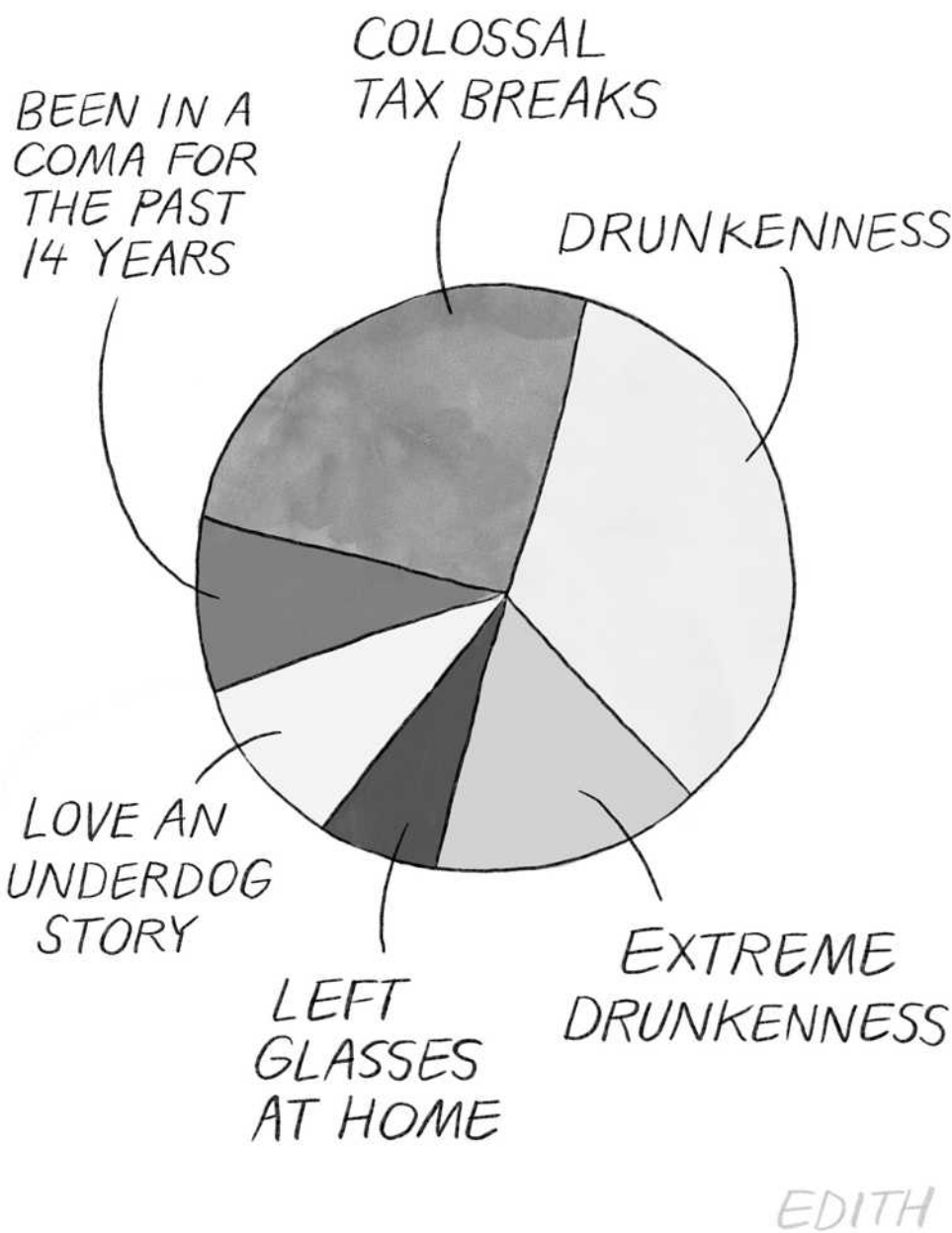
An alternate route

Regarding John Saunders's May 25 letter to the editor, in which he objected to efforts by some members of the D.C. Council to revive the Connecticut Avenue bike lane project, I have no doubt he is, as he claims, a daily cyclist. However, I wish he had considered the needs and experiences of the more than 30 percent of D.C. households that don't own a car, many of which use bicycles as a key part of their transportation needs. I think doing so might have led him to some different conclusions about the wisdom of this project.

Many people who will ride on this corridor will not be doing so because they want to bypass it, as Mr. Saunders suggested. Rather, they will use their bicycles to get to destinations along this route, whether they travel a few blocks, a mile or two, or its entire length. This proposed bike lane would serve hundreds of potential destinations all along the avenue itself, something the Rock

EDITH PRITCHETT

What would make Brits vote conservative?



Creek Trail does not do.

May I suggest to Mr. Saunders that he ride from, say, Nebraska Avenue NW and Connecticut Avenue NW to the Target in Cleveland Park and back via Rock Creek Park? Oh, and he should be sure to load his panniers with groceries and bring a child along in a bike seat or a trailer. Instead of a relatively easy three-mile round trip, his "parallel route" alternative is nine miles and requires 800 vertical feet of climbing.

This is just one simple example, but it is, in fact, virtually impossible to identify destinations along Connecticut Avenue that are even remotely convenient to the Rock Creek Trail. One of the reasons such a large percentage of households are able to live in D.C. without owning cars is because of the investment the city is making in a better, more connected and more convenient bike network. This project represents a continuation of that forward progress, and I hope it is revived.

**Steve Offutt**, *Arlington*  
The writer is a member of the Arlington County Bicycle Advisory Committee.

One good turn

Regarding the May 25 front-page article "Boy Scouts love this scenic river. Locals say they're ruining it." and the June 1 letters to the editor in response:

I was a Boy Scout for seven years and became

an Eagle Scout. Trying to follow the Scouts' law, oath, motto ("Be prepared") and slogan ("Do a good turn daily") has helped me develop a code of ethics and moral behavior that has served me well in life. Given my years in scouting, I was very interested in the front-page article, which addressed the current friction between the Virginia locals who have special feelings for the Maury River.

As a lover of fast-moving clear streams that might offer good trout fishing, I can understand some of their feelings. But I also trust that Scout leadership and individual Scouts have no ill intent when they, on occasion, foul the river with sediment. I hope that in keeping with the principles Scouting teaches, this issue can be solved by the Scouts and locals coming together to discuss what can be done to meet the needs and interests of both parties involved.

Scouts are genuinely concerned about environmental issues, and certainly preserving the Maury River should be foremost in this case. I can also imagine the Scouts are likely to be more conciliatory than residents of an upscale development around the lake might be if the area had been developed differently.

**Mike Robinson**, *Montgomery Village*

Glory days, revised

Regarding the May 23 Sports article "Football

stadium in D.C. is preferred".

The two previous owners of the Washington NFL franchise caused major shifts in our Sunday football experience. One moved the stadium out of the city in 1997 over a spat with D.C.'s mayor at the time. The other poorly micromanaged the team, resulting in loss after loss and created a hostile fan base and a working environment that brought shame to our city.

Both actions led to a grand-scale loser mentality among fans. It was especially hard on D.C. We had lost our stadium, our team and our pride as Washingtonians. We were in a state of shock. We were used to winning football. We had won three Super Bowls. We had the Hogs, the stylish superfans known as the Hogettes and the Bandwagon, started by The Post's own Tony Kornheiser! We had great players and excellent management. Coach Joe Gibbs became a legend. All of this euphoria would soon change; over the next 30 years, the team wouldn't fare too well on the scoreboard.

So, given this history, it is understandable that 76 percent of D.C. residents polled by The Post prefer the team return to D.C. For a generation, D.C. has lived with hope that things would change. Fans feel this could be the cure for what ails the team. This heartfelt nostalgia for a return to the glory days at RFK Stadium is truly overwhelming and probably the main reason for this preference.

But D.C. residents, be on notice that a new NFL stadium will not revitalize the city. As a 2022 analysis of more than 130 studies conducted over 30 years revealed, there is little financial reason for cities to subsidize stadiums due to the "overwhelming evidence of their economic impotence."

The hope to resurrect past gridiron glories by building another NFL stadium that will be used for only nine to 12 games a year is foolish. Services, amenities and items that residents need will be deferred. Local neighborhoods will endure football fan rudeness, and Virginia and Maryland fans will head back to the suburbs, leaving D.C. left with cleanup duty.

Soon, this unfitting memorial to Robert F. Kennedy will be gone. The question we must ask is: How do D.C. residents see themselves now, and how will that vision have an enduring and positive impact on future Washingtonians?

**Skip Strobel**, *Washington*

RIP Stumpy

Regarding The Post's May 26 Metro article "Stumpy the cherry tree dies at 25-ish":

Before it's too late, I suggest an alternative path forward for Stalwart Stumpy: Preserve it as a tree sculpture at the Smithsonian for all future visitors to the capital and local Stumpy lovers as well.

We've long found it a treat to drive by a beautiful wood sculpture in our North Arlington neighborhood in the front yard of a private residence. There will be plenty of other old cherry trees removed for the honorable purpose of mulch. Stumpy deserves better.

**Rick Barry**, *Arlington*

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OPINION



An activist at the Supreme Court on Thursday.

KATHLEEN PARKER

Democrats’ false flag freak-out

Here’s my only question for Martha-Ann Alito: *Were you a flag girl in high school?*

I’m guessing she was, which matters only slightly less than the idiotic controversy over her decision to raise a pair of “scandalous” flags on her property that were also seen at the insurrection at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. The Alitos’ flags supposedly matter because her husband, Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., will be ruling soon on two cases involving the events of that day.

Martha-Ann’s flag, first hoisted at her home a few days after Jan. 6, initially sparked only the ire of a neighbor. Perhaps the neighbor has reason to dislike Martha-Ann, who is funny, feisty, unfiltered and the life of any party, according to mutual friends and my limited impression of her. She and I met at a meet-and-greet when the Alitos moved to Washington years ago. Almost immediately, Martha-Ann enthusiastically invited me to be her walking partner.

*Long chatty walks with a Supreme Court justice’s wife? Mais oui! Your block or mine?*

So, okay, maybe Martha-Ann is a *tad* impulsive. Alas, we never got together. I assume someone whispered in her ear that long, chatty walks with a Post columnist might not be such a good idea. Oh, but it would have been.

Meanwhile, this supercilious scandal isn’t about flags, but about — what else? — abortion. As one justice, who shall not be named, once put it to me: “Everything is about abortion.” This is especially true now. Justice Alito was the author of the majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, the case that ended the constitutional right to abortion. He has been in the crosshairs of Democratic political operatives ever since.

That’s Footnote No. 1 in this tempest-y teapot. Footnote No. 2: Democrats dislike the 6-3 conservative-majority court — and the former president who appointed the three justices whose votes tipped the scales that reversed *Roe v. Wade*. Footnote No. 3: Having lost their bid to stack the court, Democrats

are lobbying everything they can to diminish the court and the public’s trust.

Everything else is “heifer dust,” to borrow a term coined by the late Orlando Sentinel columnist Charley Reese. Charley was too old school to call it what it was: BS.

My guess is Justice Alito doesn’t and didn’t know what his free-spirited wife was up to. His head tends to be in a cloud where words, not flags, occupy his mind. His critics seem to think they know best how he should conduct his marriage. By closely supervising his wife? *Surely not.*

Long before the Proud Boys appropriated the upside-down flag to represent their backward dreamscape, it was a signal of distress, which surely describes what follows. The neighbor-nemesis, who claims she never saw the flag, has been in a sustained squabble with Martha-Ann over a sign the former erected on her lawn that read, Alito told Fox News, “F--- Trump.” Martha-Ann objected to the sign because it was near a school bus stop, he said.

Thus began an ongoing, shall we say, “conversation” between neighbors. During one scene, Martha-Ann allegedly appeared to spit on, or toward, the offending neighbor’s car. (Was it a dry *ptwoey* or a nasty *hocker*? Details matter.) Another neighbor, according to the justice, called Martha-Ann a particularly lurid name.

Fast-forward to now and, suddenly, the flag incident is all the news. Questions of ethics have been raised about Alito’s neutrality and opinionators began congealing around a demand that Alito recuse himself from cases concerning the events of Jan. 6. *Harrumph, harrumph, harrumph.*

Oh, but there’s more. Yet, another of Martha-Ann’s flags, one that featured a pine tree and the words, “Appeal to Heaven,” flew over the New Jersey beach house she owns during the summer of 2023 — long after the 2021 Capitol riot. But because this flag also made an appearance at the Capitol on Jan. 6, The media horde and others made a giant leap: Martha-Ann must be expressing common cause with white

nationalists who want a more Christian government. (Cue heavy breathing.)

Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin (Ill.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I.), speaking of which, wrote to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., asking him to intervene and force Alito to recuse from the two cases involving Jan. 6.

The senators also requested a meeting with Roberts to discuss court ethics.

Roberts responded by saying, in effect, no. Individual justices decide when to recuse themselves, he wrote. And, “separation of powers concerns and the importance of preserving judicial independence counsel against such appearances. Moreover, the format proposed — a meeting with leaders of only one party who have expressed an interest in matters currently pending before the Court — simply underscores that participating in such a meeting would be inadvisable.” *Perfection.*

For his part, Alito adopted a defense that anyone in a multi-decade marriage might recognize. “My wife is a private citizen, and she possesses the same First Amendment rights as every other American,” Alito wrote in one of two letters sent to members of Congress. “She makes her own decisions, and I have always respected her right to do so.”

And: “My wife is fond of flying flags. I am not. She was solely responsible for having flagpoles put up at our residence and our vacation home and has flown a wide variety of flags over the years.”

That logic, though likely true, opened another can of worms in some quarters, of course. *Oh, sure, blame the wife.*

But I can tell you this: My workaholic husband is so busy in his own cloud that he couldn’t tell you where I am or what I’m doing on any given day. I could hang a flag from his car antenna, and he wouldn’t see it. I used to joke that it took him two years to notice that I had moved to Washington, D.C.

I love this about him because I love freedom. I wouldn’t be surprised if Martha-Ann and countless other lucky women feel the same.

No more chip shots. American tech needs a moonshot.

BY CHRIS MILLER, JORDAN SCHNEIDER AND ARRIAN EBRAHIMI

Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo has described the effort to boost the U.S. semiconductor industry as a technological moonshot — a mirror of NASA’s famed Apollo program. But this moonshot can only succeed if those behind it dare to dream big — and dream up revolutionary technologies.

Through the Chips and Science Act, the Biden administration has begun to distribute \$39 billion in manufacturing grants over five years to semiconductor chipmakers — a shot in the arm for businesses competing against heavily subsidized rivals in East Asia and an insurance policy in the event of Chinese aggression. But in the long run, U.S. success requires maintaining a technological edge, and that means an emphasis on research and development.

The Commerce Department has established a National Semiconductor Technology Center — the NSTC — to deploy up to \$11 billion in R&D funds allocated by the Chips Act over the next five years. But what exactly should the NSTC do? We think it should focus on taking big swings, complementing industry while remaining independent of it.

The pace foreseen by Moore’s law — the prediction that the computing power of chips would double every few years — has slowed, imperiling the trend toward better, cheaper computing power. Sustaining Moore’s law is critical to our nation’s future prosperity and security, and to nearly every segment of technology. Guaranteeing another generation of exponential computing advances ought to be the NSTC’s central priority.

For the NSTC to have any impact, it must allocate funds creatively. The \$11 billion the Chips Act provides for R&D is a small sum relative to the roughly \$60 billion that U.S. chip firms spend on such efforts each year. Companies such as Intel and Samsung are already among the world’s top 10 spenders on R&D. Simply adding the NSTC’s funds to the pot won’t change much.

Yet most corporate R&D funding is spent not on “research” — i.e., big bets on risky, long-term, high-payoff technologies — but on “development,” the effort to fine-tune products and make them market-ready. This is understandable because companies exist to bring products to market. But it means that only a small share of the industry’s vast R&D spending

goes toward researching revolutionary technologies that can disrupt established businesses.

The U.S. government has a storied history of supporting the long-run technological research that has made Moore’s law possible. The Defense Department’s R&D arm, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, provided seed funding for most of the key technologies used in today’s cutting-edge chips. DARPA experts in the 1970s recognized that industry tends to focus on incremental improvements rather than paradigm-shifting innovations. So the agency repeatedly took bets that industry wouldn’t, funding the software tools, computing architectures and machinery needed for far-reaching advances.

*Companies tend to focus on incremental improvements rather than paradigm-shifting innovations. That’s where the government can help.*

The NSTC should do the same. It won’t be easy, however. After spending down government seed funding, the NSTC is expected to rely on contributions from industry, and companies will inevitably want their funds to promote incremental “development” related to their existing product plans. If the NSTC allows the priorities of major industry funders to shape its research agenda, it risks replicating existing research consortia, and its impact might be limited.

The greatest significance will come from selecting transformational research areas and allocating funds in innovative ways. A key goal should be better “lab to fab” interfaces, giving researchers opportunities to produce prototypes in high-end commercial chip plants, known as fabs. This will require new methods of collaboration between universities, start-ups, industry and government — which the NSTC is ideally placed to coordinate and fund. Yet it must ensure that these opportunities serve as a public good for the wider semiconductor ecosystem and aren’t monopolized by the largest industry bidders.

Industry naturally wants the NSTC to focus on supporting existing road maps. Memory-chip firms

want a memory-focused R&D center, while companies making communications chips want research focused in that direction. But structuring itself around existing categories would bias the NSTC toward incremental improvements rather than new moonshot bets.

The NSTC’s biggest investments should be in capabilities that would help the entire industry, such as AI-enabled chip-design tools. It should also develop new materials and tools needed for ever more precise manufacturing. These capabilities require long-term investments with uncertain payouts, so venture capital funding is scarce. Yet it was DARPA’s investments in design software and chip-making tools a generation ago that produced the chips powering artificial intelligence today.

The NSTC can also support standardization and data-sharing. Companies are often hesitant to share proprietary data. But secure and even anonymous data-sharing will be key to assembling data sets on chip design or equipment operation that are needed to unlock AI-driven improvements. As a neutral player, the NSTC could play an important role.

The same is true for standards-setting. Chiplets — different types of chips that can be combined in a single system — are widely seen as a new frontier. But getting to a point in which chips can be mixed and matched to produce new combinations requires standardization so that different chips can seamlessly integrate. To play a standard-setting role, NSTC will need to be close to industry but not dependent on the big players, who are naturally biased toward preserving the status quo.

There are important gaps in the chip industry that the NSTC could fill, but it can be only as ambitious as its structure allows. It needs support from industry, but, in its early years, it should establish its independence by focusing on long-term research that could transform the whole industry rather than simply aligning its aims with existing corporate road maps.

Taking big bets on moonshot technologies is the only approach that can sustain Moore’s law and guarantee that the United States continues to lead in the technologies of tomorrow.

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Opponents of Europe’s far right are on the march

BARCELONA

No, the far right is not about to take over Europe.

You could be forgiven for expecting the worst, given the alarmist punditry ahead of this week’s European Union elections. Yes, extreme-right parties are likely to gain ground as 27 nations go to the polls beginning June 6. But they won’t win — and their rise is calling forth resistance.

As voting draws near, the parties of the center-left, liberals and Greens have sought to energize their own electorates by arguing that ballots for their side would serve as a roadblock to the hard right.

They have pledged to oppose any coalition within the E.U. Parliament that includes extreme parties and regularly chastise mainstream conservatives who signal that they might deal with the likes of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Marine Le Pen, the leader of France’s National Rally party, which is running well ahead of President Emmanuel Macron’s liberal alliance.

“The problem is that the traditional right is not confronting the far right,” Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said in an interview after addressing the Cercle d’Economia conference in Barcelona (where I gave a talk). “The risk is that the anti-European forces, parts of the far right, will get the keys.”

Nonetheless, Sánchez, a Socialist, expressed hope that a sufficiently strong showing by center-left parties would renew the long-standing alliance against right-wing forces.

At a campaign rally last weekend in the Nou Barris neighborhood, Javier López, a Socialist member of the European Parliament seeking reelection, hit the right-wing threat hard. “For 70 years, cooperation among the center-left, center-right and the liberals meant we were building Europe,” he told me. “This is the first time when we could see cooperation between the center-right and the far right.”

While many mainstream conservatives in Europe would prefer to keep working with moderate parties to their left, Ursula von der Leyen, who will seek a second term as president of the European Commission, has alarmed liberals and the center-left by welcoming support from Meloni, whose party is rooted in a post-World War II neo-fascist movement. Von der Leyen argues that the Italian prime minister’s willingness to support Ukraine aid and thus distance herself from the hardest right is a signal of her pro-Europe credentials.

On the other hand, von der Leyen said she wants no help from Le Pen, whose party she characterized as “puppets and proxies” for Russia’s Vladimir Putin. As von der Leyen seeks to split the hard-right parties, they are doing some splitting on their own. Le Pen broke with the extreme Alternative for Germany party after one of its leaders declared that the “SS were not all criminals.”

Liberal and center-left politicians say they are willing to torpedo von der Leyen’s reelection bid if she makes an alliance with Meloni. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, a Social Democrat, reflected the view across his European political family by insisting that a new European Commission “must not be based on a majority that also needs the support of the far right.”

There is little doubt that center-right, center-left, liberal and Green parties will easily outnumber far-right parties in the 720-member Parliament. The key questions are whether they’ll win a truly workable majority, and whether the Greens will even be asked to join the traditional centrist alliance.

European elections are an ideal setting for protest ballots because many voters see the stakes as low. “They’re less worried about voting for the extreme right because it will have no consequences for how their own countries are governed,” Laurence Nardon of the French Institute of International Relations told me.

José Manuel Martínez, provost of Pompeu Fabra University’s School of Management who has written widely about the E.U., noted in an interview that the far right has gained ground by “microtargeting resentments” on a range of issues, from immigration and crime to various cultural questions. E.U. ballots are the “perfect way out” for low-cost messaging.

But the center-left and liberal parties are now urging middle-ground voters to send messages of their own against extremism.

The elections will also reshuffle the forces in the middle and on the left. In France, for example, Macron’s large electoral deficit is partly due to the dynamic candidacy of 44-year-old Raphaël Glucksmann, a writer and E.U. parliamentarian who is lifting up the formerly moribund Socialist Party. “Glucksmania” is pulling votes away from the left end of Macron’s centrist coalition and might push Macron’s party into third place.

Glucksmann, a moderate, joined with other European social democratic politicians to issue the Paris Pledge to “defend our principles and our open societies with infinitely more vigor,” “build a strong barrier against the far right,” combat “hatred, racism and xenophobia,” and “defend and fight for democracy, not take it for granted.”

So while the E.U. elections might mark a high point for the extreme right, they could also set in motion a revival of the forces required to contain it. The imperative of the moment is to match the far right’s fervor with comparable boldness on behalf of democracy and inclusion.



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**Supporters of European Parliament candidate Raphaël Glucksmann in Paris on Thursday.**

# 1.5 million adult bed rails recalled over risk of entrapment and asphyxia

Affected products, made by Medline, have been linked to 2 deaths

BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL

About 1.5 million adult bed rails have been recalled in the United States and Canada after being linked to the suffocation deaths of two elderly people.

The bed rails, made by the Illinois-based company Medline Industries, pose a risk of entrapment and asphyxia, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

An 87-year-old woman living at a residential care facility in South Carolina died after becoming stuck between the bed rail and

mattress. A 76-year-old woman in a senior nursing facility in Iowa died similarly in July 2019, the CPSC and Medline said in the recall announcement.

Bed rails are used to prevent people from falling out of bed and to assist them in adjusting positions. But the device, while promising safety for people with medical needs, has injured thousands of users and been linked to hundreds of deaths, according to federal estimates. People's heads and other body parts can get stuck in the rail or in a gap between the rail and mattress.

"This is one of the more frightening, tragic, catastrophic injuries that we've encountered in representing nursing home residents and their families," said Steven M. Levin, founder of the Chicago-based law firm Levin & Perconti.

The Medline recall is the seventh recall of bed rails since 2021, according to the CPSC.

The problem has been under scrutiny for years. Last year, after finding that manufacturers were not adequately complying with a voluntary safety standard, the CPSC issued a new mandatory standard for the devices.

The commission "determined that there is an unreasonable risk of injury and death associated with entrapment and other hazards from adult portable bed rails," it wrote in the final rule, which established mandatory testing and performance requirements.

The commission found that at least 284 people had been killed in incidents related to adult bed rails between 2003 and 2021. Separately, the Food and Drug Administration has estimated that 480 people

died after being caught or strangled in bed rails between 1985 and 2008.

In addition, bed rails were associated with an estimated 36,900 injuries from 2003 to 2011. About 60 percent of the 155 deaths that were recorded between 2003 and 2012 occurred in private homes and 28 percent in nursing home, assisted living or hospice facilities, a 2012 CPSC report found.

"The cases that we have handled are enormously frightening," Levin said. "You have to imagine your loved one is literally being suffocated in their own bed. Trapped between the mattress and the bed frame, they just can't breathe and they die."

People at higher risk for injury include those with cognitive impairment or lack of muscle control, including people with dementia, Parkinson's disease, mul-

tle sclerosis and other conditions, according to the FDA.

The FDA recommends alternatives including roll guards and foam bumpers for people at a higher risk. Bed rails must be installed correctly and fit the mattress properly, without gaps between the mattress and rails.

Medline spokeswoman Kristi Krasovetz said the bed rails were not securely attached to the bed in the two reported deaths.

"Medline has worked closely with the CPSC throughout this process and Medline fully supports the agency's commitment to consumer safety. It is important for all our impacted customers to participate in this product recall," Krasovetz said in a statement.

Levin recommended that family members with loved ones in nursing homes who have concerns about the recall contact the

facility, mention the recall and ask about their relative's mattress and bed rail.

"All family members need to be vigilant advocates for their loved ones in a nursing home," Levin said.

The recall covers two models of Medline Bed Assist Bar adult portable bed rails, which were sold with the model numbers MDS6800BA and MDS6800BAH. The products were on sale from July 2009 through March of this year and were sold online by retailers including Amazon, Walmart and CVS.

Consumers should stop using the recalled Medline bed rails immediately, the CPSC said, and contact Medline at 1-866-359-1704 for a refund. The commission also asked consumers to report any incidents related to use of the bed rails at SaferProducts.gov.

## RETROPOLIS

# Canadian serial killer dies after prison assault

Convicted of murdering 6 women, Robert Pickton bragged about killing 49

BY DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF

The search of the pig farm was supposed to find illegal guns. That's what the informant had told Canadian police.

But when officers raided Robert Pickton's property in British Columbia, what they found was worse.

There was women's clothing and jewelry. An asthma inhaler prescribed to a missing woman. The blood of another. That was just the start.

The pig farm soon became the largest crime scene in Canadian history. That initial search led to the arrest of the serial killer who was charged with murdering 26 women and bragged in jail that he had really killed 49.

On Friday, Pickton died after another inmate assaulted him on May 19, Canadian authorities said.

"We are mindful that this offender's case has had a devastating impact on communities in British Columbia and across the country, including Indigenous peoples, victims and their families," Correctional Service Canada said in a news release. "Our thoughts are with them."

Pickton, who pleaded not guilty to the murders, was serving a life sentence.

The search began in early 2002, the start of a nearly two-year operation that included 102 anthropologists sifting through 370,000 cubic yards of mud and pig manure, trying to find missing women, The Washington Post reported at the

time.

For more than two decades, Pickton worked the slaughterhouse on the property, which a local called "the dredges of the earth." Many of the women who disappeared were sex workers who had attended parties he hosted there. Many of the victims were also Indigenous women, whose relatives accused police of not taking their cases seriously.

Pickton was arrested Feb. 22, 2002, as investigators combed through junked cars, a barn, a motor home and a slaughterhouse. They set up tents and trailers, backhoes and conveyor belts in a scene that looked like a construction site.

Photos from the Vancouver Sun show rows of people walking through soggy fields, bending over to pluck evidence from rock-filled grass, digging in the dirt with the help of what appear to be skiing or hiking poles.

After the Feb. 5, 2002, tip that Pickton had unregistered guns, police raided the farm about 20 miles east of Vancouver. They saw enough to obtain another warrant, specifically to search for the missing women.

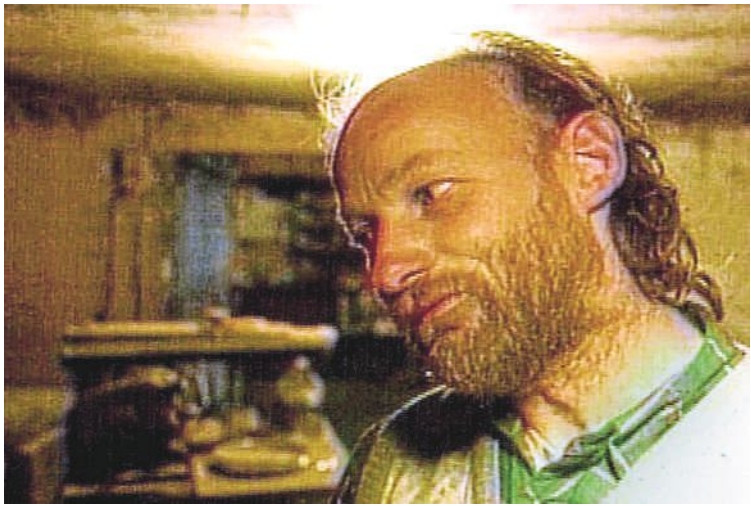
A judge imposed a media blackout on evidence presented during parts of the trial, which The Post observed, meaning few details were revealed in real time. But reporters took notes.

One wrote 20 years later that investigators found teeth, purses, identification cards and a mattress soaked in blood. They found bags of ground human remains, Jeremy Hainsworth recounted. They found bisected skulls in freezers, with hands and feet tucked into buckets.

The provincial health officer at the time warned that Pickton may have mixed human remains with



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**TOP: Robert Pickton's pig farm became the largest crime scene in Canadian history. He was charged with murdering 26 women and convicted of murdering six. ABOVE: In a still image taken from a video, Pickton is interviewed in his home in British Columbia.**

pig meat at the farm and blended them. Officials said Pickton gave some of that meat away.

"Some was served at barbecues and some was given to close associates of Robert Pickton," Provincial Health Officer Perry Kendall told The Post at the time.

Forensic investigators were flown in to answer a horrifying question: Were the remains from a human or a pig?

Some estimate that as many as 200,000 DNA samples were taken in an operation that cost nearly \$70 million, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported. Investigators could eventually link those findings to the DNA of 33 missing women, though prosecutors charged Pickton in the killing of 26 of them.

In 2007, he was convicted of murdering Sereena Abotsway,

Marnie Frey, Andrea Joesbury, Georgina Papin, Mona Wilson and Brenda Ann Wolfe.

For Papin's sister, Pickton's death brings some closure.

"This is gonna bring healing for, I won't say all families, I'll just say most of the families," Cynthia Cardinal told the Associated Press. "... Finally. I can actually move on and heal and I can put this behind me."

Others want British Columbia authorities to investigate further, the CBC reported, so they'll know whether their family members were among Pickton's victims.

Pickton, 74, had begun serving his life sentence in 2007. He became eligible to apply for a partial parole this year.

DeNeen L. Brown contributed to this report.

# Idaho man sentenced to death for killing first wife, second wife's children

BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL

An Idaho man was sentenced to death Saturday for the murders of his first wife and his second wife's two children, the culmination of a years-long case that drew national attention.

A jury convicted Chad Daybell on Thursday of killing Tammy Daybell, who was then his wife; 7-year-old Joshua Jaxon "J.J." Vallow; and 16-year-old Tylee Ryan. The children belonged to Lori Vallow Daybell, whom Daybell married shortly after his wife's death and who was sentenced to life in prison last year for their killings.

Daybell and Vallow Daybell pleaded not guilty to the charges.

A jury in Fremont County, Idaho, recommended a death sentence at a hearing Saturday. Judge Steven W. Boyce made the final sentencing as Daybell appeared largely expressionless. He was given the death sentence for all six murder and conspiracy counts on which he was convicted in the three 2019 killings.

The case's unusual details drew attention when the children were reported missing and as authorities zeroed in on Daybell, an author of apocalyptic novels for Mormon audiences, and Vallow Daybell, a former beauty pageant contestant. Prosecutors alleged that the couple



**Chad Daybell sits at the defense table after the jury's verdict in his murder trial was read last week in Boise, Idaho. Prosecutors alleged he and Lori Vallow Daybell, his second wife, had doomsday beliefs.**

had doomsday beliefs and justified the killings through bizarre ideas about cleansing "zombie" spirits.

The case spanned multiple years and states, starting with the disappearance of and search for the children. At a news conference after the sentencing, the

prosecutors described a complex investigation that involved several agencies and hundreds of people.

Calling it a "hard-fought battle," Fremont County Prosecutor Lindsey Blake told reporters that it had been a challenge to present the story uncovered by the

sprawling investigation.

"In rendering this verdict [by the jury], we hope the victims and survivors of Chad Daybell know that the community as a whole does not tolerate the loss of three precious and irreplaceable human beings," Blake said.

John Prior, Chad Daybell's at-

torney, did not respond to The Washington Post's requests for comment Saturday afternoon.

The case began in July 2019, when Vallow's estranged husband, Charles Vallow, was killed by her brother in Arizona. Alex Cox, her brother, was not charged and died several months later. Vallow then moved to Idaho with her two children, and she met Daybell.

The children were reported missing in September 2019, and Tammy Daybell was killed in October 2019. Her death was first ruled to have been from natural causes, but her body was later exhumed for an autopsy that determined she had been asphyxiated.

When relatives of the children reported that they hadn't heard from them, Vallow told authorities that the children were with a friend in Arizona; then she fled to Hawaii and married Daybell.

The children's remains were found on Daybell's property. Vallow Daybell and Daybell were arrested in 2020.

When Vallow Daybell was sentenced, she denied that anyone had been murdered, saying her deceased children had told her that they were happy and that "Jesus Christ knows the truth of what happened here."

After Daybell's sentencing Saturday, family members of the

victims thanked prosecutors and law enforcement officers, telling reporters that Daybell's sentence represented justice. Some of the victims also read statements in court.

"We can all start to heal from the terrible losses we have suffered," the family of Tammy Daybell wrote in a statement released through the Tammy Douglas Daybell Foundation. "We will miss Tammy every single day of our lives but we have some comfort knowing we will see her again."

Idaho has eight people on death row, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, and has executed 29 people since 1864. The state uses lethal injection, though execution by firing squad is also legal if lethal-injection drugs are unavailable.

"Today justice was served," Madison County Prosecutor Rob Wood, whose office worked on the case, told reporters. "To all those who held Tylee, J.J. and Tammy in their hearts, we hope these verdicts bring a measure of healing and closure, and may the memory of Tylee, J.J. and Tammy continue to be a blessing to all who knew and loved them."

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**RETROPOLIS**  
In the 4th century B.C., an elite Greek fighting force made up of gay couples defeated the Spartans. **B3**



**MARYLAND**  
Lara Trump slams Larry Hogan for urging respect for the verdict in Donald Trump's New York trial. **B3**



**OBITUARIES**  
CVS co-founder Stanley Goldstein, 89, helped build a retail and health-care empire. **B4**

CAPITAL LETTERS



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# Driving the fear away

Service takes the wheel for motorists who are scared to cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge themselves

BY HAU CHU

Michelle Morgan has been waiting at a weigh station on U.S. Route 50 east-bound in Annapolis, as instructed. She just passed the “Last Exit Before Toll,” sign, and there’s no turning back.

Ahead of her is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. She thinks of it as a 400-foot steel wall standing between her and a relaxing weekend on Fenwick Island, Del.

The bridge is four miles long. A 10-minute car ride.

With guardrails on each side.

But something about how the road rises, bends and falls — how drivers can’t see land on the horizon until they’re almost on the other side — is unnerving. Scary, even. People who have careers and kids and mortgages, who are past the point in their lives where they’re worried about a final or fitting in with friends, can’t face



**TOP:** Kent Island Express driver Lisa Okes takes a client east over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. **ABOVE:** Steven Eskew, owner of Kent Island Express, shows some of the eye masks his wife made for people who don’t like to look out the window of the car as they’re driven over the bridge.

the thought of tackling the Bay Bridge.

So, they get someone else to do it.

Morgan hops out of the driver’s seat of her black Hyundai Palisade and slides into the passenger side. Lisa Okes, 53, a driver for Kent Island Express, takes the wheel.

The service has been operating for more than 20 years. Steven Eskew has been running it for 11 since he got out of his business of moving people and their things from house to house and into this operation of carrying folks from one highway stop to the next.

For \$40 cash or \$50 credit, Eskew and his team of five drivers will take people over the bridge from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

“The bridge,” Eskew said, “is like a speed bump in their road.”

He and his crew shepherd

SEE **BRIDGE** ON **B2**

# Clinic is locked in labor dispute

## PROVIDERS VOICE SAFETY CONCERNS

Unity Health Care serves 1 in 8 D.C. residents

BY JENNA PORTNOY

The front-line doctors and nurse practitioners at the District’s largest community health center say widespread staff shortages and safety concerns at clinics across the city, including the jail, have forced dozens to quit, putting their vulnerable patients at risk.

Unity Health Care workers say a grueling schedule forces them to run late or rush appointments, shortchanging patients grappling with complex issues and creating a chaotic environment that has led to 25 resignations since Jan. 1, a number the non-profit health center disputes. Providers are scheduled to see up to 24 patients in a day, workers say.

The concerns drove about 150 Unity providers to form a union last winter, and they have accused management of unfair labor practices such as not bargaining in good faith for their first contract.

They are seeking more administrative time to catch up on work, the ability to see fewer patients for longer appointments and cost of living increases, providers said.

Unity chief executive Jessica Henderson Boyd pushed back against providers’ claims, and said improved access to primary care and preventive services is

SEE **UNITY** ON **B4**

# Primary pits fame against local ties

Whistleblower and established Democrats vie for Spanberger’s seat

BY TEO ARMUS

Craig Barrett was a little star-struck, he confessed, when he answered the door at his Northern Virginia townhouse to find a Trump whistleblower standing outside.

“It’s an honor to meet you, sir,” he said as former Army colonel Yevgeny “Eugene” Vindman handed him a campaign brochure. “Hold on, hold on — I’ve got to get a picture, if you don’t mind.”

Vindman, who made his pitch for Congress while they posed for a photo, is no stranger to this kind of fame: He helped his brother file a report that prompted the first impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump — and then thrust the identical twins into the Washington spotlight.

An hour or two away from the cameras on Capitol Hill, Vindman has used his celebrity to catapult to the front of a crowded Democratic primary for Virginia’s 7th Congressional District. His campaign has raised more than \$3.7 million in his bid for this battleground seat, left open because Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D) is running for Virginia governor.

But with four other Democrats stressing their track record in

SEE **PRIMARY** ON **B2**

# Prepare to weather a scorcher of a summer in Washington

BY MATT ROSS AND JASON SAMENOW

Washingtonians should brace themselves for potentially the hottest summer since at least 2020, with long stretches of 90-degree weather and the chance to surpass the century mark for the first time since 2016. Factoring in the District’s trademark humidity, expect brutal, sauna-like conditions at times.

Even though D.C. summers are almost always hot and humid, this one could rank among the top summers in those categories. Our detailed outlook follows.

The summer will mark a continuation of a very warm start to 2024. Despite closing with some seasonably cool days, May was the District’s sixth consecutive warmer-than-normal month. While we haven’t hit 90 degrees since a few weeks ago and the air is delightfully refreshing, summer always prevails as we progress through June.

Although we don’t think it will be a memorably hot summer like those in the brutal stretch from

2010 to 2012 — the three hottest on record — this summer should be noticeably warmer than last year’s, when the number of 90-degree days was actually below normal and the average temperature was 0.8 degrees cooler than the norm.

Recent summers comparable to what we expect this year would be 2020 and 2016, which ranked fifth-hottest and third-hottest in records dating to 1872.

Assuming summer temperatures end up above normal as predicted, it’s worth noting that our “new normal” summer is hotter than it was a few decades ago. In other words, a summer that’s only somewhat warmer than normal in today’s climate would have been historically hot a few decades ago.

The area’s average high from July 6 to 27 is about 90 degrees, whereas it was previously in the upper 80s. Human-caused climate change has boosted average temperatures by over 1 degree in the past 30 years.

When putting together a

SEE **SUMMER** ON **B6**



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**A child cools off under a waterfall at the Yards Park in D.C. in September. This summer should be noticeably warmer than last year’s, when the number of 90-degree days was below normal.**

# Service gets nervous drivers across bay

BRIDGE FROM B1

about 6,000 rides a year. Eskew says service hasn't quite recovered from the pandemic, but he's gotten more calls since the collapse of Baltimore's Key Bridge in March. The tragedy hasn't heightened his concerns, but Okes can't help but reflect.

"I do think about [safety] more often than I ever did before," she said. "We travel the bridge 30, sometimes 60 times a day, but I wouldn't let it stop me."

Morgan, 39, is telling Okes about the final time — about five years ago — that she drove herself over solo.

"Why am I gripping? Why am I shaking? Like, what's happen-

ing?" Morgan said. "I felt like the car was veering toward the wall, and I was going so slow and was so sweaty."

Okes reassures Morgan that her fear is common. That it's driven in part by the tightly packed lanes. That everyone's anxiety levels drop once the bridge swoops down toward the mainland.

Morgan, who lives in Northeast Washington, responds that her hands are clammup.

"I pay 80 bucks to go to the beach now," Morgan said. "When it could be \$2.50."

They've gotten to the other side. Okes deposits Morgan along the shoulder of the road with an exit sign to Stevensville, Md.

Eskew has been following in

his white Ford Escape to scoop Okes up. Morgan was Ride No. 14 of the day.

Eskew and Okes are back at the weigh station. Ride No. 16 is here: someone who has been dreading this drive. Even with the Kent Island Express.

"I have been stressing myself out all day," said Hailey Griffin, 23, from the passenger seat of her black Mercedes ML350. "I'm still going to have a panic attack regardless."

"I absolutely hate this bridge," she said. "And since the Key Bridge collapsed, I don't have a lot of confidence in bridges."

The hairstylist from Mount Airy, Md., said she's terrified of heights. Even her mom was un-

able to drive over this bridge on family vacations to Ocean City.

But then Griffin got a little older and her anxiety spiked and now she doesn't love driving through tunnels or flying on airplanes.

"It makes me so angry because it's so irrational," Griffin said. "I used to always make fun of my mom."

She hops out along the side of the road — the same place where Morgan exited hours before — and forks over \$40. Now, to the beach.

Eskew and Okes have three more riders after Griffin, then they'll call it a day. Tomorrow they'll be back at the weigh station to start the process all over



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again. There will always two of them: One to drive the customer over the bridge, one to shadow.

Because even the professional bridge crossers can't do it completely alone.

**Michelle Morgan talks with Lisa Okes of Kent Island Express as they drive over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Morgan last drove across the bridge herself five years ago.**

# Voters weigh local names against anti-Trump fame

PRIMARY FROM B1

elected office, the June 18 primary will test whether Vindman's role in the anti-Trump "resistance" — and the thousands of donations it has netted him from around the country — is enough to win the party's nomination.

Those four candidates — state Del. Briana D. Sewell, former state delegate Elizabeth Guzman and Prince William County Supervisors Andrea O. Bailey and Margaret A. Franklin — are all women of color who have represented the most heavily Democratic corner of the district. None has raised more than a fraction of Vindman's war chest, but each contends she has stronger ties to this diverse, growing area than the former Army colonel, who moved to the area in 2016.

"Vindman did just kind of drop out of the sky," Elizabeth Warner, a retired scientist and School Board member in Stafford County, said in an interview during a convention in Fredericksburg for 7th District Democrats. "I recognize he has the money and the backing, but I'm not sure he's the best candidate for the job."

Alex Keena, a political scientist at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, said that the conventional wisdom would place Vindman as the odds-on favorite. "Money tells you one story, and Vindman has a lot of it," he said. "But money doesn't always guarantee success," he added, and the other front-runners "have actual constituents who live within the district boundaries. I wouldn't underestimate the power of that."

The stakes will be high in November for whoever wins. Democrats cannot afford to give up the 7th District, a mix of bedroom communities along Interstate 95 and rural areas in the Virginia Piedmont, as the party seeks to flip the House this fall. The Cook Political Report gives Democrats only the slightest of advantages in the general election.

Republicans are in the middle of their own crowded primary, led by two well-funded military veterans with experience in the Trump administration. The eventual nominee is bound to receive heavy support from national GOP efforts, who have already directed several attacks at Vindman over his time in the Army.

Vindman, though, has not shied away from putting a different frame on his time in the spotlight. He said the race is just as much about defending democracy as it is about local issues, with Trump all but certain to win the GOP's presidential nomination.

"There's too much at stake this time around, and I couldn't sit on the sidelines," Vindman told Barrett, 50, the voter who asked for a photo.

Barrett, a lawyer and former Marine who lives near Woodbridge, said the retired Army colonel had won his vote by demonstrating courage in raising alarms about Trump.

Yet as Vindman listed who else was running, he nodded along in recognition. Bailey is Barrett's representative on the Prince William board. Sewell and Guzman were familiar names from his time living in the area.

All three, Barrett said, had their own merits, too.

## Under the spotlight

The story presented in Vindman's campaign ads is already familiar to many voters: The candidate's twin, Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, was working at the National Security Council when he overheard a call in which Trump pressured Ukraine to dig up dirt on Joe Biden.

Eugene Vindman, then a senior ethics official, filed a whistleblower report, prepared his brother to testify during impeachment hearings and was later ousted from his job following the inquiry.

It is a narrative that turned him into a fundraising juggernaut almost immediately after launching his campaign, fueled by a slew of small-dollar online donations and big-name endorsements from the likes of Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.).

That huge war chest has allowed him to get his message out in every corner of this sprawling district, but it has also put Vindman, 48, under the microscope as Democrats consider how an untested candidate with his profile would perform in November.

Members of both parties slammed him for posing in April with a Confederate-era version of the Virginia state flag — a gaffe for which he later apologized — and pointed out that the overwhelming majority of his grass-roots donations have come from out-



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**From left, Democratic House candidates Andrea O. Bailey, Margaret A. Franklin, Elizabeth Guzman, Briana D. Sewell and Yevgeny "Eugene" Vindman take part in a SEIU forum in Dumfries, Va., in May.**

side Virginia. Guzman's campaign has alluded to outside spending on Vindman's behalf from "crypto super PACs," though Vindman is quick to note that he has no control over outside groups.

Most prominently, some local officials have accused Vindman of staying on the political sidelines, questioning why he did not vote in some party primaries even after leaving the military or help canvass in competitive elections. (Vindman says he attended a fundraiser in the fall for Sewell, now one of his opponents, and door-knocked outside the 7th District.)

"Everybody else has literally been boots on the ground: They have won the hard-fought primaries. They have been involved," said Del. Joshua G. Cole (D-Stafford). "Vindman has national recognition because of the work his brother did, but at the end of the day, we also want someone who's going to fight for our issues."

Sandra Smith, 80, a tour guide and retired teacher in Gordonsville, was split among several candidates but said Vindman had put in the work to reach out to more rural pockets of the district.

"Vindman was the first guy to get down here: He was on the phone. He was in our Christmas parade," she said. Pointing to her T-shirt, which displayed the text of the Constitution, she added: "He doesn't need to prove himself. He's already proven himself."

## A struggle to break out

Elsewhere at the Fredericksburg convention, it was easy to see why the other candidates had strong appeal with Democratic loyalists — and why it's been a struggle for any one of them to break out of the pack.

Vindman was noticeably absent — he was at a fundraising

*"All of the Democrats are running — we believe in the same issues. What you are going to have to decide is who can be effective Day 1 in addressing those issues."*

**Margaret A. Franklin**, Prince William County supervisor and candidate in Virginia's 7th Congressional District

event that day — but nearly every other primary candidate dropped by to hobnob with party stalwarts.

Guzman, 51, gave a rousing speech in which she declared herself the only candidate in the race to have flipped a competitive seat or represented rural areas. A favorite of labor unions and Latino groups, the social worker and former state delegate has been mar-

shaling their support.

Some Democrats have worried voters may be growing weary after her narrow loss in a state Senate primary last year, but Guzman framed it as an advantage: A large chunk of the electorate is already familiar with her, she said, given that high-profile election and her three terms in Richmond — plus a Spanish-language response she gave to the 2018 State of the Union.

Sewell, 34, has emphasized her community ties — she lives in the same Prince William house that her parents brought her home to as a newborn — and her résumé working for federal and local politicians before getting elected to the General Assembly in 2021.

The cousin of U.S. Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-Ala.), she was trailing the other elected officials in fundraising as of March but has drawn growing buzz in recent months — as well as praise for her poise and nuanced positions in candidate forums.

Franklin, 38, a lobbyist and former Hill staffer, began a speech at the convention by admitting that she can be quiet compared with some of her competition. Yet no one else in the race, she said, could match her combination of policy chops and lengthy track record legislating at the local and federal levels on issues such as housing and gun control.

"All of the Democrats are running — we believe in the same issues," she told the crowd. "What you are going to have to decide is

who can be effective Day 1 in addressing those issues."

Bailey, 69, presented something of a mirror image to her Prince William board colleague: She has a shorter list of legislative accomplishments but came off as a natural onstage, drawing whoops from Democratic activists as she spoke about her work pushing for a new mental health facility in her district.

Jacob Rubashkin, deputy editor of the nonpartisan analysis site Inside Elections, said that the race could look very different with one or two strong contenders with a distinct message against Vindman. But none of the four have raised enough money to match his campaign's barrage of television ads and mailers or attract the attention of outside PACs that might be able to help bridge that gap.

"It doesn't help that they are all overlapping in some ways in their territory," Rubashkin said. "Everyone is kind of vying for a similar pool of voters."

The other two candidates in the 7th District primary — Greene County lawyer Carl Bedell and retired diplomat Clifford Heinzer — have both played up their centrist politics but have not raised enough to compete seriously.

## Who can win?

The lingering questions for many loyal Democrats observing the crowded field is how Vindman — if he does win the primary — might fare in the general election.

Some at the Fredericksburg convention said they worry so much emphasis on Trump might turn off the kinds of independents and moderates who powered Spanberger's victories. Others fret that on-the-ground activists may not necessarily support him as enthusiastically as they backed her in 2022.

"All of us here paid our dues, and he has not," said Anthony Gitalado, 38, a federal employee in Stafford.

But Vindman was more confident in an interview a few days later at a Woodbridge restaurant. Democratic voters, he said, want a candidate who has shown the ability to stand up to the likely GOP nominee.

"The most important thing in this election is that we defeat Trump and MAGA extremists," he said. "Let's think about who is in the best position to make sure that we hold this critically important seat."

As he went on, a couple walked over from an adjacent table, apologizing for the interruption. They had spotted him and wanted a selfie.

MARYLAND

# Union searching for justice after fatal hit-and-run

Teamsters offer \$10,000 reward in case of man killed in Prince George's

BY JASMINE HILTON

At work, Carlos Barrett Sr. was known as the one who was always ready to help.

Whether it was fighting to improve safety conditions for thousands of union members or offering assistance to a co-worker in need, Barrett was there, his colleagues say.

"Please let me help you," Vince Verna remembered Barrett tell-

ing him after work one day when Verna was transitioning into a position at the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and found himself juggling the responsibilities of his old and new jobs at the union. "Carlos always offered his help no matter who needed it," Verna said in a statement.

But after Barrett was fatally struck while walking home more than two months ago in what police are investigating as a hit-and-run, his union brothers and sisters are now banding together to help him by trying to secure an arrest in the case.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, a labor union representing workers across the

country, announced Friday that it has offered \$10,000 in addition to the \$2,500 Prince George's County Crime Solvers reward for any information leading to the arrest of the driver who killed Barrett.

They hope \$12,500 will be enough to bring justice for their friend.

"He is always remembered. We don't want this forgotten," said Kara Deniz, a spokesperson for the Teamsters. "We talk about our brothers and our sisters in the union movement and labor movement, and he's one of our brothers. . . . We need to do everything that we can, and that's what we're doing."

According to Prince George's

County police, patrol officers responded at about 9:15 p.m. for a welfare check in the area of Branch Avenue and the Suitland Parkway overpass March 15. They found Barrett, 48, of Suitland, with trauma in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

"Our investigators are still working this case. It is not a cold case. . . . We're not giving up on this," said Brian Fischer, manager of the media relations division for Prince George's County police. "We truly appreciate the efforts of the Teamsters for giving the Crime Solvers the funds to hopefully encourage someone to come forward."

County police have investigat-

ed 14 pedestrian fatalities so far this year, a 180 percent jump from five pedestrians killed as of this time last year, according to county police department data.

Of the pedestrians killed this year, eight were in hit-and-runs, according to police data. In 2023, 23 pedestrians were killed — and of the pedestrian fatality investigations, eight were hit-and-runs.

"Be mindful that there are people walking home from work. Sometimes there are no side-walks and people are walking in the street. People are also riding bikes in the street," Fischer said. "Drivers have to be very alert. Unfortunately, we're finding more and more that drivers are busy texting, they're busy talking to passengers in the car, or they're trying to . . . drive with excessive speed."

Barrett had worked as an administrative assistant for the Brotherhood of Locomotive En-

gineers and Trainmen (BLET) in the National Legislative Office in downtown D.C. since 2017, Deniz said. A tenor saxophonist and football player when he was younger, Barrett also loved to cook for friends while watching the Dallas Cowboys play on television. His colleagues, Deniz said, miss his laugh.

"He was an integral part of our team and most important, a very kind soul and gentleman," Verna said in the statement from March.

The loss extends beyond the workplace. Barrett is missed by his mother, three children and a grandchild, Deniz said.

"It's never going to bring peace to the family because you've lost your loved one, but to get closer to, the goal here is to have accountability for what happened," Deniz said. "It was wrong and very sad that his life tragically ended this way."



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The double platinum-certified singer/songwriter exudes an empowering level of charisma and confidence earned by a quiet, decade-long grind. Haley Reinhart landed third place and became a fan favorite on season 10 of *American Idol*. Her dynamic presence has powered five albums: *Listen Up!*, *Better, What's That Sound?*, *Lo-Fi Soul* and *Off the Ground*. Reinhart has also been known to leave her mark on films and commercials. "After seeing Reinhart live, you can't help but talk about her like she's one of the greats, because she truly is" (readechoonline.com).

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RETROPOLIS

# The story of ancient Greece’s all-gay fighting force

BY AINSLEY HAWTHORN

The Battle of Tegyra in 375 B.C. proved that the legendary Spartan army could be defeated.

A thousand Spartan soldiers, trained for combat from the age of 7, were returning from an expedition when they stumbled on a much smaller force from the rival city of Thebes. Rather than retreat, the Theban infantry charged, pulling into a close formation and piercing the Spartan lines like a spear. The Spartans turned and, for the first time ever in pitched battle, fled.

The most fearsome military force of its day had been defeated by the Sacred Band of Thebes, a shock troop of 150 gay couples.

As Pride Month begins, more than a decade after the repeal of “don’t ask, don’t tell” allowed sexual minorities to serve openly in the U.S. military, an outspoken LGBTQ+ presence in the armed forces remains controversial. Last Pride season, congressional Republicans sought to block military spending on Pride celebrations and have rainbow flags removed from the offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Then-House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said the amendments were targeted at eliminating “radical programs that are forced on our troops at the expense of readiness.”

Yet one of history’s fiercest combat units intentionally recruited only gay soldiers.

The ancient Greek city-state of Thebes had been under Spartan occupation for three years when a group of Theban exiles stormed the citadel in 379 B.C. and retook the city. Still, the Thebans knew they would need a revolutionary strategy to keep the Spartans out for good.

Every Spartan boy spent his childhood at a state-sponsored military boarding school called



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Theban commander Pelopidas leads the Sacred Band, a unit of gay couples, in a charge against the Spartans at the Battle of Leuctra in 371 B.C., a conflict that marked a turning point in Greek history.

the agoge, and every Spartan man was a lifelong soldier. The Thebans couldn’t compete with that scale of military training, so a commander named Gorgidas suggested that they deploy a uniquely Theban strength against their enemies: male erotic love.

Classical Greece is often depicted as embracing male homosexuality, but the reality is more complicated. Romantic relationships between adult men and teenage boys were widely accepted as a form of social mentorship in which the older partner guided the younger through his transition to manhood. Continuing the relationship after the younger partner’s beard grew in, however, was taboo, and even men who took young male lovers were expected to marry women and fa-

ther children.

Thebes was one of the few city-states to embrace lifelong same-sex partnerships. Athenian historian Xenophon wrote that there, male couples could live “yoked together,” a phrase typically reserved for marriage.

For centuries, male couples pledged faithfulness to each other at the city’s shrine to Iolaus, nephew and young lover of the hero Heracles. The setting would have reminded everyone present of the link between homosexuality and heroism.

Achilles, champion of the Trojan War, went willingly to his death to avenge Patroclus, with whom prominent Greek writers believed he was romantically involved. Lovers Harmodius and Aristogeiton were celebrated as

the founders of Athenian democracy for killing Hipparchus, brother of Athens’s last tyrant. And according to Plutarch, Heracles had too many male lovers to count.

In Plato’s “Symposium,” written around the time Gorgidas was assembling his new military unit, the character Phaedrus reflects on what good soldiers male couples would make:

“Even just a few such men, fighting side by side, could conquer practically the entire human race. For surely the last person a lover could bear to see him abandoning his post or surrendering his weapons would be his boyfriend — he would sooner die many times over!”

Gorgidas recruited 150 couples skilled in martial combat for his

elite corps. This Sacred Band, 300 strong, became Greece’s first professional standing army, housed and fed by the city.

They first saw action in the spring of 378 B.C., when Sparta tried to seize the farmlands around Thebes. Seeing the Spartan army coming like “a solid mass of bronze and crimson,” Xenophon wrote, the Thebans and their Athenian allies dramatically assumed an at-ease pose to show they didn’t consider the Spartans a threat. This display of bravado scared off the Spartans.

The Battle of Tegyra proved the Sacred Band could beat the Spartans in open combat, but the decisive clash didn’t come until 371 B.C. on the plain of Leuctra. Again, Sparta had more soldiers, but the Theban general Epaminondas adopted an unconventional strategy.

Normally in Greek phalanx warfare, the strongest troops were positioned on the right side of the battle formation. Instead, Epaminondas placed the Sacred Band and the bulk of his infantry on his army’s left wing so they would be opposite Sparta’s best. If they could defeat the Spartan core, he believed, the rest of the enemy force — mostly unenthusiastic allies — would cut and run.

The Thebans slashed into Sparta’s unprepared right wing, killing its generals. Rudderless, Sparta’s allies in the center and left of the line fell back. When the dust cleared, 1,000 Spartan troops lay slain, among them King Cleombrotus, the first Spartan ruler to die in battle since Leonidas at Thermopylae more than 100 years earlier.

The Battle of Leuctra marked a turning point in Greek history. After suffering such heavy losses of men and reputation, Sparta’s power was permanently diminished. It lost its iron grip on its allies and became a political back-

water.

For a generation after Leuctra, Thebes was the dominant military force in Greece — an era historian James Romm calls “the age of the Sacred Band.” In the end, it took none other than Alexander the Great to bring it to heel.

Alexander’s father, King Philip II, had transformed Macedonia from an insignificant kingdom on the edge of the Greek world into a burgeoning imperial power, and in 338 B.C. he attacked a coalition of southern Greek city-states, including Thebes, at Chaeronea.

The battle pitted the Sacred Band against Philip’s most seasoned generals, commanded by 18-year-old Alexander. The Greeks’ spears proved to be no match for the Macedonians’ long battle pikes and Alexander’s bold tactics. Cut off from its allies, the band stood its ground until it was slaughtered to a man.

According to Louis Crompton, queer studies pioneer and author of “Homosexuality and Civilization,” the fate of the Sacred Band “was in the end the fate of Greece itself.” After Chaeronea, Greek resistance to Philip crumbled, and Alexander ultimately razed Thebes to the ground.

In recent years, some scholars have argued that the Sacred Band was merely a metaphor for military camaraderie, but most historians agree this brotherhood of 150 couples really did exist.

Excavation of a mass grave on the battlefield at Chaeronea uncovered the bodies of 254 soldiers believed to be the band’s war dead. Amid the broken bones and fractured skulls, some pairs of skeletons lay linked arm in arm, a tribute to a love that outlasted death.

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# Tulsa’s Black Wall Street could soon become a national monument

BY DeNEEN L. BROWN

More than a century after it was destroyed in the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, the historic Greenwood neighborhood, known as Black Wall Street, could soon become a national monument.

A bipartisan coalition in Congress, led by Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and James Lankford (R-Okla.), has introduced a bill to make the site of the historic tragedy a federally recognized monument.

The legislation would delineate the historical boundary of the Greenwood neighborhood in North Tulsa as a national monument, part of the National Park Service network of protected sites. People on Capitol Hill with knowledge of the proposed bill say that a vote in the Senate is expected this summer. A companion bill in the House is expected to be introduced this month.

Some activists have called on President Biden, who visited Tulsa three years ago on the 100th anniversary of the massacre, to establish the monument by using his executive authority under the 1906 Antiquities Act, which protects cultural and natural resources of historical or scientific interest.

The Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument Establishment Act proposed in Congress would create an appointed advisory commission, including seven descendants of massacre victims and survivors. The aim is to preserve and interpret the history of Greenwood, Black Wall Street and the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, though the details of how the history would be commemorated remain to be determined.



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ABOVE: Smoke billows over Tulsa during the 1921 race massacre. RIGHT: Workers remove headstones from gravesites in June 2021 in Tulsa as part of a search for mass graves connected to the massacre.

“Over 100 years ago, a violent mob destroyed the thriving Black neighborhood of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our history,” Booker said in a statement. “When I visited Tulsa in 2019, I felt pain and anguish for the hundreds of unarmed men, women, and children who were murdered, the more than 1,250 homes that burned, and for the thousands of victims who survived this act of hatred.”

Lankford said in a hearing last month that Black Wall Street

*“I felt pain and anguish for the hundreds of unarmed men, women, and children who were murdered.”*

Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), recalling a 2019 visit to Tulsa in a statement

deserves its place among the country’s significant historic locations.

“I am grateful for the tireless efforts of so many in North Tulsa and in our state to make sure our children today and the generations yet unborn remember those lost, understand the stain of racism, and learn the powerful story of rebuilding and resilience,” Lankford said.

Tiffany Crutcher, a descendant of a Tulsa Race Massacre survivor and co-chair of the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall



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Street National Monument Coalition, said the legislation would move “the nation closer to acknowledging the truth — that this is sacred ground, blood was shed here, and justice has continually been denied.”

The massacre — one of the worst incidents of racial violence in U.S. history — began on May 31, 1921, when a White mob descended on Greenwood, a prosperous African American community. Over the next 48 hours, as many as 300 Black people were killed and more than 10,000 were displaced, after businesses and homes were burned to the ground. Tulsa was one of the first U.S. cities bombed from the air, according to historians; witnesses reported seeing airplanes dropping kerosene bombs.

During the two-day rampage, White mobs looted and burned homes of Black people. “They tried to kill all the Black folks they could see,” a survivor, George Monroe, recalled in the 1999 documentary “The Night Tulsa Burned.”

Witnesses said bodies were thrown into the Arkansas River and buried in mass graves. On June 1, martial law was declared. National Guard troops rounded up Black survivors and detained them in concentration camps throughout the city.

In July 2020, Tulsa made history by excavating to search for mass graves of massacre victims. In October 2020, scientists discovered a mass grave in Oaklawn Cemetery, a city-owned cemetery blocks from a site of the massacre.

Since 2020, the city has conducted several excavations in a search for massacre victims and discovered dozens of remains in unmarked graves. Scientists continue to analyze remains for signs of burns, gunshots and trauma that could connect them to the rampage. In September 2023, Tulsa began a third excavation at Oaklawn Cemetery, where 18 known victims of the massacre were buried, according to Tulsa officials. Fifty grave shafts were discovered in that excavation.

## MARYLAND

# RNC’s Lara Trump attacks Hogan over urging respect for trial verdict

BY MARIANA ALFARO

Lara Trump, the co-chair of the Republican National Committee and daughter-in-law of Donald Trump, slammed former Maryland governor Larry Hogan on Sunday after he’d urged Americans to “respect” the verdict in the former president’s hush money trial.

Hogan is running for a Senate

seat in Maryland and represents one of the GOP’s best chances at taking back control of the chamber. Still, Lara Trump — who was recently named co-chair of the party, alongside Michael Whatley — said on CNN’s “State of the Union” that Hogan “doesn’t deserve the respect” of any Republican for his comments.

On Thursday, before the jury verdict was delivered, Hogan post-

ed on X that Americans should “respect the verdict and the legal process.”

“We must reaffirm what has made this nation great: the rule of law,” Hogan said, urging the public not to “pour fuel on the fire with more toxic partisanship.”

Lara Trump called his statement “ridiculous.”

“He doesn’t deserve the respect of anyone in the Republican Party

at this point, and quite frankly, anybody in America, if that’s the way you feel,” she said.

The RNC supports the Republican Party’s campaigns and organizing. CNN host Kasie Hunt asked the RNC co-chair if her comments meant that the committee would withhold money from Hogan’s Senate campaign. Lara Trump did not answer directly.

“I’ll get back to you on all the specifics monetarily,” she said. “But what I can tell you is that, as the Republican Party co-chair, I think he should never have said something like that.”

Spokespeople for Hogan’s campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Last week, Chris LaCivita, a sen-

ior adviser to Trump’s presidential campaign, quickly attacked Hogan for his message by saying on X: “You just ended your campaign.”

Hogan, a popular former governor in a deep-blue state who is known for his willingness to work across the aisle, needs to win over voters to succeed Sen. Ben Cardin (D) and help the GOP take control of the Senate.

The Democrats currently control the chamber by one seat, and several Senate seats are up for grabs in November. Hogan is facing off against Angela Alsobrooks, county executive of Prince George’s County, who won the Democratic primary last month.

In the interview with CNN, Lara

Trump appeared to suggest that Hogan was appealing to the wrong voters by attempting to subdue a negative reaction to the verdict in the trial of the former president.

“The American people came out and in 48 hours after Donald Trump’s verdict was read, our campaign and the RNC raised \$70 million in digital fundraising,” she said — referring to a spike in donations to Trump and Republicans in the verdict’s aftermath. (The fundraising figures have not been verified.)

“I think that that was a very quick, very rapid and very strong response from the American people,” Lara Trump said. “The American people are upset and they spoke out about it.”



Unionized providers at Unity Health Care protest unfair labor practices in Washington on May 11.

## Providers at D.C. clinic claim workplace issues

UNITY FROM B1

the path to reduce racial disparities in life expectancy across the District.

“Our providers are critical to this work, and we continue to listen to and address their concerns, while following the current constraints due to collective bargaining. Yes, the financial model is challenging, and being in primary care right now is challenging, but I believe in the power of FQHCs (federally qualified health clinics) like Unity,” Boyd said in a statement.

Unity was founded in 1985 in a small room in a D.C. homeless shelter and today has nine community clinics, a presence at 10 shelters and two high school-based clinics as well as a contract with the city to provide care at the D.C. jail, including an infirmary and an urgent care that is staffed around-the-clock.

D.C. Council member Christina Henderson (I-At large), chair of the health committee, on Friday sent a letter to Unity urging management to improve relations with the newly formed union.

She said a thriving community health network is critical to the District reversing stark disparities in health outcomes for Black residents.

The conflict at Unity mirrors one playing out across the country as health-care providers feel a disconnect between their mission to provide comprehensive and equitable care and how they are being treated — fueling a resurgent labor movement in private and nonprofit sectors. Nationally and locally, medical residents, nurses and other direct care providers are joining unions and stepping up their activism, inspired partly by Kaiser Permanente workers, who last year staged the largest health-care strike in U.S. history.

“The difficulties of providing quality patient care when there aren’t sufficient staff are always, always, always at the top of the list,” said Rebecca Givan, a professor of labor studies at Rutgers University.

As an FQHC, Unity provides primary care regardless of patients’ ability to pay and qualify for reimbursement under Medicare and Medicaid. According to the center’s website, 1 out of 8 D.C. residents is a Unity patient.

Unity providers treat D.C.’s most vulnerable residents, many of whom have complex medical conditions and poor health literacy on top of barriers to stable housing, food, transportation and child care.

The patient profile means that during every appointment, Unity providers must manage chronic conditions like diabetes and blood pressure, arrange preventive care screenings such as mammograms and colonoscopies, and address mental health. Providers say the most rewarding but time-consuming part of the job is often discussions about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, part of trust-building that keeps patients coming back.

But providers said a schedule instituted several years ago and a policy of seeing every patient, including walk-ins, mean they get no relief — leading to burnout and contributing to a turnover rate that is high even for taxing community health jobs.

The departures mean patients who may already have a deep skepticism of the medical establishment often see different doctors with little time to digest their history, workers say, increasing the chances a patient will not get the care they need.

“They fall back out of the

system. They use the ER more. They end up in the hospital more. Or they are going to forgo care,” said James Tracy, a nurse practitioner at Unity’s Upper Cardozo Health Center in Northwest Washington.

Boyd, the Unity chief executive who is a pediatrician and D.C. native, said in her statement that a high patient no-show rate means providers see an average of 16 patients daily with a goal of 20, not the 24 patients the union claims, and that specialists and mental health clinicians are expected to see fewer patients than primary care doctors.

Unity heard feedback from providers and planned to roll back the “wave schedule” when the formation of the union precluded their efforts to make major changes to working conditions, Boyd said.

Regina Lindsay, Unity chief human resources officer, said through a spokeswoman that some of the providers the union says resigned actually retired, were terminated or are still on the job.

Providers say the workload still exceeds that of comparable community health centers, such as Whitman-Walker Health, where workers are longtime members of the Service Employees International Union. Workers at Mary’s Center, which primarily serves Spanish-speaking patients in D.C. and Maryland, joined SEIU last year and are also negotiating their first contract.

Unity workers are members of the Union of American Physicians and Dentists.

Some providers say staff shortages have contributed to an overall lack of oversight that leaves them vulnerable to safety risks.

Alli Rigel, a Unity physician, said patients’ work and family commitments mean they can’t get to follow-up appointments when a provider runs out of time, sometimes causing tension.

A patient hit them with a door last fall as they tried to leave an exam room when the patient learned she would have to return for a Pap smear because a 40-minute visit was insufficient to address all her needs.

“We’re the last line of defense against a lot of injustices for our patients,” Rigel said. “What hurt more is my manager was just going to give her a whole new appointment. My safety did not matter.”

Danielle Fincher, a primary care physician at Unity, said the resignation of the medical director at the D.C. jail meant she was left shaken and upset with no support at 7:30 a.m. on April 10, when an inmate lunged at her, spitting in her face, before corrections officers restrained him.

After telling a supervisor she wanted to leave, she said she was told that she had to see more patients, couldn’t leave until six hours after the incident, and a bodily fluid exposure risk assessment was not followed until the end of the day and only because she kept following up.

“He spit on me, but ... ultimately, I was assaulted by a patient and Unity did not have my back,” Fincher said.

Ryan Buchholz, acting chief medical officer, said through a spokeswoman that a replacement doctor was found within a few hours and proper protocols were followed.

Still, Fincher worries that the compounding stressors threaten Unity’s very existence.

“I am worried Unity will have to close,” Fincher said. “These are the most disadvantaged people in the city. They have nowhere else to go. It feels like a sinking ship.”

STANLEY GOLDSTEIN, 89

## Helped build CVS drugstore empire

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Stanley Goldstein, who helped turn a single store of health and beauty items — with a bag-your-own-purchases option to save a few cents — into the CVS retail and health-care empire whose annual revenue now surpasses companies such as Exxon and Microsoft, died May 21 at his home in Providence. He was 89.

CVS Corp., based in Woonsocket, R.I., announced the death but did not provide a cause. Mr. Goldstein had been diagnosed with cancer this year.

The idea that launched CVS was an experiment in early-1960s shopper psychology. At the time, items from shaving cream to Band-Aids to razor blades could be found in drugstores and, increasingly, on the shelves in groceries stores. Mr. Goldstein and his brother, Sidney, wondered whether people would come to a store with only health, beauty and grooming products — sold at discounted prices and set up like a self-serve supermarket.

Mr. Goldstein looked at the concept from two angles. He had a business degree from the University of Pennsylvania and was well versed in studies on competition and consumer behavior. He also had direct experience in the marketplace. He had left a stockbroker job to join his brother at the helm of a struggling family business, which included selling health and beauty products wholesale to retailers.

Mr. Goldstein and his brother recruited a third partner, Ralph Hoagland III, a budding entrepreneur with Boston roots who had worked in sales at Procter & Gamble. “It’s as simple as listening to your customers,” Mr. Goldstein once told the Providence Journal. “Don’t think, ‘Let’s make a profit this way or that way.’ You satisfy your customers, you’ll do fine.”

For the first store, the founding trio picked a city facing hard times, the 19th-century mill hub of Lowell, Mass. The doors opened at Consumer Value Store in 1963. The layout was airy and bright. There was a self-service bag station with the sign: “Help yourself. Save money!”

The store logo was a shield with the initials, CVS. The co-founders soon adopted that as the name. The initials made putting up signs a lot cheaper. “All those letters cost a lot of money,” Mr. Goldstein said. “So we shortened it to CVS.”

The second store was opened in Haverhill, Mass., about 25 miles northeast of Lowell. More locations began to pop up across New England. By 1988, through acquisitions and expansion, CVS had 750 locations, according to a company history.

A pivotal moment came in 1996. Mr. Goldstein was chairman of Melville Corp., which had purchased CVS from the co-founders in 1969 and included other holdings such as Thom McAn shoes, K-B Toys and the Marshalls clothing chain.

CVS, however, accounted for nearly half of Melville’s sales revenue by the mid-1990s. Mr. Goldstein led an effort to sell off each division, leaving only CVS. “We were fortunate in that the restructuring went according to plan,” Mr. Goldstein told the industry journal Chain Drug Review.

No longer tethered to smaller brands, CVS had more freedom to grow. When Mr. Goldstein retired as chief executive in 1998, the company had more than 4,000 stores.

Today, CVS has over 9,000 outlets across the United States and territories to anchor a health-care conglomerate with revenue of more than \$350 billion in 2023, placing CVS among the top 10 publicly traded U.S. companies and ahead of other giants including Ford, General Motors, ExxonMobil and Microsoft.

In one of the CVS group’s most transformative deals, CVS Health acquired the Aetna insurance network in 2018 in a \$69 billion merger that created a major alliance linking patient care, prescription drugs and other services.

Across Rhode Island, the CVS corporate influence was on display in dozens of philanthropic initiatives and fundraising projects, such as a \$54 million sports arena that opened in 2002 at the University of Rhode Island. In 2004, disclosures of back-channel meetings between CVS and state officials over corporate regulations led to the resignation of the state Senate president and revisions that sought to bring more transparency to state government.

Once retired, Mr. Goldstein fully shifted gears. He was sometimes spotted digging for clams or on his boat off Martha’s Vineyard bobbing in the harbor and listening to Red Sox games on the radio. He remained on the



CVS board until 2006.

“So he wasn’t fancy?” Providence Journal columnist Mark Patinkin wrote, recalling a question posed to Mr. Goldstein’s son, Larry.

“That’s a capital N and a capital O,” the son replied.

Stanley Phillip Goldstein was born in Woonsocket, R.I., on June 5, 1934. His father ran the wholesale goods company, and his mother was a homemaker.

Mr. Goldstein graduated from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business in 1955 and then served in the Army. He planned to make a career as a stockbroker, but his brother persuaded him in the late 1950s to help run their father’s company.

After CVS was acquired by Melville in 1969, co-founder Hoagland was pushed out by the Melville board after they learned he made personal donations to protest and activist groups including Students for a Democratic Society. Mr. Goldstein replaced Hoagland as CVS president.

“Ralph was the wild man who’d push the envelope,” Mr. Goldstein said, recounting the three CVS founders’ work during the early years. “Sid was quite conservative. And I was in the middle.”

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, the former Merle Katz; two sons, Larry Goldstein of Providence and Gene Goldstein of Miami; and four grandchildren. His brother, Sidney, died in 1995; Hoagland died in 2020.

In Providence, stories abound about Mr. Goldstein’s unpretentious manner. Patinkin, the Providence Journal columnist, shared one incident he witnessed at a party at Mr. Goldstein’s Providence home. Mr. Goldstein took a grilled shrimp from the hors d’oeuvres tray but was unsure of what to do with the tail. When no one seemed to be looking, he dropped it into a decorative vase.

“I later tattled on him to his wife,” Patinkin wrote, “who laughed and said yes, that sounded like her husband.”



TOP: Stanley Goldstein, co-founder of CVS, oversaw massive growth. ABOVE: An early CVS store.

JONATHAN D. BLAKE, 85

## A leader in communications law

BY WASHINGTON POST STAFF

Jonathan D. Blake, a communications lawyer at the forefront of helping shape legislation, licensing and treaty provisions related to satellite communications, cellular phone service and broadband technologies, died May 21 at a hospital in Arlington. He was 85.

The cause was complications from Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia, a rare type of blood cancer, said his wife, Elizabeth Shriver.

Mr. Blake, a past president of the Federal Communications Bar Association, spent his career (1964 to 2013) at Covington & Burling, the firm where he became head of the communications and media practice as well as chairman of the management

committee.

Mr. Blake said the most important legal matter of his early career (“a huge break which lasted three years”) involved representing The Washington Post, a Covington client, before the Federal Communications Commission in the early 1970s.

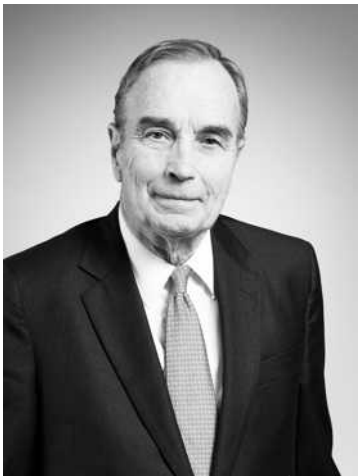
At the time, political allies of President Richard M. Nixon — embattled by the Watergate scandal — were challenging the renewal of The Post’s ownership licenses of two TV stations in Florida. The FCC renewed both licenses in 1975, a year after Nixon resigned.

Jonathan Dewey Blake was born in the central seaside New Jersey town of Rumson on June 16, 1938, and attended the Rumson Country Day School,

where his father was co-founder and headmaster and his mother worked as secretary, business manager and accountant.

He graduated in 1956 from the private Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts and in 1960 received a bachelor’s degree in history from Yale University, where he was captain of the cross-country team. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Trinity College, part of the University of Oxford in England, before receiving his law degree from Yale Law School in 1964.

His first marriage, to Prudence Rowsell, ended in divorce. In 1977, he married Shriver, a cousin of Peace Corps founding director R. Sargent Shriver. In addition to his wife, of Washington, survivors include three daughters from his first marriage; two chil-



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dren from his second marriage; a brother; and eight grandchildren.

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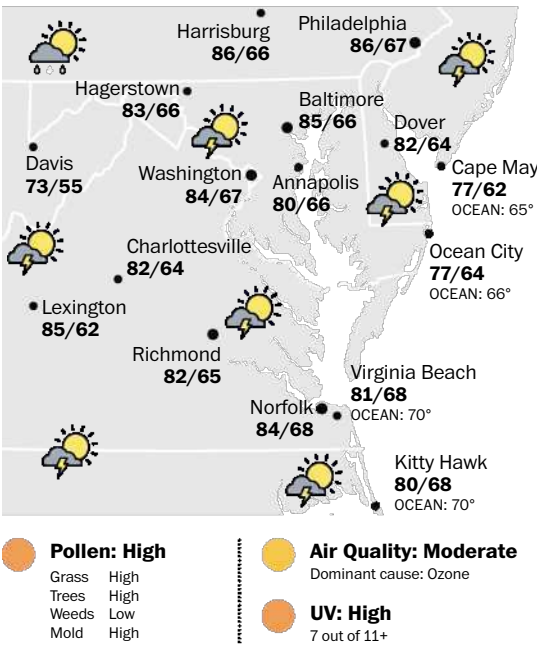
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## Humid, with chances of rain

 Humidity is back, with dew points well into the 60s. The day will be partly cloudy overall; the odds of showers or a quick storm will be highest from midday into the afternoon, while the morning hours and very late day nearer sunset have the best odds for bright skies. Temperatures will top out in the low to mid-80s before a summerlike night that barely cools into the mid- to upper 60s. Skies will stay mainly clear after any stray evening shower or storm. Fog could develop before dawn, though.

### REGION









**Blue Ridge:** Today, partly sunny, a few showers; warmer in northern parts. High 63 to 74. Winds north-northwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 56 to 61. Winds north-northeast 4–8 mph. Tuesday, a thunderstorm in spots in southern parts. High 66 to 76.

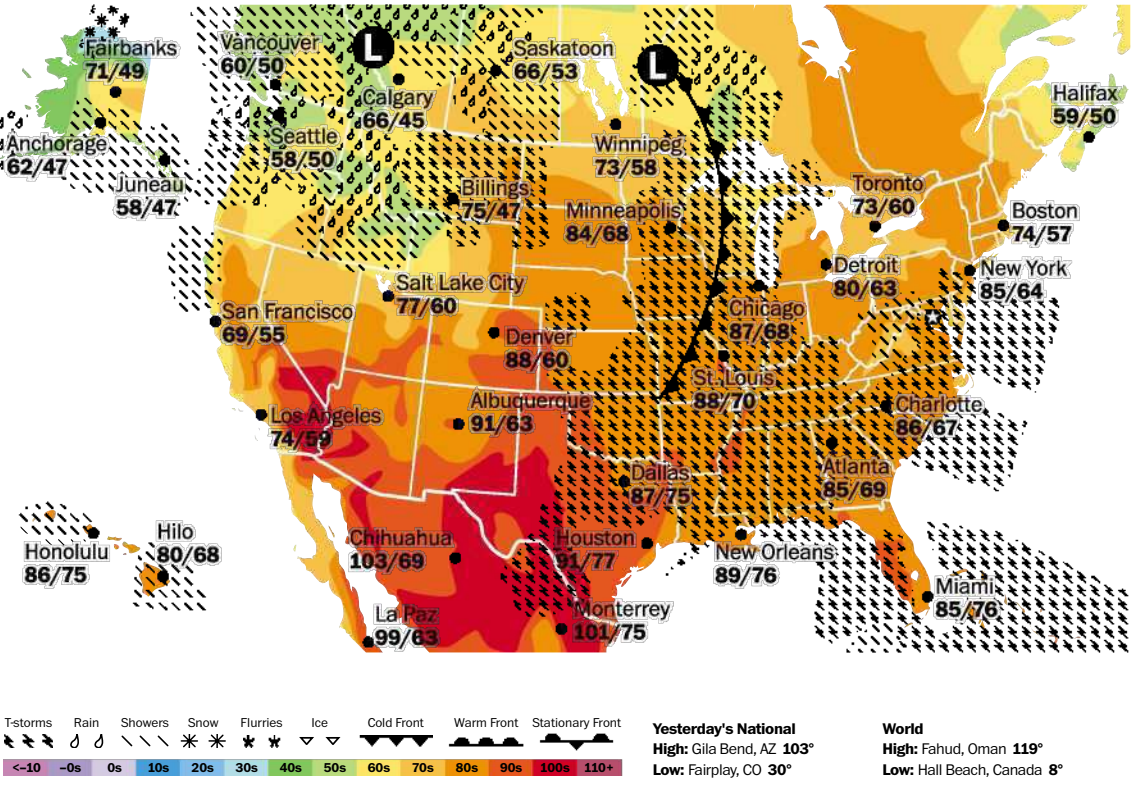
**Atlantic beaches:** Today, humid, partly sunny. A thunderstorm in spots; arriving during the afternoon in the south. High 76 to 84. Winds south-southwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy; a thunderstorm in spots in the south. Low 61 to 68.

**Waterways:** *Upper Potomac River:* Today, a morning shower, then a stray thunderstorm. Wind southwest 4–8 knots. Waves under a foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, partly sunny, a stray thunderstorm. Wind south 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.50 feet today, falling to 3.40 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in <b>Bold</b> )				
<b>Washington</b>	12:09 a.m.	<b>5:48 a.m.</b>	1:08 p.m.	<b>6:22 p.m.</b>
<b>Annapolis</b>	<b>3:24 a.m.</b>	9:53 a.m.	<b>3:04 p.m.</b>	9:13 p.m.
<b>Ocean City</b>	<b>5:16 a.m.</b>	11:25 a.m.	<b>5:51 p.m.</b>	none
<b>Norfolk</b>	1:28 a.m.	<b>7:23 a.m.</b>	1:22 p.m.	<b>7:53 p.m.</b>
<b>Point Lookout</b>	6:08 a.m.	<b>11:11 a.m.</b>	5:12 p.m.	<b>11:59 p.m.</b>

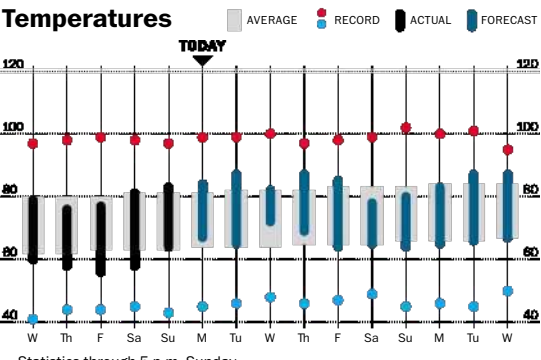
Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A t-storm around	Clouds and sun	A t-storm around	T-storms	Clouds and sun	Sun and clouds; nice
					
<b>84°</b> 67°	<b>87°</b> 65°	<b>82°</b> 72°	<b>87°</b> 69°	<b>85°</b> 64°	<b>78°</b> 65°
FEELS*: 89°	FEELS: 94°	FEELS: 84°	FEELS: 86°	FEELS: 86°	FEELS: 79°
CHNCE PRECIP: 40%	P: 0%	P: 40%	P: 90%	P: 25%	P: 20%
WIND: N 4–8 mph	W: E 6–12 mph	W: SSE 7–14 mph	W: WSW 8–16 mph	W: W 8–16 mph	W: WSW 7–14 mph
HUMIDITY: High	H: High	H: Very High	H: High	H: Moderate	H: Moderate

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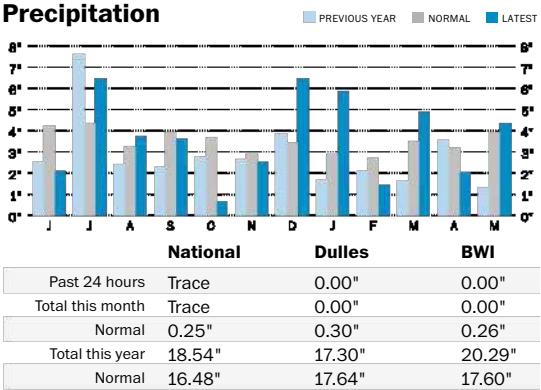
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Albuquerque	91/63/s	92/65/p	El Paso	99/75/s	100/75/s	Orlando	90/70/t	93/72/s	Amsterdam	64/54/c	68/54/sh
Anchorage	62/47/c	59/48/p	Fairbanks, AK	71/49/c	74/52/c	Philadelphia	86/67/t	85/66/p	Athens	88/72/p	92/72/s
Atlanta	85/69/t	85/70/t	Fargo, ND	78/66/p	72/57/t	Phoenix	103/77/s	103/79/p	Auckland	64/49/c	60/50/c
Austin	94/77/p	95/75/p	Hartford, CT	90/57/p	81/57/s	Pittsburgh	81/64/p	86/66/p	Baghdad	109/80/p	113/83/s
Baltimore	85/66/t	85/66/p	Honolulu	86/75/sh	85/73/sh	Portland, ME	71/52/s	67/55/s	Bangkok	95/81/t	93/80/t
Billings, MT	75/47/c	75/53/s	Houston	91/77/p	92/77/p	Portland, OR	66/53/r	67/52/c	Beijing	92/64/sh	90/66/p
Birmingham	87/70/t	85/72/t	Indianapolis	86/67/p	81/68/t	Providence, RI	83/54/p	71/56/s	Berlin	69/53/c	72/55/c
Bismarck, ND	83/57/p	73/56/p	Jackson, MS	88/72/t	90/72/t	Raleigh, NC	83/66/p	88/70/p	Bogota	69/52/c	66/51/r
Boise	74/51/r	79/56/s	Jacksonville, FL	89/68/sh	88/69/p	Reno, NV	81/56/c	88/62/s	Brussels	65/53/c	69/54/c
Boston	74/57/p	67/59/s	Kansas City, MO	78/67/t	83/58/t	Richmond	82/65/t	87/65/p	Buenos Aires	54/48/s	56/52/p
Buffalo	79/61/p	81/68/t	Las Vegas	102/79/p	103/82/p	Sacramento	84/58/p	101/67/s	Cairo	98/73/s	101/75/s
Burlington, VT	86/60/p	88/66/s	Little Rock	84/72/t	89/73/t	St. Louis	88/70/t	84/71/t	Caracas	78/68/t	78/68/t
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Charlotte	86/67/t	87/69/t	Memphis	87/72/t	89/72/t	San Diego	68/61/p	69/60/p	Dublin	65/54/sh	61/41/p
Cheyenne, WY	80/54/p	77/55/p	Miami	85/76/p	89/77/t	San Francisco	69/55/p	76/60/s	Edinburgh	66/51/p	58/42/r
Chicago	87/68/t	84/68/t	Milwaukee	77/66/t	79/66/t	San Juan, PR	89/80/t	92/79/t	Frankfurt	70/48/p	73/55/c
Cincinnati	84/64/p	84/66/t	Minneapolis	84/68/t	80/59/t	Seattle	58/50/r	61/48/r	Geneva	68/53/sh	73/53/p
Cleveland	78/64/p	88/68/t	Nashville	88/70/t	80/70/t	Spokane, WA	62/44/sh	66/45/p	Ham., Bermuda	78/69/c	77/69/s
Dallas	87/75/t	93/75/p	New Orleans	89/76/p	90/75/p	Syracuse	83/61/p	86/65/p	Helsinki	75/56/p	77/51/p
Denver	88/60/p	84/57/p	New York City	85/64/p	75/64/p	Tampa	91/74/t	94/77/t	Ho Chi Minh City	97/80/t	97/79/t
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








### OFFICIAL RECORD



	National	Dulles	BWI
High	83° 2:39 p.m.	84° 12:35 p.m.	85° 12:48 p.m.
Low	64° 5:03 a.m.	58° 4:15 a.m.	58° 5:23 a.m.
Normal	81°/63°	79°/58°	80°/59°
Record high	97° 1925	93° 2023	97° 2023
Record low	43° 1897	41° 1993	44° 1993

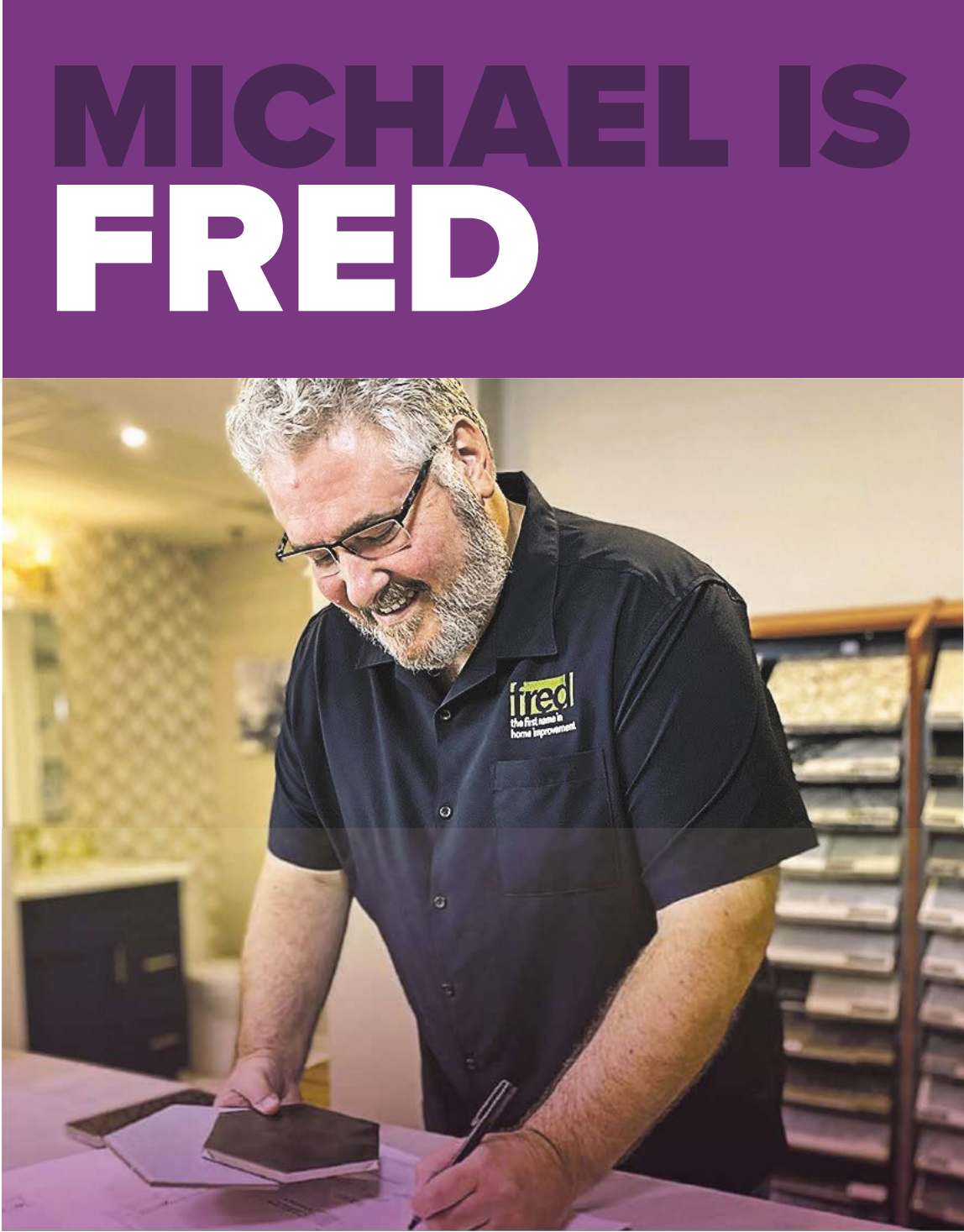
Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: -0.5° yr. to date: +3.0°



Moon Phases	Solar system
 June 6	 Rise 5:44 a.m. Set 8:29 p.m.
 June 14	 3:29 a.m. 5:36 p.m.
 June 21	 5:45 a.m. 8:26 p.m.
 June 28	 3:23 a.m. 4:27 p.m.
	 5:07 a.m. 7:29 p.m.
	 1:57 a.m. 1:23 p.m.

Islamabad	108/79/s	106/78/s	Rio de Janeiro	80/71/s	77/70/r
Istanbul	88/69/p	88/70/p	Riyadh	111/83/p	112/84/p
Jerusalem	96/68/s	92/67/s	Rome	74/55/s	76/57/s
Johannesburg	62/33/sh	57/37/s	San Salvador	87/71/t	85/72/t
Kabul	88/59/p	86/58/p	Santiago	65/45/c	66/45/c
Kingston, Jam.	88/79/t	87/80/t	Sarajevo	71/52/c	78/51/s
Kolkata	92/83/p	97/84/p	Seoul	83/56/c	83/61/p
Kyiv	79/62/s	80/62/t	Shanghai	93/64/c	85/68/s
Lagos	89/78/t	88/76/t	Singapore	88/78/t	89/80/t
Lima	67/60/p	68/62/p	Stockholm	76/55/p	72/54/p
Lisbon	82/64/s	84/62/p	Sydney	65/47/p	65/50/p
London	68/57/p	68/50/p	Taipei City	77/68/r	80/71/r
Madrid	82/61/s	87/64/s	Tehran	93/71/s	92/72/s
Manila	93/82/t	94/80/t	Tokyo	77/63/s	79/63/sh
Mexico City	90/62/p	87/61/s	Toronto	73/60/p	79/61/t
Montreal	86/60/p	85/64/s	Vienna	71/58/p	73/56/sh
Moscow	76/60/sh	74/60/sh	Warsaw	75/59/p	73/58/c
Mumbai	95/85/t	95/84/t			
Nairobi	79/59/t	78/59/t			
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Oslo	79/49/p	65/55/c			
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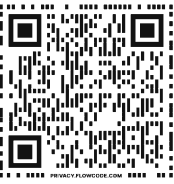
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From left, Leila Butler, Jenai Roberson and Nalani Butler sing along during a performance at the Something in the Water music festival in the District in June 2022

## The summer outlook for the District

### SUMMER FROM B1

summer outlook, we're less likely to see the signals for extreme warmth or cold (relative to average) that we sometimes see in advance of winter. As such, this outlook is of low to medium confidence. This kind of seasonal forecasting is experimental, and errors are possible.

This outlook covers the period known as "meteorological" summer — or June 1 through Aug. 31.

### Summer outlook by the numbers

**June through August average temperature:** About 1 degree above the average from 1991 to 2020.

**Temperatures compared to average by month:**  
June: 1 to 2 degrees above average.  
July: 1 degree above average.  
August: 1 degree above average.

age.

**Number of 90-degree days for June, July and August:** 40, compared with an average of 34. Note that an additional six days of 90-degree temps occur on average outside June to August.

**Longest streak of 90-degree days:** Eight to 10 days.

**Number of 100-degree days:** One to two.

**Precipitation:** Slightly below average.

### Methodology

We considered several factors, described below, in preparing this outlook. It should be noted that any one factor doesn't necessarily correlate with a particular kind of summer (e.g., warm, cool, dry or wet).

We are experiencing a rapidly waning El Niño event, and there's a strong possibility that a La Niña pattern develops by late in the summer. The presence of

either El Niño or La Niña in the tropical Pacific Ocean sometimes makes predicting summer conditions easier, as El Niños can favor cooler summers, while La Niñas favor hotter summers. When conditions are neutral, as we expect this summer, the signal from the Niño regions isn't as strong.

In addition to El Niño and La Niña, we considered the persistently negative phase of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation and predecessor weather patterns from the spring. These inputs informed the identification of analogues, or years with similar weather patterns, that we used in putting together our outlook.

In this case, the summers of 1998 and 2010 emerged as the best analogues. The weather during those summers was given some loose consideration in our projections for the one that is about to begin.

## What's for dinner?

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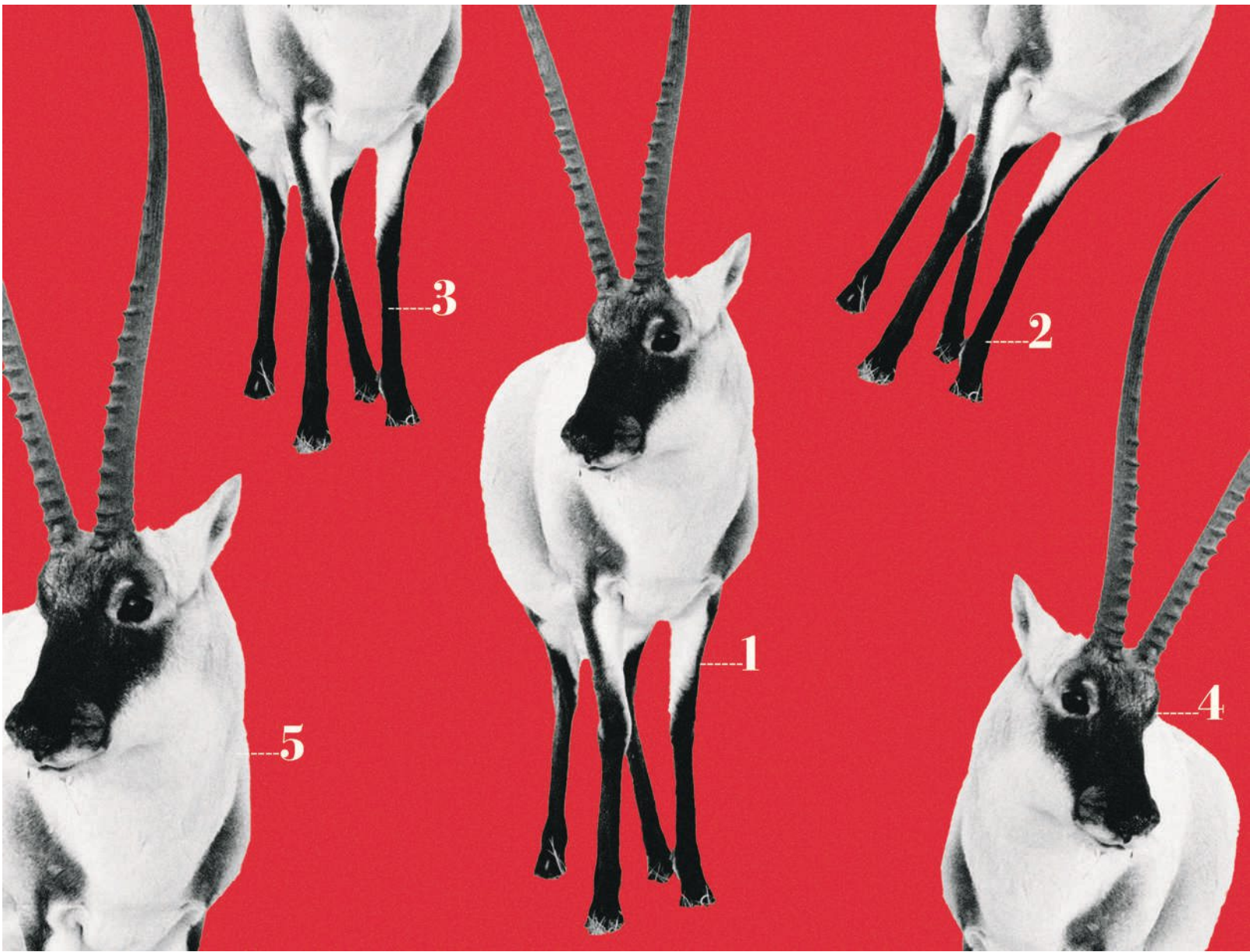


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## One \$20,000 shawl, several endangered chiru

Inside the bloody black market for luxury shahtoosh scarves

BY ADAM POPESCU IN DELHI, INDIA

“Can you tell the difference?” the merchant asks as he holds two shawls.

We’re standing in a Delhi apartment where two seemingly identical garments are laid out on a kitchen table. Both are cream-colored, beautiful and shockingly soft to the touch. One is a pashmina made from Himalayan goats — pure cashmere handwoven from the warmest and softest wool in the world. The warmest and softest *domesticated* wool.

The other is a bit smaller, a bit more worn, but it, too, is fine, light and airy, and strikingly warm.

“Magical when you put it in the hand,” the merchant says as he does just that. “Warm, long-lasting, it has grace.”

But it’s illegal. What he’s holding is a

shahtoosh, a shawl made from the belly and neck hairs of a rare Tibetan antelope called a chiru. The merchant spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear that he would be prosecuted for not registering the family heirloom with government officials.

To produce shahtoosh, chiru must be killed, a practice that has been banned since the 1970s. But that gruesome fact wasn’t always well-known, allowing the shahtoosh trade to flourish. By the ’90s, shahtoosh were everywhere: Delhi’s fine shops, the “tai-tai” mansions of Hong Kong, New York’s Madison Avenue, the pages of Harper’s Bazaar.

It wasn’t until conservationists began ringing alarm bells that enforcement stepped up — most notably in 1999, when U.S. marshals sent a slew of

subpoenas to celebrities and socialites and demanded the return of the illicit stoles.

But despite global crackdowns, there is still demand for the luxury garment. Last year, two police stings in just one month netted almost 400 shahtoosh in Delhi and Ladakh, where traders buy and smuggle chiru wool, a haul that experts say points to a resurgence in the trade. It’s no one-off: 738 shawls were seized here between 2000 and 2014, and at least 300 from 2018 to 2019, according to Indian authorities. The illicit items can fetch as much as \$20,000 on the black market, say law enforcement in the United States, Europe and Asia.

The most recent bust “hints at a very active and still existent illegal trade

SEE SHAHTOOSH ON C2

## Times made ‘petty’ cuts to staff bios, union says

Newspaper excised language in which staffers extolled their work with N.Y. Times guild

BY LAURA WAGNER

Earlier this year, the New York Times decided that readers should have the opportunity to know more about the reporters behind the stories it publishes.

Today, many of the once-terse online bios for Times journalists sparkle with personal detail. Political reporter Robert Draper was “relieved of a few dollars by Kalashnikov-wielding men while spending a month on the Congo River.” Wellness reporter Talya Minsberg “grew up in St. Paul, Minn., and while I do not play hockey, I do surf.” Investigative reporter Jodi Kantor is a “law school dropout and former Nazi-hunting intern.”

The goal of letting reporters’ individuality shine, the Times said, was to “bolster trust with readers by letting them know who we are and how we work.”

But in some cases, it seems a little too much personality came through for the company’s liking.

Last week, the Times deleted language that several employees used in their bios to extol the work they have done with the Times Guild, the union representing newsroom employees.

Union leaders called the move “petty and absurd.”

When business reporter and Guild steward Kevin Draper published his new bio on the Times website in January, he noted that he hails from Oakland, Calif., worked for three years at Deadspin, and loves public records, court filings and tips. He added that he is an “active member of the Times Guild, our newsroom union, which advocates for members and works to ensure that The Times is a fair and equitable place to work.”

Now, the language describing the union’s mission is gone. The sentence ends after “... active member of the Times Guild, our newsroom union.”

Last month, he and several other union leaders whose bios had included the “fair and equitable” language were notified that the company would be removing it; on Wednesday, the bios were edited to scrub that phrasing, the Times Guild said in a shop letter obtained by The Washington Post.

“Before publication, each bio went through an extensive editing and review process. Those words were published in our bios, and were live for months on The Times’s website,” the union letter said. “But apparently the masthead doesn’t like them.”

New York Times spokesperson Danielle Rhoades-Ha told The Post that a “handful of enhanced bios were edited for consistency in the language describing participation in outside groups and activities” and noted that “the bios can and do include reporters’ affiliations in organizations such as the Times Guild or journalism trade groups such as the National Association of Black Journalists.”

Some staffers say that the belated bio edits — apparently aimed at standardizing what staffers can and can’t share with readers — defeat the purpose of having

SEE TIMES ON C3

## Artists’ convictions



RICK MCKEE/CAGLECARTOONS.COM

The gavel fell Thursday, and cartoonists were jolted from their “Trump fatigue.” **Story, C8**

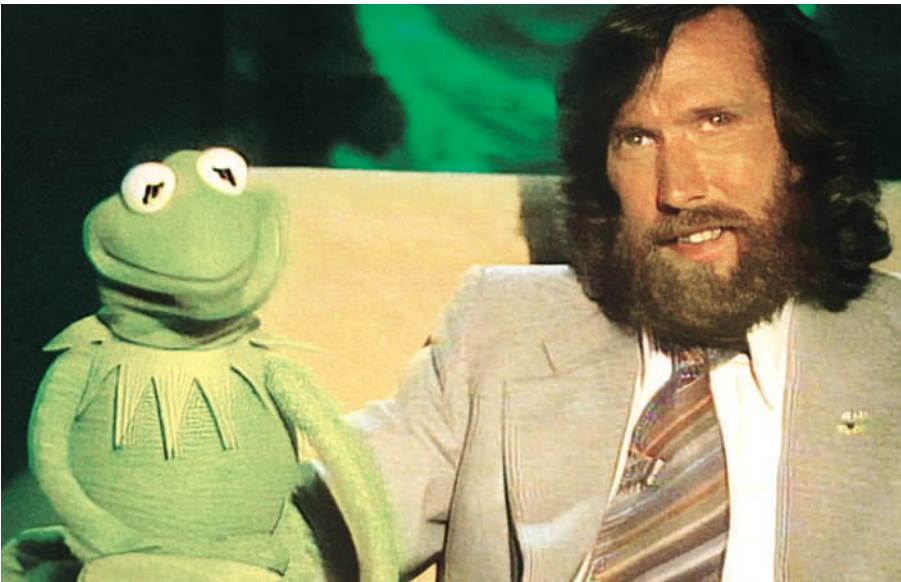
## New doc is a more personal take on a muppetational creator

BY JAKE KRING-SCHREIFELS

Until they met with Ron Howard a couple of years ago, Jim Henson’s four surviving children — Lisa, Cheryl, Brian, and Heather — had been reluctant to participate in a documentary about their father.

In the decades after his sudden death in 1990, they’d watched a flurry of documentaries portray his career in standard chronological formats, without reflecting the originality and creativity of his work or the depth of their family life. As more Henson acolytes and lesser-known directors petitioned them for access to the family’s trove of archival footage and unseen material, they remained determined to hold out for a more inventive, definitive and prestigious tribute.

“We felt like there was probably only one major documentary to be made,” says Lisa, the current CEO of the Jim Henson Company, on a Zoom call with



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“**Jim Henson Idea Man**,” directed by Ron Howard, uses archival footage, animated and musical flourishes, and interviews to document Henson’s life.

her three siblings. “Our dream was that a filmmaker of real stature would come along and be a perfect match for Jim Henson.”

They got their wish at the start of 2022, when Howard, representing the documentary arm of Imagination Entertainment (his and Brian Grazer’s production company), visited the Henson family’s studio in Los Angeles. The Oscar-winning director knew Henson only slightly, having met him backstage at a variety show in the late 1970s. But after speaking extensively with the siblings about their upbringing, and screening two hours of their dad’s early commercials, experimental films and home videos, Howard was convinced that he had a clear vision of Henson as an artist, husband and father.

“You could see a kind of aesthetic thread throughout, a wit and satirical undercurrent, and his tremendous imagination,” Howard says of Henson’s work.

SEE HENSON ON C4

# Shahtoosh shawls are fueling the decimation of a species

SHAHTOOSH FROM C1

network,” said Jose Louies, the chief of enforcement at Wildlife Trust of India, in a statement in May 2023.

Harder to track is the burgeoning market for shahtoosh on social media.

“It is mostly happening through Instagram,” says A. Pragatheesh, a wildlife inspector in India’s Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, with “shawls displayed and shared through photos and video calls.” In 2022, Pragatheesh was part of Operation Soft Gold, a two-year investigation that described global online shahtoosh sales as “rampant.” In these cases, scarves can be sent to buyers via air cargo containers that circumvent customs inspections.

While there are buyers in Asia, America and Europe, Arab Gulf states — where shahtoosh retain cultural significance — are a particular hot spot, according to Lionel Hachemin, program manager for the wildlife crime branch of the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

“There are many more people with more money in all different parts of the globe, and the attitudes towards animals may differ from culture to culture,” says Amy Fine Collins, a fashion historian and writer who first saw a shahtoosh in the ’90s when a man in Paris demonstrated how the shawl could easily slip through a ring.

“Stealth wealth is about wearing items that look ordinary but in fact are extremely costly,” she continues, adding that such items can be discerned by the elite and used as “a token of entry into a certain club.”

The mystique surrounding shahtoosh is such that, even as recently as 2017, Martha Stewart bragged about hers. “They weigh almost nothing and they’re as warm as a down comforter. It’s paper thin, it goes through a wedding ring,” Stewart told the New York Times, before walking back her statement later, clarifying that the shawl she owned was only “shahtoosh-like.”

Nearly all shahtoosh are still woven in Kashmir. Once completed, they’re re-smuggled out by car or plane (often through Nepal) and shipped to buyers elsewhere.

Your average TSA agent can’t spot one slung around a neck or tossed in a bag, but trained officers in high-trafficking areas — including JFK — test and “target suspicious looking shawls,” says one U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the issue freely. “It’s a much bigger problem here than you might think. Shahtoosh are everywhere.”

In January 2020, the Swiss government reported that illegal trafficking of shahtoosh was “on the rise,” noting that it had confiscated 69 “shawls of shame” in just the previous two months.

“The Kashmiri weavers who convert the wool into shawls are the key players in the business,” Louies tells The Washington Post. “Currently they are located largely in Kashmir, but there is news of them moving out to other locations across the country where they weave” — which drives the networks further underground.

## Royal wool

For centuries, nomads across Asia would hunt vast herds of chiru, then send the pelts to India’s Kashmir region, where artisans wove this wool into shawls, stoles and scarves. There are about a dozen steps to the trade, with entire families often taking part. Men collect, deal, wash, weave and embroider wool, while only women sepa-



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rate and spin it.

But you can’t shear a chiru, because, unlike down-bearing goats, they can’t be tamed. The only way to get chiru wool is by killing chiru — up to a handful for one shahtoosh shawl.

The practice has always been bloody, but back when there were millions of chiru and the garments were reserved for Mughal emperors, it was at least sustainable. That all changed in the past 60 years, as shahtoosh became a luxury symbol. Today, about 300 chiru remain in northern India, where they only inhabit the far east border areas of Ladakh. There are an estimated 75,000 in Tibet.

Being well-adapted to extreme elevations is their curse. Chiru have special sacs in each nostril to breathe oxygen-low air. They also have thick wool for minus-40-degree temperatures. It’s those fine strands of fiber — chiru wool has the lowest micron count of any animal — that makes it so warm, airy and desirable.

A good shahtoosh can take a year or more to produce, but so can a good pashmina; both are handwoven, and the micron count of cashmere is only slightly higher than that of chiru wool. Yet a pashmina costs substantially less, at a few thousand dollars.

The price of shahtoosh is linked to scarcity — though not necessarily quality, says textile expert Asaf Ali, from his Delhi showroom that deals in pashmina wool “only from a goat from Ladakh.” Unlike buying “a shawl from Hermès or Loro Piana,” where the fabric content is clearly labeled, on the black market, “shahtoosh can be named to anything,” he says.

Genuine shahtoosh is certainly hard to spot with the naked eye. When law enforcement examines shawls under a microscope, shahtoosh signs include diamond-weave patterns, short white hairs and irregular bubblelike cells. (This traps air and gives the fiber its superior warmth.)

Chiru fur doesn’t grow very long. Like other wool, white fiber is considered best, and it’s easier to dye. (Brown and gray get about a third of the price.) Because white fur only grows in winter, and on the throat and belly, one animal yields very little wool.

“The ratio is quite small,” says Tsering Wangchuk Fargo, a model turned hotelier from Ladakh, where pashmina herders and chiru poachers operate. “The



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**TOP: Tibetan antelopes are seen in Tibet. ABOVE: Shahtoosh shawls made from the wool of the chiru, or Tibetan antelope. You cannot shear a chiru, because, unlike down-bearing goats, they can’t be tamed. The only way to get chiru wool is by killing chiru — several for one shahtoosh shawl.**

chiru itself is very small.”

That’s why weavers are increasingly mixing chiru wool with pashmina cashmere. The fibers are so similar that they can easily fool the most discerning shopper — or customs agent.

According to Lisa Bradbury, a scientific officer working for the Swiss CITES management authority, which regulates international trade in protected species, these shawls “in a lower price segment” (starting at around \$1,000) are being “seized more and more.”

As Ali puts it: “Everybody says they have shahtoosh. Maybe it’s chiru, maybe mixed pashmina. God only knows.”

## Open secrets

So why the ongoing fascination with shahtoosh? The fibers, whose name loosely translates to “king of wool” in Persian, were once considered so precious that they could only be wrapped around a royal body.

That changed in the 1960s, when Stanley Marcus flew from Dallas to India and brought back so many bales of chiru wool that he was dubbed the “King of Shahtoosh.” Marcus’s father helped found Neiman Marcus, and soon after Stanley’s trip, Daddy’s store was selling shahtoosh spun “from whiskers of goats” for \$125.

By the 1990s, the shawls became the accessory in Milan and New York, and major fashion houses such as Hermès and Yves Saint Laurent were marketing them, too. Shahtoosh were

draped around the necks of supermodels and socialites, and, according to Bradbury, high-quality shawls fetching up to \$40,000 were being sold at a St. Moritz ski resort in the early aughts.

“Everyone was talking about it,” remembers Beth Rudin De-Woody, a board member of the Whitney Museum of American Art. “Friends of mine called and said: ‘You need to come. Nan Kempner, all these women are at this event.’”

She’s recalling the “luxuriously soft” scarf she bought at a Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center charity gala in 1994, a who’s-who of New York’s elite with Kempner, Laurance Rockefeller and Christie Brinkley among those buying \$100,000 worth of shahtoosh, according to Vanity Fair.

Strangely, this craze coincided with the anti-fur movement. But despite activists tossing paint on minks and screaming “fur is dead,” it took the U.S. government to pull shawls off the shelves.

The first to sound the alarm was George Schaller, the legendary biologist who spent much of the 1980s trudging through the vast Tibetan Plateau in search of chiru, stumbling across poaching camps and bone piles he likened to the slaughter of the buffalo.

“I calculated about 300,000 chiru were killed for their wool,” the 91-year-old said a day after being feted by the Explorers Club for his discoveries. “Wealthy people have to realize when you put

this around your neck, you’re putting dead chiru around it. It’s a crime.”

While a hunting ban on the endangered chiru had existed since the 1970s, it took another couple of decades before governments, and the public, made the connection with the luxury garment, which was then outlawed.

And so, a few years later, De-Woody got another call about shahtoosh. This time from a U.S. marshal.

“They wanted me to name names and tell them who’d come to the event. To testify,” she recalls. “I didn’t know shahtoosh was illegal and didn’t want to accuse anybody, so I returned it, which I shouldn’t have. Because now I regret it.”

Meanwhile, things weren’t looking rosy for the dealers facing a \$500,000 fine and jail time. The first felony case for this fashion statement ended in the co-defendants pleading guilty in 2001, a conviction that made conservationists clap — then cry, after learning the dealers received a \$5,000 fine. A World Wildlife Fund official called it “a slap in the face” at the time.

Overseas, the newly enforced ban had another unexpected effect: By the early 2000s, 20,000 Kashmiri artisans were unemployed, says Louies of the Wildlife Trust of India.

But the ongoing Kashmiri insurgency gave authorities pause in terms of enforcement.

Three-quarters of shahtoosh workers were women, many of them conflict widows with husbands killed by the Indian army and frequently considered terrorists by the state. Having so many people out of work — angry people now labeled criminals — created a pressure cooker. There was also debate as to whether artisans were culpable for using poached wool.

The WTI began a training program to help Kashmiris switch to legal pashmina jobs, which require paying upfront for wool. To their surprise, about half made the leap. But despite this victory, and Schaller convincing China to create a some 129,000-square-mile Tibetan reserve as a habitat for chiru, poaching continued.

## Land of high passes

Located about 600 hundreds miles north of Delhi by car, Ladakh is a high-altitude desert bordering Pakistan to the west and Tibet (China) to the east, and

a contested region that may be the most militarized on earth. When you’re in the barren, treeless mountains where chiru live, it’s hard not to admire their survival skills. It’s hard not to marvel at the poachers’, too. It’s so dry here that it hurts to inhale, and when you do, there’s half as much oxygen compared with sea-level. Less blood reaches the brain, which makes it hard to think clearly. Maybe that’s why it seems like a good idea to spend two weeks in Ladakh looking for chiru, climbing 15,000-foot “baby peaks,” as locals call them, in minus-20-degree Fahrenheit temps.

Ladakhis have larger hearts and lungs than you or me, but even with genetic advantages and 4x4s, chiru are notoriously hard to find. There are skittish herds of ibex and urial; a hungry wolf trotting down a road at dawn; and a once-in-a-lifetime encounter with a snow leopard who moans mating calls for hours before shinnying down a vertical slope and calmly walking over a frozen stream. As he passes, he turns and stares from 50 feet away. But no chiru.

Back in Leh, Ladakh’s 11,500-foot-high capital, there are more dogs than people in the bazaar. Past a 17th-century mosque that announces the call to worship, a chatty Kashmiri trader says with a nod and a wink that he doesn’t have shahtoosh. “Not *here*. Come later, brother.”

Later that afternoon, Danish Din, the director of the Grand Dragon hotel, the first in the region to have hot water in winter and working toilets, calls shahtoosh “a marketing gimmick,” noting that “even good pashmina can go through a ring.” Selling, he says, “is also an art.”

But what about last year’s shahtoosh bust in Leh? Din, surprisingly, says he never heard of it. “Leh is a small town. No one I know mentioned it. Is the account even true?”

In the world’s largest democracy, many Indians lack trust for a government plagued by corruption.

“I tell you that case was a breakthrough,” counters Brij Mohan Sharma, Ladakh’s chief wildlife warden, curling his handlebar mustache. “No issue with poaching in Ladakh for sure,” he says, ignoring a ringing smartphone and adjusting a squeaky chair.

Another phone starts ringing, and he picks them both up, one to each ear, as an army officer waiting for his signature sighs loudly. Sharma puts his phones down and his hands up. “Things are under control, but smuggling still takes place.”

The issue, he says, first phone buzzing again, is that there are too many protected areas to patrol and not enough staff. And locals are very poor. That keeps “raw material coming.” He ignores the call and taps a map laid out on his cluttered desk.

“Hunting takes place in Chinese areas. They use this route to send wool to Kashmir for weaving. Sometimes from Nepal, sometimes Delhi, all to Kashmir, the best weavers on earth. Our people are pro-wildlife, but in protected areas, there’s an issue of development versus conservation. You know the land — lofty mountains, uninhabitable. People want roads, network, mobile — things [that are] very slow to arrive. This fuels resentment,” he says, finally picking up the call. “*Gee, hello?*”

He cups a palm on the handset and finishes his thought. “This is what fuels smuggling. Without industry and economic options, it must go on. *Got it, yes?* Good, good.”

# How can I break my ‘selfish’ habit of relating others’ experiences to my own?



Carolyn Hax

do better?

**Recentering:** Try just listening. When there’s a pause in the conversation that beckons to you to take part, ask a thoughtful question about the person’s experience. Maybe it can be informed by your own, but you needn’t say that part out loud.

It can also be a good exercise to notice the difference between being quiet because you’re listening, and being quiet because you’re composing the next thing you want to say. The latter is something a lot of

*Adapted from an online discussion.*

**Dear Carolyn:** I’ve realized I can be selfish and try to relate to others by relating their experiences to my own. How can I

— *Recentering*

people do when they’re socially uncomfortable (for all kinds of reasons). If you’re doing that, then work to recognize it and turn your attention back to the speaker. A reader suggests asking yourself: “Am I listening, or am I just waiting to talk?” You’re allowed to have thoughts, too, and related experiences can be part of good conversation. But the hijacking risk is high, so any mention of a similar experience is best kept to nugget size, followed by turning the attention back to the original speaker and their experience. Be brief and close the loop.

You can also ask first, when you have an experience you think would be relevant. Something like: “I went through something similar. I won’t step on your toes, but feel free to ask me about it later.” Also try imagining, deliberately, how they might see your example.

If you’re susceptible to



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hijacking conversations, though, then stick to asking questions for a while and not raising your own stuff till you feel more able to keep the focus on the storyteller.

And if you hear yourself messing up, it’s also okay to stop in the middle and say: “Ugh, I hijacked your story, I’m sorry. Please go on.”

**Dear Carolyn:** When a person is in a mental health crisis, they are advised to visit the ER if it’s serious. Other than keep that person safe from self-harm or harm to others, what can an ER do to help this person? I would like to share this info with a friend who is suffering a round of severe depression.

— *Anonymous*

**Anonymous:** This is tricky, because there are, in too many places, dire shortages of such care, leading to horrific wait times — but the ER is the first stop for many toward longer-term therapeutic placement. Depending on where you are, the ER referral can be the way to get admitted to inpatient treatment.

And to be clear: The safety from harm to self or others stands alone as justification.

Because you (and possibly your friend) are thinking about this now as a hypothetical, and the need for care is not emergent, I suggest using this time to find out which hospitals’ ERs are equipped to handle psych referrals, and whether there are facilities in your friend’s area that serve this purpose better. It varies so much from one area to the next that it’s hard to make a blanket recommendation

(thus the default advice to visit an ER).

The Crisis Text Line — text HOME to 741741 ([crisistextline.org](https://crisistextline.org)) — is a 24/7 source of support and can help people figure out where to go for help. The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, 988, is also available 24 hours.

A reader’s thought:

• I’ve been in this position with a family member; no one would even talk with us until we were referred by a hospital. Another option is the person’s psychiatrist or therapist; they often have resources that can get you in the door.

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# Union leaders call edits to employee bio pages ‘absurd’

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more personalized bios.

“I chose the language specifically,” Draper told The Washington Post. He noted that the union’s work — conducting pay studies, filing labor grievances, enforcing the contract — helps ensure “that the newsroom is a place that better reflects America.”

Last year, the company and the Times Guild, which represents journalists as well as ad sales and IT workers, and security guards, reached a new contract agreement that raised the salary floor to \$65,000 and banned nondisclosure agreements in cases of workplace abuse or harassment. The agreement followed a mass walk-out that was the most dramatic labor action at the newspaper in a generation.

“I think it’s important to tell readers that I’m not just a guy writing stuff,” Draper said. “But that at my own workplace, I’m trying to make it a better place. ... That seems pertinent and good, something to make readers trust me more.”

The efforts to expand staffers’ bios is part of the Times’ ongoing efforts to build audience trust.

In 2021, the company announced the creation of what’s known as the “trust team,” designed to deepen “our audience’s trust in our mission and in the credibility of our journalism.” Efforts have included expanding datelines (“Max Bearak and Hilary Swift reported from gas terminals, pipeline corridors and wind farms across Greece”) to help readers better understand where and how information is



The New York Times’s headquarters in September. After rolling out expanded employee bio pages designed to “bolster trust with readers by letting them know who we are and how we work,” the Times excised language in which staffers extolled their work with the guild.

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Robert Draper, a political reporter for the New York Times

being gathered; behind-the-scenes accounts of how stories are reported; and friendly features on different people in the newsroom.

The more readers understand how reporters work and what they care about — the thinking goes — the more readers will be able to trust their journalism.

In some cases, journalists have used their expanded bios to overtly spell out their qualifications for the job. “I grew up an early adopter of technology ...” tech columnist Brian Chen explained in his. “I started using the internet in the era of dial-up modems, AOL and Prodigy; I vividly remember the jump to broadband cable modems.”

Others profess their dedication to journalism ethics — how they dutifully consult a wide range of perspectives, how they decline to take gifts from sources. Political reporter Michael C. Bender takes pains to explain how he “never personally identified as a Democrat or Republican,” a stance he traces back to a politically neutral Midwestern childhood, where “my mom and I connected over the familial misadventures in the Zits and Calvin and Hobbes comics, not the latest Bush or Clinton scandal.”

But in their letter to management, the union argued that deleting the language about the union’s role at the New York Times runs counter to building audience trust in the Times as an institution.

“We would have thought that ‘ensuring that The Times is a fair and equitable place to work’ is a goal that we can all agree on and be proud to prioritize,” the union letter said.

## Rupert Murdoch gets married to wife No. 5

Media mogul tied the knot with retired scientist Elena Zhukova

BY HERB SRIEBNER

Rupert Murdoch tied the knot for a fifth time Saturday, marrying Elena Zhukova, a retired scientist from Russia.

The wedding reportedly took place at Murdoch’s Moraga vineyard in California. Pictures from the ceremony published by U.K. newspaper the Sun showed Murdoch, 93, in a dark suit and yellow tie, while Zhukova, 67, wore a white dress. The Daily Mail reported that New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and News Corp. chief executive Robert Thomson were among the guests at the ceremony.

The couple got engaged in March after they reportedly met at a family event hosted by one of Murdoch’s ex-wives in summer 2023, according to the Guardian. Photos of Murdoch and Zhukova on a yacht soon followed, adding more fuel to the relationship rumors.

There are few details about Zhukova’s history, though multiple reports suggest that she is the mother of Dasha Zhukova, the ex-wife of former Chelsea Football Club owner Roman Abramovich, who has been described as a well-connected Russian oligarch.

Representatives for Murdoch did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Murdoch has tied the knot a few times before. His first wife

was Patricia Booker, whom he was married to from 1956 to 1967. He was with his second wife, Anna, for more than 30 years before they divorced in 1999. He was married to Wendi Deng, a former employee of Murdoch’s News Corp., from 1999 to 2014. And, most recently, he tied the knot with former supermodel Jerry Hall. They were married for six years before they divorced in 2022.

In March 2023, Murdoch announced plans to marry former model and police chaplain Ann Lesley Smith. But Murdoch called it off less than a month later, after he had become “increasingly uncomfortable with Smith’s outspoken evangelical views,” according to Vanity Fair.

Murdoch’s marriage to Zhukova comes after a transitional phase in his long career. In fall 2023, he stepped down from his chairman role at Fox News parent company Fox Corp. and News Corp., passing the torch to his son Lachlan.

The move came as the organization dealt with the aftermath of Fox News’s coverage of the 2020 election. In November 2023, Murdoch was deposited in a \$2.7-billion defamation lawsuit filed against Fox by the voting technology company Dominion; Fox News and Dominion settled the lawsuit for \$787.5 million in April 2023. Murdoch now serves as chairman emeritus of News Corp., which owns the Sun, the Wall Street Journal and other media organizations.

Jeremy Barr contributed to this report.



Rupert Murdoch at the U.S. Open in 2017. Murdoch, 93, married Elena Zhukova, 67, Saturday at his Moraga vineyard in California.

## Jennifer Lopez cancels her troubled summer tour

Shows have been marred by reports of poor sales since being announced

BY SAMANTHA CHERY

Jennifer Lopez’s North American summer tour, This Is Me ... Live, has been canceled amid reports of the tour’s underwhelming ticket sales and constant tabloid rumors about the superstar’s marriage to Ben Affleck.

“Jennifer is taking time off to be with her children, family and close friends,” the event-promoting giant Live Nation said in a statement Friday, informing Ticketmaster customers that their refunds would be issued automatically.

The 54-year-old performer said she was “completely heartsick and devastated” about the news in a message to fans shared on her website. “Please know that I wouldn’t do this if I didn’t feel that it was absolutely necessary.”

Lopez didn’t elaborate on her reasons, but a representative said the decision was not made due to ticket sales.

The nearly two-month tour was set to kick off in Orlando on June 26, with shows scheduled across the United States and Canada. But it has been marred by reports of poor sales since its announcement early this year.

The tour, which was going to be Lopez’s first in five years, was meant to support her ninth album, “This Is Me ... Now,” which came out in February as her first solo album in nearly a decade. It didn’t chart well, debuting at No. 38 on the Billboard 200 — a career low for the entertainer. The 13-track album, which the singer has said was inspired by her rekindled relationship with Affleck, was also



MARIO ANZUONI/REUTERS

Jennifer Lopez said she was “completely heartsick and devastated” over the cancellation.

accompanied by a star-studded, quasi-biographical fictionalized film, “This Is Me ... Now: A Love Story,” and a behind-the-scenes documentary, “The Greatest Love Story Never Told.”

In March, the last seven tour dates, in Cleveland; Nashville; Raleigh, N.C.; Atlanta; Tampa; New Orleans; and Houston, were canceled. Then, in April, the tour name was changed from This Is Me ... Now to This Is Me ... Live: The Greatest Hits, which suggested that the tour’s focus would be more career-spanning. Screenshots of ticket-booking websites for J-Lo’s tour dates in Denver, Tulsa and Pittsburgh published in a Variety article showed swaths of sections with available tickets.

Similar screenshots for other artists’ shows have also circulated

on social media. Last month, the Black Keys seemed to be in a similar predicament to Lopez. The rock duo said in a statement that they were canceling North American tour dates and planned to reschedule the performances in downsized venues to offer an “exciting, intimate experience for both fans and the band.”

Other musicians have also had to make changes to their touring schedules. The Jonas Brothers announced in April that they were postponing the European leg of their tour due to scheduling conflicts. Pink couldn’t perform a few shows last year due to a respiratory infection, and Justin Timberlake canceled a show this year after coming down with the flu.

Live Nation has come under scrutiny from the federal govern-

ment, which last month filed an antitrust lawsuit against the company and its subsidiary Ticketmaster, claiming that they operate as an effective monopoly over the live music industry.

Meanwhile, Lopez has been silent about a flurry of unconfirmed reports claiming that she and Affleck are having relationship problems. The couple, nicknamed “Bennifer” when their relationship became a cultural obsession in the early 2000s, recently rekindled their romance and married in 2022. For the past few weeks, tabloids have been full of headlines about “marriage problems.”

When Lopez was asked to address the rumors at a recent press junket for her latest film, “Atlas,” she responded, “You know better than that.”

## Neighbors are fundraising for a mismanaged school

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

club. It has come to the community’s attention that this school is going to have to close unless it raises a large amount of money in a very short period of time. The local news reported that the principal has been fired for embezzling, and there are other rumored financial improprieties related to how the school recruits for its sports programs. The parents at this school have established, and are aggressively promoting, a campaign to raise funds for it, citing it as an essential part of the fabric of our community that we need to keep open. I have

**Dear Miss Manners:** There is a private parochial school near where I live. The tuition is expensive, and the school has a reputation for being an elitist

been approached to donate, but I am not inclined to do so.

I see it as rich people begging the public on behalf of their private school, which they have horribly mismanaged. When asked, I stated that if the school is begging for money, officials should disclose its audited financial statements to potential donors and explain what the long-term plan is. (I wanted to add that the parents should get a cardboard sign and stand on the corner, but refrained.) My inquiries about the financial details were met with an attitude of, “None of your business, just donate and don’t ask any questions.” Based on that and on the financial mismanagement, I’m not going to donate, despite being a very generous person.

Am I wrong to ask such questions when asked to donate to something? I just don’t appreciate a blanket raid on my

wallet. Is it now common for people of means to seek financial assistance from those with less, offering no specific explanation? I’m so very weary of the nonstop bombardment from numerous forms of fundraising these days. Donor fatigue is a real thing, and I’m growing increasingly crankier and more cynical each day.

**Whew. Is it possible** that you do not like this school? Or the parents whose children go there? Why, then, are you querying them about a campaign to which you do not intend to contribute?

Miss Manners agrees that someone considering a donation should ask how it might solve the organization’s problems. The none-of-your-business reaction is not valid when coupled with a plea for assistance. But as you are not considering donating, she gathers that you just see it as

an opening to vent your dislike.

**Dear Miss Manners:** My granddaughter has asked me (her grandfather) to give her away at her upcoming wedding, as she is estranged from her father. What should be my answer when asked by the wedding officiant, “Who gives this woman . . . ?”

**The customary response** is “I do,” with an emphasis on the “I.” Miss Manners promises that no one will think you have usurped the bridegroom’s response, as he should put the emphasis on “do.”

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# Do I have a responsibility to help everyone around me — even if they don’t ask?

## Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

**Dear Amy:** Which is the default position regarding asking for help vs. offering to help?

For instance, let's say I'm at work and someone walks past my desk several times, carrying a big box each time. Assuming that carrying the big box is part of their job, do I stop doing MY job to offer my assistance, just because it is the polite thing to do? Or because the person obviously sees me each time, would the onus be on them to ask for help if they truly needed it? (I would gladly help, by the way.)

If I purposely look for it, I see lots of people throughout my day potentially in need of assistance (loading groceries into their car, reaching for something on a high shelf, etc.). But without them requesting

help, I feel as if I could be spending my days constantly helping others with their daily lives as opposed to doing the things I need to do for myself.

Is it my responsibility in polite society to assume that people in need are too shy to ask for help, and therefore I should always be offering it? If I need help, I ask! I know every case is different, but I'm kind of looking for a default position. "If you want my help, just ask!"

— *Passively Helpful Guy*

**Helpful:** If you are using a defibrillator to jump-start someone's heart when a big-box-bearing colleague walks past, then by all means — carry on with what you're doing. If you're staring into space, pondering the perfect salutation for that next email, and someone's passing by carrying a big box, then I think you should make

eye contact and ask, "Can I give you a hand with that?" The way you frame this dilemma, you seem to believe that if you pay too close attention, you could spend your days leaping up to help strangers.

Unlike you, not enough people ask for help when they need it. So, yes, you should be the person who offers to fetch something off a high shelf, offers to hold the door for a parent pushing a stroller, or offers to help if someone seems to be struggling to carry a box across your field of vision. Let this be your "default" position. In my opinion, asking for help is an extremely important act. In addition to possibly receiving assistance, the person asking for help also grants a nice guy like you the opportunity to offer it.

**Dear Amy:** "Aaron," my son, is 6 years old. Aaron's

grandmother "Omi" is deceased, and his grandfather has remarried a woman Aaron previously addressed as "Miss Helen."

I'm wondering: Is it okay to force a child to address a step-grandma as "Grandma" before he is ready? His grandfather feels that because he has married Helen, it is disrespectful for his grandson to address her this way. I think that whatever Aaron feels comfortable calling her should be fine.

Whenever he slips up, his grandfather tells him how disrespectful he is. I'm afraid of what might happen if he keeps slipping up, and what punishment his grandfather might deliver. Your opinion?

— *Upset Mother*

**Upset:** I agree with you that a 6-year-old child should be gently

introduced into a family transition and not punished if he doesn't quite catch on to the new program. He is 6! The immediate — and probably lasting — consequence of this pressure will be that "Aaron" will most likely choose not to address his new step-grandmother at all, for fear of slipping up.

His grandfather's harshness will not inspire respect, but timidity, and possibly fear. Aaron will then choose to avoid these two adults, which is an instinctive and rational reaction to their behavior. And patterns and relationships established in youth have a way of sticking.

These grandparents need to realize that although it is easy to demand respect, commanding respect takes time and patience, and requires setting a positive example. This grandfather is failing, and when Aaron starts

avoiding him, the grandfather will claim not to know why.

**Dear Readers:** Before I show myself out at the end of June, I'm delighted to make way for your newest advice-giver: R. Eric Thomas, whose "Asking Eric" column will continue to foster the engaging relationship we've shared. Eric is young, smart and a talented advice-giver — formerly of the Dear Prudence column. You can help Eric get started by sending your questions to [eric@askingeric.com](mailto:eric@askingeric.com).

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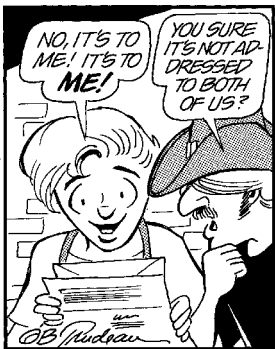
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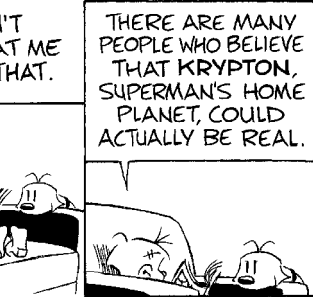
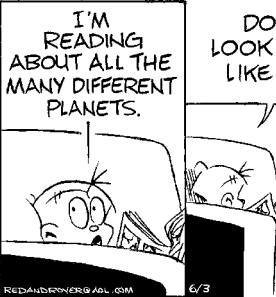
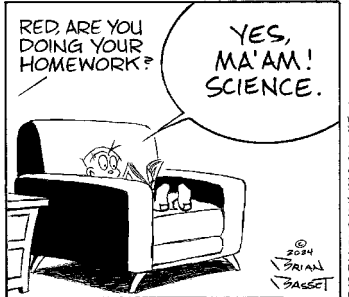
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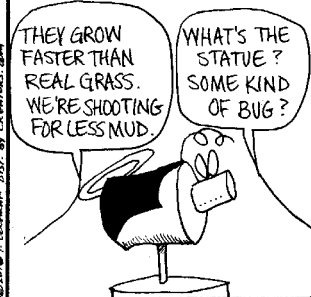
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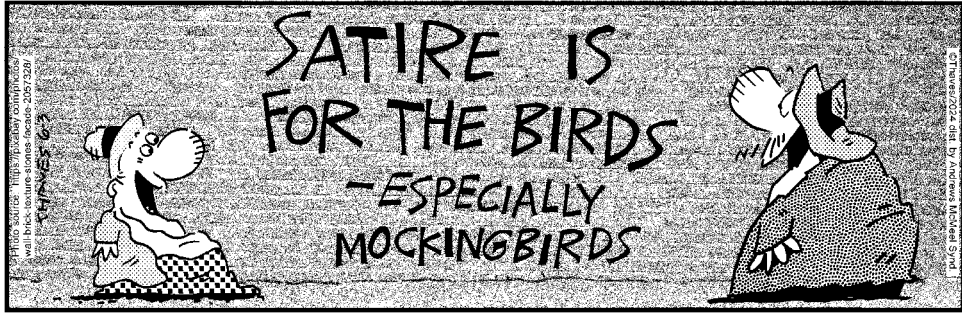
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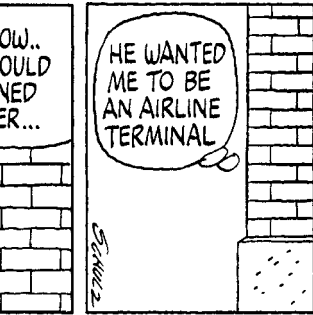
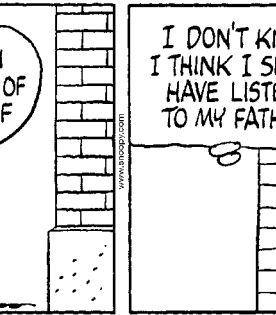
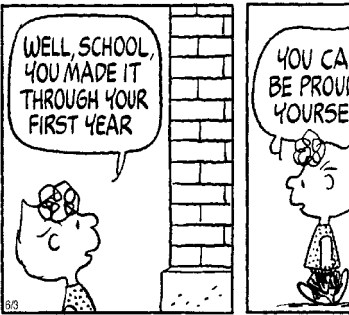
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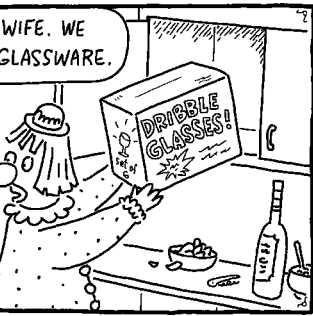
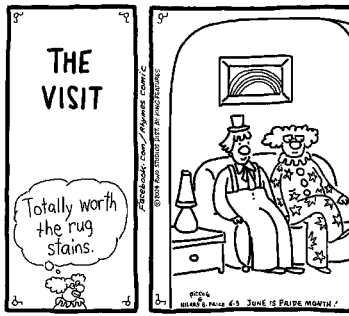
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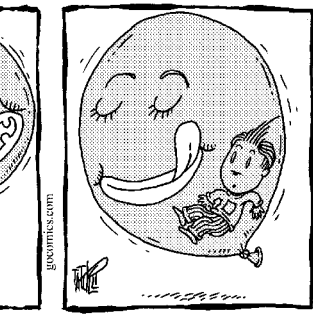
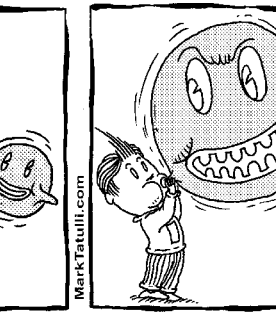
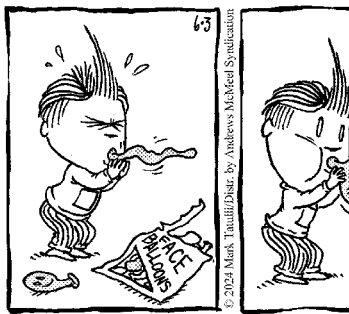
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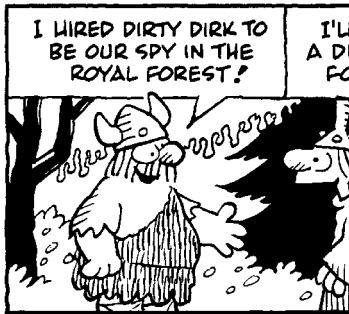
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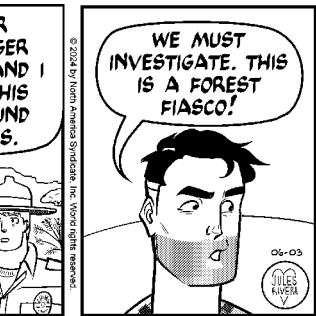
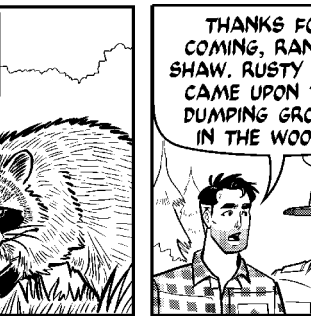
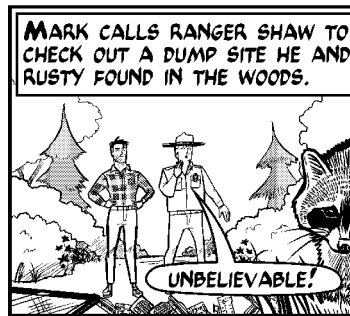
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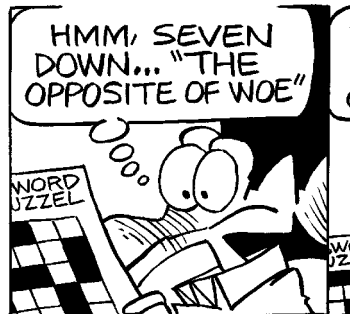
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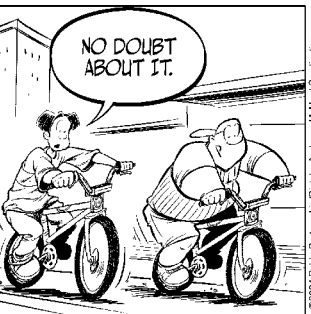
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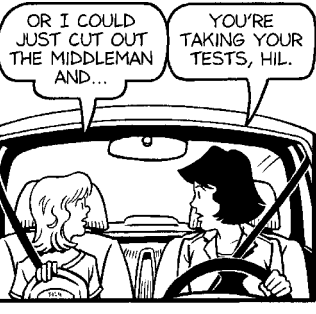
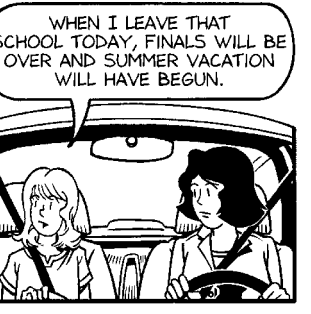
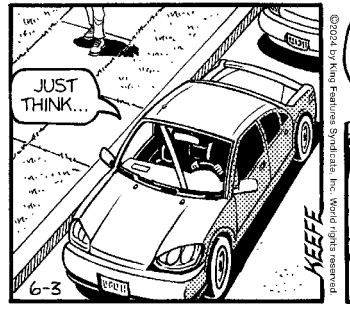
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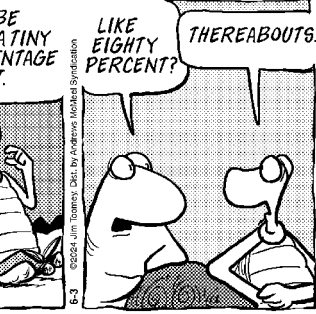
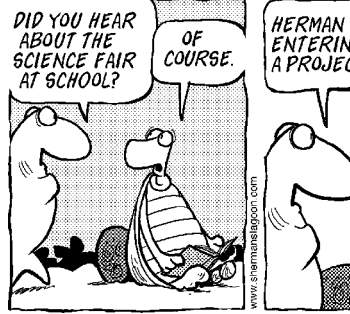
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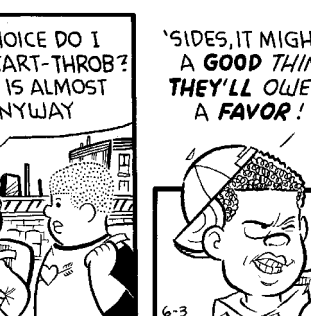
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CROSSWORDS

CLUE

ACROSS

1. softener

5. Bread

6. Type of movie or play

7. Restraining device

CLUE

DOWN

1. Temperamental

2. Mistake

3. motor

4. Outburst, diatribe

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

How to play

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: The white-collared \_\_\_\_\_ can be found throughout the Indian subcontinent.

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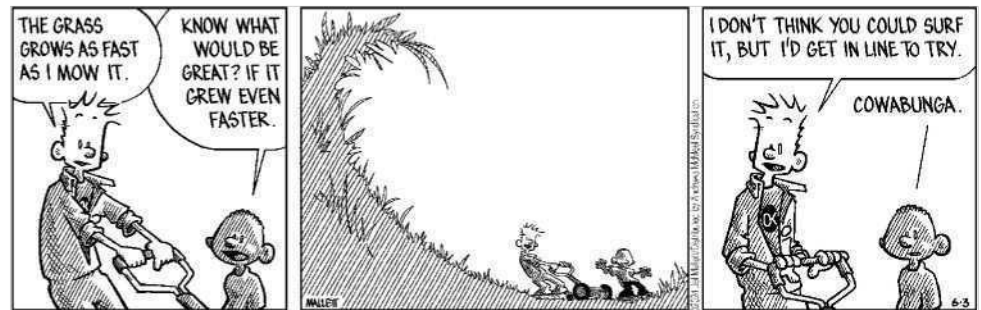
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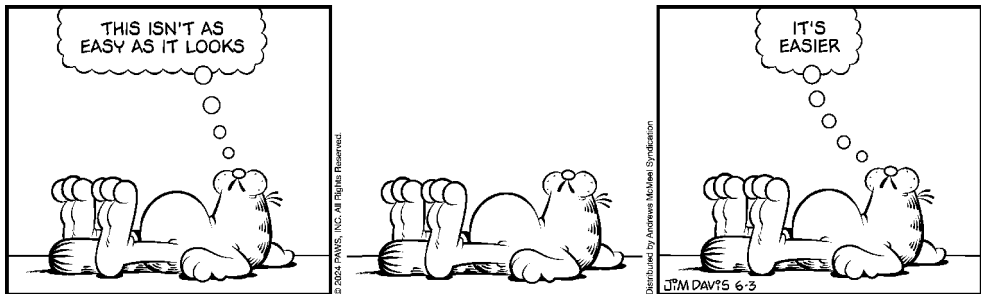
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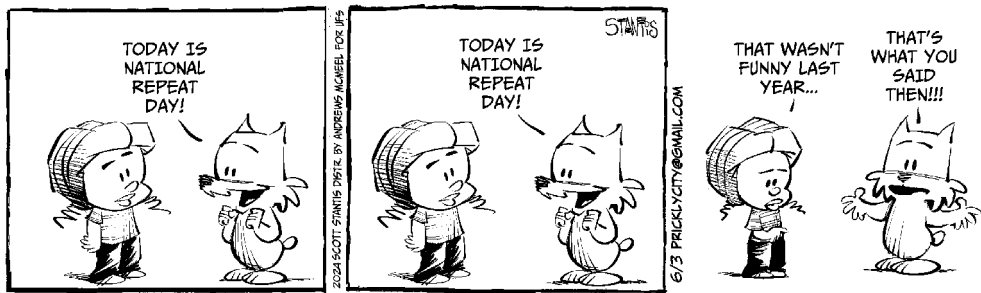
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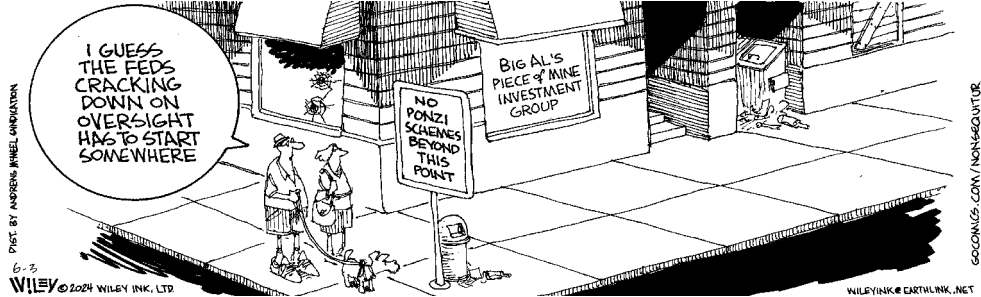
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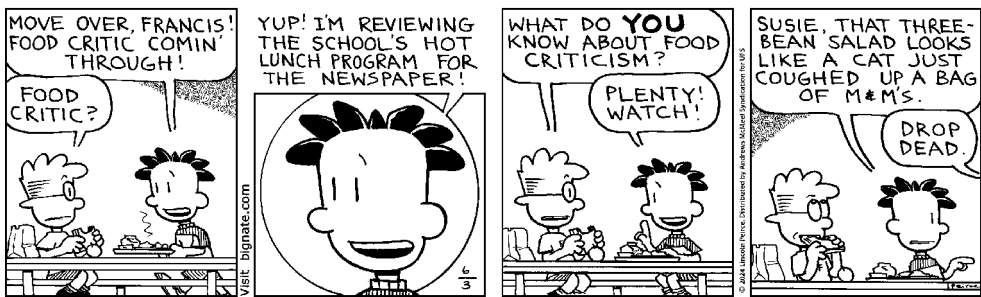
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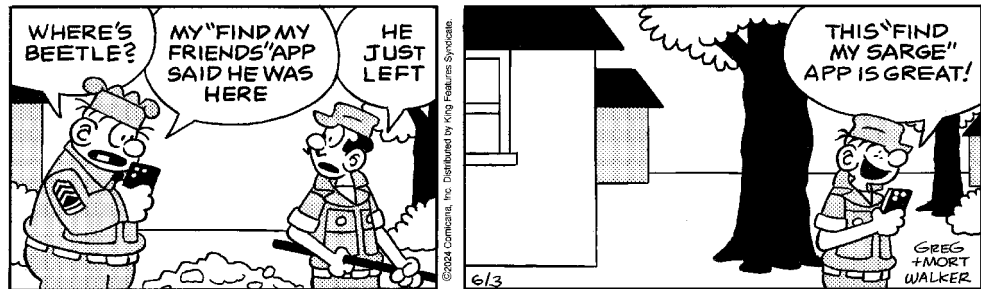
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REPLY ALL LITE



# What political cartoonists thought of the Trump verdict

The former president was found guilty on all 34 counts in his New York hush money trial. Here’s how several artists covered the historic moment.

BY MICHAEL CAVNA

As jurors deliberated in Manhattan to reach a verdict in a former president’s hush money fraud case, New Yorker art editor Françoise Mouly was wrestling with Donald Trump fatigue. “We are circumspect about publishing any more Trump covers. No one wants to see or hear about him anymore,” recalled Mouly, who last year put courtroom artist Jane Rosenberg’s Trump sketch on the

publication’s cover — a first for the magazine. Yet knowing that a historic verdict was imminent, Mouly and New Yorker editor David Remnick began sifting through sketched ideas, most of them premised on a guilty verdict. One illustration by regular contributor John Cuneo rose above the rest, depicting Trump extending tiny hands toward handcuffs far too big for them.

“It was a good composition that highlighted the laughably small hands, and the image, while reflecting the past, predicted the future,” Mouly said of the magazine’s latest cover image, rendered in ink and watercolor and titled “A Man of Conviction.” “Even with a conviction for a felony, [will] Trump ever be hampered or constrained?” Editorial artists across the country responded

promptly to Trump’s criminal conviction Thursday on all 34 counts involving falsifying records in his New York hush money case. Some cartoonists had sketched rough ideas in advance; others waited till the verdict was in to react in real time, tapping their deadline emotion for inspiration. In all the art curated here, illustrators sought to deftly capture history in a single poignant image.



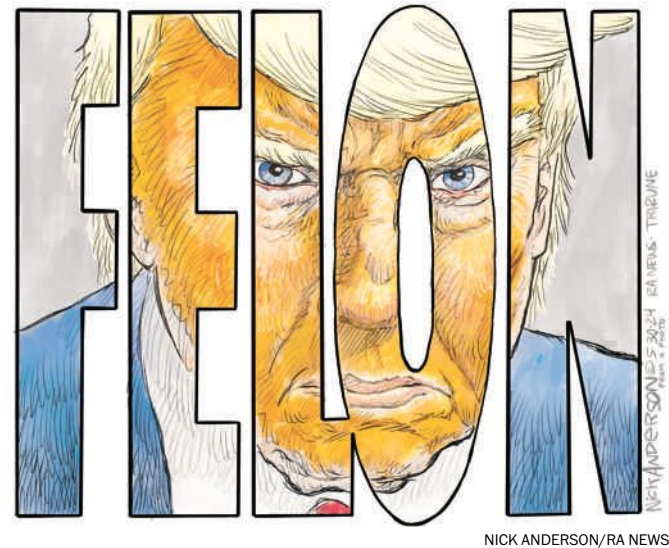
Steve Breen, the right-leaning Pulitzer Prize winner for the outlet inewssource, hit the drawing board only once the conviction was announced. “I should have had ‘guilty,’ ‘not guilty’ [and] ‘hung jury’ roughs all ready to go, because the story is so huge and consequential, but I didn’t,” Breen said. “I think it’s Trump fatigue. How many more ways can he be drawn?” Breen initially drew the colorful neon lights of a New York bail bonds office reflecting on a limo’s window, with passenger Trump on the inside looking out. Next, he tried changing the reflection to a group of happy people cheering. “I finally landed on him scowling at an average New Yorker,” Breen said.



Steve Brodner, drawing for the Nation, also held out for deadline inspiration. His illustration depicts Lady Justice totting Trump toward a prison cell as she says, “Grab him by the law.” Shortly after the verdict came in, “I began thinking about the ‘Access Hollywood’ tape and how this verdict was, in a way, the ghost of that long-ago tape finally coming home to roost — and having Trump as the one who gets grabbed. And I liked the idea of Lady Justice doing the honors,” said Brodner, who will receive the 2024 Herblock Prize on Tuesday at the Library of Congress.



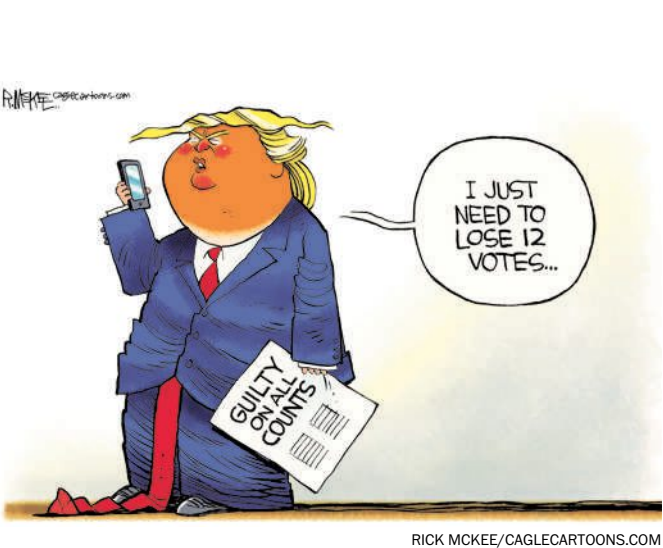
Clay Bennett, the left-leaning Pulitzer winner for the Chattanooga Times Free Press, began sketching as he anticipated the verdict’s announcement. He decided to draw clinking glasses to toast a victory for “the rule of law.” “Having the jury reach a decision so quickly, I figured that it would be neither an acquittal nor a hung jury, so I thought I’d go with the instincts of the sketch I had on hand,” Bennett said. “I was very happy that the eventual verdict supported both my cartoon *and* the rule of law.”



Nick Anderson, the Pulitzer-winning cartoonist drawing for Reform Austin News, said the rush of a tight deadline helped him focus: “I find that I need the inspiration of the actual event in order to inspire my creativity. Sometimes the nuances of an event are just as important as the event itself.” “The fact that Trump was guilty on all 34 counts was a pretty devastating statement. I brainstormed for about 10 minutes before I landed upon the idea of the cartoon: I really wanted to capture that we now have a presidential candidate from a major political party who is a convicted felon,” Anderson added. He decided to spell out the word “felon” framing Trump’s face: “I wasn’t sure I could pull it off at first, but it really came together quickly.”



Matt Davies, the Pulitzer-winning cartoonist for Newsday, said he was “dumbfounded” by the all-counts verdict, given the punditry he’d been hearing. “I had an hour to come up with something and ink it,” said Davies, who rendered Trump’s new running mate as a probation officer. “I wanted to avoid seeming gleeful at the verdict. While Trump appeared to be getting his due, it also stirred an uneasiness knowing he and his supporters were just going to treat a legitimate legal verdict in the same tribal manner they did with the election they lost. Which is, of course, grist for another cartoon.”



Some artists decided to mash up the verdict announcement with previous news stories. Rick McKee, a self-described political moderate working for the Cagle Cartoons syndicate, thought about allegations of Trump contacting state officials and pressing them to “find” votes after the most recent presidential election. “As I was scanning news stories, the reference to the jurors’ votes kept coming up, and I thought: Those were some votes I’ll bet he wishes he didn’t get — and it clicked,” McKee said. “He’s always saying such wacky things that he’s [practically] writing these cartoons for me, and I’m just scribbling them down as they come.”



Mike Lester of Andrews McMeel Syndication, by comparison, decided to reference the current headlines surrounding Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., who has refused to recuse himself from hearing cases related to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, despite revelations that an upside-down American flag associated with some rioters was flown at his home. “The news cycle of the Alitos — his wife in particular and her neighborhood dispute — for some reason brought howls from my liberal friends and cartoonists,” Lester said. So he drew the Trump verdict as a reason to fly the American flag inverted as a symbol of protest or distress.



Dave Whamond of Cagle Cartoons drew Trump as a prisoner, exaggerating the dimensions of his cell. “I anticipated the verdict would be guilty, as the evidence seemed overwhelming,” he said. “It seemed only natural that he would brag about the size of his cell — not that I think he will serve time on this one. The thing is, I can see him actually saying this eventually, so I had to get it out there before that [actually] happens. It’s tough for us cartoonists to out-parody our current reality.”



Time magazine, like the New Yorker, prepared cover art while awaiting the verdict. Edel Rodriguez worked on about a dozen concepts with the magazine’s team, including creative director D.W. Pine. Over days, the artist kept refining an image of a gavel and a sound block with Trump’s face. Then it became a waiting game for the result. “After the verdict of guilty on 34 counts came through, this image made perfect sense,” Rodriguez said.

Michael Cavanaugh is the creator of the Comic Riffs column and a former staff writer for The Washington Post.



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After driving in Joey Meneses with a single, Ildemaro Vargas scored on Lane Thomas's hit to cap a four-run second inning for the Nationals against the Guardians.

## At 22, Saso is youngest two-time champion

But latest U.S. Open title, three years after first, is her first playing for Japan

BY GENE WANG

LANCASTER, PA. — Yuka Saso rallied from a three-stroke deficit to surge into golf history at the U.S. Women's Open. Boosted by four birdies on the back nine, Saso posted a closing 2-under-par 68 to win by three shots over Japan's Hinako Shibuno on Sunday at Lancaster Country Club.

At 22 years 11 months 13 days, Saso became the youngest golfer with two U.S. Women's Open titles; she claimed her first in 2021 in a playoff at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. At the time, she became the first U.S. Open winner from the Philippines, the birth country of her mother. Her latest crown comes representing Japan, the birth country of her father.

She is the first Japanese player to win the U.S. Women's Open; she declared her citizenship to that country in November 2021, officially completing the process two months later. She also is the third player with a pair of major

SEE U.S. OPEN ON D3

## Commanders cut McManus after women allege assault

BY NICKI JHABVALA

The Washington Commanders released kicker Brandon McManus on Sunday after he was accused by two women of sexually assaulting them on a flight last season, when he was with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The women, who were identified as Jane Doe I and Jane Doe II in a lawsuit filed in Duval County (Fla.) Circuit Civil Court late last month, allege McManus rubbed against them during the Jaguars' charter flight to London on Sept. 28. The women worked as flight attendants for Atlas Air, according to the complaint. The Jaguars were on their way to play games in London against the Atlanta Falcons and Buffalo Bills.

The women claim the flight "quickly turned into a party" as McManus and other players violated air travel safety regulations. According to the lawsuit, McManus "recruited" three other flight attendants and handed out \$100 bills to encourage them to drink and "dance inappropriately for him."

In a statement Sunday night, McManus's attorney, Brett R.

SEE COMMANDERS ON D3

# Heading home on high note

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

CLEVELAND — As Jake Irvin saw the ball come off the bat of Tyler Freeman and roll toward short-stop Ildemaro Vargas, his celebration began. Moments earlier, the Washington Nationals right-hander had given up back-to-back fifth-inning singles to the Cleveland Guardians, leading to a visit from pitching coach Jim Hickey. The ground-er Irvin needed came just three pitches later.

Vargas fielded the ball and threw it to second baseman Luis García Jr., which yielded Irvin's first fist pump. When García completed the inning-ending double play with a throw to first baseman Joey Gallo, Irvin punched at the air again, then added a few head nods on his way to the dugout.

The Nationals needed Irvin to be at his best to avoid a three-game sweep Sunday afternoon, and he was: He allowed two runs over six innings in a 5-2 victory at Progressive Field.

"Great visit by [Hickey] — he'd kind of pointed out that this was a good opportunity for a groundball in the first couple of pitches," Irvin

### NATIONALS 5, GUARDIANS 2

Irvin's strong start ensures the Nats finish road trip with a winning mark

said. "Just wanted to execute a pitch, and those guys turning it behind me, it's always pretty awesome. I was fired up."

Irvin set the tone by throwing 14 straight strikes to open his outing, and he finished with six strikeouts and just one walk on 98 pitches. The victory closed a seven-game trip to annual contender Atlanta and American League Central-leading Cleveland (39-20) in which the Nationals (27-31) went 4-3.

"I always say the three constants: We got to pitch, we got to play good defense, and we got to run the bases well," Manager Dave Martinez said. "Hitting will be there some days; some days we got to scratch and claw. But if we can continue to

do that, we can play — we can play with anybody."

Irvin turned to his curveball 40 times, using it to get ahead in the count and then put hitters away as he trimmed his ERA to 3.39. After he exited, Robert Garcia, Hunter Harvey and Kyle Finnegan combined for three scoreless innings; Finnegan secured his 16th save.

"To win the majority of the road trip against two teams that have played really well so far this year is a win in everyone's mind," outfielder Lane Thomas said. "We left some stuff on the table in the first two games here, but they played well. . . . Going forward, I think we have a chance to beat a lot more good teams."

On Monday night, the Nationals will open a three-game series against the visiting New York Mets with a slightly tweaked roster: Before Sunday's game, backup catcher Riley Adams was optioned to Class AAA Rochester and Drew Millas was recalled.

Millas's calling card is defense, where Keibert Ruiz and Adams have struggled this season. Adams has posted minus-2 catcher framing runs,

SEE NATIONALS ON D5

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## Trust in herself helps Biles win another U.S. title

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

FORT WORTH — Winning a national title is not supposed to look this easy. And it's not normal for the same gymnast to stand atop the podium time and time again for more than a decade. But this is Simone Biles, and for her, the extraordinary is routine.

The pressure of an Olympic year and the otherworldly expectations that follow Biles everywhere haven't rattled her. She cruised through the national championships as she so often has, winning her ninth U.S. all-around title Sunday night in a testament to her longevity and excellence.

"I use the phrase 'aging like fine wine,'" Biles said. "... It's just getting better and better. We'll see. Hopefully we get to ride this out for the rest of the year."

One successful routine at a time, Biles proves she might be better than she has ever been. The 27-year-old's all-around score of 119.750 was nearly six points

SEE GYMNASTICS ON D10



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Simone Biles's final all-around score was nearly six points better than that of runner-up Skye Blakely.



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### Grievance Games

Jerry Brewer begins his in-depth look at how the promise of sports as a unifier has buckled under the pressure of division. A1

### STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

The Oilers join the Panthers in the finals by knocking off the top-seeded Stars in six games. D5

### PRO BASKETBALL

Caitlin Clark has gotten a physical introduction to life in the WNBA, and the Fever is not happy. D10

# THE DAY IN SPORTS

## COLLEGE BASEBALL Birmingham-Southern sees unlikely run end

Birmingham-Southern's magical ride ended in heartbreak.

The Panthers' inspiring postseason baseball run, which came as the liberal arts college in Alabama was being shut down after more than 160 years, ended Sunday with an 11-10 loss to Wisconsin Whitewater in the Division III College World Series in Eastlake, Ohio.

Birmingham-Southern built a 10-5 lead through six innings but couldn't put away Wisconsin Whitewater, which scored two runs in the seventh, three in the eighth and got a walk-off homer from **Sam Paden** leading off the ninth.

When Paden's homer dropped well behind the wall in left, several Birmingham-Southern players stood still as if frozen in disbelief.

There wasn't a storybook ending after all.

Moments later, Coach **Jay Weisberg** and his players lined up down the third-base line, and together they tipped their caps to fans who had made the trip to Cleveland and had been lifted by the team.

"I don't feel sadness right now and I mean it," said Weisberg, who took over the program in 2007 and built into one of the nation's strongest at the Division III level. "The ride that these guys have given me this year has been absolutely incredible.

"Coaching is what I love, and these guys have made it so fun." . . .

**Jay Woolfolk** settled down to pitch into the ninth inning after a rough start, and No. 12 national seed Virginia (44-15) scored six runs in its final time at bat in a 9-2 victory over Mississippi State, winning the Charlottesville regional in the NCAA Division I tournament and earning a berth in the super regionals. . . .

**Mike Mancini** hit two solo home runs, **Casey Smith** and **Donovan Burke** combined on a five-hit shutout and James Madison defeated South Carolina, 2-0, to reach the championship round of the Raleigh (N.C.) regional.

James Madison won the afternoon elimination game but lost to regional host North Carolina State, 5-3, in the evening to finish the season 36-25. The Wolfpack advanced to the super regionals.

**GOLF**

### With dad as his caddie, MacIntyre earns a win

**Robert MacIntyre**, with father **Dougie** at his side as his caddie, held on to win the Canadian Open in Hamilton, Ontario, for his first PGA Tour title.

Four strokes ahead entering the final round at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, MacIntyre shot a 2-under-par 68 to beat playing partner **Ben Griffin** by a stroke. On the par-4 18th, the 27-year-old Scottish left-hander two-putted for par from 12 feet, holing out from just over a foot.

"Goose bumps. It's incredible," MacIntyre said. "It's a dream of mine to play golf for a living. It's been a dream of mine to win on the PGA Tour. . . . I just can't believe I have done it with my dad on the bag. The guy's taught me the way I play golf."

MacIntyre finished at 16-under 264 for the breakthrough victory in his 45th career PGA Tour start. The former McNeese State player was a member of Europe's winning 2023 Ryder Cup team and has two European tour victories.

Griffin had a 65 on Sunday. He parred the 18th after birdieing the previous three holes.

**Victor Perez** of France was third at 14 under after his second straight 64.

Two-time Canadian Open champion **Rory McIlroy** also shot a 64 to tie for fourth with **Tom Kim** (64) at 13 under. McIlroy won in 2019 the last time the tournament was in Hamilton and again in 2022 at St. George's in Toronto. . . .

**Ernie Els** won the Principal Charity Classic in Des Moines for his fourth career PGA Tour Champions victory, closing with a 7-under 65 at Wakonda Club to beat defending champion **Stephen Ames** by two strokes.

Tied with **Rod Pampling** for the second-round lead, Els eagled the par-5 15th and had five birdies in his bogey-free final round. The 54-year-old Hall of Famer from South Africa finished at 21-under 195. . . .

England's **Laurie Canter** held his nerve and overcame three bogeys in a final-round 1-under



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## A win for the family

Robert MacIntyre, left, embraces his father and caddie, Dougie MacIntyre, after the Scot won the PGA Tour's Canadian Open.

### SPOTLIGHT: NASCAR

# Cindric prevails after Blaney comes up empty

BY JEFF LATZKE

MADISON, ILL. — Austin Cindric emerged as the surprise winner of the NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday at World Wide Technology Raceway when teammate Ryan Blaney apparently ran out of gas while leading on the final lap.

Blaney, the reigning series champion, appeared to be on his way to his first win of the season after fighting off a challenge from Christopher Bell, who had his own car trouble in the closing laps.

Cindric, who had pitted just one lap after Blaney, took advantage of the situation and notched his second career win. The other came in the 2022 Daytona 500.

Denny Hamlin came in second, recording his sixth straight top-five finish. Brad

Keselowski was third, followed by Tyler Reddick and Joey Logano.

Bell had been the dominant car for much of the day in suburban St. Louis, leading 80 of the 240 laps. The three Penske cars — Cindric, Blaney and Logano — did not pit in the break between the second and third stages, and that put them in position to go for the win.

Blaney and Bell, the winner of last week's rain-shortened Coca-Cola 600, dueled for the lead for several laps before Bell — after finally squeezing ahead of Blaney briefly — let up and reported motor issues to his crew. Bell wound up seventh, getting a push by teammate Martin Truex Jr. in the final laps.

Blaney settled for 24th, coasting around as the last finisher on the lead lap.

Michael McDowell started on the pole and led the first 40 laps before Bell maneuvered his way inside to take the lead for the first time.

Kyle Busch, last year's winner who struggled with grip in practice and qualifying Saturday, pitted on Lap 19 during an early caution and took the lead following the restart when other leaders pitted after Stage 1 concluded on Lap 45.

But Bell quickly carved through the eight cars that hadn't pitted and reclaimed the lead on the 69th lap.

Busch and Kyle Larson were battling side-by-side for seventh on the final lap of Stage 2 when they got together in an incident that took the defending race champion out.

— *Associated Press*

### TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Milwaukee at Philadelphia</b> » MLB Network
6:45 p.m.	<b>New York Mets at Washington</b> » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)
7 p.m.	<b>Baltimore at Toronto</b> » MASN2, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
9:30 p.m.	<b>San Francisco at Arizona</b> » Fox Sports 1
SOCCER	
Noon	<b>Men's friendly: Scotland vs. Gibraltar</b> » Fox Sports 2
2:45 p.m.	<b>Men's friendly: Bosnia at England</b> » Fox Sports 2
TENNIS	
5 a.m.	<b>French Open, round of 16</b> » Tennis Channel

COLLEGE BASEBALL — NCAA TOURNAMENT REGIONALS	
Noon	<b>Teams TBD</b> » ESPNU
3 p.m.	<b>Teams TBD</b> » ESPNU
6 p.m.	<b>Teams TBD</b> » ESPNU
9 p.m.	<b>Teams TBD</b> » ESPNU

COLLEGE SOFTBALL — WORLD SERIES	
Noon	<b>Oklahoma vs. Florida</b> » ESPN
2:30 p.m.	<b>Oklahoma vs. Florida (if necessary)</b> » ESPN
7 p.m.	<b>Texas vs. Stanford</b> » ESPN2
9:30 p.m.	<b>Texas vs. Stanford (if necessary)</b> » ESPN2

United, and a Europa Conference League with Roma two years ago.

He has coached teams to win eight domestic league titles in Portugal, England, Italy and Spain.

It's his first job since he left Roma in January after 2½ years marked by the Europa Conference League title in 2022 and disputes with referees.

The Portuguese has not worked outside of the top five European leagues since 2004, when he left Porto after winning the Champions League and joined Chelsea, which was on the rise under then-owner **Roman Abramovich**. . . .

The club owned by former Houston Astros general manager **Jeff Luhnow** secured promotion to the top tier of the Spanish league.

Leganes beat Elche, 2-0, to win the second-division title. Its promotion came four years after it was relegated and two years after the investment group led by Luhnow bought the modest club based in a neighborhood of southern Madrid.

Leganes finished with 74 points after 42 matches, two points more than Valladolid, the club owned by former Brazil great **Ronaldo**, which had already secured automatic promotion. . . .

Saint-Etienne drew, 2-2, at 10-man Metz to win promotion back to the French first division, with substitute **Ibrahima Wadji** scoring the decisive goal deep into extra time for a 4-3 aggregate score. . . .

Europa Conference League runner-up Fiorentina beat Europa League champion Atalanta, 3-2, in a postponed Serie A match to conclude the Italian season and prevent the Bergamo squad from finishing third. . . .

Rookie **Liel Abada** scored two goals to lead Charlotte to a 3-2 victory over Atlanta United in an MLS game in Atlanta.

Atlanta United (4-8-4) took a 1-0 lead in the 35th minute on a goal by **Thiago Almada**, who found the net for a fourth time this season on a left-footed shot from the center of the box.

Charlotte (7-6-4) pulled even five minutes later on an own goal by Atlanta United defender **Derrick Williams**.

## AUTO RACING Fourth Detroit title is a record for Dixon

**Scott Dixon** won a record fourth Detroit Grand Prix, outlasting the competition in a caution-filled race to become the first IndyCar driver with two victories this season.

The six-time IndyCar Series champion won his 58th career race, trailing only **A.J. Foyt's** total of 67 in the series. Dixon, who is from New Zealand, broke a tie in the Detroit Grand Prix record books with **Will Power** and **Helio Castroneves**.

**Josef Newgarden** had a humbling afternoon a day after Team Penske announced a multiyear contract extension with the back-to-back Indianapolis 500 winner. Late in the race, Newgarden lost control of the back end of his car — with no one nearby — and hit a wall to set up a 26th-place finish in the 27-car field. . . .

**John Force** raced to his record 157th NHRA victory at age 75, beating teammate **Austin Prock** in the Funny Car final at the NHRA New England Nationals in Epping, N.H.

Force had a 4.081-second run at 319.29 mph in his Chevrolet Camaro SS, while Prock ran a 4.096 at 316.38.

## MISC. Florida advances in softball World Series

**Jocelyn Erickson** came up big and earned a shot at her former team.

Erickson homered and knocked in four runs, and No. 4 seed Florida beat No. 14 Alabama, 6-4, in Oklahoma City to advance to the College World Series semifinals and eliminate the Crimson Tide.

Florida will play three-time defending national champion Oklahoma in the semifinals Monday.

Erickson, a catcher, won a national championship with Oklahoma last season.

Texas will face Stanford in the other semifinal. . . .

The D.C. Defenders lost their United Football League season finale, 32-31, to the Arlington (Tex.) Renegades at Audi Field.

Quarterback **Jordan Ta'amu** completed 18 of 34 passes for 218 yards with a pair of touchdowns for the Defenders, who finished the season 4-6.

— *From news services*

FRENCH OPEN

# Players are getting tired of late matches in Paris

BY AVA WALLACE

Most of the players at this year's waterlogged French Open spent the first week of the year's second Grand Slam playing the waiting game.

Rain delayed play in Paris nearly every day on all but the two premier courts at Roland Garros, which are fitted with retractable roofs, and tournament organizers were so desperate to get back on schedule Saturday that they moved one match onto Court Philippe Chatrier ahead of Novak Djokovic and Lorenzo Musetti's third-round meeting.

That meant it was Djokovic and Musetti's turn to wait. And wait. And wait — until more than two hours after their scheduled match time, which put them on court at 10:30 p.m. When Djokovic finally staggered off the victor after five sets, it was just after 3 a.m.

"Things could have been handled a different way," he told a small group of reporters after.

Coco Gauff, who won her fourth-round match just hours later Sunday morning against Italian Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 6-1, 6-2, agreed. As a 2022 French Open finalist and the reigning U.S. Open champion, Gauff has played her four singles matches on a court with a roof and didn't have to wait out the rain as she zipped through to the quarterfinals.

She could have run into the opposite problem Sunday, when she played second on the main court, had it not been for the buzz saw that is Iga Swiatek. The No. 1 women's player in the world opened Court Philippe Chatrier and blanked world No. 41 Anastasia Potapova in a staggering 40 minutes. Swiatek lost just 10 points as she advanced to face reigning Wimbledon champion Marketa



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**Coco Gauff suggested Grand Slams should consider a cutoff time after which matches can't begin.**

**French Open, round of 16**  
5 a.m., Tennis Channel

Vondrousova in the quarterfinals. Lucky for Gauff, she was warmed up and ready.

"Usually, if you're after [Swiatek], you know it's probably going to be a quick match," Gauff said. "So I figured the match would probably go 1 hour 15 minutes — an hour at the quickest. I definitely wasn't expecting 40 minutes."

Gauff finished her singles match with plenty of time to prepare for a first-round doubles win with partner Katerina Siniakova. Still, she felt for Djokovic.

Asked whether there was anything that could be done to mitigate matches going so late, Gauff proposed that Grand Slams con-

sider a cutoff time after which matches can't begin, as is common at Wimbledon, which has an 11 p.m. curfew.

"What can be done? I know on the [WTA] tour side they're thinking about [making it so] matches can't start after a certain time. I don't know if it's going to be a Grand Slam rule. I think that's something to look at," she said. "Maybe if a match is going long, possibly moving courts. Then I know it's tough because, especially here, it's only one night match, and people obviously paid for those tickets."

The issue with matches that end in the middle of the night is that players don't get to bed until much later, as seventh-seeded Casper Ruud, who won his third-round

match Saturday after 1 a.m., pointed out on X, answering a fellow user's question as to why he was still awake after 3 a.m.

"I just finished my match 2 hours ago. After that I have to cool down on the bike for 15 minutes, do press/media, ice bath for 10 minutes, shower, eat and then get treatment/massage. I'm currently at the treatment stage," Ruud wrote.

That must be one reason No. 3 seed Carlos Alcaraz much prefers day matches. The two-time Grand Slam champion beat 21st-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, on Sunday to set up a quarterfinal match against ninth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas. That left Alcaraz with a free evening — and just one thing on his agenda.

"It's really difficult to recover

when you are going to go to sleep so, so late. For me, it's much better to finish at 6 o'clock, having dinner really, really well at [a] restaurant, a good restaurant, good food," Alcaraz said with a laugh. "So everything is better if you finish early. You know, the night session is a real thing, so we can't change it. We have to adapt ourselves as much . . . as we can to the matches."

To Gauff, the burden of adaptation should be shared by tournament organizers and players alike. She spoke delicately Sunday when asked whether players should have more say in scheduling issues.

"I don't want to complain too much about it, because we are very blessed and privileged to be playing for a lot of money and there's people working real jobs under worse conditions for less money and just trying to get by," Gauff said. ". . . But I definitely think there's a balance of saying publicly, like — and I do agree that things can be run better behind the scenes. I think that tournaments are trying their best and players are trying their best. I just think we have to meet in a middle ground for the health and safety of everyone."

At least for Gauff, there may be some twisted comfort in knowing there's a slim chance she will have to deal with a late-night match at Roland Garros. In the three years that night sessions have existed at the French Open, the so-called "Match of the Day" has featured a women's showdown just twice in 28 sessions.

On Monday, it will feature a fourth-round men's match between 13th-seeded Holger Rune and fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev, who is playing amid a domestic abuse trial in Berlin in which he is alleged to have attacked a former girlfriend.

# Saso's second U.S. Women's Open championship is for her father

U.S. OPEN FROM D1

championships serving as her first two wins on the LPGA Tour, joining Se Ri Pak and In Gee Chun.

"I think winning in 2021 [when] I represented the Philippines, I feel like I was able to give back to my mom," said Saso, who finished at 4-under 276 and collected a record winner's check of \$2.4 million. "This year I was able to represent Japan, and I think I was able to give back to my dad. I'm very happy that I was able to do it. It's just a wonderful feeling that I was able to give back to my parents in the same way."

Saso earned her fourth victory worldwide since she turned professional in 2019, but her performances of late provided little indication she would be a factor here. She missed the cut at her previous tournament, the Mizuho Americas Open, and finished tied for 29th and 30th in her two starts before that.

But on the sport's biggest stage, Saso's second birdie in a row at No. 16 got her to 5 under, three strokes clear of overnight tri-leader Andrea Lee, who had drawn within one shot with four holes to play. Saso closed bogey-par and began the celebration after Andrea Lee, playing in the



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**Yuka Saso, who missed the cut in her previous tournament, earned a trophy and a record \$2.4 million.**

final pairing with Australia's Minjee Lee, was unable to rally. Andrea Lee and fellow American Ally Ewing, who posted a final-round 66, shared third place at even-par 280.

"I can be impatient with other things, but I think — I don't know

how to explain it," Saso said. "Just stay in the moment and trying to focus on every shot, trying to do my routine I think helps me calm down a little bit and be patient."

Saso claimed the solo lead for good on the heels of birdies at

Nos. 12 and 13 to reach 3 under. It was at the 12th not long after where Minjee Lee's aspirations of a second U.S. Women's Open title in three years were derailed. Her tee shot on the 163-yard par-3 failed to hold the putting surface and rolled into a stream guard-

ing the front. A double bogey dropped her to even par.

Andrea Lee birdied the 12th to get back into the mix at 2 under following two bogeys and a double bogey on the front nine.

"A lot of positives to take away from the week," she said. "Being in the last group of a major championship, both the third and fourth rounds, I was extremely nervous, but I feel like I learned a lot about how to control my emotions out here. Definitely a lot of positives to take away."

The 54-hole leaders — Andrea Lee, Minjee Lee and Thailand's Wichanee Meechai, who finished tied for sixth at 2 over after a closing 77 — shot a combined 11 over on the front side in overcast but mostly calm conditions until drizzle arrived later in the afternoon.

"I think I did a lot of good things but obviously didn't play very well today, and I'm disappointed that I didn't do better," said Minjee Lee, who is ranked ninth in the world. "Obviously I'm going to acknowledge my disappointment and then come back stronger, take the positives out of the week. . . . It's a lot of pressure on the last day, so it wasn't my best performance, but I'm sure there will be many better performances ahead."

# Commanders release McManus after suit accuses him of assault

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Galloway, responded to the Commanders' decision to release his client.

"Brandon would like to thank the Washington Commanders for the opportunity to be a part of the organization," he said. "However, we reiterate that the allegations against Brandon are and remain absolutely false and, importantly, are contradicted by indisputable evidence and the accusers' own prior inconsistent statements and omissions. While we are disappointed with the team's decision to release Brandon before he had the opportunity to defend against these fabricated claims, we will aggressively defend and clear Brandon's name and reputation through the legal process. We intend to defeat these claims, fully exonerate him and look forward to seeing him back on the field where he belongs."

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said last Monday, when news of the lawsuit broke, that the league was aware of the situation and had been in contact with the Commanders, who acknowledged in a statement through a spokesperson that evening that they were made aware of the lawsuit earlier that day. "We take allega-

tions of this nature very seriously and are looking into the matter," the statement read. The Jaguars, who were named defendants in the lawsuit, said last Monday that they were aware of the complaint and acknowledged "the significance of the claims."

According to the court filing, Jane Doe I accused McManus of attempting to kiss her while she was strapped into the jump seat amid turbulence during the flight. The woman allegedly put her hand up to block McManus's unwanted advance.

McManus grabbed Jane Doe I and grinded against her on two occasions as she served in-flight meals, the lawsuit alleges, adding that during the first instance, she made eye contact with another Jaguars player who appeared ashamed of his teammate's behavior. The second instance happened under similar circumstances, according to the lawsuit: Jane Doe I was serving the second in-flight meal, and McManus again grabbed her by the waist and "rubbed his clothed but erect penis on her multiple times."

Jane Doe II claimed McManus acted similarly with her during the second in-flight service. According to the complaint, he grinded against Jane Doe II and

she could not push him away because she was holding a tray in the galley aisle. When Jane Doe II turned around and confronted McManus, he "smirked and walked away," the filing alleges.

The women claim to have sustained "pain and suffering and psychological and emotional distress, mental anguish, embarrassment, and humiliation." They are seeking damages in excess of \$1 million and a jury trial. McManus and the Jaguars have until June 17 to respond to the complaint.

The Jaguars were accused of negligence for failing to properly hire McManus, educate him on inappropriate sexual contact, supervise his conduct in flight, create and implement a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate behavior and create a safe environment for the airplane staff.

In an interview with "The Junkies" on 106.7 the Fan on Thursday, Tony Buzbee, lead counsel for the plaintiffs, alleged McManus brought alcohol on the team plane, which the NFL prohibits.

"I know that alcohol was brought onto the plane, and I know that there was a back-and-forth between flight attendants and some of the players, including, allegedly, Mr. McManus," Buz-

bee said. "He was saying, 'I know you can't pour my alcohol, but at least can you pour my chaser?' — that kind of silliness. There will be witnesses that will talk about intoxication and how intoxicated certain individuals were and how they became so intoxicated so quickly into the flight."

The NFL prohibits alcohol at team facilities and during travel to or from games, a rule it emphasized in a 2022 memo after then-Commanders quarterback Taylor Heinicke was photographed with a beer in his hand during a post-game flight. The Florida court filing also alleges the women could smell marijuana coming from the airplane's restrooms.

Buzbee told 106.7 that Lisa Friel, the NFL's special counsel for investigations, contacted him shortly after the filing, hoping to talk with his clients. Buzbee also claimed in an Instagram post last week that, before filing the lawsuit, his firm attempted to resolve the matter outside of the court system.

"Our efforts at resolution were met with arrogance, ignorance and stupidity, strikingly similar to how Deshaun Watson's team responded when we tried to resolve those cases pre-filing," wrote Buz-

bee, who represented all but one of the quarterback's accusers of sexual misconduct.

McManus signed a one-year deal with the Jaguars in 2023 after spending the previous nine seasons with the Denver Broncos, helping boost them to a Super Bowl 50 victory during the 2015 season. New Commanders general manager Adam Peters was Denver's assistant director of college scouting at the time.

McManus signed with the Commanders on a one-year, \$3.6 million contract in March to replace Joey Slye. By releasing McManus, the Commanders may eat up to \$1.5 million in dead money under the salary cap.

For six-plus years, Washington relied on Dustin Hopkins at kicker, but a string of misses led to his departure early in the 2021 season and a carousel of replacements. There was a failed experiment with Chris Blewitt that season (three missed field goals in two games), an interim stint with Brian Johnson as Slye recovered from an injury and then two mostly decent years with Slye before McManus's arrival.

Washington will now search for another kicker, with limited proven options available at this point in the offseason.

VA. TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Tuscarora boys, girls lead area in Class 4

BY AARON CREDEUR

Taking advantage of several strong performances in the field events, Tuscarora held its own at Saturday's Virginia Class 4 outdoor track and field state championships. At Liberty University in Lynchburg, the Huskies finished third on the boys' side and fourth on the girls'.

The boys were keyed by a string of second-place finishes. Tuscarora senior JB Santos was second in the high jump at 6 feet 5 inches. Then junior Tate Foerster powered through a torn biceps to place second in the discus (158-7) and the shot put (57-2).

"[Earlier in the season] I was throwing discus close to 170 [feet], and then my biceps tore, and I just couldn't get my numbers back up," Foerster said. "I was trying to throw through it, but honestly I struggled in that."

Foerster threw shot put Friday. Although that event put less strain on his biceps, he still went in with a mix of confidence and nerves.

"I couldn't sleep," he said. "But I took an energy drink and got mentally prepared. I'll be back next year, and there won't be no runner-ups."

The Tuscarora boys finished with 37 points, trailing Atlee (62) and Phoebus (44). After hovering near the top of the standings, Woodgrove finished fourth with 34 points.

Wolverines sophomore Connor Salmin came in first and tied the meet record of 10.44 seconds in the 100 meters but hurt his hamstring at the end of the race. That prevented him from competing in the 4x100 relay, but he stepped back onto the track to jog through the 200 meters and end the day on a note of perseverance.

"He just wanted to prove to himself that he could actually finish the meet," Woodgrove Coach Kent Staneart said. "The guys really rallied around each other. . . . I went to [senior distance runner Prescott Noll], and I said, 'Do what you can.' And he said: 'You know what? I think I can do this today.'"

Noll went on to win the 800 (1:55) to get the Wolverines back on the scoreboard.

In the Class 4 girls' competition, Tuscarora relied on senior Alysa Carrigan's master class in the jumping events to earn a fourth-place finish with 48 points, trailing Blacksburg (74), Atlee (73.5) and Manor (52).

Carrigan won the triple jump by two full inches, finishing at 38-9/4 before putting up an even more dominant performance in the high jump, winning with a height of 5-8 1/2 — more than four inches higher than the runner-up.

That set a meet record, breaking Carrigan's mark from last spring by a quarter of an inch. She finishes her Tuscarora career with four straight first-place finishes in the high jump.

Carrigan also came in second in the long jump at 18-8/4.

In the Class 3 meet, the Meridian boys and the Brentsville District girls showed flashes of brilliance. Mustangs senior Joseph Ziyayee finished second in the 800 in 1:54.86, while sophomore Kayla Smith won the 100 (11.91) and the 200 (24.58) for the Tigers.

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## BASEBALL

## National League

	EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Philadelphia	41	19	.683	—	5-5	L-1		Milwaukee	36	23	.610	—	8-2	W-5	Los Angeles	38	23	.623	—	5-5	W-2
Atlanta	33	24	.579	6½	4-6	W-1		St. Louis	28	29	.491	7	7-3	W-1	San Diego	32	30	.516	6½	6-4	L-1
Washington	27	31	.466	13	6-4	W-1		Chicago	29	31	.483	7½	2-8	L-1	San Francisco	29	31	.483	8½	5-5	L-4
New York	24	35	.407	16½	3-7	L-2		Pittsburgh	27	32	.458	9	4-6	L-1	Arizona	27	32	.458	10	4-6	W-4
Miami	21	39	.350	20	5-5	L-2		Cincinnati	26	33	.441	10	6-4	W-1	Colorado	21	37	.362	15½	5-5	L-2

## Nationals 5, Guardians 2

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas cf	3	0	1	2	0	1.211
García 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0.273
Winker lf	4	0	0	0	0	3.230
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	1	1.203
Senzel 3b	3	0	1	0	1	2.244
Rosario rf	4	1	1	0	0	0.176
Meneses dh	4	1	1	2	0	0.240
Gallo lb	3	1	1	0	1	1.151
Vargas ss	4	1	2	1	0	0.288
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	0	1	0	0	1.362
Freeman cf	4	0	0	0	0	0.219
Ramírez dh	4	0	0	0	0	1.272
J.Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2.227
Brennan rf	3	1	2	0	1	0.237
Arias 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1.209
Manzardo ph	1	0	0	0	0	0.226
B.Naylor c	3	0	0	0	0	0.173
Schneemann 2b	3	2	0	1	1	1.353
Rochie ss	3	0	1	0	1	1.203
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

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LOB: Washington 4, Cleveland 4. 2B: Rosario (5), Meneses (7), Senzel (7), Arias (7). Schneemann (1). RB: Meneses 2 (29), Vargas (8), Thomas 2 (15), Schneemann 2 (2). SB: Vargas (5). CS: Senzel (3). SF: Thomas.

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NPERA
Irvin	6	5	2	2	1	6	983.39
García	1	0	0	0	0	1	154.82
Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	0	162.08
Finnegan	1	1	0	0	0	0	91.57

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NPERA
Carrasco	4	7	5	1	5	7	15.66
Hentges	2	0	0	0	1	0	203.60
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	1	0	102.77
Herrin	1	0	0	1	1	0	1.220.78
Avila	1	1	0	0	0	0	143.54

WP: Irvin (3-5); LP: Carrasco (2-5); S: Finnegan (16). T: 2:18. A: 25,521 (34,788).

## HOW THEY SCORED

**NATIONALS SECOND**  
Keibert Ruiz singles. Nick Senzel strikes out swinging. Eddie Rosario doubles. Keibert Ruiz to third. **Joey Meneses doubles**. Eddie Rosario scores. Keibert Ruiz scores. **Joey Gallo** called out on strikes. **Idemaro Vargas** singles and advances to 2nd. **Joey Meneses** scores. **Lane Thomas** singles. **Idemaro Vargas** scores. Luis García grounds out.

**Nationals 4, Guardians 0**  
**GUARDIANS SECOND**

Josh Naylor strikes out swinging. Will Brennan singles. Gabriel Arias doubles. Will Brennan to third. **Bo Naylor** pops out. **Daniel Schneemann** doubles. **Gabriel Arias** scores. **Will Brennan** scores. **Brayan Rocio** strikes out swinging.

**Nationals 4, Guardians 2**  
**NATIONALS FOURTH**  
Joey Meneses grounds out. **Joey Gallo** walks. **Idemaro Vargas**. **Joey Gallo** to third. **Lane Thomas** out on a sacrifice fly. **Idemaro Vargas** to third. **Joey Gallo** scores. Luis García lines out.

**Nationals 4, Guardians 2**

## NL leaders

Entering Sunday's games.

BATTING		
Arraez, SD	.....	.340
Ohtani, LA	.....	.326
Proffar, SD	.....	.325
Contreras, Mil	.....	.322
Betts, LA	.....	.319
Ozuna, Atl	.....	.313
Bohm, Phil	.....	.311
Tovar, Col	.....	.302
<b>HOME RUNS</b>		
Ozuna, Atl	.....	17
Harper, Phil	.....	14
Ohtani, LA	.....	14
Alonso, NY	.....	13
Walker, Ari	.....	12
Hernández, LA	.....	12
Schwarber, Phil	.....	11

## RBI

Ozuna, Atl	.....	53
Bohm, Phil	.....	49
Harper, Phil	.....	44
Contreras, Mil	.....	44
Adames, Mil	.....	42
Walker, SD	.....	38
Cronenworth, SD	.....	38
Hernández, LA	.....	38
Ohtani, LA	.....	38

## ERA

Suárez, Atl	.....	1.70
López, Atl	.....	1.73
Imanaga, Chi	.....	1.86
Williams, Was	.....	2.22
Assad, Chi	.....	2.27
Wheeler, Phil	.....	2.32
Hicks, SF	.....	2.70
Gomber, Col	.....	2.76
Sánchez, Phil	.....	2.83
<b>SAVES</b>		
Hesley, STL	.....	18
Suarez, SD	.....	17
Finnegan, Was	.....	15
Iglesias, Atl	.....	14
Bednar, Pit	.....	11
Diaz, Cin	.....	11

## STRIKEOUTS

Glasnow, LA	.....	95
Cease, SD	.....	87
Wheeler, Phil	.....	85
Peralta, Mil	.....	82
Sale, Atl	.....	82
Suárez, Phil	.....	79
Gray, STL	.....	77

## AL leaders

Entering Sunday's games.

BATTING		
Soto, NY	.....	.316
Perez, KC	.....	.315
Witt, KC	.....	.314
Peña, Hou	.....	.301
Rutschman, Bal	.....	.297
Westburg, Bal	.....	.295
Mountcastle, Bal	.....	.293

## HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	.....	21
Tucker, Hou	.....	19
Henderson, Bal	.....	18
De la Cruz ss	.....	16
Naylor, Cle	.....	15
Soto, NY	.....	14
Stanton, NY	.....	14

## RBI

Ramírez, Cle	.....	57
Soto, NY	.....	50
Judge, NY	.....	47
Naylor, Cle	.....	42
Witt, KC	.....	42
Perez, KC	.....	41
Henderson, Bal	.....	41
<b>ERA</b>		
Lugo, KC	.....	1.72
Hughes, Bos	.....	1.85
Iglesias, Atl	.....	1.86
Skubal, Det	.....	2.02
Gray, Tex	.....	2.21
Burnes, Bal	.....	2.35
Blaine, Hou	.....	2.44
Anderson, LA	.....	2.47

## SAVES

Clase, Cle	.....	18
Holmes, NY	.....	16
Kimbrel, Bal	.....	13
Muñoz, Sea	.....	12
Foley, Det	.....	11
McArthur, KC	.....	11
Miller, Oak	.....	11
Duran, Min	.....	9
Jansen, Bos	.....	9
<b>STRIKEOUTS</b>		
Crockett, Chi	.....	93
Friedly, Det	.....	83
Ragans, KC	.....	83
Skubal, Det	.....	80
Gil, NY	.....	79
Ryan, Min	.....	77
Castillo, Sea	.....	75
Houck, Bos	.....	75
López, Min	.....	75

## Twins 4, Astros 3

Jose Miranda hit a solo homer in the sixth inning and a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth, helping Minnesota take two of three from Houston over the weekend.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BB	SO	AVG
Larnach lf	3	1	1	1	1	1.270
Marot pr-1b	0	1	0	0	0	0.209
Jeffers c	3	0	0	0	0	1.246
Miranda 3b	4	1	2	2	0	0.280
Farmer 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0.163
Keppler rf	4	0	0	0	0	1.271
Burton cf	4	0	0	0	0	0.232
Castro ss	4	1	1	0	1	0.260
Kirilloff dh	4	0	1	1	0	3.218
Santana 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0.215
Julien 2b	2	0	0	1	1	1.207
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BB	SO	AVG
Tucker dh	3	1	1	0	1	0.263
Bregman 3b	4	1	2	2	0	1.229
Alvarez lf	4	0	1	0	0	0.282
Peña ss	4	0	0	0	0	2.296
Meyer cf	3	0	0	1	0	2.275
Dubón 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0.305
Caratini c	4	1	1	0	1	1.247
J.Abreu 1b	2	0	0	1	0	1.116
Altuve ph	1	0	0	0	0	1.290
McCormick cf	3	0	1	0	1	1.209
Singleton ph	1	0	0	0	0	0.221
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

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HOUSTON..... 012 000 000 — 3 6 0

E: Jeffers (3). LOB: Minnesota 4, Houston 6. 2B: Kirilloff (7), Santana (6), Miranda (9). HR: Larnach (6), off Brown; Miranda (6), off Brown; Caratini (4), off Woods Richardson; Bregman (8), off Woods Richardson.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Woods Richardson	4½	3	3	3	2	6	3.05
Thielbar	.....	%	1	0	0	0	0.473
Alcala	.....	1½	1	0	1	0	1.220
Okert	.....	%	1	0	0	0	0.279
Jacobs	.....	1	0	0	0	0	1.213
Duran	.....	1	0	0	0	0	1.300

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brown	6	5	3	3	3	7	6.18
B.Abreu	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.323
Pressly	1	1	1	1	0	1	0.524
Montero	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.292

WP: Okert (2-0); LP: Pressly (0-3); S: Duran (10). Inherited runners-scored: Alcala 1-0, Okert 2-0. T: 2:49. A: 34,242 (41,000).

## Rangers 6, Marlins 0

Andrew Heaney threw six sharp innings and Adolis García homered and singled as Texas cruised past Miami.

Jacob Latz, David Robertson and Grant Anderson pitched an inning each to finish the Rangers' second consecutive shutout win. It is the first time since September 2016 they have had back-to-back shutouts.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	2	1	1	0	3	0.258
Jaggar ss	5	1	1	0	1	1.268
Grossman dh	3	1	1	0	0	1.185
Schwarber ph-dh	2	0	1	0	0	0.253
García rf	5	1	2	2	0	0.231
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	0.245
Langford lf	0	0	0	0	0	1.222
Walker, Ari	0	0	0	0	0	1.222
J.Smith 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1.287
Duran 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0.270
Love ph-1b	1	1	1	0	0	0.258
Taveras cf	3	0	1	1	0	0.246
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BB	SO	AVG
Myers rf-1f	4	0	0	0	0	3.250
De La Cruz lf	4	0	1	0	0	1.249
Pereda c	4	0	0	0	0	0.000
Burger 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0.222
Walker, Ari	4	0	0	0	0	1.463
Chisholm cf	4	0	0	0	0	1.252
Rivera 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1.212
Lopez 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1.295
T.Anderson ss	3	0	0	0	0	1.191
Fortes c	3	0	0	0	0	0.176
Sánchez pr-1f	1	0	0	0	0	0.250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

TEXAS	300	001	002	—	6	10	0
MIAMI	000	000	000	—	0	7	0
LOB: Texas 7, Miami 5. 2B: J.Smith (14). HR: García (13), off Rogers.							
RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney	6	4	0	0	0	7	3.99
Latz	1	2	0	0	0	1	13.12
Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	1	13.00
G.Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.43

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rogers	6	6	4	4	2	3	5.68
Puk	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.717
Cronin	1	1	0	0	1	1	13.30
R.Smith	1	2	1	0	1	1	13.76
<b>WP:</b> Heaney (2-6); <b>LP:</b> Rogers (1-7). <b>T:</b> 2:24. <b>A:</b> 13,351 (37,446).							

## Reds 5, Cubs 2

# Irvin delivers six strong innings to cap winning trip for Nats

NATIONALS FROM D1

and Ruiz is an MLB-worst minus-3, per Baseball Savant. Millas, a 26-year-old who played two games in April while Ruiz was sidelined with the flu, could be given more of an opportunity this time. He was hitting .308 with five home runs and an .858 OPS for the Red Wings.

That's not to say the 27-year-old Adams, who struggled defensively in a 3-2 loss Saturday, won't get another chance. For the season, he is hitting .215 with two homers and a .635 OPS; but in the past 15 games, he was hitting .140 with one extra-base hit. Martinez said he wants Adams to find his rhythm at Rochester. He also wants him to get reps at first base, giving him another path to playing time should Joey Meneeses (.607 OPS) and Gallo (.590) continue to struggle.

On Sunday, though, it was the bottom of the order — Meneeses, Gallo and Vargas — that helped the Nationals grab an early lead for Irvin, who hasn't gotten much run support. In the second inning, the Nationals had two runners in scoring position for Meneeses, who roped a double over the head of Freeman in center field for a 2-0 lead. After Gallo struck out, Vargas singled to bring home Meneeses. Vargas advanced to second base on the throw, then made it 4-0 on leadoff man Thomas's single.

The Guardians pushed back in the bottom half. Following a single and a double, Daniel Schneemann stroked a two-out double on the first pitch he saw in the major leagues to slice the Nationals' lead to 4-2. Irvin ended the threat by striking out Brayan Rocchio with a curveball.

In the fourth, Gallo walked and Vargas singled before Thom-



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Jake Irvin was grateful for his teammates' run support, saying: "Props to those guys, man. They took a little bit of weight off my shoulders."

NATIONALS ON DECK			
vs. New York Mets			
Monday	6:45	MASN	
Tuesday	6:45	MASN	
Wednesday	4:05	MASN	
vs. Atlanta Braves			
Thursday	6:45	MASN	
Friday	6:45	MASN	
Saturday	4:05	MASN	
Sunday	1:35	MASN	
at Detroit Tigers			
June 11	6:40	MASN2	
June 12	6:40	MASN2	
June 13	1:10	MASN2	
Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)			

as's sacrifice fly brought home Gallo to make it 5-2. The Nationals managed just two base runners after that. One of them was Nick Senzel, who worked a 13-pitch walk in the eighth inning before getting picked off.

But the Nationals' five runs — which tied for their second most in an Irvin start this year — were more than enough.

"Props to those guys, man," Irvin said. "They took a little bit of weight off my shoulders, and it was really awesome to see."

**Note:** Outfielder Jacob Young (right hand soreness) and shortstop CJ Abrams (left shoulder issue) did not play. Abrams was in the initial lineup but was scratched for a second straight day. Martinez said X-rays on Young's hand came back negative after he exited Saturday's game early.

## O's can't get the big hit, then bullpen falters in loss

RAYS 4,  
ORIOLES 3

BY CHILDS WALKER

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles' bullpen had been so stout, securing a victory with four scoreless innings Friday and bailing out starter Kyle Bradish with another 6½ innings of scoreless work Saturday.

On the third day, the Tampa Bay Rays finally got to an Orioles reliever.

Rays center fielder Jose Siri's two-run double in the eighth inning off Dillon Tate capped a 4-3 comeback victory in front of an announced crowd of 32,463 at Camden Yards. Tate had not given up a run in his previous eight appearances.

The Orioles (37-20) lost despite piling up 15 hits, including a titanic leadoff home run by shortstop Gunnar Henderson, and another solid outing from Cole Irvin.

Manager Brandon Hyde said their blown chances at the plate were the story of the day more than Tate's misplaced fastball against Siri.

"We just had so many opportunities to score," he said. "We got 15 hits; we just didn't get the hits with runners in scoring position."

Center fielder Cedric Mullins, who had earlier saved a run with a breathtaking catch against Siri, splintered his bat on the dirt after he struck out with men on second and third to end the seventh inning.

"It's kind of weird for us not to put many runs on the board with that many hits," the slumping Mullins said.

Hyde sent Tate out for the eighth inning after he recorded two outs in the seventh because right-handers Yennier Cano and Jacob Webb both pitched Friday and Saturday and were unavailable. Tate expected the extra work and did not use it as an excuse for the loss.

"Everybody has a role to play,



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Jose Caballero scores on Yandy Diaz's sacrifice fly in the fifth, triggering the Rays' rally from down 3-0.

and if those guys aren't available, it's my job to set it up," he said.

He allowed a pair of singles to start the inning, then missed his spot with the fastball to Siri, who had taken three balls as he attempted to square around for a sacrifice bunt.

"I just wasn't good at my job today," Tate said. "Ultimately, if I do what I need to do out there, the outcome could be different."

Irvin gave up eight hits but worked efficiently, staying ahead in counts with a fastball that touched 94 mph and liberal doses of his change-up and breaking pitches.

"I executed when I needed to, limited the damage," he said.

Irvin lasted into the seventh when Hyde pulled him after Tampa Bay shortstop Jose Caballero cut the Orioles' lead to 3-2 with a solo home run.

The left-hander's versatility has helped the Orioles work around a growing list of pitching injuries,

and they needed another solid outing from him after using five relievers to get through the last 19 outs of Saturday's win.

For all the debate over Henderson's optimal place in the Orioles' lineup, no hitter in baseball has led off games with more power this season. He again wasted no time Sunday, drilling Zack Littell's 0-1 slider 420 feet over the out-of-town scoreboard for his major league-leading sixth leadoff home run of the season. It was the second blast of Henderson's career to land on Eutaw Street.

After the sound and fury of his opening home run, Henderson, who reached base five times in as many plate appearances, padded the Orioles' lead with subtler contributions. He scored in the third inning, singling sharply up the middle, stealing second and racing home on Anthony Santander's two-out single.

In the fourth, his walk pushed catcher James McCann to second

base, allowing McCann to score on Adley Rutschman's two-out single.

Earlier in that inning, the Orioles lost second baseman Jorge Mateo in a bizarre accident. Mateo, so vital to the team's recent success, left the game after Mullins accidentally struck him in the head with his bat while both were standing near the on-deck circle. After the game, Hyde said he was in the concussion protocol.

Mateo's absence indirectly played into the Rays' first run of the game when Ramón Urias, playing third after Jordan Westburg shifted to second to replace Mateo, could not get his glove on a well-struck grounder that put Caballero in position to score on a sacrifice fly.

The Orioles loaded the bases in the eighth only for one of their hottest hitters, Ryan Mountcastle, to ground into an inning-ending double play.

— Baltimore Sun

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

## McDavid and Edmonton finish Dallas, make finals

OILERS 2,  
STARS 1

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDMONTON — Connor McDavid had a goal and an assist in the opening period to get Edmonton going, Stuart Skinner stopped 34 shots for his hometown team, and the Oilers capped an improbable run to the Stanley Cup finals by beating the Dallas Stars, 2-1, on Sunday night.

Zach Hyman also scored — like McDavid, on a first-period power play — and Evan Bouchard had two assists for the Oilers, who won the Western Conference in six games and will play for the Cup for the first time since 2006.

They will be heading to Florida for Game 1 against the Panthers on Saturday night. Florida is playing in the title series for the third time after getting swept by the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and losing to the Vegas Golden Knights in five games last year.

Mason Marchment scored midway through the third period and Jake Oettinger stopped eight shots for the Stars, who finished the regular season with the second-best record in the NHL — 113 points, just one behind the New York Rangers in the race for the Presidents' Trophy.

But the Stars, just like the Rangers, let a 2-1 lead in the conference finals get away. Dallas scored five goals in Game 3 to take the series lead; the Stars managed four goals over the next three games.

Oettinger went to the bench with about 2:20 to go, but the Stars got only two shots the rest of the way, their desperate tries to tie the game and extend the series coming up short.

Just by getting to the Cup

finals, Edmonton has done something truly extraordinary — making the title series after finding itself 10 points out of a playoff spot during the regular season. Entering games Nov. 24, the Oilers were 5-12-1, 10 points back of the Seattle Kraken and St. Louis Blues for the final wild-card spot in the West and 19 points behind Vegas for the top spot in the conference.

Those days are long forgotten now.

That's when the Oilers — a couple of weeks after Kris Knoblauch took over as coach for Jay Woodcroft, who was dismissed following a 3-9-1 start — went on an eight-game winning streak and began the long climb out of the NHL's basement.

Starting with that eight-game winning streak, the Oilers — who had a 16-game streak not long after the eight-game run ended — were the best team in the NHL for the remainder of the regular season. They were 44-15-5 the rest of the way, leading the league in goals (239) and goal differential (plus-76) in that span.

And now the finals await.

Edmonton is just the third team in NHL history to make the finals after being 10 points or more out of a playoff spot; the others were the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1958-59 and St. Louis in 2018-19. The Blues won the Cup that season.

The Oilers had only three shots in the first period of Game 6. They were enough.

McDavid opened the scoring with a spectacular goal, weaving through traffic before beating Oettinger up high for a 1-0 lead. He then found Hyman in the slot for another power-play score late in the first; the shots at that point were 6-3 Dallas, but the score was 2-0 Edmonton, and the Oilers were on their way.

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## SCOREBOARD

## PRO BASKETBALL

## NBA playoffs

## FIRST ROUND

Best of seven

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## CELTICS ELIMINATED HEAT, 4-1

Game 1: at Boston 114, Miami 94  
Game 2: Miami 111, at Boston 101  
Game 3: Boston 104, at Miami 84  
Game 4: Boston 102, at Miami 88  
Game 5: at Boston 118, Miami 84

## KNICKS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-2

Game 1: at New York 111, Philadelphia 104  
Game 2: at New York 104, Philadelphia 101  
Game 3: at Philadelphia 125, New York 114  
Game 4: New York 97, at Philadelphia 92  
Game 5: Philadelphia 112, at New York 106 (OT)

Game 6: New York 118, at Philadelphia 115

## PACERS ELIMINATED BUCKS, 4-2

Game 1: at Milwaukee 109, Indiana 94  
Game 2: Indiana 125, at Milwaukee 108  
Game 3: at Indiana 121, Milwaukee 119 (OT)  
Game 4: at Indiana 126, Milwaukee 113  
Game 5: at Milwaukee 115, Indiana 92  
Game 6: at Indiana 120, Milwaukee 98

## CAVALIERS ELIMINATED MAGIC, 4-3

Game 1: at Cleveland 97, Orlando 83  
Game 2: at Cleveland 96, Orlando 86  
Game 3: at Orlando 121, Cleveland 83  
Game 4: at Orlando 112, Cleveland 89  
Game 5: at Cleveland 104, Orlando 103  
Game 6: at Orlando 103, Cleveland 96  
Game 7: at Cleveland 106, Orlando 94

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## THUNDER ELIMINATED PELICANS, 4-0

Game 1: at Oklahoma City 94, New Orleans 92  
Game 2: at Oklahoma City 124, New Orleans 92  
Game 3: Oklahoma City 106, at New Orleans 85  
Game 4: Oklahoma City 97, at New Orleans 89

## NUGGETS ELIMINATED LAKERS, 4-1

Game 1: at Denver 114, Los Angeles 103  
Game 2: at Denver 101, Los Angeles 99  
Game 3: Denver 112, at Los Angeles 105  
Game 4: at Los Angeles 119, Denver 108  
Game 5: at Denver 108, Los Angeles 106

## TIMBERWOLVES ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-0

Game 1: at Minnesota 120, Phoenix 95  
Game 2: at Minnesota 105, Phoenix 93  
Game 3: Minnesota 114, at Phoenix 99  
Game 4: Minnesota 122, at Phoenix 116

## MAVERICKS ELIMINATED CLIPPERS, 4-2

Game 1: at Los Angeles 109, Dallas 97  
Game 2: Dallas 96 at Los Angeles 93  
Game 3: at Dallas 101, Los Angeles 90  
Game 4: at Los Angeles 116 at Dallas 111  
Game 5: Dallas 123, at L.A. Clippers 93  
Game 6: at Dallas 114, L.A. Clippers 101

## SECOND ROUND

Best of seven

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## CELTICS ELIMINATED CAVALIERS, 4-1

Game 1: at Boston 120, Cleveland 95  
Game 2: Cleveland 118, at Boston 99  
Game 3: Boston 106, at Cleveland 93  
Game 4: Boston 109, at Cleveland 102  
Game 5: at Boston 113, Cleveland 98

## PACERS ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-3

Game 1: at New York 121, Indiana 117  
Game 2: at New York 130, Indiana 121  
Game 3: at Indiana 111, New York 106  
Game 4: at Indiana 121, New York 89  
Game 5: at New York 121, Indiana 91  
Game 6: at Indiana 116, New York 103  
Game 7: Indiana 130, at New York 109

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## TIMBERWOLVES ELIMINATED NUGGETS, 4-3

Game 1: Minnesota 106, at Denver 99  
Game 2: Minnesota 106, at Denver 80  
Game 3: Denver 117, at Minnesota 90  
Game 4: Denver 115, at Minnesota 107  
Game 5: at Denver 112, Minnesota 97  
Game 6: at Minnesota 115, Denver 70  
Game 7: Minnesota 98, at Denver 90

## MAVERICKS ELIMINATED THUNDER, 4-2

Game 1: at Oklahoma City 117, Dallas 96  
Game 2: Dallas 119, at Oklahoma City 110  
Game 3: at Dallas 105, Oklahoma City 101  
Game 4: Oklahoma City 100, at Dallas 96  
Game 5: Dallas 104, at Oklahoma City 92  
Game 6: at Dallas 117, Oklahoma City 116

## CONFERENCE FINALS

Best of seven

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## CELTICS ELIMINATED PACERS, 4-0

Game 1: at Boston 133, Indiana 128 (OT)  
Game 2: at Boston 126, Indiana 110  
Game 3: Boston 114, at Indiana 111  
Game 4: Boston 109, at Indiana 102

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## MAVERICKS ELIMINATED TIMBERWOLVES, 4-1

Game 1: Dallas 108, at Minnesota 105  
Game 2: Dallas 109, at Minnesota 108  
Game 3: at Dallas 116, Minnesota 107  
Game 4: Minnesota 105, at Dallas 103  
Game 5: Dallas 124, at Minnesota 103

## NBA FINALS

Best of seven; *x*-If necessary; All games on ABC

## CELTICS VS. MAVERICKS

Thursday's game: Dallas at Boston, 8:30  
Friday's game: Dallas at Boston, 8  
Wednesday, June 12: Boston at Dallas, 8:30  
Sunday, June 14: Boston at Dallas, 8:30  
x-Monday, June 17: Dallas at Boston, TBA  
x-Thursday, June 20: Boston at Dallas, TBA  
x-Sunday, June 23: Dallas at Boston, TBA

## PLAYOFF LEADERS

Through Sunday.

SCORING	G	AVG
Embiid, PHI.....	6	33.0
Brunson, NY.....	13	32.4
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC.....	10	30.2
Maxey, PHI.....	6	29.8
Mitchell, CLE.....	10	29.6
Doncic, DAL.....	17	28.8

## WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut.....	0	1	0.000	
New York.....	7	2	.778	1½
Atlanta.....	4	3	.571	3½
Chicago.....	3	4	.429	4½
Indiana.....	2	9	.182	7½
Washington.....	0	8	.000	8

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota.....	6	2	.750	
Las Vegas.....	4	2	.667	1
Seattle.....	3	3	.625	2½
Phoenix.....	5	4	.564	2½
Dallas.....	3	4	.429	2½
Los Angeles.....	2	6	.250	4

x-Late game

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

at Indiana 71, Chicago 70

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Connecticut 69, at Atlanta 50

at Phoenix 87, Los Angeles 68

at New York 104, Indiana 68

at Minnesota 87, Dallas 76

## TUESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Connecticut, 7

New York at Chicago, 8

Phoenix at Seattle, 10

## WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Dallas, 8

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10

## Mercury 87, Sparks 68

Los Angeles	15	7	24	22	38
Phoenix	16	23	19	19	67

LOS ANGELES	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Brink	25:40	3-6	0-1	2-5	5	6	6
Jackson	26:46	9-10	2-4	2-7	1	2	9
Hamby	34:02	9-12	2-4	0-2	2	23	23
Brown	12:23	0-5	0-0	0-3	2	0	2
Nurse	34:29	3-10	5-6	0-1	4	2	12
McDonald	22:30	1-5	0-0	0-2	5	4	2
Talbot	16:01	2-4	0-0	1-3	1	5	2
Cooke	15:44	2-4	2-2	0-2	1	1	8
Yueru	6:54	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	2	2
Burrell	5:31	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
TOTALS	200	24-60	11-15	6-30	18	87	68

Percentages: FG .400, FT .733, 3-Point Goals: 9-23, 39.1 (Hamby 3-3, Cooke 2-3, Talbot 1-1, Jackson 1-2, McDonald 1-4, Nurse 1-6, Brink 0-1, Burrell 0-1, Brown 0-2). Team Rebounds: 11 Team Turnovers: 2 Blocked Shots: 2 (Brink 2, Nurse 1, Brown 3, Hamby 3, McDonald 3, Cooke 2, Burrell 1, Talbot 2, Brown, Nurse, Yueru). Steals: 5 (Hamby 3, Burrell, McDonald). Technical Fouls: None.

PHOENIX	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Copper	29:11	4-13	2-2	0-3	4	12	10
Cunningham	31:31	3-8	3-3	0-5	4	4	10
Mac	26:21	2-11	0-0	0-12	1	2	4
Talbot	25:16	7-16	4-7	0-12	2	21	21
Taurasi	28:45	9-14	6-6	1-2	4	31	31
Sutton	24:41	1-4	2-2	0-2	1	1	5
Herbert Harrigan	12:26	1-4	0-0	1-3	0	2	1
Dixon	11:49	1-3	0-0	0-3	1	0	2
TOTALS	200	28-66	17-20	7-33	20	87	68

Percentages: FG .400, FT .850, 3-Point Goals: 14-29, 48.3 (Taurasi 7-9, Cloud 3-5, Copper 2-6, Sutton 1-3, Cunningham 1-4, Herbert Harrigan 0-2). Team Rebounds: 7 Team Turnovers: None Blocked Shots: 5 (Cloud 2, Herbert Harrigan 2, Mack). Turnovers: 14 (Copper 4, Taurasi 3, Cloud 2, Herbert Harrigan, Mack, Sutton). Steals: 11 (Sutton 3, Cloud 2, Herbert Harrigan 2, Taurasi 2, Copper, Cunningham). Technical Fouls: None.

At 10:27 (18:42). T: 2:05.

## HOCKEY

## Stanley Cup playoffs

## FIRST ROUND

Best of seven

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## RANGERS ELIMINATED CAPITALS, 4-0

Game 1: at New York 4, Washington 1  
Game 2: at New York 4, Washington 3  
Game 3: New York 3, at Washington 1  
Game 4: New York 4, at Washington 2

## HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-1

Game 1: at Carolina 3, New York 1  
Game 2: at Carolina 3, at Toronto 1  
Game 3: Carolina 3, at New York 2  
Game 4: at New York 3, Carolina 2 (2OT)  
Game 5: at Carolina 6, New York 3

## PANTHERS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-1

Game 1: at Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Game 2: at Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Game 3: Florida 3, at Tampa Bay 3  
Game 4: at Tampa Bay 6, Florida 3  
Game 5: at Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1

## BRUINS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-3

Game 1: at Boston 5, Toronto 1  
Game 2: Toronto 3, at Boston 2  
Game 3: Boston 4 at Toronto 2  
Game 4: Florida 3, at Toronto 1  
Game 5: Toronto 2, at Boston 1 (OT)  
Game 6: at Toronto 2, Boston 1  
Game 7: at Boston 2, Toronto 1 (OT)

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## AVALANCHE ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1

Game 1: at Winnipeg 7, Colorado 6  
Game 2: Colorado 5 at Winnipeg 2  
Game 3: at Colorado 6, Winnipeg 2  
Game 4: at Colorado 5, Winnipeg 1  
Game 5: Colorado 6, at Winnipeg 3

## OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-1

Game 1: at Edmonton 7, Los Angeles 4  
Game 2: Los Angeles 5, at Edmonton 4 (OT)  
Game 3: Edmonton 6, at Los Angeles 1  
Game 4: Los Angeles 5, at Edmonton 3  
Game 5: at Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 3

## CANUCKS ELIMINATED PREDATORS, 4-2

Game 1: at Vancouver 4, Nashville 2  
Game 2: Nashville 4 at Vancouver 1  
Game 3: Vancouver 2, at Nashville 1  
Game 4: Vancouver 4, at Nashville 3 (OT)  
Game 5: Nashville 2, at Vancouver 1  
Game 6: Vancouver 1, at Nashville 0

## STARS ELIMINATED GOLDEN KNIGHTS, 4-3

Game 1: Vegas 4, at Dallas 3  
Game 2: Vegas 3, at Dallas 1  
Game 3: Dallas 3, at Vegas 2  
Game 4: Dallas 4, at Vegas 2  
Game 5: Dallas 3, at Vegas 1  
Game 6: Vegas 2, Dallas 3  
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Vegas 1

## SECOND ROUND

Best of seven

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## RANGERS ELIMINATED HURRICANES, 4-2

Game 1: at New York 4, Carolina 3  
Game 2: at New York 4, Carolina 3 (2OT)  
Game 3: New York 3, at Carolina 2 (OT)  
Game 4: at Carolina 4, New York 3  
Game 5: Carolina 4, at New York 1  
Game 6: New York 3, at Carolina 3

## PANTHERS ELIMINATED BRUINS, 4-2

Game 1: Boston 5, at Florida 1  
Game 2: at Florida 6, Boston 1  
Game 3: Florida 6, at Boston 2  
Game 4: Florida 3 at Boston 2  
Game 5: Boston 2, at Florida 1  
Game 6: Florida 2, at Boston 1

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## STARS ELIMATED AVALANCHE, 4-2

Game 1: Colorado 4, at Dallas 3 (OT)  
Game 2: at Dallas 5, Colorado 4  
Game 3: Dallas 4, at Colorado 1  
Game 4: Dallas 5, at Colorado 1  
Game 5: Colorado 5, at Dallas 3  
Game 6: Dallas 3, at Colorado 1 (2OT)

## OILERS ELIMINATED CANUCKS, 4-3

Game 1: at Vancouver 5, Edmonton 4  
Game 2: Edmonton 4, at Vancouver 3 (OT)  
Game 3: Vancouver 4, at Edmonton 3  
Game 4: at Edmonton 3, Vancouver 2  
Game 5: at Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2  
Game 6: Vancouver 5, Vancouver 1  
Game 7: Edmonton 3, at Vancouver 2

## CONFERENCE FINALS

Best of seven; *x*-If necessary

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## PANTHERS ELIMINATED RANGERS, 4-2

Game 1: Florida 3, at N.Y. Rangers 0  
Game 2: at N.Y. Rangers 2, Florida 1 (OT)  
Game 3: N.Y. Rangers 5, at Florida 4 (OT)  
Game 4: at Florida 3, N.Y. Rangers 3 (OT)  
Game 5: Florida 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1  
Game 6: at Florida 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## OILERS ELIMINATED STARS, 4-2

Game 1: Edmonton 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)  
Game 2: Dallas 3, at Edmonton 1  
Game 3: Dallas 5, at Edmonton 3  
Game 4: at Edmonton 5, Dallas 2  
Game 5: Edmonton 3, at Dallas 1  
Game 6: at Edmonton 2, Dallas 1

## STANLEY CUP FINALS

Best of seven; *x*-If necessary; All games on ABC

## PANTHERS VS. OILERS

Saturday's game: Edmonton at Florida, 8  
Monday, June 10: Edmonton at Florida, 8  
Thursday, June 13: Florida at Edmonton, 8  
Saturday, June 15: Florida at Edmonton, 8  
x-Tuesday, June 18: Edmonton at Florida, 8  
x-Friday, June 21: Florida at Edmonton, 8  
x-Monday, June 24: Edmonton at Florida, 8

## Oilers 2, Stars 1

DALLAS	0	0	1	2
EDMONTON	2	0	1	2

First Period  
Scoring: 1. Edmonton, McDavid 5 (Draisaitl, Bouchard), 14:47 (pp). 2. Edmonton, Hyman 14 (McDavid, Bouchard), 15:42 (pp).

## THIRD PERIOD

Shots: 3, Dallas, Marchment 3 (Sequin, Tanev), 9:18.

## SCORING GOAL

DALLAS	12	9	14	35
EDMONTON	3	5	2	10

Power-play opportunities: Dallas 0 of 3; Edmonton 2 of 2.

Goals: Dallas, Oettinger 10-8 (10 shots-8 saves). Edmonton, Skinner 10-5-0 (35-34). A 0 (18:41), T: 2:26.

## Panthers 2, Rangers 1

N.Y. RANGERS	0	0	1	1
FLORIDA	1	0	1	2

## FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1. Florida, Bennett 6 (Rodriguez), 19:10.

## THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 2. Florida, Tarasenko 3 (Luostarinen, Lundell), 9:08; 3. N.Y. Rangers, Panarin 5 (Trocheck, Fox), 18:20.

## SHOTS ON GOAL

N.Y. RANGERS	9	9	6	24
FLORIDA	13	13	11	34

Power-play opportunities: N.Y. Rangers 0 of 1; Florida 0 of 1.

Goals: N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 10-5-0 (34 shots-32 saves). Florida, Bobrovsky 11-5-0 (24-23). A 0 (19:25), T: 2:26.

## TRANSACTIONS

## MLB

**Boston Red Sox:** Placed RHP Garrett Whitlock on the 60-day IL. Placed SS Vaughn Grissom on the 10-day IL. Placed 3B Romy Gonzalez on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 31. Selected the contract of Ryan Westbrook from Worcester (IL). Recalled 3B Bobby Dalbec from Worcester.

**Chicago White Sox:** Placed LF Andrew Benintendi on the 10-day IL. Recalled OF Oscar Colas from Charlotte (IL).

**Cleveland Guardians:** Reinstated RHP Carlos Carrasco from the 15-day IL. Placed RHP Drew Smith from the 15-day IL.

**Cincinnati Reds:** Reinstated LHP Justin Wilson from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Alex Young to Louisville (IL).

**Miami Marlins:** Placed RHP Sixto Sanchez on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Emmanuel Rivera from Jacksonville (IL).

**New York Mets:** Reinstated RHP Jacob deGrom from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Josh Walker to Syracuse (IL).

**Pittsburgh Pirates:** Placed SS Aikia Williams on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 30. Recalled RHP Quinn Priester from Indianapolis (IL).

**San Francisco Giants:** Recalled C Drew Millas from Rochester (IL). Optioned C Riley Adams to Rochester.

**Atlanta Braves:** Optioned C Chadwick Tromp to Gwinnett (IL).

**Chicago Cubs:** Transferred RHP Adbert Alayza to the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of 2B David Bote from Iowa (IL).

**Washington Nationals:** Recalled RHP Ryan Zimmerman from the 15-day IL.

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**RICHARD WRIGHT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

RICHARD WRIGHT PCS, in accordance with section 2204(c)(XV)(A) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, hereby solicits proposals to provide the following services for SY2024-2025 at 475 School Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024:

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Please email BIDSPCS@RICHARDWRIGHTPCS.ORG for more details about requirements.

Bids are DUE BY June 27, 2024.

**Trustees Sale - DC**

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**1452 HOWARD RD SE WASHINGTON DC 20020**

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case:2023-CAB-001638, the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1452 HOWARD RD SE WASHINGTON DC 20020 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 25, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0128 in Square 5809, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on JULY 3, 2006 as Instrument Number:2006087886 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, and subject to ratification by the Court

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of the lesser of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. 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 credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid forty five (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the 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 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 contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser 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 Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

**Trustees Sale - DC**

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**1621 D ST NE, WASHINGTON DC 20002**

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case : 2023-CAB-003115, the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1621 D ST NE, WASHINGTON DC 20002 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 25, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0123 AND Square 4563, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on DECEMBER 19, 2012 as Instrument Number:2012137672

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, and subject to ratification by the Court.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of the lesser of \$25,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. 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 credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the 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 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 contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser 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 Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

**Trustees Sale - DC**

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**80 New York Ave NW, WASHINGTON DC 20001**

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case:2023-CAB-006255, the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 80 New York Ave NW, WASHINGTON DC 20001 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 25, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2076 in Square 0619, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 as Instrument Number:2018091486 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, and subject to ratification by the Court

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of the lesser of \$25,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. 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 credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

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If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid forty five (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the 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 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 contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser 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 Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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**Samuel I. White, PC.  
6100 EXECUTIVE BLVD.  
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF  
VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS:  
1312 ADAMS STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018**

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on March 25, 2019, as Instrument Number 2019029871, and in accordance Judgment filed on March 19, 2024 in case 2023-CAB-001371 and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440 Washington, DC 20015-2034 on

**June 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM**

the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as 1312 Adams Street NE, Washington, DC 20018 LOT NUMBER 0035 AND SQUARE NUMBER 4027

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing code or other laws, ordinances or regulations, the ability of the purchaser to obtain title insurance or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any assessments including assessment pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note (5% per annum) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveyancing, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. 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 and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. 81810

Daniel J. Pesachowitz, Esquire  
Attorney for Trustees

**Trustees Sale - DC**

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**1358 MADISON STREET NW, WASHINGTON DC 20011**

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case : 2023-CAB-003449, the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1358 MADISON STREET NW, WASHINGTON DC 20011 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JUNE 25, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0018 AND Square 2799, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on MARCH 16, 2011 as Instrument Number: 2011032665

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, and subject to ratification by the Court.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of the lesser of \$50,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. 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 credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.


**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the 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 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 contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser 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 Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

**Trustees' File No 22-003970**

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**851 Prince Georges County**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**CARRIE M. WARD, et al.  
6003 Executive Blvd., Suite 101  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
AUDREY L. QUICK  
CORNEALIOUS QUICK  
(DECEASED)  
6100 Westchester Park Drive  
Unit 814  
College Park, MD 20740  
Defendants.(s).**

**Case No. C-16-CV-23-004386**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given this 29th day of May, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as 6100 Westchester Park Drive, Unit 814, College Park, MD 20740, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 29th day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 29th day of June, 2024. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be \$108,000.00.

Mahasin El Amin Clerk  
Jun 3, 10, 17 2024 0012462619

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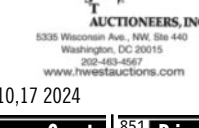
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**Trustees' File No22-002789**

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**851 Prince Georges County**

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al.  
Substitute Trustee,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
VINCENT EARL DORRIS, JR., et al.  
Defendants.**

**Case No. C-16-CV-23-000792**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby issued this 29th day of May, 2024, that the sale of the property in this case, 5817 SHERIFF ROAD CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743, reported by Jennifer Dearthoff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 29th day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 29th day of June, 2024. The report states the amount of sale to be \$507,000.00.

Mahasin El Amin Clerk  
Jun 3, 10, 17 2024 0012462482

**Jun 3, 10, 17 2024**

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**851 Prince Georges County**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al.  
Substitute Trustee,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
NELSON A. ARGUETA, et al.  
Defendants.**

**Case No. C-16-CV-23-004184**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby issued this 28th day of May, 2024, that the sale of the property in this case, 4424 DERY RD UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, reported by Jennifer Dearthoff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 28th day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 28th day of June, 2024. The report states the amount of sale to be \$276,000.00.

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Jun 3, 10, 17 2024 0012464881


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**855 Charles County**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
CHARLES COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**Diane S. Rosenberg  
Mark D. Meyer  
Miroslav Nikolov  
Substitute Trustee  
Plaintiff(s)  
v.  
Dorothy M Dionson  
3332 Fordington Place  
Waldorf, MD 20603  
Defendant(s)**

**Case No. C-08-CV-23-000898**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given this 29th day of May, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, that the sale of 3332 Fordington Place, Waldorf, MD 20603, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 29 day of June, 2024, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in the Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 28 day of June, 2024. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$276,000.00.

Lisa E. Yates  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Charles County, Maryland  
Jun 3, 10, 17 2024 0012462489

**Jun 3, 10, 17 2024**

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**856 Frederick County**

**CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
FREDERICK COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**100 West Patrick Street  
Frederick, Maryland 21701  
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976  
Assignment Office:  
301-600-2015**

**Case Number:  
C-10-CV-23-000689**

**Other Reference Numbers:  
JOHN ANSELL, ET AL  
VS.  
STANLEY DRABCZYK  
ESTATE OF**

**Date: 5/29/2024**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland, this 29th day of May 2024, that the sale made and recorded by Abiebatu M. Bah, Esq, for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

**8390 Curiosity Court,  
Walkersville, MD 21793**

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be \$328,000.00.

Sandra K. Dalton  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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**873 Prince William County**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF  
9507 Prince William Drive,  
Manassas, VA 20110**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$343,660.00 dated June 7, 2007, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Prince William County on June 9, 2022 as Instrument Number: 202206090044280, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110 on **July 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: BEGINNING at a pipe set at N 4 degrees N 14 degrees 57' 10" E 110.00 feet to a pipe set, corner to Lot 11 on the west side of Route 662; Thence through Lot 12, N 88 degrees 29' 10" W 214.15 feet to a pipe set; Thence in the west line of Lot 12, Thence N 16 degrees 57' 10" E 110.00 feet to a pipe set, corner to Lot 12, Thence S 88 degrees 29' 10" E 202.59 feet to a pipe found on the west side of Route 662; Thence S 04 degrees 10' 10" E 110.53 feet to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of subject property conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia in Deed Book 472 at page 241, among the Land Records of Prince William County, Virginia. Tax ID: 7895-63-7392.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A bidder's deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 23-011408)

**Case No. C-10-CV-23-000689**

**Other Reference Numbers:  
JOHN ANSELL, ET AL  
VS.  
STANLEY DRABCZYK  
ESTATE OF**

**Date: 5/29/2024**

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Michael J. Damiano, M.D. announces the closing of his office effective August 31, 2024. If either you or your new physician desires a copy of your medical chart, it will be furnished upon request, and providing a written authorization and payment of any applicable and permitted copying/administrative fees. Your chart can be retrieved by sending your request to Michael J. Damiano, M.D., P.O. Box 4661, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

**Legal Notices**

On May 28, 2024, NOAA Fisheries published a proposed incidental harassment authorization for public comment in the Federal Register (open until June 27, 2024), pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The proposed IHA would authorize the "take" of marine mammals incidental to the Orsted Skipjack HRG project off of Delaware. You can find information related to this action at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-auction-north-america-lics-site-characterization>.

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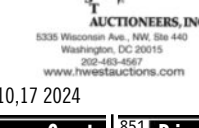
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Substitute Trustee,  
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v.  
VINCENT EARL DORRIS, JR., et al.  
Defendants.**

**Case No. C-16-CV-23-000792**

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**851 Prince Georges County**

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MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al.  
Substitute Trustee,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
NELSON A. ARGUETA, et al.  
Defendants.**

**Case No. C-16-CV**

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF 4 UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AND PARKING SPACE KNOWN AS  
1461 CHAPIN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 AT 12:00 PM

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated September 28, 2021 (the "Deed of Trust") in and to Harry Wardman and other Lot Numbered One Hundred Eighty-one (181) in the Harry Wardman and other subdivision of Lot Numbered Thirty-Six (36) in the subdivision of "The South Grounds of Columbia University" and of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block 18 "Meridian Hill", per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber County 19 at Folio 76, (the "Real Property") which has the address of 1461 Chapin Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009, Square 2662 Lot 0181, (The "Original Secured Property") The property consists of 4 individual condominium units and one parking space. The units were a former portion of Square 2662 Lot 0181, which is currently subdivided into Square 2662 Lots 2291-2295 being further described as follows:

Residential Units One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Parking Space One (P-1) in the Condominium known as "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" according to the Declaration of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019030747, and the By-Laws of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019030748, and said final Plat and Plans of Condominium Subdivision recorded December 15, 2022, in Condo Book 104 at Page 50, as amended by that First Amended and Restated Declaration and that First Amended and Restated Bylaws as Instrument Numbers 2022125679 and 2022125680 on December 23, 2022, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, together with an undivided percentage share interest in the Common Elements of said "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" as set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and the Exhibits thereto, the Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Residential Units an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interests").

The Percentage Interests of the Condominium Units are set forth in the Condominium Declaration, said Condominium project is situate on Lot 181 (now known after subdivision as Lots 2291-2295 in Square 2662 in the subdivision made by Harry Wardman and others, as per plat recorded in Liber County 19 at folio 76 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia but for which no certificate of occupancy permits has yet to be issued. (Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")

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Parcel ID: 2662-2294 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 4  
Parcel ID: 2662-2295 1461 Chapin Street, NW # P-1  
1461 Chapin Street, NW Units 1, 2, 3, 4 & P-1  
(Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").

**TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. The property will be offered individually and as an entirety. The sale will be made in the manner providing the greater amount of money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to change the manner of offering at the time of sale.

The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of \$25,000 per unit for Units 1, 2, 3, 4 if sold individually and a deposit of \$5,000 on Parking Space (P-1) if sold individually. If the combined bids on those units and parking space sold individually does not satisfy the debt, then those bids shall be held in abeyance, and the units and parking space shall be offered together. If sold as an entirety, a deposit in the amount of \$105,000. The highest bid offered between the combined bids of the units and parking space sold individually or the units and parking space sold as an entirety shall be the winning bid. All deposits must be in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note default rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, 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. The Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to avail themselves and in accordance with the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a 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. In the event that settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and any other representation or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveying including, without limitation, examination of title, conveying, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper 443-470-1437.

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Samuel I. White, P.C.  
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF  
VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS:  
151 DANBURY STREET SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20032

June 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM

By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on December 8, 2006, as Instrument Number 2006166186 , and in accordance Judgment filed on June 7, 2019 in case 2015 CA 009442 (R/RP) and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440 Washington, DC 20015-2034 on

The land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as 151 Danbury Street SW Washington, DC 20032 Lot Numbered 0930 and Square Numbered 6201

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, the ability of the purchaser to obtain title insurance or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any assessments including assessment pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF  
VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS:  
151 DANBURY STREET SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20032

June 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**  
KNOWN AS  
**4718 Idlewilde Road**  
**Shady Side, MD 20764**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DAVID SILVERMAN, Trustee(s), dated February 4, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 38756 folio 470, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

**JUNE 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NUMBERED SEVENTY (70) ON THE PLAT OF IDLEWILDE, WHICH PLAT WAS FILED PRIOR HERETO, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, BEING ONE OF THE LOTS OF GROUND WHICH BY DEED DATED APRIL 16, 1923 AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY IN LIBER NO. 70, FOLIO 424 ETC., AND WHICH WERE CONVEYED TO THE IDELWILDE COMMUNITY RESORT CO., BY CHARLES W. WINTERS AND WIFE IN FEE SIMPLE. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS: 4718 IDLEWILDE RD, SHADY SIDE, MD 20764 TAX ID NO: 07-465-03190600

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$28,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.875 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (22-16442 )

JOHN ANSELL, JEREMY B. WILKINS, ROBERT A. OLIVERI, AMANDA DRISCOLLE, PAUL HEINMULLER, JOHN C. HANRAHAM, KRISTOPHER HAWKINS, Substitute Trustees

**HARVEY K. WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
300 E. Joppa Road  
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Baltimore, MD 21206  
410-769-9797

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5975 Lyceum Lane, Manassas, VA 20112**

**Circle,**  
**Triangle, VA 22172**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$338,725.00 dated September 16, 2010, and recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County** on September 16, 2016 as Instrument Number: 201609160074879, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110 on **July 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Unit Numbered One Hundred Sixty-Six (166), Phase 17, TRIANGLE HIGHLANDS CONDOMINIUM, as duly dedicated, platted and recorded by Declaration of condominium for Triangle Highlands Condominium recorded as Instrument Number 201006040047870, as amended by Amendment to condominium instruments to Triangle Highlands Condominium (Phase 17), recorded as Instrument Number 201606030041594, and Plat recorded as Instrument Number 201606030041595, among the Land Records of Prince William County, Virginia. Tax ID: 8188-47-8096.01.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A bidder's deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-002554)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlians PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: [www.Orlians.com](https://www.Orlians.com) The Vendor XOME.COM will be used in conjunction with this sale.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY**

**22597 Redhill Manor Court**  
**Leesburg, Virginia 20175**

**Trust Map No. 242-36-1205-000**

In execution of a certain Refinance First Deed of Trust dated December 1, 2021 granted by Paul Schultz, as grantor and borrower securing the repayment of a loan in the principal amount of \$1,100,000.00, which Deed of Trust is recorded on December 1, 2021 among the Land Records of the Loudoun County, Commonwealth of Virginia ("Land Records") as Instrument Number 202112010119045, as modified by that certain (i) Modification and Increase of Confession of Judgment Balloon Refinance First Deed of Trust Note and Refinance First Deed of Trust dated April 22, 2022 and recorded in the Land Records as Instrument Number 202204250245042, (ii) Second Modification and Increase of Confession of Judgment Balloon Refinance First Deed of Trust Note and Refinance First Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2022 and recorded in the Land Records as Instrument Number 202211030060514, and (iii) Third Modification and Increase of Confession of Judgment Balloon Refinance First Deed of Trust Note and Refinance First Deed of Trust dated April 21, 2023, recorded in the Land Records as Instrument Number 202304240014885, and as the same may be amended from time to time (as modified and amended, the "Deed of Trust"), a default having occurred in the payment of that certain Amended Confession of Judgment Balloon First Deed of Trust Note dated April 21, 2023 thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, by virtue of the powers conferred in the Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated February 27, 2024 and recorded in the Land Records on February 29, 2024 as Instrument Number 202402290007569, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance to the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, Virginia (18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20178) on

**JUNE 12, 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

the Property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and described as:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, Commonwealth of Virginia, and is described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land identified as Conservancy Lot A1, Red Hill Manor, consisting of approximately 10.01604 acres of land, more or less, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded by Deed and Declaration of Condominium Numbers 20060825-0073301 and 20060825-0073302, respectively, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

Property Address: 22597 Redhill Manor Court, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Trust Map No.: 242-36-1205-000

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements, if any, affecting the aforesaid Property.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of ten percent of the sale price will be required of the purchaser ("Purchaser") at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be paid in cash or certified funds. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate then applicable to the indebtedness secured by the deed of trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. The party secured herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. The Purchaser shall settle within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. If the sale is not completed within fifteen (15) days, the successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantor's tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$23,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and present a bid deposit. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantor's tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trusts, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC (Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 23-001511, 1-804-525-1570.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY**

**22597 Redhill Manor Court**  
**Leesburg, Virginia 20175**

**Trust Map No. 242-36-1205-000**

In execution of a certain Refinance First Deed of Trust dated December 1, 2021 granted by Paul Schultz, as grantor and borrower securing the repayment of a loan in the principal amount of \$1,100,000.00, which Deed of Trust is recorded on December 1, 2021 among the Land Records of the Loudoun County, Commonwealth of Virginia ("Land Records") as Instrument Number 202112010119045, as modified by that certain (i) Modification and Increase of Confession of Judgment Balloon Refinance First Deed of Trust Note and Refinance First Deed of Trust dated April 22, 2022 and recorded in the Land Records as Instrument Number 202204250245042, (ii) Second Modification and Increase of Confession of Judgment Balloon Refinance First Deed of Trust Note and Refinance First Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2022 and recorded in the Land Records as Instrument Number 202211030060514, and (iii) Third Modification and Increase of Confession of Judgment Balloon Refinance First Deed of Trust Note and Refinance First Deed of Trust dated April 21, 2023, recorded in the Land Records as Instrument Number 202304240014885, and as the same may be amended from time to time (as modified and amended, the "Deed of Trust"), a default having occurred in the payment of that certain Amended Confession of Judgment Balloon First Deed of Trust Note dated April 21, 2023 thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, by virtue of the powers conferred in the Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated February 27, 2024 and recorded in the Land Records on February 29, 2024 as Instrument Number 202402290007569, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance to the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, Virginia (18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20178) on

**JUNE 12, 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

the Property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and described as:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, Commonwealth of Virginia, and is described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land identified as Conservancy Lot A1, Red Hill Manor, consisting of approximately 10.01604 acres of land, more or less, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded by Deed and Declaration of Condominium Numbers 20060825-0073301 and 20060825-0073302, respectively, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

Property Address: 22597 Redhill Manor Court, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Trust Map No.: 242-36-1205-000

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements, if any, affecting the aforesaid Property.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of ten percent of the sale price will be required of the purchaser ("Purchaser") at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be paid in cash or certified funds. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate then applicable to the indebtedness secured by the deed of trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. The party secured herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. The Purchaser shall settle within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. If the sale is not completed within fifteen (15) days, the successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantor's tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5975 Lyceum Lane, Manassas, VA 20112**

**Circle,**  
**Triangle, VA 22172**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$338,725.00 dated September 16, 2010, and recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County** on September 16, 2016 as Instrument Number: 201609160074879, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110 on **July 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Unit Numbered One Hundred Sixty-Six (166), Phase 17, TRIANGLE HIGHLANDS CONDOMINIUM, as duly dedicated, platted and recorded by Declaration of condominium for Triangle Highlands Condominium recorded as Instrument Number 201006040047870, as amended by Amendment to condominium instruments to Triangle Highlands Condominium (Phase 17), recorded as Instrument Number 201606030041594, and Plat recorded as Instrument Number 201606030041595, among the Land Records of Prince William County, Virginia. Tax ID: 8188-47-8096.01.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A bidder's deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-004270)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlians PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: [www.Orlians.com](https://www.Orlians.com) The Vendor XOME.COM will be used in conjunction with this sale.

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**TERMS OF SALE:** A bidder's deposit of \$14,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-004270)

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# Clark keeps learning hard lessons about life in the WNBA

BY CINDY BOREN

The WNBA's rookie stars can't say Diana Taurasi didn't warn them.

"Reality is coming," Taurasi told ESPN's Scott Van Pelt during the NCAA tournament. "You look superhuman playing against some 18-year-olds, but you're going to come play with some grown women that have been playing professional basketball for a long time. There is going to be a transition period where you're going to have to give yourself some grace as a rookie."

If new fans who flocked to the league were expecting an extension of the tournament, which drew record viewership, they were in for a surprise. In the first few weeks of their pro careers, NCAA stars including Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese have discovered just how right Taurasi was.

The latest example came Saturday, when Clark's Indiana Fever faced the Chicago Sky, the team that drafted Kamilla Cardoso, who led South Carolina past Clark's Iowa squad to this year's national title, and Reese. In the Fever's 71-70 win, Chennedy Carter, a Sky reserve, appeared to call Clark a "b-----" before shoulder checking her as she waited for the ball to be inbounded near the end of the third quarter. The call was deemed an away-from-the-ball common foul and was not reviewed.

Carter refused to discuss the play after the game, replying, "I ain't answering no Caitlin Clark questions." Clark deferred to her coach and told reporters: "It is what it is. I feel like I'm just at the point where you accept it and don't retaliate. . . . I'm trying not to let it bother me."

Coach Christie Sides said the Fever has collected video of plays on which Clark has been "getting hammered" to send to the league for review and indicated Carter's foul probably would be the latest entry. Later Saturday, she called Carter's foul "unacceptable" in a



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The WNBA upgraded a foul committed against Fever star Caitlin Clark during Saturday's game against Chicago to a flagrant infraction.

post on X, adding: "When will the consistent complaints be heard?!? Something has to be done!"

Fever General Manager Lin Dunn also implored the WNBA to take action. "There's a difference between tough defense and unnecessary — targeting actions! It needs to stop! The league needs to 'cleanup' the crap! That's NOT who this league is!!" she wrote on X.

The play came at a significant

time for the WNBA, which did not respond to The Washington Post's request for comment. However, the league did confirm Sunday that Carter's foul had been upgraded to a flagrant-one under a rule that states: "If contact committed against a player, with or without the ball, is interpreted to be unnecessary, a flagrant foul-penalty 1 will be assessed. A personal foul is charged to the offender and a team foul is charged to the team."

The league also announced that it fined Reese \$1,000 for failing to make herself available to the media for interviews after the game and the Sky \$5,000 for failing to ensure its players comply with media policies.

Physical play is nothing new in the WNBA. Reese, in fact, was on the receiving end of a more dangerous play late last month. In a May 25 game against the Connecticut Sun, Reese was battling Alyssa Thomas for a re-

bound when Thomas grabbed her by the neck and threw her to the floor. The back of her head smacked the court, but Reese was not injured and stayed in the game. The foul was determined to a flagrant-two upon review, and Thomas was automatically ejected.

"It's not just because I'm a rookie," Reese said of the incident. "I'm a player. I'm a basketball player. They don't give a damn if I'm a rookie. I want them

to come at me every day; I want them to come at everybody. They're not supposed to be nice to me. I hope you all know that. They're not supposed to be nice to me or lay down because I'm Angel Reese or because I'm a rookie.

"Thank you, A.T., for sending a message to me because I got back up and kept going and kept pushing. Me and A.T. have been cool since we were in Maryland, so I know it's not no hard feelings. I appreciate her for going at me every day."

Matt Barnes, who played an enforcer role at times during a 14-year NBA career and now co-hosts the "All the Smoke" podcast, called out Clark's teammates. "Throughout the season she's been getting beat up — hard screens, elbows, knocked down," he said on Instagram. "It is what it is. She's not the first. She won't be the last. My issue and my question and is: Where the f--- are her teammates at? Where are the rest of the Indiana Fever at?"

"I've seen a couple girls smirk when she's gotten knocked down . . . Y'all are supposed to protect the asset. You always protect the star. . . . It's going to be a problem because you all are supposed to be a family and you wonder why you sit at the bottom of the league right now. The rest of the league is going to continue to test her. That's what they're supposed to do, and it's your guys' f---ing job to have her back and have each other's backs."

After she decided not to answer questions from reporters after Saturday's game, Carter did respond later in the day on social media, posting on X: "troll notifications blowing up. I love it" with a kissing-face emoji.

Clark and the Fever had another rough night Sunday as they were routed, 104-68, by the host New York Liberty.

Clark had her worst game as a pro, scoring three points on 1-for-10 shooting and leaving the court during the fourth quarter holding her hand to her ear.

# Her self-trust back in place, Biles is taking on every challenge leading into Paris

GYMNASTICS FROM D1

ahead of runner-up Skye Blakely's 113.850. Biles also won the gold medals on all four apparatuses, each one a reminder of how she's poised to rack up more gold in Paris this summer despite the trouble she had in Tokyo three years ago.

Biles makes the world's most difficult routines appear effortless because of how she performs them so consistently without errors. Her only mistake during this two-day competition came Sunday night, when she rolled backward out of her difficult Yurchenko double pike vault, a one-point deduction and her only fall this season. Otherwise, she was fantastic.

Biles didn't come back after Tokyo with simpler, safer routines. She came back better.

This is all about Biles competing against herself. That's how it has to be when you have long been the best gymnast in the world and you could win the national title while making several major errors. After the U.S. Classic last month, Biles asked Coach Cecile Landi whether she had broken the 60,000 benchmark in the all-around, which no woman had done during this Olympic cycle. Biles fell just short with a 59.500. Taking that leap became her goal, even with the quick turnaround between her season debut and the national championships. She soared past that mark with a 60.450 on the first night of the women's competition here.

Landi admitted that Friday was perhaps Biles's best outing but quickly added: "It's not even the skills. It's the attitude and her behavior. I really feel like she's happy to be here. I know she says she's ready to be done, but I think she's really enjoying it and appreciating every meet she gets to do."

On Sunday, the fall on vault brought down her all-around score, but on the other apparatuses Biles repeated her strong routines from two days earlier.

Her unflappable performances are a product of her work in and out of the gym. Biles has harped on her commitment to therapy and how that effort has steadied her over the past year. As she rotates around the arena, with one dominant performance after another, she's unfazed by the roars and squeals that accompany her every move.

"It took a lot mentally and physically to trust my gymnastics again and most importantly trust myself," she said. "I think that was the hardest part after Tokyo — I didn't trust myself to do gymnastics."



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**Simone Biles has put the "twisties" — the mental block that caused her to pull out of the team competition and then the all-around final at the Tokyo Olympics — behind her and is again soaring above her rivals. "It took a lot mentally and physically to trust my gymnastics again and most importantly trust myself," Biles said. Biles captured her ninth U.S. all-around title, easily outscoring runner-up Skye Blakely, left, and third-place finisher Kayla DiCello, right.**

But now she's back to routines just as difficult as the ones she performed in the lead-up to the Tokyo Games.

Biles's floor performance is a highlight of any competition she enters. She opened by launching herself into the air, flipping twice and completing three full twists. It's one of the hardest skills in women's gymnastics, and Biles landed perfectly upright, with a step out of bounds just a minor mistake. Altogether, she tallied a 7.1 difficulty score, which means her maximum score is a 17.100, while many others are thrilled to earn around a 14.000. When the world's best gymnasts performed in the floor final at last year's world championships, the non-Biles competitors averaged a difficulty score of 5.6.

Those complex routines are why Biles always holds such an advantage, and the scores show she's on a different level. Biles notched a 15.200 and 15.100 on floor here, while only two others reached 14.000. When she lands her Yurchenko double pike, she has a similar-size edge on that event.

Some gymnasts view the season as a months-long progression toward their best performances. Not Biles. Sure, Landi sees ways Biles can improve — elevating her artistry on floor, hitting her handstands more precisely on bars and consistently connecting her leap series on beam — but this weekend's version of Biles, two months out from Paris, would take the Olympic all-around title easily. This has long been Biles's winning formula. She doesn't ease in to anything. She is excellent at one meet after another, year after year.

"She needs to feel confident, and this is how she feels confident — competing well," Landi said. "It builds up for her, and this is how it works."

Biles will perform twice more at the Olympic trials, and then it's on to Paris, where she is in line to face pressure and attention unlike anything she has experienced since Tokyo. The clips of Biles flailing through the air during her botched vault, exiting the Olympic arena and then watching from the sideline will return to the forefront. Nothing she experiences over the next two months can match the stress that Paris will bring, but each strong performance offers reassurance before the final, ultimate test.

"Having gone to two Olympics, every one I feel like gets a little bit more stressful because I know exactly what to expect," Biles said. "I know exactly what I expect from myself"