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Coming of age in Dadaab, young refugees cling to hope of leaving

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Duol Ter, 16, raises pigeons in Kenya's sprawling Dadaab refugee camp, fashioning makeshift homes for them out of discarded USAID boxes in a compound that he shares with eight cousins. Since Ter came to the camp in 2013 at age 5, fleeing the civil war in South Sudan, the pigeons have been his companions and a way to pass his days. His family has interviewed with the U.N. refugee agency for resettlement in Australia, but the process can take years and, like many others in the camp, they don't know when it will happen. **Story, A8**

Tehran on track to triple output of enriched uranium

MAJOR EXPANSION AT UNDERGROUND SITE

Several bombs' worth of nuclear fuel every month

BY JOBY WARRICK

A major expansion underway inside Iran's most heavily protected nuclear facility could soon triple the site's production of enriched uranium and give Tehran new options for quickly assembling a nuclear arsenal if it chooses to, according to confidential documents and analysis by weapons experts.

Inspectors with the International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed new construction activity inside the Fordow enrichment plant, just days after Tehran formally notified the nuclear watchdog of plans for a substantial upgrade at the underground facility built inside a mountain in north-central Iran.

Iran also disclosed plans for expanding production at its main enrichment plant near the city of Natanz. Both moves are certain to escalate tensions with Western governments and spur fears that Tehran is moving briskly toward becoming a threshold nuclear power, capable of making nuclear bombs rapidly if its leaders decide to do so.

At Fordow alone, the expansion could allow Iran to accumulate several bombs' worth of nuclear fuel every month, according to a technical analysis provided to The Washington Post. Though it is the smaller of Iran's two uranium enrichment facilities, Fordow is regarded as particularly significant because its subterranean setting makes it nearly invulnerable to airstrikes.

It also is symbolically important because Fordow had ceased making enriched uranium entirely under the terms of the land-

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Russia, N. Korea deepen ties to undermine West

In mutual defense deal, Putin secures arms from Kim for war in Ukraine

BY MICHELLE YE HEE LEE AND ROBYN DIXON

SEOUL — In a show of defiance against Western sanctions, Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong Un signed a comprehensive strategic pact on Wednesday pledging to come to each other's assistance in case of a military attack — the starkest evidence yet of Russia's alignment with anti-Western nations determined to topple the United States as a global leader.

Putin, visiting the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, for the first time since 2000, said Russia and North Korea "pursue an independent foreign policy and do not accept the language of blackmail and diktat."

"The comprehensive partnership agreement signed today provides, among other things, for mutual assistance in the event of aggression against one of the parties to this agreement," Putin said.

Shunned by the West over his invasion of Ukraine, Putin is seeking partners who share his anti-Western stance, including China, Iran and North Korea. Kim extolled the "firm alliance" with Moscow and openly backed Putin's war against Ukraine, the strongest support for Russia's invasion from any foreign leader.

"Moscow and Pyongyang will continue to oppose the practice of sanctions strangulation that the West has become accustomed to," Putin said, calling for a review of U.N. sanctions against North Korea over its nuclear

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A rare gene mutation could help slow Alzheimer's

Scientists study variant found in 27 members of a Colombian family

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

In 2019, researchers announced the discovery of an unusually resilient person — a Colombian woman who carried a ticking time bomb in her genes that should have triggered an aggressive, early form of Alzheimer's disease, starting in her 40s. But for three decades, the bomb didn't explode.

Scientists studied her DNA and scanned her remarkable brain, ultimately tracing her protection to a rare version of the APOE gene, called the Christchurch variant. She had two copies. The extraordinary story of Aliria Rosa Piedrahita de Villegas, who did eventually develop dementia in her 70s and died of cancer at age 77, offered inspiration for a disease that afflicts millions of people, for whom hope is often in short supply.

But she was just one patient. That left a nagging doubt: Could this case hold the key to a new way to stave off Alzheimer's? Or was she a one-off?

In a study published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers reported 27 members of the same extended Colombian family carry the genetic risk for Alzheimer's, along with a single copy of Christchurch. Cognitive decline in this singular group was delayed by about five years — suggesting that a drug that emulates the gene could have similar effects.

"We are taught in medicine to be wary of not drawing too many conclusions" from a single patient, said Joseph F. Arboleda-Velasquez, an associate scientist at Mass Eye and Ear in Boston and a co-author of the study. "Maybe it was related to something she ate or didn't eat. Maybe it's something related to the water in the house. The idea of finding 27 people — some lived in the city, some lived in rural areas — increases our confidence in the discovery — and shows the results

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Could 'boommates' help solve the housing crisis?

Intergenerational homes aren't just for families

BY MICHAEL J. COREN

Cynthia Holzapfel, 76, knows what it's like to share a home with someone else — or even 30 others.

As one of the early residents of the Farm, a 1970s-era commune in Summertown, Tenn., Holzapfel lived under the same roof with multiple couples and more than a dozen children in a five-bedroom house where everything from the laundry room to meals was shared.

"It was a constant party," she says. "It was like having all your cousins move in with you."

The Farm is no longer a commune, although the land is still owned collectively by its residents. Yet one thing never changed for Holzapfel: housemates. Over the past 20 years, she has rented her basement to seven families.

Holzapfel is among the growing number of baby boomers, the 76 million people born in the United States from 1946 to 1964, living with intergenerational housemates. And they just may be part of the solution to America's grinding housing crisis.

Baby-boomer empty nesters now own more large homes in major cities than millennial families — and show few signs of moving out. Record prices and scarce inventory appear to have frozen everyone in place.

Several generations living under one roof would help ease the housing crunch and the loneliness epidemic affecting half of U.S. adults. It would also cut global warming emissions. Denser living is almost always greener: fewer homes, less energy and more efficiency overall. Freeing up room in boomers' homes could also bring young people and suburban families back to communities near jobs and schools, eliminating polluting

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Celebrating a 'holiday of resilience'

J.D. Davis and Diamond Jewel Butler share a laugh Wednesday at a Juneteenth street festival in D.C., joining hundreds of others across the region in defying the baking sun. June 19 became a federal holiday in 2021 following a national reckoning over racial injustice. **Story, B1**

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Once a Trump rival, Rubio's shift puts him into VP mix

BY MARIANNE LEVINE

When Marco Rubio flew with President Donald Trump on Air Force One in 2017, the Republican senator from Florida cracked a joke about Trump's reported strong handshake with French President Emmanuel Macron. Rubio knew his hands weren't small, Trump quipped.

Trump was referring to Rubio's awkward attack on him — an implicit reference to male anatomy — during the 2016 primary, when the two were bitter rivals, charting different courses for the GOP. The in-flight conversation, recounted by then-Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.), was one of the earliest indicators of a thaw in a once-frosty dynamic between

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Md. pardons reflect uneven shift in drug policy

States deploy patchwork of efforts to address prior marijuana convictions

BY KATIE SHEPHERD, DAVID OVALLE AND DAVID NAKAMURA

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore's decision to offer mass pardons for low-level marijuana crimes is part of a nascent but growing effort to remedy inequities in the criminal justice system wrought by a drug that is now legal in many parts of the country.

Experts and civil rights advocates said the historic movement, driven by the Biden administration and officials in liberal-leaning states, reflects an unevenly applied prescription that often does not go far enough to clear the records of those who have been convicted and has lagged in states with more conservative leadership.

Twenty-four states and D.C. have legalized recreational adult use of marijuana, with more than half of Americans now living in a jurisdiction where they can legally buy the drug. Advocates and public officials have increasingly pushed to put an end to the lingering consequences for people convicted of marijuana-related activities that are no longer against the law, especially in Black and Brown communities that have been disproportionately targeted by the war on drugs.

But the patchwork of remedies has been complicated by state laws, politics and bureaucracy. Most Republican-led states still ban recreational and, in some cases, medical use of cannabis. And even the most aggressive measures to automatically clear criminal records do not ensure that people once charged with marijuana possession won't have that record used against them when they seek jobs or housing.

The Biden administration began a major push to forgive individuals with minor marijuana convictions in 2022, when the president pardoned about 6,500 people convicted on federal possession charges. In December, he expanded those pardons to thousands more and called on governors to follow suit, stirring hope among advocates that has grown even stronger with Maryland's pardon announcement this week.

"I'm optimistic those dominoes are falling," said Sarah Gersten, executive director and general counsel for the Last Prisoner Project, a nonprofit that advocates for ending incarceration for marijuana-related crimes. "Hopefully, this is just the first step in a much larger moment for cannabis justice."

Cynthia W. Roseberry, director of policy and government affairs focused on justice issues for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the pardons for low-level marijuana offenses in Maryland and some other states are a "good first step, but it is a small step" to address what she described as systemic, racial inequities in the criminal justice system.

"This really is a signal that elected officials are beginning to listen to the people," Roseberry said. "The people want folks to do more, and I think elected officials have to be bold enough to follow the people in that way."

More than 2 million Americans have had their cases expunged or pardoned in recent years, said Paul Armentano, deputy director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, known as NORML, which closely tracks such efforts across the country.

The action by Moore (D) in Maryland will affect about 100,000 individuals. But while mass pardons from him, Biden and Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey (D) have drawn the biggest headlines, legislative and voter-approved measures to expunge such cases are having a wider impact, Armentano said.

That's because while pardons amount to forgiveness for a crime, only expungements erase the records of convictions, which can still pose a barrier for people seeking employment, housing or social services.

States that used to rank high in marijuana arrests but have legalized the drug, such as New Jersey, New York and California, have expunged hundreds of thousands of low-level cases in recent years, Armentano said. But in states such as Florida and Texas, where marijuana remains illegal for recreational use, law enforcement officers continue to arrest people for low-level marijuana offenses. There were nearly 209,000 arrests nationwide for marijuana possession in 2022, according to FBI statistics.

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Legal experts caution that state-level expungements are not always automatic — and note that people often don't have the time or means to petition a court to have their cases stricken.

Maryland will automatically expunge records for people whose only charge was misdemeanor marijuana possession, accounting for about 40,000 of the 175,000 charges Moore pardoned this week, according to the governor's office.

The pardons come as the Justice Department has acted to move marijuana to a less-restrictive category of controlled substances, a historic policy shift that does not completely legalize the drug at the federal level but may broaden access to medical cannabis and spark scientific research into its health benefits and risks.

Public opinion on marijuana has also changed substantially, with a 2023 Gallup poll showing 70 percent of Americans — and more than half of Republicans and conservatives — now back legalization.

Although cannabis policy is not a top issue for most voters, some Democratic strategists have said the issue could boost their candidates in November. Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, has expressed inconsistent views on marijuana policy in the past, and his campaign has remained quiet on the issue in recent months. During his 2016 presidential campaign, Trump said he supported states making their own decisions about whether cannabis should be legal.

A few Republican-led states, including Ohio, Montana and Missouri, have decriminalized the drug.

Under Missouri's 2022 constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana, expungements for marijuana-related crimes were supposed to be automatic and completed on a tight deadline. More than 123,000 cases have been expunged. But not all have actually disappeared. Court clerks were overwhelmed by the number of prosecutions, old records were hard to find, and some cases were labeled as possession of a controlled substance, not marijuana, said Sydney Ragsdale, an attorney with the expungement clinic at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law.

Many cases still appear on certain background checks that involve government jobs because the records aren't being completely destroyed, Ragsdale said. Courts have also refused to expunge local ordinance violations involving marijuana, even though they are punishable by jail time.

"In Missouri, municipal offenses aren't technically a crime. But at the same time, they are considered crimes for the FBI purposes. And so they come up on criminal background checks," Ragsdale said.

Kamisha Webb, 46, was charged with violating a marijuana possession ordinance in 2004 in Lee's Summit, Mo., an accusation she still disputes. She pleaded guilty only to a traffic violation. Webb, a civilian investigator from Kansas City, Mo., said she earlier lost out on two federal government jobs because of the arrest, which remains visible on some background searches even though it was technically expunged in recent months.

"It's been very humiliating and very crippling to see those job opportunities disappear," said Webb, who is asking an appeals court to completely purge the record.

Other states have also confronted the gulf between their policy aims and the reality of this country's complex justice system.

When New Mexico legalized marijuana in 2021, the law provided for automatic expungement of some low-level cannabis-related crimes. But officials found that many expungements were not so clear-cut, said Serge Martinez, a professor of law at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Some cases involved convictions for other crimes. Some were recorded in the offices of rural sheriffs. For more complex cases, the state now asks people to petition for an expungement instead of expecting it to happen automatically, Martinez said.

"It's a reflection that these policies are sound and great until the rubber hits the road, and we have to deal with nuts and bolts."

A genetic discovery sheds light on delaying Alzheimer's disease

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are reproducible."

A key insight from a lower dose of protection

Francisco Lopera, a neurologist at the University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia, began caring for patients suffering from an aggressive, inherited form of Alzheimer's four decades ago.

Cognitive impairment began when people were in their mid-40s. Full-blown dementia developed before the age of 50. Patients died in their 60s. Researchers traced the disease to a mutation in the gene Presenilin 1, now known to be carried by about 1,200 people within an extended family.

Piedrahita de Villegas showed scientists that it was possible to defy this grim genetic destiny. But for an exceptional patient to turn into broader medical insight, scientists need confirmation that the gene is producing the beneficial effect — and can do the same in other people.

People carry two copies of the APOE gene, one inherited from each parent. Having two copies of the Christchurch version, as Piedrahita de Villegas did, is "rare, extremely rare," said Yakeel T. Quiroz, a clinical neuropsychologist at Massachusetts General Hospital. So they started to look for people with just one.

A man who carried the Alzheimer's risk mutation and a copy of Christchurch provided an initial clue. Brain imaging at age 51, when he was diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment, revealed that his brain had elevated levels of plaques of the beta-amyloid protein, a telltale sign of Alzheimer's. But intriguingly, he had limited tangles of a different Alzheimer's related protein, called tau, and he developed mild dementia at age 54, years later than expected.

"That was a signal that having one copy could have been protective," Quiroz said. The team found 26 other people with this genetic makeup. Not all the patients have developed cognitive impairment, but among those who have, symptoms were delayed, beginning five years later than those without Christchurch. Dementia was also delayed, by four years.

The discovery that a single copy of Christchurch provides a degree of protection is a hopeful clue for scientists trying to develop therapies. If two copies were necessary, the bar for a new drug might be impossibly high — it would have to be extremely effective to have any benefit. But seeing a lower dose of the gene protect against the onset of disease is a good sign. It suggests even partly mimicking the Christchurch gene's action could work.

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A sensory activity in Medellín, Colombia, for people who carry a genetic mutation that causes early, aggressive Alzheimer's disease

"I think this is a really important study, and the outcome is very meaningful," said Yadong Huang, director of the Center for Translational Advancement at Gladstone Institutes, an independent biomedical research organization based in San Francisco. Huang was not involved in the study, but his lab showed last year that the Christchurch mutation has benefits in mice prone to develop Alzheimer's disease and in human brain cells in a dish. Still, he noted that until now there has been a critical gap in knowledge — how it affects humans in the real world.

Rare patients lead the way to new treatments

For years, Alzheimer's research has tended to focus on clearing the sticky amyloid plaques that build up in the brain. A few therapies have shown success, but they are far from a cure. The new study shows the promise of a different biological target: drugs that imitate the rare Christchurch variant of the APOE gene.

John Hardy, a neurogeneticist at the U.K. Dementia Research Institute at the University College London said pharmaceutical companies have traditionally been less enthusiastic about APOE because it is a difficult target, but that is changing.

"Interest has been growing, and this finding is part of the reason," Hardy wrote in an email.

As a next step, researchers have developed an experimental antibody drug that imitates Christchurch. When it was given to mice that were genetically tweaked to develop features of Alzheimer's, they found the drug reduced buildup of tau tangles — a sign that they are on the right path.

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Ten Commandments required in classrooms

Gov. Jeff Landry (R) signed legislation Wednesday requiring every public classroom in Louisiana to display the Ten Commandments, becoming the first state with such a law.

"This bill mandates the display of the Ten Commandments in every classroom — public elementary, secondary and post-education schools — in the state of Louisiana, because if you want to respect the rule of law, you've got to start from the original lawgiver, which was Moses," Landry said at a bill-signing ceremony.

The law gives schools until Jan. 1 to display the Ten Commandments — religious and ethical directives outlined in the Bible — on "a poster or framed document that is at least eleven inches by fourteen inches" in every classroom.

The Louisiana House overwhelmingly passed the bill in April, and the state Senate followed suit in May. Both votes largely fell along party lines in the Republican-controlled chambers.

Critics have vowed to challenge the law in court.

— Anumita Kaur

TEXAS

Megachurch pastor quits over abuse claim

A pastor at a Texas megachurch resigned Tuesday after a woman accused him of sexually abusing her several times between 1982 and 1987, when she was a minor.

The resignation of Robert Morris, founder and senior pastor at Gateway Church, was accepted by the church's board of elders. In a statement, the board said it is "heartbroken and appalled" by the allegations raised by Cindy Clemishire, who was 12 when the alleged abuse began in 1982.

"Regretfully, before Friday, June 14, the elders did not have all the facts of the inappropriate relationship between Morris and the victim, including her age at the time and the length of the abuse," the board said.

Morris's name was removed from the church's webpage listing its leadership late Monday, and his son James is now listed as the church's senior leader.

Clemishire, 54, said she is disappointed that Morris was not terminated. She also disputed the board's assertion that it had not been aware of her age at the time of the alleged abuse, saying she had told a church official and a board member details of the events in 2005 and 2007.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Christian right sees opportunity in a second Trump term

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ABOVE: Christian leaders pray with President Donald Trump in the Oval Office in September 2017 after he signed a proclamation for a national day of prayer. LEFT: Paintings and prints depicting Trump and Jesus are for sale during the Conservative Political Action Conference at Maryland's National Harbor in March 2023.

Donald Trump's presidency delivered to Christian conservatives some of their most coveted goals: Hundreds of sympathetic judges joined the federal bench. The U.S. Embassy in Israel moved to Jerusalem. And the center of gravity on the Supreme Court shifted firmly to the right.

Since Trump lost his reelection bid, they have claimed additional successes, with Republican-run red states enacting legislation that restricts transgender care and limits the books that can be taught in school or borrowed from the library. The Supreme Court in 2022 ended the legal right to abortion. Last year, Rep. Mike Johnson (R-La.), an evangelical Christian who has said his worldview is the Bible, became speaker of the House.

But far from declaring victory, those who advocate for a more pronounced role for hard-line conservative Christian doctrine in American public life are actively planning to enact a fresh wave of changes in a second Trump term. Should Trump reclaim the presidency in November, they say, it would represent a historic opportunity to put their interpretation of Christianity at the center of government policy.

To advocates for civil, women's and gay rights, the proposals represent something else: a threat to basic freedoms and a dangerous blurring of boundaries between church and state.

Among the proposals being pushed by the Christian right's various groups and leaders:

- Removing the words "gender" and "abortion" from federal program documents, as well as the related funding.
- Imposing new restrictions on abortion pills, perhaps through the authority of the Food and Drug Administration.
- Carving out greater exemptions to anti-discrimination laws meant to protect LGBTQ+ people.
- Establishing a more visible role for Christianity in public schools, including more prayer led by both teachers and students.

Trump advisers have stressed that outside groups and allies do not speak for the campaign and its policy plans. But Trump has made politically conservative Christians a bedrock of his base and has signaled he remains attuned to their priorities, even as many in the community appear prepared to back him no matter what specific promises he makes.

In 2016, Trump had to overcome the suspicion of conservative Christian leaders that came with being a twice-divorced celebrity who had publicly backed abortion rights and had never exhibited any particular religiosity. He picked Mike Pence, the evangelical Indiana governor, as his running mate in part to assuage worries he wasn't sufficiently committed to their cause.

In 2024, Trump — who was convicted last month of falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn actress and director — is considered a proven protector and champion of conservative Christians. He has been afforded wide latitude even when he breaks with their cause, as he did this spring when he declined to endorse a national abortion ban.

"This is not a naive trust — it's a trust based on a track record," said Texas megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress, an enthusiastic Trump supporter. "I think what evangelicals agree with is his general narrative that America would be better off if we return to our Judeo-Christian roots. What that looks like — people are willing to give him great leeway on how it would be implemented."

This year, there is no single issue that galvanizes the Christian right in the way that overturning *Roe v. Wade* once did, some community leaders said. But Trump has aggressively signaled to conservative Christian voters that their policy preferences remain a high priority.

Trump has said he will create a special Justice Department task force for investigating anti-Christian discrimination cases. He has vowed to halt federal programs deemed to promote gender transition and has threatened to pull federal funding from schools that do so. He has also told evangelicals that he would enable them to wield "power at a level that you've never used it before."

"We have to bring back our religion," he told an association of religious broadcasters in February. "We have to bring back Christianity in this country."

In April, Trump referred to Election Day as "Christian Visibility Day, when Christians turn out in numbers that nobody has ever seen before." The phrase was a play on President Biden's acknowledgment of Trans Visibility Day, which this year fell on Easter.

The former president recently went so far as to personally advertise a $59.99 King James Bible, saying, "All Americans need a Bible in their home. ... We must make America pray again."

Asked about Trump's election-year message to conservative Christians, a campaign spokeswoman accused Biden of waging "a years-long assault on Christianity."

"President Trump will restore and respect the Christian conservative values of faith, family, and freedom, end Biden's discrimination against Christians, and stand up for religious freedom, as he proudly did in his first term," Karoline Leavitt told The Washington Post in a statement.

Biden, a practicing Catholic who regularly attends Mass, has vowed to protect religious freedom and pointed to some of Trump's policies — especially a travel ban on people from several majority-Muslim countries — as violations of that value.

The Biden campaign said in a statement that Trump and his allies would "rip Americans' rights away."

"In Trump's America, women will live in fear of having their pregnancies monitored or facing punishment if they have an abortion; teachers are told what books they can teach in the classroom and grown adults who they can love and marry," said Biden campaign spokesperson Ammar Moussa. (Prominent Christian conservatives said in interviews that they did not expect action from Trump to roll back the legality of same-sex marriage, even though they remain deeply opposed.)

Analysts say the political advances of the Christian right in recent years mask broader declines for the movement.

Stephen Prothero, a scholar of religion's role in American politics and society, said Christian conservatism has become in many ways indistinguishable from the secular MAGA political movement, leaving few clear leaders and many divergent goals.

If Trump wins and the policies conservative Christians seek are enacted, Prothero predicted a decline in Christianity in the United States at a time when the nation has been rapidly secularizing. Partisan politicization of religion is driving Americans away from it, he said, and that will continue.

"The religious right is the pawn, and MAGA is the king," he said.

Sixty-two percent of Americans say they are Christian, Pew Research found last year, down from 90 percent in the 1970s. Conservative Christians, experts on U.S. religion and politics say, are not defined by any one denomination or group but can include everyone from Christian nationalists to social or theological conservatives.

The biggest and most reliable core of the political religious right are White evangelicals, who Pew in 2023 found are 14 percent of the U.S. adult population. Of that group, 76 percent told the research firm PRRI last fall that they would vote for Trump if the election were that day.

In some cases, the policy aims of the Christian right are laid out in lengthy and specific policy papers by groups populated by former Trump administration staffers and confidants. In others, their aspirations are imprecise, more about asserting what they see as lost cultural power.

Among the policy documents compiled by prominent Christian conservative groups is Project 2025's "Mandate for Leadership." The document is the product of dozens of well-known groups and was published by the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Since its publication, Trump spokespeople have repeatedly said groups including Project 2025 do not speak for the campaign and its policy plans. Kevin Roberts, president of the Heritage Foundation, said the goal of the project is "building a governing agenda, not just for next January but long into the future."

The document, compiled with multiple people and groups who worked in and with the Trump administration, calls for erasing terms including "abortion," "reproductive health," "gender" and "gender equality" from "every federal rule, agency regulation, contract, grant, regulation, and piece of legislation that exists."

"The next conservative President must make the institutions of American civil society hard targets for woke culture warriors," reads the mandate, which says promotion of "transgender ideology" is akin to pornography and should be treated as a crime.

Project 2025 suggests closing the Gender Policy Council that Biden established in 2021 to advance gender equity and equality in areas including health, gender-based violence and education. The mandate also calls for Trump to reinstate the ban he established on transgender people in the military, which was overturned by Biden. And it calls for the next administration to "rescind regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, and sex characteristics."

Gillian Branstetter, spokesperson for the American Civil Liberties Union's Women's Rights Project and LGBTQ & HIV Project, said the approach is aimed at undermining protections for people who are discriminated against based on their sexual orientation or gender.

"They don't want to affirm the existence of gender or gender identity," Branstetter said. "It's about our access to health care that protects our lives, protections at school, protections in the workplace."

Roger Severino, head of the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services under Trump and a contributor to Project 2025, said in an interview that a top priority is reversing Biden moves that he argued are forcing religious conservatives to support or participate in activities that "violate their beliefs."

Examples he cited include federal agencies that require honoring people's pronouns of choice or federal rules that say transgender people must be allowed to use bathrooms that correspond with their gender identity.

On abortion, Severino wants the FDA to collect more data on the health outcomes for women who use abortion drugs.

Project 2025 calls for the FDA to reverse its approval of such drugs. It also says a long-dormant 19th-century federal law called the Comstock Act, which makes it illegal to mail anything "intended for producing abortion" — including advice on how or where to obtain one — can be enforced. GOP lawmakers have written court briefs this year saying the act shouldn't be disregarded and threatening pharmacy chains with enforcement if the chains keep selling abortion drugs.

The "Dobbs decision," Project 2025 says, "is just the beginning."

Trump campaign spokeswoman Leavitt said Trump "supports the rights of states to make decisions on abortion" and backs exceptions to bans in cases of rape and incest and for the life of the woman. Trump said this spring that he would make a statement on abortion drugs in a couple of weeks, but never did.

A priority of a segment of the Christian right surfaced last week when representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, the country's second-largest faith group, approved a resolution condemning in vitro fertilization. Trump has said he supports access to IVF.

Speaking at a Washington Post Live event June 5, longtime conservative Christian lobbyist Ralph Reed warned the GOP and Trump not to weaken their anti-abortion efforts.

"Look, President Trump is my friend and I've strongly supported him," said Reed, who leads the Faith and Freedom Coalition. "But I would encourage the Trump campaign to proceed with great caution in sending a message of retreat when it comes to treatment of the unborn."

Conservative Christian leaders stressed that they share other GOP voters' top concerns, especially on immigration, and support Trump's call for the mass deportation of undocumented immigrants and ideological screening of newcomers.

"If you don't like our religion — which a lot of them don't — if you sympathize with the jihadists, then we don't want you in our country and you are not getting in," Trump said in a speech in New Hampshire last fall.

In addition to policy changes, some Christian right leaders say they are looking to Trump for his rhetoric, which they say stands out for his willingness to speak about Christianity with praise and exceptionalism.

"He didn't make any secret [when he was president] about the fact that he believed Christianity to be probably the premier religion in America," said Darrell Scott, an Ohio pastor and former member of Trump's informal White House evangelical advisory group. "I would just hope that he continues that outspokenness."

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Rubio once called Trump a 'con artist.' He could be VP pick.

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Rubio and the man he had labeled a "con artist." Now Rubio is a finalist to be Trump's running mate, the culmination of a years-long shift that has impressed the former president's allies — and surprised and disappointed some of the senator's former associates.

"He decided to jump in the mud with Donald Trump back in 2016, and that really backfired," Curbelo said in an interview. "But since then, he's really kind of figured out how to navigate the Trumpian waters of the new Republican Party."

The Trump campaign in recent weeks has requested paperwork from at least eight potential vice-presidential candidates, including Rubio. Trump has said he will announce his pick at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, which begins July 15.

Rubio spoke only in general terms in a recent interview about the prospect of running with Trump, saying that "anyone who's offered the opportunity to serve our country in a position like that should not dismiss it and should consider doing it if their life allows them to do it, but I'm not going to opine on me because that's presumptuous."

Trump sees Rubio as an effective messenger for his agenda who is good on television, according to two people familiar with the president's thinking who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the process — one of whom noted that Trump spoke favorably about a recent Rubio appearance on "Meet The Press." The former president also values Rubio's foreign policy credentials, allies said, and sees him as a potential key player on Western Hemisphere issues. Kellyanne Conway, Trump's 2016 campaign manager and a top aide in his White House, has argued the Cuban American senator is among the potential vice-presidential candidates who could help Trump make inroads with voters of color. Rubio is also popular among traditional Republicans, which could expand Trump's reach and boost fundraising, the people said.

One major complicating factor for Rubio is that he and Trump are both Florida residents. Under the 12th Amendment, a Florida elector can't vote for the ticket if Trump and his running mate are both Florida residents. During a private fundraiser last month at Mar-a-Lago, Trump alluded to that challenge.

"Every time they say 'Is he being considered?' I said absolutely even though we do have a little Florida problem," Trump said, also nodding to Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.), another Floridian under consideration. "They want to give you a little penalty: They want to take away all of your delegates. Other than that, there's no problem."

Unlike some of the other finalists, Rubio refrained from going to the New York courthouse with Trump during his hush money trial and hasn't aggressively hit the fundraising circuit for him. He has found other ways to show his support, including a Newsweek opinion piece that described the upcoming election as "America's Last Chance."

"A vote for anyone other than Trump is literally a vote to normalize the weaponization of government against political opponents and criminalize the traditional American way of life," Rubio wrote, echoing the former president.

Rubio also spoke at a Trump birthday event Friday in West Palm Beach, hosted by Club 47 USA, a Trump fan club.

After once declaring that Trump "has spent his entire career sticking it to the little guy," Rubio told the audience at the Palm Beach County Convention Center: "He's not doing it for him, he doesn't need this. He's running for president, he's putting up with all of this because he's doing it for us. He's doing it for America, the country that he loves."

The mutual support, which was years in the making according to interviews with associates of both men, contrasts sharply with the Republican presidential primary eight years ago, when Trump disparagingly dubbed Rubio "Little Marco" before routing him in Florida and forcing him from the contest. Some of Rubio's former associates expressed surprise at some of his recent votes and statements.

Before his 2016 White House run, Rubio embraced an optimistic vision of America, often recounting his own experience as the son of Cuban immigrants as living proof of the American Dream. Less than three years after being elected to the Senate at 39 in the 2010 tea party wave, Rubio graced the cover of Time magazine, with the headline "The Republican Savior." In 2015, he launched a presidential campaign on the promise of generational change and a "New American Century."

For much of the 2016 campaign, Rubio largely avoided talking about Trump. As the race narrowed and Trump cemented his position as the leading candidate, Rubio suddenly engaged in the kind of name-calling and personal attack that Trump had wielded effectively. Trump was a "con man," to hear Rubio tell it, one who was "dangerous" and would fracture the GOP. In turn, Trump said Rubio was a "disaster for Florida" and suggested he "couldn't get elected dogcatcher."

At one point, Rubio mocked the size of Trump's hands — and alluded to another part of his anatomy: "You know what they say about men with small hands? You can't trust them."

Trump later responded: "He referred to my hands — 'if they're small, something else must be small.' I guarantee you there's no problem."

The attacks backfired, and Rubio soon bowed out of the race. Just before his exit, Rubio said it was "getting harder every day" to see supporting Trump. In his concession speech, Rubio called for a "new political establishment" and recognized that his aspirational pitch was no match for the anger- and grievance-fueled Trump campaign.

"People are angry. They are frustrated. They're being left behind by this economy, and then they are told, 'Look, if you're against illegal immigration, that makes you a bigot,'" Rubio said in that speech. "From a political standpoint, the easiest thing to have done in this campaign is to jump on all those anxieties I just talked about, to make people angrier, make people more frustrated. But I chose a different route."

One former Rubio fundraiser described the speech in Florida as "the fundamental change of Marco Rubio," a sign that he'd move in a more populist direction over the next eight years.

By that May, Rubio was on board with Trump.

"Trump didn't create 2016, 2016 created Trump," Rubio told The Washington Post in a recent interview. "The country was ready for someone that was willing to challenge the orthodoxy of the economy, on foreign policy, in a way that was needed and that I think is needed even more now."

During Trump's presidency, Rubio worked closely with the administration on Latin America policy, drawing comparisons to a "virtual secretary of state" for the region. The Trump administration sought his advice for hires, and he helped shape its policy toward Cuba and Venezuela. Rubio also worked with Ivanka Trump on a paid family leave initiative and sought to expand the child tax credit as part of the GOP's 2017 tax law. That legislation increased the child tax credit, although Trump rebuffed Rubio's attempts to do so more significantly in exchange for a smaller corporate tax cut than what Republicans passed into law.

"It's important to keep in mind that politics is ultimately politics," said Jason Miller, the Trump campaign adviser who referred to now-Vice President Harris's attacks on President Biden over school busing during the Democratic primary. "By comparison, President Trump and any of his prospective VP picks will be much more simpatico."

While Rubio has largely aligned with Trump on policy and recently echoed his refusal to commit to accepting the November election results, there are some differences that raise questions about what their dynamic would be as ticket mates or in a new administration.

Rubio, a more traditional foreign policy hawk, broke with the Trump administration over sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea. He also broke with Trump over his emergency declaration to build a border wall. And the senator voted to certify the 2020 election results.

But Rubio more recently voted against a $95 billion foreign aid bill that delivered billions of dollars in weapons and support to key U.S. allies Ukraine and Israel — a move that surprised some fellow Republicans and former associates. Rubio — who in 2013 championed a comprehensive immigration overhaul with a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants before disavowing the effort after its collapse — cited federal inaction on the border as his reason and in a floor speech described the package as "legislative blackmail."

Asked how his views on foreign policy differ from Trump's, Rubio responded, "I don't have a line by line for you on it, but I can tell you that generally I think we've entered an era where we have to be much more pragmatic in our foreign policy and … our national interests should be at the core of all the decisions that we make."

He added, "Things [Trump] talks about — maybe they're expressed in ways that are not orthodox politically — they're not unorthodox in terms of public policy."

Trump has proved quick to forgive when there is political benefit. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) became a staunch ally after Trump gave out his cellphone number in 2015. More recently, he and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) fist-bumped at a Senate GOP meeting in D.C. (McConnell and Trump hadn't spoken in years after the senator called the former president "practically and morally responsible" for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.)

"I don't think that the evolution, if you will, from 'Little Marco' to a leading contender for VP is unusual for Donald Trump," said Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.). "It's like being on the football field for, you know, 60 minutes of being in the trenches, pushing, running and knocking down, punching, clawing for victory and then praying in the middle of the field after the game."

Jeff Stein and Josh Dawsey contributed to this report.

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Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Donald Trump argue at a Republican presidential primary debate on March 3, 2016. Rubio's shift toward Trump has surprised the former president's allies — and surprised and disappointed some of the senator's former associates.

House Ethics Committee expands its investigation into Rep. Matt Gaetz

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY

The House Ethics Committee is still investigating allegations against Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), including that he may have engaged in sexual misconduct and illegal drug use, and accepted improper gifts.

It has opened up new lines of inquiry into the Florida lawmaker, according to a statement released by the bipartisan panel on Tuesday.

The 10-member committee, which rarely discloses information about ongoing investigations, clarified the status of its review of Gaetz in the lengthy statement. The panel wrote that since initiating its investigation in April 2021, it has "determined that certain of the allegations merit continued review" and that the committee has identified additional allegations that "merit review," while at the same time dispensing with other charges.

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A statement from the panel said Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) has denied the allegations before it.

The committee detailed the new avenues of investigation, including whether Gaetz "dispensed special privileges and favors to individuals with whom he had a personal relationship, and sought to obstruct government investigations of his conduct." The committee added that it will "take no further action at the time on the allegations that [Gaetz] may have shared inappropriate images or videos on the House floor, misused state identification records, converted campaign funds to personal use, and/or accepted a bribe or improper gratuity."

The update was released the morning after Gaetz took to X, the website formerly known as Twitter, to criticize the House Ethics Committee for "opening new frivolous investigations" into his activities, castigating the committee as "Soviet" and working at the behest of former speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), whom Gaetz last year helped oust from the speakership.

Gaetz has "categorically denied" the allegations before the panel, the committee wrote in the statement, before noting the "difficulty in obtaining relevant information" from the lawmaker. Still, investigators have "spoken with more than a dozen witnesses, issued 25 subpoenas, and reviewed thousands of pages of documents in this matter," the committee added.

The update laid out a timeline of the investigation into Gaetz: The review was initiated by Ethics in April 2021 but was deferred after a request from the Justice Department.

When federal prosecutors closed a long-running sex-trafficking investigation into Gaetz in February 2023 without pressing charges, the committee resumed its investigation in May 2023. The Justice Department investigation, opened in the final months of the Trump administration with approval from then-Attorney General William P. Barr, focused on whether Gaetz had a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old, paid for sex, and paid for women to travel across state lines to have sex. Gaetz repeatedly denied wrongdoing at the time.

In September 2022, career prosecutors recommended against charging Gaetz due to credibility issues with two central witnesses, The Washington Post reported at the time. One of the witnesses was Joel Greenberg, a former Gaetz friend and tax collector for Seminole County, Fla., who pleaded guilty to sex trafficking of a minor and other crimes as part of a cooperation deal in May 2021.

Newsom says he supports efforts to limit or ban smartphones in classrooms

BY DAVID OVALLE

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has announced support for imposing restrictions on smartphones in schools, echoing growing concerns by parents, educators and lawmakers nationwide that excessive screen time during class is distracting and harming students.

Newsom (D) cited U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy's call this week for imposing tobacco-style warning labels on social media apps to inform users about their deleterious effects on youth mental health. Newsom noted a 2019 law he signed that authorized California school districts to impose limits or bans on smartphones during the school day. The governor did not elaborate on what exact measures he would support, although several proposals are before the California Legislature, which is dominated by Democrats.

"I look forward to working with the Legislature to restrict the use of smartphones during the school day," Newsom said in a statement Tuesday. "When children and teens are in school, they should be focused on their studies — not their screens."

Newsom's announcement came as board members with the Los Angeles Unified School District voted to develop rules to ban smartphone use class hours. The district is the largest in the nation to pass such a measure.

The governor voiced his support for restrictions as elected leaders from both parties and researchers are increasingly scrutinizing how social media apps such as TikTok, Instagram and Facebook impact the mental health of the nation's youth and affect student performance.

More than a dozen states have passed laws seeking to curb children's use of social media, efforts that have been challenged by the tech industry and remain the subject of ongoing legal battles. In 2022, Newsom signed a bill that established strict safeguards on data collection of underage online users; the law was temporarily blocked by a court.

Debates over excessive smartphones in schools are escalating in tow. Educators have long complained about students sending text messages, scrolling social media feeds and even shopping during class. Researchers have blamed devices as contributing to declining academic performance and bullying. Some school districts are suing social media companies over the mental health impacts on young people.

About a third of U.S. teens say they use social media "almost constantly." A Common Sense Media report last fall found that kids and teens receive hundreds, even thousands, of phone notifications daily — with use during school typically adding up to about 43 minutes per day. Many districts already restrict usage, but enforcement is patchy. Some schools now use magnetically sealed pouches to keep students from their devices during class.

Last year, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), a Newsom political rival, signed the nation's most restrictive school smartphone law, banning student use during class time and blocking social media access on campus wireless systems. Indiana passed a bill this spring requiring districts to adopt policies banning wireless devices during class. States such as Vermont, Virginia and Oklahoma are also considering similar measures.

Earlier this year, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox (R) also called on districts and educational leaders to remove cellphones during class time to "help our teachers teach and out student learn," citing studies that students become more engaged and talk to each other more when phones are kept in backpacks or lockers.

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

All the usual power, minus the diesel

Construction equipment, a significant contributor to carbon emissions, is going electric. Here's what it's like behind the wheel.

BY NICOLÁS RIVERO

SHIPPENSBURG, PA. — On a 40-acre dirt and gravel lot, I climbed into the cabin of a 55,000-pound excavator. Construction crews use these hulking machines to dig trenches for laying pipes and wires or hollowing out building foundations. I took it out for a joyride.

When I switched on the motor, there was no ignition roar and no belch of diesel fumes from a tailpipe. This machine, powered by four batteries that each are big enough to run a small electric car, came to life silently.

The quiet didn't last. The excavator's giant treads trundled noisily over the gravel until I reached a good spot to dig. Then I grabbed hold of two joysticks and sank the bucket arm down into the dirt to scoop out as much earth as the claw could carry. I hit a big rock. The machine momentarily pitched forward, straining to loosen it from the ground — and then the electric motor heaved the boulder and a clod of dirt into the air in a puff of dust.

When they run on diesel, the biggest pieces of construction equipment can churn through 10 or more gallons of fuel per hour, emitting as much carbon and air pollution as several cars combined. Off-road equipment, including excavators, bulldozers, cranes and tractors, creates about 3 percent of U.S. carbon emissions — roughly the same as the airline industry. Making these machines carbon-free would be almost as big a step toward halting climate change as taking all commercial planes out of the sky.

It won't be easy. Electrifying off-road vehicles presents all the same challenges as replacing gas-powered cars with EVs, including worries about charging infrastructure, battery capacity and high upfront costs — plus the added challenge of digging, pushing and lifting heavy loads for hours at a time.

"They are more difficult because most of these vehicles don't just propel themselves; they also do work," said Kim Stelson, a mechanical engineering professor at the University of Minnesota who studies off-road vehicles. "But if we want to solve the overall problem [of climate change], we have to solve this one."

Despite the obstacles, electric machines are slowly starting to show up at farms and construction sites. John Deere plans to sell more than 20 models of electric and hybrid construction equipment and tractors by 2026. Construction giants Caterpillar and Komatsu are developing electric excavators and wheel loaders. Volvo Construction Equipment, which made the excavator I was driving, sells seven electric models.

"Almost all the major companies are working on electric solutions," Stelson said.

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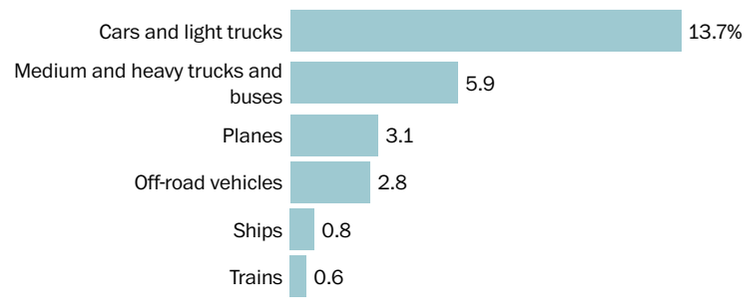
ABOVE: Farm operator James St. Onge pushes cow feed with a Volvo electric loader this month at the Molly Pitcher dairy farm in Pennsylvania's Southampton Township. The farmers say it's better for the cattle to be around quieter machinery, and they can charge up with electricity generated on the farm. LEFT: Equipment outside a Volvo Construction Equipment facility in nearby Shippensburg. The firm currently sells seven electric models. "Almost all the major companies are working on electric solutions," one industry observer said.

Construction equipment, tractors and other off-road vehicles emit almost as much carbon as planes

Share of total U.S. greenhouse emissions by source



Source: The U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization

How are electric and diesel machines different?

Volvo's electric machines are very similar to its diesel machines, with the exception that their engines have been swapped out for batteries. The 55,000-pound electric excavator, for instance, has 264 kilowatt-hours of battery storage — the same as nine Mini Cooper EVs, or a little more than one electric Hummer.

I drove both the electric and diesel versions of the machine, and the differences between them mirrored the differences between EVs and gas-powered cars. The electric machine idled silently, and its controls were slightly more responsive than the diesel one, because its electric motor can deliver power faster than a combustion engine — similar to the way an EV can accelerate faster than a gas-powered car. But both machines pulled dirt out of the ground with the same power.

You can see the similarities on display on the assembly line at Volvo Construction Equipment's North American headquarters in Shippensburg. Similar hulking, half-formed chassis move down the lines for both types of vehicles. But halfway through, a huge hook hanging from the ceiling will either lower an engine or a battery pack into the machine for workers to install.

The electric machines are catching on slowly. Of the 60,000 pieces of construction equipment Volvo delivered to customers last year, 895 were electric, according to the company's annual report. The company said it aims to offer electric versions of more than a third of its models by 2030.

Where might you spot electric construction equipment?

Electric machines are good for a particular kind of job site. The machines need a place to charge — which could be the same Level 1, 2 or 3 chargers that EVs plug into in buildings, parking lots or charging stations. And ideally, they wouldn't have to move heavy loads for very long shifts.

"If you have a 24-hour, round-the-clock type of [work schedule], battery electrics aren't very practical because you can't stop to plug in for the four or five hours that it would take to recharge it," said Ray Gallant, vice president of sustainability and productivity services at Volvo Construction Equipment.

Volvo says it often sells or leases electric machines for job sites where it pays to limit noise and air pollution. The Toronto Zoo used one of the company's machines to avoid upsetting animals while repairing their enclosures. Cemeteries have bought excavators to quietly dig graves without disturbing mourners. Construction crews working on busy city streets use the machines to avoid annoying the neighbors or polluting their air.

At the Molly Pitcher dairy farm five miles down the road from Volvo Construction Equipment, farmers use an electric wheel loader to move feed, clean out barn floors and help lift and maintain pumps. The farmers say it's better for the cattle to be around quieter machinery. Plus, they can charge the battery free because the farm generates its own electricity using a device that converts manure into power.

"The more I can use that electricity, the more profitable we are," said Keith Jones, the farm owner.

On other job sites where EVs aren't practical, construction crews can cut their emissions by running their machines on greener fuels, such as renewable diesel made from crops or used cooking oil. California now requires all off-road equipment to run on renewable diesel.

"There, you're getting up to a 70 percent carbon benefit relative to running a diesel fuel, so that could be a really key intermediate step," said Tom Durbin, a faculty researcher at the Center for Environmental Research and Technology at the University of California at Riverside.

One day, crews could upgrade to machines that run on pure hydrogen, a fuel that creates zero carbon emissions — but those mainly exist as prototypes today.

Lawmakers hope limits on fossil fuel ads will start to sway public opinion

Local bans the world over target oil firms, automakers and airlines

BY SHANNON OSAKA

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND — Last month this Scottish city — filled with medieval spires and shadowed by the looming castle on the hill said to have inspired the Harry Potter books — made a startlingly modern decision. Edinburgh's city council voted to ban fossil fuel advertisements on city property, undermining the ability of not only oil companies, but also car manufacturers, airlines and cruise ships, to promote their products. The ban targeted arms manufacturers as well.

Edinburgh is not alone. Amsterdam and Sydney have cracked down on advertisements for fossil fuels and high-emissions products. France also limited the promotion of coal, gas and hydrogen made from fossil fuels. Even U.N. Secretary General António Guterres has joined in, endorsing a ban on fossil fuel ads in a speech in New York this month: "Stop the Mad Men from fueling the madness."

"There's a moment happening here," said Ben Parker, the Edinburgh city councilor who spearheaded the ban and is a member of the Scottish Green Party. "It's a way of saying fossil fuel companies and arms manufacturers are not welcome in our city."

A local ban on fossil fuel advertisements might seem minor at a time when carbon emissions — and temperatures — continue to march upward. But there is evidence that sweeping advertising bans, such as those targeting tobacco products in many countries, can change how consumers view and purchase certain products. The question is whether the new fossil fuel advertising bans are substantial enough to have an impact.

"A lot of these bans that are being put forward are at the municipal and city level," said Timothy Dewhirst, professor of marketing and consumer studies at the University of Guelph in Canada. "And partial bans have proven to be ineffective."

Fossil fuel producers counter that they are focused on addressing climate change. "Our industry is focused on continuing to produce affordable, reliable energy while tackling the climate challenge, and any allegations to the contrary are false," Scott Lauermann, a spokesperson for the American Petroleum Institute, said in an email.

Proponents of advertising bans seek to accomplish two goals: convince people that they should not use the product, and lower the reputation of an industry or company. Given how embedded fossil fuels are in modern society, some experts see the latter goal as more achievable.

At the individual level, seeing fewer advertisements for gas-guzzling cars or international trips could make people less likely to opt for those products. "What you are doing is reducing the amount of consumption that is coming from those advertisements," said Andrew Simms, co-director of the New Weather Institute and a campaigner for fossil fuel ad bans.

There is evidence that this works. Starting in the 1970s, the constant drumbeat of new findings on the health effects of cigarettes triggered a lengthy process in which nations restricted advertisements for cigarettes on TV, the radio and in public spaces. In the United States, bans began with cigarette advertising on television and grew to cover the sponsorship of events, public transit ads and more.

Today, dozens of countries — including the United States, China and those in the European Union — have bans, restrictions or other limitations on selling tobacco products. There is even an international treaty under the World Health Organization, adopted in 2003, that urges all countries to enact bans that target all forms of tobacco advertising. There are 168 signatories on the treaty; the United States has signed the treaty but not ratified it.

Research shows that those bans that block TV, radio, print and in-store advertising — as well as sponsorship of events — are most effective at stopping smoking, particularly among young people who have yet to start. As of 2017, full bans were implemented in less than 20 percent of countries worldwide.

But bans that are partial, such as those that target only TV commercials, are less effective. Companies may just reallocate their advertising budgets to other media, or shift to sponsoring sports teams and similar.

"It's like a tube of toothpaste," said David Hammond, a professor of public health at the University of Waterloo in Canada. "If you press in just one spot, it just squeezes to another part of the tube."

Fossil fuels also present a particular challenge: While an individual can choose not to smoke, it is almost impossible to disconnect from an electricity grid that runs partly on fossil fuels. Ad bans can target some discretionary spending, like cruises and air travel, but oil, gas and coal are deeply embedded in everyday life.

Parker, the Edinburgh city councilor, says there are still reasons to target sources of global warming. "We protect people from things like gambling, alcohol and tobacco," he said. "Climate change is a different type of harm, but it's still a harm."

Meanwhile, some advocates and scholars emphasize that advertising allows companies to shape their public image, which can protect them from stricter regulation.

Researchers say that fossil fuel companies use ads to maintain their "social license to operate" — a shorthand for a corporation's ability to be seen as acceptable by society and policymakers. By showing ads connecting their operations to clean energy, jobs, or energy security — and sponsoring popular events — fossil fuel companies can bolster their reputations in the public sphere.

"Political scientists refer to fossil fuel advertising as a form of 'outside' lobbying," said Geoffrey Supran, associate professor of environmental science and policy at the University of Miami. "It complements lobbying inside the Hill and in state governments and so on."

Earlier this month, for example, the fossil fuel company Chevron sponsored the annual Congressional Baseball Game in Washington — which was interrupted by climate protesters.

Robert Brulle, a visiting professor of environment and society at Brown University, says that advertising allows fossil fuel companies to help define the solutions to climate change — such as things like carbon capture from oil and gas plants. "They're saying, 'We need to be part of the solution, we have the technical know-how,' " Brulle said.

In one study by Brulle and his co-authors, the researchers found that fossil fuel companies increased their advertising spending in response to congressional attention to and media coverage of climate change.

Even if there were substantial advertising bans instituted for fossil fuels, it would be difficult to measure how such bans affect a company's reputation. But some experts believe that it could make a difference. "It would be monumental," Supran said. "It could loosen the stranglehold of the industry in a way that would politically and financially open the door to lower carbon technologies."

For now, ad bans have been instituted in only a small number of cities and nations worldwide — in a manner not so different from how tobacco advertising bans began. "It happened incrementally," Hammond said. "It was a multi-decade process."

Searing summer heat arrives early, sparking worries

BY SCOTT DANCE

In an average June, just a few days reach 90 degrees in Detroit. But by the time the year's first blast of summer breaks in the Motor City this weekend, nearly a week of intense heat will have passed.

And some of the most dangerous heat waves are those just like the one gripping parts of the Midwest and Northeast this week: hitting early in the season, when people have had less time to adjust to the conditions, and in places well outside the Sun Belt where people don't often experience such sustained levels of tropical-like warmth.

"We're starting pretty early in the year," said Abdul El-Sayed, health officer for Wayne County, Mich. "People aren't as used to heat this early in the summer."

As global temperatures rise, intense heat is arriving sooner and raising risks of illnesses and death among people who aren't acclimatized to it, experts said. In many cases, heat can overwhelm the body well before a person realizes it, they added — especially at this time of year, when memories of heat-beating strategies are stale and physiological adaptations to heat need a jump-start.

That has health and environmental officials across a baking swath of the East on alert and in action this week. In Boston, they are deploying misting stations and handing out cooling kits. In Fort Wayne, Ind., garbage pickup is happening earlier and YMCAs are opening splash pads to the public. And in Ann Arbor, Mich., officials are standing by in case they need to impose a heat emergency plan normally activated only when the heat index surges well into the triple digits.

"A hearty Michigander might tell you we're used to having all the seasons in one day," said Susan Ringler-Cerniglia, a spokeswoman for the health department in Washtenaw County, which includes Ann Arbor. But the reality is that with such a sustained first dose of summer heat, "now is when we start to worry more," Ringler-Cerniglia said.

"It's a little earlier than we tend to see these kinds of heat waves happen," she said.

Why early-season heat is harder to handle

Research has shown that death tolls from early season heat waves are higher. Data in a 2010 study showed heat-related deaths increased by 5 percent during the first heat wave of the summer and by 2.7 percent during later heat waves, as compared with non-heat wave days.

That deadly effect was more pronounced in the Northeast and the Midwest when compared with the South, the study found — places where people are likely to experience all four seasons of the year, with both cold, snowy winters and hot, muggy summers.

The effect is physiological and psychological, researchers said.

When the body is adjusted to heat, it manages by initiating sweating sooner, sending more blood to the skin, increasing thirst sensations and retaining more salt, said Jennifer Vanos, an associate professor in the Global Futures Laboratory at Arizona State University.

But in the first heat wave of the season — or even when another strikes weeks after a previous bout of heat — those adjustments don't happen immediately. That is true of people who haven't felt heat in months, as well as those who might live in a hot environment but spend most of their time in air conditioning, Vanos said.

"In order to have those adaptations, we have to expose ourselves to the heat," she said.

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The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole in Reston, Va., is packed with visitors on Wednesday as a heat wave intensifies across the nation.

At the same time, people who aren't used to the heat are also less likely to take precautions or behave in ways needed to keep themselves cool, researchers said. They might overestimate how much heat they can withstand while working outside or sunning on a beach, for example.

After enduring multiple days of extreme heat in a row, "people start to get dehydrated and they don't realize they haven't caught up," El-Sayed said.

Many people underestimate the toll that heat may be taking on the human body, said Kristie Ebi, a professor at the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the University of Washington. There is no strong feedback mechanism to make us aware if our core body temperature is starting to rise, she said. Making that more difficult to discern: that the first symptom is often confusion.

"People can get in trouble with heat before they're even aware they're having heat stress," Ebi said.

How we are confronting risks

That means work to keep vulnerable populations cool is especially urgent in communities where this week's temperatures are perhaps not uncommon for summer but are arriving earlier and lasting for longer than is typical.

According to a new HeatRisk tool the National Weather Service expanded across the country to help the public better gauge how dangerous heat might be, heat is forecast to have "extreme" impacts this week from the Great Lakes states into New England. That is a measure of not just absolute temperature, but also of the degree to which the conditions could be dangerous without intervention to keep people cool.

"We've done things we usually do in August," said Thomas Gutwein, health commissioner in Allen County, Ind., which includes Fort Wayne. He said authorities will be monitoring how many people are using cooling centers and will be prepared to open more, if necessary.

And they are considering what may become necessary longer-term, if heat waves like this one arrive while school is in session, for example, Gutwein said.

In Toledo, where temperatures hit a record-setting 99 degrees Monday, the rise in heat is converging with increases in heavy rain and increasing chances for mosquito-borne illnesses or mold. They are the sorts of tropical challenges that are unfamiliar in a place like Toledo, where many residents don't have air conditioning because they didn't used to need it, said Karim Baroudi, commissioner of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

"We're going to have to adjust as much as we can," Baroudi said. "We have to be as fast and as nimble as the weather is changing."

Residents of often snowy Boston have found it impossible to ignore a lack of plowable snow for two winters running and are used to closely watching their city's street-clearing performance in colder conditions. But they may be less likely to recognize their rising risks of exposure to extreme heat — or the actions city officials are taking to minimize those risks, said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, who directs the Green New Deal program of Mayor Michelle Wu (D). That may be especially true in Black communities where the burden of heat is greater, in part because the impact of redlining includes less tree cover, as well as higher rates of asthma, he said.

Heat waves like this one could be starting to change that perception, he added. "We're getting there," Sellers-Garcia said. "It's reaching the level of how we mobilize for snow emergencies."

An intergenerational fix for the housing crunch

HOUSEMATES FROM **A1**

commutes.

"We've had a really delightful time with almost everyone that's come through here," says Holzapfel, adding some of her youngest housemates have become like grandchildren. "Each older couple can strike the right balance of who they want to have around. Everyone can find what works for them."

"Boommates" have been booming for years, according to census data. Here's why you might want to join them.

The housing crunch

Intergenerational living was once common in American cities. Everyone from families of modest means to the upper class rented out rooms or entire floors. These boardinghouses served as many as half of 19th-century urban residents. Poet Walt Whitman, who lived in boardinghouses in his early teens, described them as the country's melting pot in 1842. "Married men and single men, old men and pretty girls; milliners and masons; cobblers, colonels, and counter-jumpers; tailors and teachers; lieutenants, loafers, ladies, lackbrains, and lawyers; printers and parsons—'black spirits and white, blue spirits and gay'—all 'go out to board,'" the Boston Globe reports, quoting Whitman.

Yet many cities have essentially outlawed new duplexes and townhouses built to accommodate multiple generations under one roof. Exclusionary zoning laws restrict 70 percent of all residential land to single-family homes, fueling a dire affordability crisis, according to a 2024 report by the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

Last year, three-quarters of the country's housing markets were considered unaffordable, according to Attom, a real estate data company. Homeowners are spending about 35 percent of their income on housing costs on average, far above the 28 percent benchmark to be considered affordable.

Bigger homes also are scarce because empty nesters are still in them, says Jennifer Molinsky of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. Baby-boomer households without children living at home own an estimated 28 percent of the nation's large houses with three or more bedrooms, compared with just 14 percent of millennial households with children, despite this generation outnumbering its boomer counterparts.

There are good reasons baby boomers are holding on to their houses: Older homeowners typically enjoy rock-bottom mortgage rates, and the vast majority prefer to grow old in their own homes. Even for those willing to move, few options to downsize exist because of the scarcity of affordable "missing middle" housing units in their communities.

That means millions of bedrooms sit empty. The real estate company Trulia estimated in 2017 that 3.6 million vacant bedrooms in baby-boomer households could be rented out in the 100 largest U.S. metro areas.

The rise of the boommate

The housing crunch prompted Nancy, a retired professor of astronomy who lives in a Boston suburb, to open up her five-bedroom house, built in 1889, to renters.

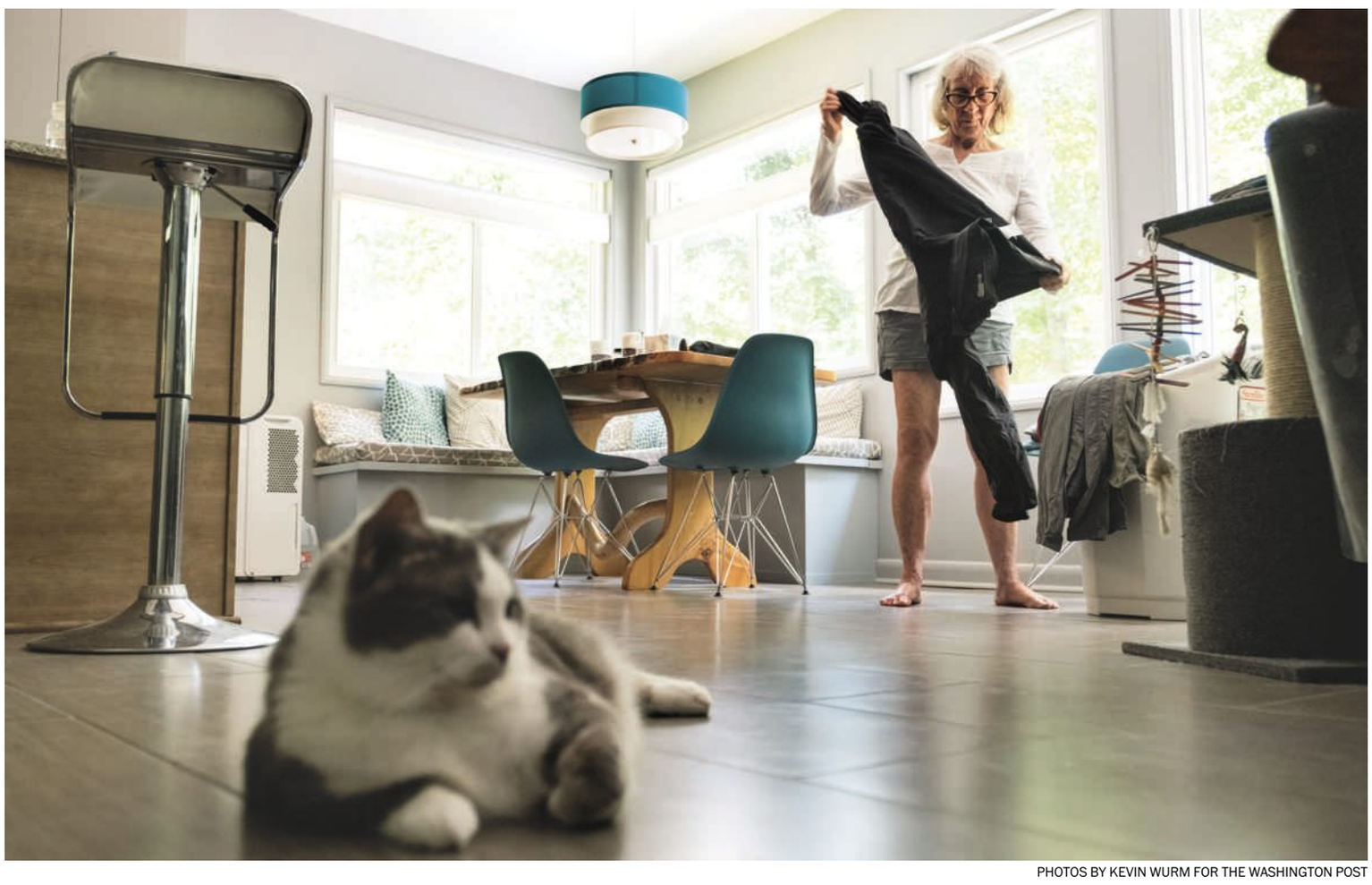
"I started renting in 2016 and never looked back," she says, speaking on condition that only her first name be used to protect her privacy. "Even if I had plenty of money, I don't think I would want to live here by myself."

Typically, she has an older housemate and a younger one, a graduate student from nearby Boston College. Each person has their own bedroom and private bathroom, and the trio share a kitchen and common space, occasional meals or even road trips. "All have been great people," she adds.

Like Nancy, about 947,000 people over the age of 65 now live with unrelated housemates or roommates, according to estimates based on 2022 U.S. census data by Molinsky. About 50 percent of them are younger adults.

There are now a variety of services that help people find a boommate. HomeShare Online (formerly Silvernest) offers nationwide matching with free and paid tiers. Nesterly finds graduate students in college towns willing to help with household chores for discounted rent. An online search will probably turn up a home-sharing agency near you, often at no cost. The National Shared Housing Resource Center lists about 50 nonprofits.

For those who can afford it, carving a duplex, private suite or accessory dwelling unit (ADU) out of an existing home can offer more privacy and revenue. Some companies even pay homeowners for this. California start-up BuildCasa offers up to $400,000 to subdivide your lot and build a backyard ADU or duplex it owns. If you want your own, BuildCasa can advise you on the process of creating a second property for it to rent or sell.



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Cynthia Holzapfel at her home in Summertown, Tenn., where she has rented the basement to seven families over the past 20 years.

Holzapfel and her husband, Bob, outside their home. Some of their youngest housemates have become like grandchildren, she says.

What makes a successful boommate match?

Anyone can be a boommate. Professional services, trusted friends or institutions, such as local universities, can be a source of vetted tenants. Laying out expectations up front and in writing, along with clear communication, avoids misunderstandings or conflicts, especially around common areas such as the laundry room or kitchen. Finding the right terms takes a little practice.

Many services recommend background and credit checks, and provide home-sharing agreements refined over many matches.

Luke Barnesmoore of Front Porch, a housing nonprofit, says home-sharing is now an essential social service for seniors and workers unable to afford a place to live. "We're now in the space of homeless prevention," he said. Americans 50 and older are the fastest-growing age group experiencing homelessness, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, accounting for about half of the total homeless population.

Over the past few years, the nonprofit has made more intergenerational matches. Despite some participants' hesitation about the age gap, Barnesmoore says a successful match is less about age than values. Front Porch says it hasn't had to end a match in at least four years.

"Social dynamics are often pretty similar," he says. "Humans are humans. We have so much more in common than the generational difference might imply."

Serena Kachinsky, 44, had her doubts about giving up her own space. "Even in college, I was like, 'I don't want roommates,'" she says. "Sharing space is hard."

But after enduring California's brutal housing market for more than a decade, she and her husband decided they needed to make a change. With one child, and another on the way, they moved to Tennessee, where her husband grew up.

They moved into Holzapfel's basement in 2020, just before the pandemic. The Farm offered a tightknit community, a new life and the chance to expand their family beyond what they could afford in the Bay Area, among the most expensive places to live in the world.

The experience was like gaining another family, she said. Holzapfel and her husband, Bob, helped out with Kachinsky's two children. The families shared time in the yard and held a weekly pizza night. Many times, Kachinsky said, the Holzapfels offered invaluable advice drawn from decades of experience, something she described as the most valuable part of the experience.

"It was just like having a set of grandparents around," she says. "One of my son's first words was 'Bob.' We were that closely intertwangled."

Kachinsky's family eventually outgrew Holzapfel's basement after the arrival of their third child. They now live down the street, but they still visit.

Holzapfel says she plans to rent her basement again once the couple finishes a few home repairs. They see their role as welcoming young families to the Farm and getting them started in their next phase of life.

"We're a launching pad," she says.

THE WORLD

Futures on hold, dreams of escape

Youth in Kenya's Dadaab refugee camp cling to hopes for education, resettlement

BY MALIN FEZEHAI AND RAEL OMBUOR
IN DADAAB, KENYA

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Every morning when 16-year-old Duol Ter wakes up in his hut in Kenya's sprawling Dadaab refugee camp, he goes to see his cherished pigeons. He began with just two and now there are dozens of them, fed with carefully hoarded grain, living in makeshift homes built out of discarded USAID boxes.

Since he came to the camp in 2013 at the age of 5, fleeing the civil war in South Sudan, the pigeons have been his companions and a way to pass his days — along with school. But when he leaves this camp — which he is sure one day he will — they will have to stay behind. "I love my pigeons [but] I will leave them in the camp when the U.N. takes me to another country," he said. "I will not be sad about that because where I will go, there will also be pigeons."

The families that make the forbidding journey to Dadaab, one of the world's largest refugee camps, see it as a transition or gateway to something better, even though most will go on to live their whole lives there. Hope often comes in the form of the simple school buildings that offer a way out.

While most teenagers around the world take for granted that they will leave home after graduation, those growing up in refugee camps are stuck in perpetual limbo.

Ter learned his first words of English at a refugee camp school in Kenya after an ethnically driven civil war broke out in his Sudanese home state of Jonglei. "I remember hearing people screaming and me running with my aunt; then I remember the long journey to Nairobi by bus — my aunt, her two children and me. It was scary because we thought we would be killed on the road," he recalled. He was staying with his aunt when the war came and doesn't know what happened to his parents and siblings.

He believes he will go one day to Australia, after he and his aunt did resettlement interviews with the U.N. refugee agency last year. But they are still here — the resettlement process can take years.

In the meantime, he hopes he can study his way out of the camp, graduate in three years and get a rare, coveted scholarship to a university in Kenya. His goal is to become a doctor and return to South Sudan to find his family.

"When I think about my parents, and my two siblings, I want to study hard, mainly because I know that if I get an education, I will find them," he said.

Dadaab grew out of the civil war in neighboring Somalia in 1991 and now is home to more than 380,000 people — three times more than it was originally built for.

The camp is still more than 97 percent Somali, but the wars and droughts across the region have expanded the population with refugees and asylum seekers from as far away as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Burundi, Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Konsow Hassan, 21, arrived from Somalia when she was just 8. Now, together with her best friend Habibo Hussein, 19, she is in her final year of high school — one of more than 70,000 students being educated in camp schools.

Once they dreamed of a peaceful Somalia; now they dream of being resettled by the United Nations in Canada. And if resettlement doesn't come through, only good grades at school can get them out of the camp. "This being our final year of high school will be the year that may determine whether we leave or not," she said.

According to the U.N. refugee agency, which runs most of the camp's schools, there are about 1,500 graduates in the camp every year and only enough scholarships to universities outside for about 1 percent of them.

Ubah Wali Abdisamad, 17, hasn't been to school in months. She wants to go back, and hopes to, but there are so many other things to do. Her family home in the camp was inundated in recent floods and all nine of them took refuge in a school. Now she is lining up to receive supplies, pushing and shoving with other women to get the four blankets, four pieces of soap, a mat and water can allotted to each family.

She has no memories of her native Somalia, which she left with her father soon after her mother died. She has spent her whole life in the camp.

"I want to study and learn to speak English like many people because I will be able to do more with that knowledge," she said.

Abdifatah Abdi Hussein, 19, is good at math. Really good. And word has gotten around. Kids flock to his home in the camp for help — he's even set up a makeshift classroom, complete with chalkboard, for his teaching sessions.

Hussein is also in his final year of high school and is hoping his skills will earn him a scholarship and a way out of the camp he's lived in since he was 7. His mother took him and his four brothers and sisters away from a part of Somalia controlled by the radical Islamist al-Shabab group so they could get an education.

"There was no school, only Islamic religion there," he recalled. "The world is developing and now the world is about a book and a pen." His dream is to study in America and become a computer engineer.

Located in eastern Kenya, the sprawling settlement takes its name from the nearby Kenyan town of Dadaab and is made up of four distinct camps: Hagadera, Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2. Walking along the dirt paths between homes made of dried mud, metal siding and tree branches, there are scenes familiar to any Kenyan village, as children play with handmade wooden toys or roll hoops on the ground.

Kindergartens, elementary schools and high schools can be found scattered around the camps. Schools are built of stone and filled with wooden desks and chalkboards, though as the population expands they are supplemented with long white tents. They give the children in the camp the sense of a future — though many end up dropping out to help their parents make ends meet.

Throughout the camps, the homes are made of mud or metal sheets, fortified by tree branches — seemingly temporary structures that have now housed families for decades.

Inside her hut, Nyamuch Tel Muon, 19, dresses her little sister Nyanchiok, 8. They came here 13 years ago fleeing tribal violence in Sudan. The tree branches along the wall offer convenient nooks and crannies to secure their toothbrushes, combs and other pieces of their daily lives.

Alice Nishimwe dreams of Australia. "I want to be a doctor and change my family's life one day," she said. For now she's going to school and, in her spare time, working at a beauty salon at the camp market, braiding women's hair to help her mother, who washes clothes, make rent.

In 2013 her father was killed in Rutana, Burundi. So her mother wrapped her up, placed her on her back and fled to Kenya with her two other children, eventually reaching Dadaab in 2019.

It's not an easy life. Sometimes they need to sell their food rations to meet their daily needs.

"I have missed school so many times so that I can work and help sustain the family, because my mother and siblings have been through enough suffering. I am hopeful that soon, our lives will change," Nishimwe said.

Her mother, who has done the interviews with the U.N. refugee agency for resettlement, was told she would go to Australia, but that was 10 years ago. In the meanwhile, she stays in the camp, where at least there is a school.

"Alice studying makes me happy and it gives me hope for a better future."

Halima Hamud was born in the Dadaab camp of Hagadera in 2006, the last of seven children. Her mother arrived soon after it opened in 1992 as part of the first wave of refugees from the Somali civil war.

Every year she looks forward to school starting again, as there is little to do without it. "Life without school is very boring when you don't have anything else to do." Like so many other teens in Dadaab, it also represents a way out. Her older sister — one of only three of her siblings who went to school — won a scholarship to the University of Nairobi in 2021.

"That gives me hope that I can also make it," she said. Ahead of her loom the national exams, and how she performs will dictate what avenues are open to her going forward.

"I have bigger dreams to achieve, dreams that are not possible to achieve here," she said.

"This being our final year of high school will be the year that may determine whether we leave [Dadaab] or not."

Konsow Hassan, a Somali-born resident of the camp

TOP: Students leave Towfiq Secondary School in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya. The camp, originally set up during Somalia's civil war, is home to more than 380,000 people — three times more than it was built for. SECOND FROM TOP: From left, Leila Ali Ibrahim, 17, a Kenyan Somali, Alice Nishimwe, 17, from Burundi, and Maryam Noor, 17, from Somalia, met at Hagadera Secondary School and became best friends. They communicate in Swahili and English. SECOND FROM BOTTOM: Hussein Lubo Osman, 17, studies in a makeshift classroom at the Hagadera refugee camp in Dadaab. ABOVE: Alice Nishimwe washes a client's hair at a salon in the camp market, to help her mother, who washes clothes, make rent. Nishimwe dreams of going to Australia and becoming a doctor.

Hezbollah's drones put Israeli air defense to test

BY SHIRA RUBIN

TEL AVIV — For years, the standoff on Israel's border was between the massive rocket stockpile of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group and the vaunted Iron Dome anti-missile system that ably handled most incoming rockets and artillery.

But Hezbollah is deploying a deceptively simpler weapon from its arsenal to bypass this cornerstone of Israel's national security strategy: high-speed, low-flying drones — many just commercial-grade — to gather intelligence and drop explosives.

As these uncrewed aircraft hit military sites and private homes in Israel, they are also resurfacing debates around the decade-old air defense system, which many worry provides an imperfect shield against Israel's various enemies — especially as they experiment with new weapons and new ways of using old ones.

With the imminent prospect of a regionwide war exploding with Hezbollah and its allies, Israel is scrambling to reformulate its air defense approach to deal with these new, lower-tech threats.

Israel received a shock Tuesday when Hezbollah released drone footage of a critical Israeli military base at the port of Haifa, some 15 miles from the Lebanese border, thus showing off its drone abilities. Hezbollah said the images were captured with a drone that went undetected and returned to Lebanon.

"What we released yesterday is a small part of many hours that were filmed in Haifa," Hezbollah leader Hasan Nasrallah said in a speech Wednesday. "There will be no place safe from our missiles and drones."

Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, the Israel Defense Forces chief of staff, said the footage showed a "capability that we are aware of."

"We are preparing and building solutions for those capabilities and for other capabilities that will meet them at the necessary moment," he said Wednesday from an Iron Dome battery in northern Israel.

Soon after the footage was made public, the Israeli army said it had "approved operational plans for an offensive in Lebanon."

U.S. special envoy Amos Hochstein, after shuttling between Israel and Lebanon, said in Beirut on Tuesday that the region was "going through dangerous times and critical moments," and urged a diplomatic solution.

Israel and Hezbollah both say they do not want war, but they are readying for one. For Israel, that means rethinking old ideas on the advantages — and limits — of its own technological superiority.

Hezbollah drone tactics involving agile, radar-evading drones for reconnaissance and bombing are not new, but they have surfaced into the public conversation in recent weeks, as the tit-for-tat cross-border attacks have reached a greater intensity.

Hezbollah's small, remote-controlled drones — believed to be simply bought over the counter — can operate independent of radio signals. Some can fly up to 125 mph. They can fly low to the ground, and can maneuver around the mountains and into the canyons along the border, skimming through the blind spots in Israel's detection web.

The Israeli military may mistake the drones for its own, or for birds. Even when it does identify them, the drones do not follow the straight path of a missile, and shooting one down, in the case of a reconnaissance drone, may cause more damage than simply letting it return to its control center.

Onn Fenig, the CEO of R2, an Israeli signal processing and machine learning start-up, said that the war between Ukraine and Russia, in which both sides are heavily relying on drones, and now increasingly between Israel and Hezbollah, showcases the "modern battlefield, in which threats have evolved beyond the visible spectrum."

In the case of the war in Ukraine, both sides use drones, but neither has found an effective defense against them, contributing to the battlefield stalemate. It is not clear how Israel plans to crack the drone conundrum.

"The Hezbollah modus operandi is first sending out very small commercial drones to do surveillance of IDF military posts, trying to figure out which units are there. Then a few seconds later, a kamikaze UAV explodes," Fenig said, using the abbreviation for unmanned aerial vehicles.

"The damage is normally not that big — it's not a missile. But it's psychological — they are showing that they can penetrate the air defense, they can reach very far behind your border lines," he said, speaking from the international arms expo in Paris.

The drone footage from the Haifa port on Tuesday was probably only the latest in a string of similar cases, Fenig said, made public only because "people actually saw it in the sky," and because Hezbollah publicized it as a piece of psychological warfare.

The simplicity of drones is the reason that, for more than a decade, they were seen as a low priority for an Israeli army that prided itself on its advanced tech, said Liran Antebi, a researcher on the link between technology and defense at the Institute for National Security Studies, a nonpartisan think tank in Tel Aviv.

Israel is now part of an arms race where, for a change, organizations that once seemed small or only paramilitary can be surprisingly effective, she said. "Many times, Israel's enemies challenge it with low-tech, or no tech, and so Israel must not necessarily respond only with technology, but with a real awareness of the threat."

During the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack, thousands of gunmen stormed Israel's border with the help of explosive-laden drones that took out the surveillance cameras, sensors and automatic machine guns along Israel's southern border fence — a barrier thought to be impenetrable.

More than 1,200 Israelis were killed in that attack and about 250 taken hostage. In the ensuing eight months, more than 37,000 Gazans have been killed during Israel's retaliatory air and ground assault, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians but says the majority of the casualties are women and children.

A war with Lebanon could be even deadlier for both Israel and Lebanon, given the number and types of weapons involved, experts say.

Last week, after Israel killed the most senior Hezbollah commander yet, the group fired its largest salvo of rockets and drones at Israel since October, sparking wildfires that have scorched 11,000 acres of land. On Saturday, Hezbollah shot antitank missiles at the IDF's main air traffic control base on Mount Meron. Two days later, Israel killed a "key operative" in a Hezbollah rockets and missiles unit. The cross-border attacks are incessant.

The biggest test for Israel's air defense, however, came after Iran retaliated for the bombing in April of its embassy in Damascus, Syria, and the killing of two senior Revolutionary Guard commanders. Iran, together with regional allies, fired hundreds of cruise and ballistic missiles and launched hundreds of explosive drones at Israel.

Israel emerged largely unscathed, with one young girl severely injured by shrapnel. But it had help. A U.S.-led regional coalition provided major support in shooting down many of the incoming projectiles.

The Iranian attack was also a one-off event, and raised questions around Israel's ability to handle, or afford, an attack that would have been more sustained, said Fenig, the Israeli start-up CEO. He said that in the post-Oct. 7 world, Israel and its allies would need to leverage its military technology to deal with a new generation of unconventional and at times paradoxical threats.

"If you're strong and you have budget, you don't have the upper hand," he said. "There's no one solution in this dramatically changing battlefield. It's all very problematic."

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A fire blazes on the Israeli side of the Israel-Lebanon border on Tuesday, amid cross-border hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces. Hezbollah last week fired its largest salvo of rockets and drones at Israel since October, sparking wildfires covering 11,000 acres.

U.N.: Israeli bombings might be war crimes

BY CLAIRE PARKER, ANNABELLE TIMSIT AND BRYAN PIETSCH

The U.N. human rights office said Wednesday that Israel "may have repeatedly violated" the laws of war by using massive explosives on densely populated areas in the Gaza Strip during the first months of the fighting.

In its report Wednesday, the office highlighted six "emblematic" cases in which the Israel Defense Forces used "explosive weapons with wide area effects" — including 2,000-pound bombs — in civilian neighborhoods in Gaza. Together, the attacks killed at least 218 people, according to the report. One such attack, on Dec. 2 in Shejaiya, in Gaza City, destroyed 15 buildings and left at least 60 people dead. At the time, the IDF said the target was Wissam Farhat, a senior commander in Hamas's armed wing.

In five of the strikes, Israel gave no warning, U.N. officials said.

The report comes amid rising scrutiny of Israel's use of force — and the U.S. role in supplying weapons — in a war that has killed more than 37,000 people in Gaza and left much of the enclave in rubble.

As recently as March, the Biden administration quietly authorized a large transfer of bombs and fighter jets to Israel. And, as The Washington Post reported this week, the Biden administration put pressure on Democratic lawmakers to greenlight a major arms sales to Israel.

But in May, the administration elected for the first time to pause a shipment of thousands of weapons to Israel, including 2,000-pound bombs, amid mounting concern about the country's plan to expand a military operation in Rafah, a densely packed area of southern Gaza.

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused the Biden administration of "withholding" weapons and ammunition from Israel — a claim that caused bewilderment among some administration officials.

"We genuinely do not know what he is talking about," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told journalists Tuesday. She said one shipment was paused and conversations with Israeli officials were ongoing for its potential release. "Everything else is moving in due process," she said.

In his video, posted Tuesday on X, Netanyahu said he told Secretary of State Antony Blinken during the official's recent visit to Israel: "It's inconceivable that in the past few months, the administration has been withholding weapons and ammunitions to Israel."

Israeli government spokesman David Mencer, responding to a report that the White House canceled a meeting with Israeli officials over the video, said at a briefing Wednesday that "it's normal for there to be disagreements, of course, in all partnerships. But the prime minister's comments speak for themselves."

Netanyahu is under pressure at home, where dissatisfaction is growing over his handling of the war in Gaza and what critics say is his refusal to commit to a cease-fire deal that would secure the release of 120 hostages still being held in Hamas captivity in Gaza. Thousands demonstrated against Netanyahu and his government in Jerusalem on Monday and Tuesday, demanding early elections and a hostage deal in the first of several protests scheduled for this week.

President Isaac Herzog struck a more appreciative tone about U.S. support to Israel during a meeting with members of the U.S. Congress on Wednesday.

"We are utterly grateful to the United States of America for standing with us in this war. And I'm very grateful to the president of the United States for being here at the beginning of the war and making a clear message on behalf of the American people," he told the bipartisan delegation.

Israel said in a statement that it rejected the conclusions of the report by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights about its actions in Gaza. Israel's envoy to the United Nations in Geneva, Meirav Eilon Shahar, accused the office of "spreading unfounded allegations."

The group set out to assess whether Israeli attacks in Gaza followed the principles in international law of "proportionality, distinction, precaution and necessity," Ajith Sunghay, head of the Palestinian territories branch of the U.N. agency, said in a news conference Wednesday.

Under international humanitarian law, armed factions must weigh whether the level of civilian harm an attack might cause is proportional to the military advantage of carrying it out. They are not supposed to launch indiscriminate attacks and should warn civilians ahead of targeting populated areas.

"Our message here is, with these weapons in a densely populated area like Gaza, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to follow those four principles," Sunghay said.

Sunghay said Israeli military investigators had opened fact-finding probes into five of the six incidents mentioned in the U.N. report — but he called for an independent investigation into each attack and accountability for perpetrators of violations.

The U.N. agency also criticized Palestinian militants Wednesday for embedding weapons or personnel among the civilian population in Gaza.

"However, the mere presence of one commander — or even several fighters, or of several distinct military objectives in one area — does not turn an entire neighborhood into a military objective," U.N. human rights spokesman Jeremy Laurence said.

He added that states supplying arms to belligerent parties are obligated under international law to ensure the recipient is abiding by the laws of war.

Wednesday's report, based on open-source information, interviews and other documentation, covers the period from Oct. 7 to Dec. 2.

Palestinian militants' repeated launches of unguided rockets into Israel since October also constitute war crimes, the commission said.

Sunghay said Wednesday that he stands by his office's findings, which he said were based on careful evidence collection and analysis as well as consultation with outside military experts. Palestinians in Gaza are "barely surviving," said Sunghay, who recently returned from a mission to the enclave.

Here's what to know

A merchant vessel was reportedly sunk in the Red Sea after it was attacked by Houthi forces from Yemen. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency said "maritime debris and oil" were seen in the last known location of the Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned bulk carrier Tutor. The ship came under attack from a Houthi drone ship on June 12 as it was traveling to Egypt. It is the second ship to have sunk during the Yemeni rebels' months-long campaign against vessels it views as connected to the United States, Israel or the war in Gaza.

The Rafah crossing between Israel and Egypt is "completely destroyed," Israeli media reported. The IDF razed the crossing last month, trapping Gazans seeking to evacuate from the besieged enclave, and shuttering an important artery for incoming aid. The destruction, reported by correspondents for Israel's Channel 13 and Israeli Army Radio, could complicate efforts to surge aid to Gazans if a cease-fire deal is reached, and as Israel winds down its operation in Rafah.

Israel struck two military sites belonging to Syria's armed forces around the Golan Heights, the Hezbollah-owned Al-Manar TV said Wednesday. The Israeli drone strikes around Quneitra and Daraa in southern Syria killed one officer, the official Syrian state news agency reported. The strike comes amid repeated cross-border attacks along the Israel-Lebanon border.

Hezbollah will invade northern Israel if the IDF starts a war on the Lebanese border, Hasan Nasrallah, leader of the Lebanese militant group and political party, said in a speech Wednesday. Skirmishes between Hezbollah and the IDF on the border have been simmering for months, threatening to boil over into an all-out war. Nasrallah also warned Cyprus against getting involved; he insinuated that the small Mediterranean country was poised to assist the IDF but did not provide evidence for his claims.

A French court overturned a ban on Israeli companies attending one of the largest weapons expos in the world. Paris's Commerce Tribunal ordered that the ban, which was put in place by organizers of the Eurosatory forum at the request of French authorities, should be reversed, according to Patrick Klugman, a lawyer who worked on the legal appeal and who called the ban "discriminatory."

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Palestinians check the aftermath of an Israeli strike the previous night in the Jabalya camp in the Gaza Strip, on Nov. 1, 2023.

Underground site is getting nearly 1,400 new centrifuges

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mark 2015 Iran nuclear agreement. Iran resumed making the nuclear fuel there shortly after the Trump administration unilaterally withdrew from the accord in 2018.

Iran already possesses a stockpile of about 300 pounds of highly enriched uranium that could be further refined into weapons-grade fuel for nuclear bombs within weeks, or perhaps days, U.S. intelligence officials say. Iran also is believed to have accumulated most of the technical know-how for a simple nuclear device, although it would probably take another two years to build a nuclear warhead that could be fitted onto a missile, according to intelligence officials and weapons experts.

Iran says it has no plans to make nuclear weapons. But in a striking shift, leaders of the country's nuclear energy program have begun asserting publicly that their scientists now possess all the components and skills for nuclear bombs and could build one quickly if so ordered. In the past two years, Fordow has begun stockpiling a kind of highly enriched uranium that is close to weapons-grade, with a purity far higher than the low-enriched fuel commonly used in nuclear power plants.

While Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium has been growing steadily since 2018, the planned expansion, if fully completed, would represent a leap in Iran's capacity for producing the fissile fuel used in both nuclear power plants and — with additional refining — nuclear weapons.

A STILL IMAGE FROM AN APRIL 2021 VIDEO RELEASED BY THE STATE-RUN ISLAMIC IRAN BROADCASTING NETWORK/AP

Centrifuge machines in 2021 line the hall at the Natanz Uranium Enrichment Facility after an act of sabotage. Another facility, Fordow, is an underground site inside a mountain in north-central Iran.

In private messages to the IAEA early last week, Iran's atomic energy organization said Fordow was being outfitted with nearly 1,400 new centrifuges, machines used to make enriched uranium, according to two European diplomats briefed on the reports. The new equipment, made in Iran and networked together in eight assemblies known as cascades, was to be installed within four weeks. A leaked draft of the Iranian plan was initially reported by Reuters.

The Biden administration reacted to Iran's planned expansion with a warning.

"Iran aims to continue expanding its nuclear program in ways that have no credible peaceful purpose," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said Thursday. "These planned actions further undermine Iran's claims to the contrary. If Iran implements these plans, we will respond accordingly."

While the IAEA has been aware of Iran's plans to increase its production of enriched uranium, the size of the planned boost took many analysts by surprise. If fully executed, the expansion at Fordow would double the number of working centrifuges at the underground facility, within a compressed timeline of about a month. A proportionally smaller, but still substantial, increase is on track at Natanz.

According to diplomats with access to confidential IAEA documents, Iran's expansion plan also calls for installing equipment that is far more capable that the machines that now make most of Iran's enriched uranium. At Fordow, only newer-model machines, known as IR-6s, were to be installed, reports show, a substantial upgrade from the IR-1 centrifuges currently in use there.

The 1,400 advanced machines would increase Fordow's capacity by 360 percent, according to a technical analysis provided to The Post by David Albright, a nuclear weapons expert and president of the Institute for Science and International Security, a Washington nonprofit.

Within a month after becoming fully operational, Fordow's IR-6s could generate about 320 pounds of weapons-grade uranium, Albright said. Using conservative calculations, that's enough for five nuclear bombs. In two months, the total stockpile could climb to nearly 500 pounds, Albright added.

"Iran would achieve a capability to breakout quickly, in a deeply buried facility, a capability it has never had before," Albright wrote in an email.

Iran's expansion plans for the Natanz plant call for adding thousands of centrifuge machines of a different type, known as the IR-2M. Albright calculated that Natanz's overall production capacity would increase by 35 percent.

Since the U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear deal, Iran has restricted IAEA inspectors' ability to monitor the country's production of advanced centrifuges. But agency inspectors in their visit to Fordow last Tuesday saw technicians beginning the installation of the IR-6 machines, according to a confidential summary shared with IAEA member states.

"It is totally credible," Albright said of Iran's expansion plans. "We have no idea what they've been doing with centrifuges. We'll know their capability fully only after they've installed the machines."

Iran chose to disclose its plans after IAEA member states approved a formal reprimand on June 5 criticizing Iran for its nuclear defiance. The IAEA Board of Governors resolution cited the "continued failure by Iran to provide the necessary, full and unambiguous co-operation" with the IAEA's oversight teams. Iranian officials promptly fired back, with one adviser to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, vowing in a social media post that Tehran "won't bow to pressure."

A spokesman for Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations said Tehran had strictly followed the rules for notifying the nuclear watchdog of its plans. The spokesman confirmed that the decision to do so was directly linked to the June 5 censure by IAEA members states.

"In this instance, in response to the Board of Governors' unnecessary, unwise, and hasty resolution, Iran has officially communicated its decision to the IAEA," the spokesman said in an email.

While the 2015 nuclear accord is still technically in effect, Iran has systematically flouted each of its major provisions in the years since the Trump administration walked away from the deal. The accord was negotiated during Barack Obama's presidency by the United States and five other world powers, plus the European Union, and known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA.

The agreement was condemned by the Israeli government and panned by many members of Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, because of its perceived shortcomings — particularly its "sunset" provisions that allowed several key restrictions to expire in 2031, just 15 years after the pact went into effect. Yet, until 2018, Iran was seen to be largely complying with the accord, which sharply restricted its ability to make or stockpile enriched uranium in return for sanctions relief.

Iran has shown little interest in reviving or improving the accord since 2018. The Biden White House, after a flurry of activity to restart negotiations in the administration's early months, has largely abandoned the project, focusing instead on a strategy of military strikes against Iran-backed militias combined with quiet diplomacy aimed at keeping Iran from crossing nuclear red lines.

Despite its increasingly provocative behavior, Iran for now appears unwilling to risk a U.S. or Israeli military strike by actually building and testing a nuclear weapon, U.S. analysts say.

"We do not see indications that Iran is currently undertaking the key activities that would be necessary to produce a testable nuclear device. And we don't believe that the Supreme Leader has yet made a decision to resume the weaponization program that we judge Iran suspended or stopped at the end of 2003," said a U.S. official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under rules set by the administration for discussing the matter. "That said, we remain deeply concerned with Iran's nuclear activities and will continue to vigilantly monitor them."

Tehran's efforts to portray itself as a threshold nuclear power allows Iran a measure of ambiguity that suits Tehran's purposes, said Robert Litwak, the author of several books on Iran's nuclear weapons proliferation and a senior vice president at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a Washington think tank.

"Iran's nuclear program is both a deterrent and a bargaining chip," Litwak said. While its planned expansion is more evidence of "pushing the bounds," such moves simultaneously strengthen Tehran's hand, should the regime decide that a return to the negotiating table serves its interests, he said.

"Iran's nuclear intentions should be viewed through the prism of regime survival," Litwak said. For now, at least, "Iran does not face an existential threat that would compel the regime to cross the line of overt weaponization."

Karen DeYoung contributed to this report.

Hundreds reported dead as Hajj pilgrimage wraps up amid scorching heat

Toll points to risks of mass outdoor gatherings in a warming climate

BY CHICO HARLAN AND HEBA FAROUK MAHFOUZ

Several days of extraordinary heat took a major toll on one of the world's largest religious gatherings, with hundreds reported dead as part of this year's Hajj pilgrimage in the desert of Saudi Arabia.

Two unnamed Arab diplomats told the Agence France-Presse news service that 323 people from Egypt alone had died, most because of heat-related illnesses. Egypt has not yet shared an official count, but other countries whose citizens flocked to the holy city of Mecca have been reporting tolls: at least 138 from Indonesia, 41 from Jordan and 35 from Tunisia.

The Associated Press, reporting from Mecca, also cited a triple-digit death toll and described people lining up at an emergency health facility to get information about missing loved ones.

While it was not clear how many of those deaths were attributable to heat, this year's Hajj coincided with a heat wave unusually searing for June. At one point during the multiday gathering, temperatures reached 51.8 degrees Celsius, or 125 Fahrenheit. More than 1.8 million people took part in the pilgrimage.

"The numbers were huge. … We could not breathe," said 37-year-old Ahmad Bahaa, an engineer from Egypt who works in Saudi Arabia and took part in the Hajj.

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A man affected by the extreme heat is helped by a member of the Saudi security forces Sunday during the Hajj pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. At one point during the multiday gathering, which was attended by 1.8 million people and which concluded Wednesday, temperatures reached 51.8 degrees Celsius, or 125 Fahrenheit.

He described "shocking scenes" in Mecca as the heat took hold, especially among unregistered pilgrims who lack permits and are barred from accessing services and facilities, including air-conditioned tents.

Every year, Saudi Arabia approves a set number of pilgrim visas, with quotas for each Muslim-majority country. But hundreds of thousands of people who don't secure visas still manage to participate.

"Ambulances were moving nonstop, collecting people left and right," Bahaa said. "People were sleeping on the sidewalks. … I saw someone right in front of our tent who collapsed and could not even move."

Mecca is Islam's holiest city, the birthplace of the prophet Muhammad, and the Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam — a ritual to be completed at least once in the lifetime of every Muslim with the means. But Mecca is also an inland city hit by humid air from the Red Sea. Many who make the pilgrimage are elderly. People pack into tight areas. Over about five days, they can spend several dozen hours outdoors.

The outcome — in this instance — shows how mass-scale outdoor gatherings have the potential to become more lethal as parts of the world warm beyond what humans can withstand.

Over the years, Saudi Arabia has taken steps to reduce the dangers, erecting more than 100,000 air-conditioned tents, distributing water and umbrellas, planting trees, and preparing facilities to respond to heat-related illnesses. Still, a paper published this year by Saudi-based researchers said that while these measures had been helpful, "concerns arise about the sufficiency of current mitigation measures in the face of escalating heat."

In Mecca, as in much of the world, the number of dangerously hot days is surging. By 2050, Mecca will have an estimated 182 days of dangerous heat for those outdoors in the sun, according to an analysis conducted last year by The Washington Post and the nonprofit CarbonPlan. Just as notable, it will have an estimated 54 days when heat is dangerous even in the shade, compared with almost zero at the turn of this century. By those measures, Mecca will be one of the least hospitable places on Earth.

A 2019 study of extreme heat during the Hajj indicated "a significant warming trend during the last 30 years of close to 2° C," higher than the global average, which it attributed to human-caused warming.

"I have not experienced any heat like this before. It was very strenuous," said Adonis Imam, a physician from Augusta, Ga., who was in Mecca. "We got exhausted pretty quickly. Even short walks would take a toll on us." Imam, 36, said that Saudi misting and cooling measures helped, and groups were advised not to be outdoors between noon and the late afternoon.

Those with no cool place to stay scrambled for spots of shade. "They were spraying water all over their bodies, holding umbrellas, drinking lots of water," said Alaa al-Din Mohey, 33. The days he spent in Mecca, he said, were the hottest of his life.

The dates of the Hajj are determined by the shorter lunar calendar, meaning the mass-scale gathering rotates gradually across all seasons. Last year, when it was held slightly deeper into June, thousands of people were treated for heat exhaustion.

The 2019 paper noted that heat stress levels are projected to grow when the Hajj cycles again into the hottest months, between 2047 and 2052.

In 1985, a previous point when the Hajj was held under sweltering conditions, more than 1,000 people died of heat stroke, according to a study in the Annals of Saudi Medicine.

Saudi Arabia has not mentioned any death toll, though earlier its state news agency reported several thousand cases of heat stress and sunstroke. On Wednesday, its state news agency said the Hajj had been a "success," citing an effective execution of "all plans related to security, prevention, organization, health, services, and traffic management."

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Kim declares 'full support' for Russia's war in Ukraine

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weapons program.

His remarks — supporting North Korea's right to "take justified measures" to ensure its national security — will inevitably increase Western fears of new Russian military and technological support for North Korea.

Putin also blamed the "confrontational policy" of the United States for undermining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

"We categorically reject the attempts to blame [North Korea] for the worsening situation," Putin said, adding that Pyongyang was "entitled to take justified measures to strengthen its national defense capacities, ensure national security, and protect its sovereignty."

Russia for years backed U.N. sanctions against North Korea but in March vetoed a Security Council vote on extending a U.N. panel of experts monitoring sanctions compliance. Since then, senior Russian officials have repeatedly used the term "strangulation" to describe the U.N. sanctions.

Putin first visited North Korea in 2000, shortly after his election as president, becoming the only Russian or Soviet leader to travel to Pyongyang. He wanted to restore his country's influence over the Korean Peninsula. For the next 24 years, he saw no need to return — until Wednesday.

The reason: To sustain his war on Ukraine, he needs North Korea's help.

After an ostentatious welcome ceremony and an afternoon of meetings, the two emerged to announce their shared vision of a united front against the West and the U.S.-led global order. Putin asserted his country's fight against "decades of imperialist policies" of the United States and its allies. In turn, North Korea promised "full support and solidarity for the Russian government, army and people" in the war in Ukraine, state media agencies reported.

The two leaders signed an agreement on "comprehensive strategic partnership," Russian media reported. The text was not immediately published, but Russian officials said before the meeting that it would replace previous key documents.

Whatever the ultimate extent of the agreement, it served as a clear rejoinder to President Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky just six days after they signed a 10-year security agreement committing the United States to provide Kyiv with a wide range of military aid.

Putin's visit underscored the dramatic changes in the countries' relationship in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. For decades after the founding of North Korea in 1945, the Soviet Union served as its main economic and security benefactor. Now, as Putin faces growing isolation and a dwindling supply of artillery to use in Ukraine, North Korea has become one of its few remaining sources of diplomatic and military support.

In a front-page article in the newspaper of North Korea's ruling party, Putin proposed cooperation between Moscow and Pyongyang in fighting sanctions, in creating a new security architecture across Eurasia, and in science and tourism. He wrote that Russia would a form a new trade and financial network to compete with Western-controlled global financial institutions.

"Russia is fighting the hegemonic and imperialist policy of the United States and its satellites against the Russian Federation which has been imposed for

SPUTNIK/VLADIMIR SMIRNOV/POOL/REUTERS

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un are seen at a ceremony in Pyongyang, North Korea, in a photo released by Russian state media.

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Putin and Kim, seen in a photo released by Russian state media, announced a shared vision of a united front against the West.

decades," Putin wrote. "We highly appreciate your consistent and unwavering support for Russian policy, including in the Ukrainian direction."

North Korea, for its part, has plenty to gain from Russia. Kim is facing increasing economic sanctions and isolation because of his nuclear ambitions. He needs food, fuel, cash and weapons technology — all of which Russia can provide.

Still, it is unusual for North Korea to have such a valuable bargaining chip with Russia, given its tiny size, poor economy and international pariah status. Kim is no stranger to bluster, but usually with no real upper hand in a diplomatic negotiation.

"I think the fact that Putin has to come all the way to North Korea to pay his respects underscores how desperate he is for the ammunition he needs from North Korea," said Michael McFaul, former U.S. ambassador to Russia. "That is a giant reversal from 10 to 20 years ago when Putin was the powerful one. Now he needs weapons, and he needs Kim Jong Un, and he needs weapons for his war in Ukraine."

It's unclear whether this is merely a temporary relationship of convenience or a lasting military alliance similar to the Cold War era, analysts say. Either way, it highlights a remarkable evolution in their growing cooperation since the invasion, experts note.

"This summit serves as both a testament to the current strength of the relationship between the two countries and a harbinger of an even stronger partnership in the future," said Lami Kim, professor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu.

Pyongyang was lined with Russian flags and banners with Putin's photo, welcoming the first major world leader to visit the country since North Korea's pandemic closures, Russian media footage showed.

Kim did not elaborate on what his "full" support for Russia might look like, but the remarks, reported by Russian media in Pyongyang, will fuel concerns that the outcast leaders of two heavily sanctioned states will use this visit to deepen their military partnership.

Washington and its allies contend that North Korea, which is believed to have a large stockpile of dated artillery shells and rockets compatible with Soviet and Russian weapons systems, has been sending Russia munitions to use against Ukraine.

North Korea has sent at least 10,000 shipping containers to Russia, which could hold as many as 4.8 million of the types of artillery shells that Putin has used in Ukraine, South Korea's defense minister, Shin Won-sik, told Bloomberg last week.

The State Department said Tuesday that North Korea had unlawfully transferred "dozens of ballistic missiles and over 11,000 containers of munitions to aid Russia's war effort" in recent months.

Fyodor Tertitskiy, an expert on North Korea's history and military at Seoul's Kookmin University, said the visit was purely pragmatic. "They are not both cooperating because they like each other, but because they hope to get something," he said. "It's not like an ideological alliance, it's tactical cooperation."

On the economic side, Russia may need North Korean labor, said Andrei Lankov, a Russia-born North Korea expert. North Korean workers remain in Russia, in violation of U.N. bans on North Korean labor exports.

"The Russian economy is now going through a minor economic boom … and the shortage of labor is significant. So I expect a large number of North Korean workers to arrive in Russia soon," Lankov said.

The Kim regime takes the lion's share of the money the laborers earn abroad.

Although it is unclear what North Korea has received in return so far, there are indications that Russian technology was used in North Korea's recent efforts to launch a spy satellite into space, experts say.

During Kim's visit to Moscow in September, Putin promised to support Kim's ambitions for space technology.

Just two months after that summit, North Korea successfully launched its first military satellite into orbit.

Anti-Western theme

Relations between the two capitals go back decades. Kim's grandfather, Kim Il Sung, was chosen in 1948 by the Soviet Union as North Korea's founding president, and Kim's father, Kim Jong Il, was born in Siberia and grew up with the Russian nickname "Yura."

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia became more interested in capitalism and less interested in North Korea, supplying it with oil but otherwise doing little to prop it up. Moscow even joined the "six-party talks" process that began in 2005, aimed at convincing Pyongyang that it should drop its nuclear ambitions, although most of North Korea's nuclear scientists trained in Russia.

All that changed after Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Russia — along with China — has enabled North Korea to develop its ballistic missile program in recent years, repeatedly rejecting new sanctions the United States and its allies proposed in response to Pyongyang's violations of U.N. bans on ballistic missile tests.

Russia used its Security Council veto in March to neuter a long-running sanctions regime designed to deter and slow Pyongyang's development of its nuclear arsenal. Russian officials accused the West of trying to "strangle" North Korea.

Kim has refused Washington's efforts to engage with him after denuclearization talks fell apart in 2019. Instead, he has drawn closer to Russia and to China, North Korea's economic lifeline.

In recent years, Kim has ramped up rhetoric about a "new Cold War" and, along with Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping, has called for a "multipolar world" — a vision that seeks an end to the dominance of the United States.

The United States and its allies have repeatedly called on Moscow to follow the "rules-based international order" by respecting international law, territorial integrity and democratic norms.

But Putin, with the support of Xi and now Kim, argues that in a "multipolar" world, countries can operate by a different set of rules.

On Wednesday, North Korean state media described the relationship between Pyongyang and Moscow as "an engine for accelerating the building of a new multipolar world."

Putin has also made moves to undermine sanctions, edge out the dollar as the major global reserve currency and shape international institutions to suit Russian interests, a campaign that has had resonance among some Global South nations intent on pursuing their own national interests, many of them unhappy with Western pressure to take sides.

Since beginning his fifth term in office this year, Putin's anti-Western posturing has grown more marked as he seeks to deter Western nations from continuing military support for Ukraine and to constrain Kyiv's capacity to strike at military targets within Russia.

The Biden administration recently gave Ukraine permission to carry out limited strikes in Russia using U.S. equipment and ammunition, but only in a border region near Kharkiv, in eastern Ukraine, effectively preserving Russia's advantage.

Putin's visit to North Korea underscores his recent threat to supply Russian missiles to nations opposed to the West should the United States and other Western nations permit Kyiv to carry out longer-range strikes using Western weapons on military targets in Russia.

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U.S. soldier convicted in Russia is sentenced to 4 years in penal colony

BY ADELA SULIMAN AND NATALIA ABBAKUMOVA

A Russian court sentenced an American soldier Wednesday to three years and nine months in a penal colony after finding him guilty of theft and threatening to kill his Russian girlfriend, state media reported.

Prosecutors said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Gordon Black, 34, stole 10,000 rubles ($120) from his girlfriend Alexandra Vashchuk and grabbed her by the neck, which she considered a threat to her life, Interfax reported. The sentencing took place at Vladivostok's Pervomaisky District Court, in Russia's far east.

Black met Vashchuk in South Korea, where he was stationed until April, and began a romantic relationship with her. After she returned to Russia without him, he followed her there without notifying his commanders or getting permission.

In May, Russian authorities arrested and detained him on criminal misconduct charges. According to Interfax, he was arrested after fighting with Vashchuk in the apartment they shared, during which he grabbed her by the neck and took money from her purse.

Black claimed she had behaved aggressively toward him after drinking half a bottle of vodka and began hitting him, the news agency reported.

Judge Yelena Stepankova said in court Wednesday that Black threatened to kill Vashchuk and committed theft, and ordered him to pay back the money.

Black pleaded not guilty this week to the death threat but acknowledged stealing the money, arguing that the theft was not premeditated but out of necessity to pay for a hotel, state media reported.

The State Department warns Americans against traveling to Russia, and the Pentagon has barred military personnel from traveling to the country without permission. Neither the Defense Department, the State Department nor the U.S. Embassy in Moscow immediately responded to a request early Wednesday for comment.

A number of Americans are being held in Russian jails, among them former U.S. Marine Paul Whelan and Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, both of whom were accused of spying. The U.S. government declared both men to be wrongfully detained, a designation that commits the government to work for their release.

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U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Gordon Black appears in a court Wednesday in Vladivostok, Russia. He plans to appeal, his lawyers said.

The detentions have added further strain to the tensions between Washington and Moscow, which were worsened by Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Black is married in the United States but is going through a divorce, family members told The Post in May. They said he was supposed to be on leave, returning to Fort Cavazos in Texas, but traveled to Russia to see Vashchuk instead.

Black enlisted in the Army as an infantryman in 2008 and was most recently assigned to the 8th Army at Camp Humphreys in South Korea, Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh told reporters in May.

He plans to appeal the verdict, his lawyers said.

Vashchuk did not appear in court on Wednesday, saying it was too hard to look at Black and remember the events that took place, Interfax reported.

Robyn Dixon contributed to this report.

Philippines accuses China of 'piracy' after incident at sea

BY SOFIA TOMACRUZ AND REBECCA TAN

MANILA — The Chinese coast guard boarded Philippine navy vessels and damaged and confiscated equipment in a confrontation that left a sailor severely injured this week, the Philippines announced Wednesday, in a stark escalation of tensions over the highly contested South China Sea.

According to Philippine officials, Chinese vessels on Monday rammed Philippine ships to stop them from resupplying a warship, the Sierra Madre, beached on a half-submerged reef known as the Second Thomas Shoal, which has become a central flash point in the dispute between the two countries.

The Chinese coast guard used knives and machetes to puncture Philippine rubber dinghies that were attempting to reach the outpost and confiscated equipment aboard the navy vessels, including the mobile phones of sailors. A Philippine sailor lost a finger when a Chinese dinghy collided with a Philippine dinghy at high speed, hitting his hand, which was caught between the two vessels, officials said.

At least seven other Philippine sailors were also injured. Chinese ships later towed away two Philippine rubber dinghies after emptying them of their contents, Philippine officials said.

"This is piracy," Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr., the Philippine armed forces' chief of staff, said in a news conference held in Palawan, an island province 120 miles from the reef. "They boarded our boats illegally, they took our equipment. They are like pirates with the actions they carried out." Brawner added that the Philippine navy personnel "fought back" but were significantly outnumbered by the Chinese and chose not to employ weapons. "Our objective is that while we want to bring supplies to our troops following international laws, our objective is also to prevent war. We do not want a war," he said.

At a news briefing Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian blamed the Philippines for the confrontation and claimed that the Philippine vessels were carrying construction materials and weapons as part of a long-term occupation of the Second Thomas Shoal, which China opposes. "The China Coast Guard took professional and restrained enforcement measures," Lin Jian said, adding the Chinese forces "did not take direct measures against Philippine personnel."

ADRIAN PORTUGAL/REUTERS

Members of the Philippine coast guard prepare rubber fenders after Chinese coast guard vessels blocked their path during a resupply mission at the Second Thomas Shoal in March. The area has become a central flash point in the dispute between the two countries.

Earlier this week, Gan Yu, a spokesman for the Chinese Coast Guard said the Philippine resupply ships "deliberately and dangerously" approached a Chinese ship, resulting in a collision.

China has sought to dominate the South China Sea, a strategic waterway that is also claimed in part by six other governments. Backed by the United States, the Philippines has ramped up efforts to push back against China but is being met with an increasingly forceful response from Beijing that security analysts say could spur broader conflict in the area.

Nowhere is the situation more precarious than at Second Thomas Shoal, said Zack Cooper, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he studies U.S. strategy in Asia. The shoal is one of the only locations where Chinese and Philippine forces are contesting control over physical territory. The Philippines in 1999 beached the Sierra Madre on the shoal and has since populated it with a contingent of marines to create a human presence and stake its claim to the reef.

"It's the most problematic area in terms of leading to a real, genuine conflict," Cooper said. What happened on Monday was "very serious," he added, and would probably lead to calls for the United States to intervene.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, after speaking with his Philippine counterpart Wednesday, warned that China's "actions undermine regional peace and stability" and reiterated the United States' "ironclad commitments" to the Philippines, according to State Department spokesman Matthew Miller.

The United States shares a mutual defense treaty with the Philippines, and Biden administration officials have stressed in recent months that an armed attack on Philippine military vessels or personnel in the South China Sea would trigger a U.S. military response. The U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, MaryKay Carlson, on Tuesday condemned China's "aggressive, dangerous maneuvers" at the Sierra Madre but did not say whether or how the United States would respond. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Manila declined to answer questions on a U.S. response.

China has sought to dominate the South China Sea, a strategic waterway that is also claimed in part by six other governments.

Earlier this month, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said at a security summit in Singapore that the death of a Filipino citizen through a "willful act" would be "close to an act of war" that could prompt a military response. "Our treaty partner holds that same standard," he said, referring to the United States.

But the Philippines also has to be wary of when to call upon the United States, said Julio Amador, a Manila-based security analyst. The Philippines has been accused by Beijing of being a "pawn" of the United States, a charge top Philippine officials have rejected. Conducting the resupply mission to Second Thomas Shoal in the face of an imposing Chinese presence is a "an exercise of agency" for the Philippines, Amador said. The government "wants to be able to do this without having to ask for help," he said.

No Philippine vessels were able to reach the Sierra Madre on Monday to provide supplies for the troops stationed on board, but the navy will try again, Brawner said. "We will defend our rights and we will fight for our future," he said.

Ship-tracking data showed that as of Wednesday afternoon, dozens of Chinese ships continued to surround Second Thomas Shoal. A 12,000-ton Chinese coast guard vessel, probably the largest of its kind in the world, was also sailing toward to the Philippine island of Thitu near the vicinity of Second Thomas, said Ray Powell, an analyst at Stanford University's Gordian Knot Center for National Security Innovation.

Tan reported from Singapore. Lyric Li in Seoul contributed to this report.

Astronomers may be witnessing the awakening of a black hole in real time

BY RACHEL PANNETT

Astronomers had been watching a galaxy far, far away for a long time. It seemed unremarkable. But in December 2019, it suddenly started shining brighter than ever.

Now, astronomers believe they are witnessing something never before seen: the awakening of a black hole in real time.

"Imagine you've been observing a distant galaxy for years, and it always seemed calm and inactive," Paula Sánchez Sáez, an astronomer at the European Southern Observatory in Germany, said in a news release. "Suddenly, its [core] starts showing dramatic changes in brightness, unlike any typical events we've seen before."

In a forthcoming article in the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics, Sánchez Sáez and her co-authors conclude that what they have been watching is the creation of an "active galactic nucleus" — a region at the center of a galaxy that shines extremely brightly as dust and gas are sucked into the black hole, creating a cosmic light show.

The researchers say black holes, upward of 100,000 times the size of the sun, exist at the center of most galaxies, including the Milky Way.

But the black hole in this galaxy, located 300 million light-years away in the constellation Virgo, is unusual in that it is clearly visible.

"These giant monsters usually are sleeping and not directly visible," Claudio Ricci, an astronomer from Diego Portales University in Chile who co-wrote the study, said in the release. "In the case of SDSS1335+0728, we were able to observe the awakening of the massive black hole, [which] suddenly started to feast on gas available in its surroundings, becoming very bright."

Unlike its better-known counterparts, this suddenly-not-so-boring galaxy doesn't yet have a name. Astronomers refer to it as SDSS1335+0728.

Galaxies do light up for other reasons, such as supernova explosions or tidal disruption events — when a star gets too close to a black hole and is torn apart.

The researchers haven't ruled out the possibility that what they are witnessing is an unusually slow tidal disruption event. Those typically last for weeks, less than a year at most. If it is a tidal event, it would be the longest and faintest ever recorded, the researchers say.

SDSS1335+0728 is still getting brighter, four years later.

The researchers compared data from before and after December 2019 and found the galaxy is now radiating much more light at ultraviolet, optical and infrared wavelengths. It also started emitting X-rays in February.

"This behavior is unprecedented," Sánchez Sáez said.

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An artist's rendering shows the potential black hole as it feeds on the gas in its surroundings, making the galaxy light up.

DIGEST

ENGLAND

Protesters spray paint on Stonehenge

Two climate protesters who sprayed orange paint on the ancient Stonehenge monument in southern England were arrested Wednesday after two bystanders appeared to intervene and stop them.

The latest act by Just Stop Oil was quickly condemned by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak as a "disgraceful act of vandalism." Labour leader Keir Starmer, his main opponent in the election next month, called the group "pathetic" and said the damage was "outrageous."

English Heritage, which manages the site, said the act was "extremely upsetting" and that curators were investigating the damage. Just Stop Oil said the paint was made from cornstarch and would dissolve in the rain.

The incident came a day before thousands were expected to gather at the roughly 4,500-year-old stone circle to celebrate the summer solstice.

— Associated Press

JUST STOP OIL/REUTERS

An image taken from a video released by Just Stop Oil shows a man unleashing a fog of orange at one of Stonehenge's vertical stones Wednesday in southern England. One bystander tried to pull him away, and another wrestled the sprayer away. A second protester managed to spray three stones at the ancient monument before the first bystander stopped her.

NEW CALEDONIA

11 arrested in probe of deadly violence

Police in the restive French Pacific territory of New Caledonia rounded up 11 people Wednesday, including an independence leader, who are suspected of having a role in the deadly violence that racked the archipelago where Indigenous Kanak people have long sought to break free from France.

The detentions were part of a police investigation that began May 17, days after unrest over contested changes to voting first erupted into a wave of armed clashes, looting, blazes and other violence.

New Caledonia's prosecutor, Yves Dupas, identified only one of those taken into custody: Christian Tein, a leader of a pro-independence group that is alleged by French officials to have played a leading role in the weeks of violence.

Dupas said Wednesday's detentions were part of a police investigation into an array of suspected crimes, including complicity in homicide and attempted homicide, armed robbery, arson, and membership in a group created to prepare violent acts.

— Associated Press

PHILIPPINES

Vice president resigns from cabinet posts

Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte resigned Wednesday from her posts of education secretary and head of an anti-insurgency body, as her whirlwind alliance with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. unraveled over key differences, including efforts to arrest a religious leader accused of child abuses and Manila's handling of escalating territorial disputes with China.

Duterte's resignation from Marcos's cabinet was accepted by the president and will take effect July 19, Communications Secretary Cheloy Garafil said in a statement, which added that she would remain the vice president.

Duterte, 46, did not cite a reason for her resignation, Garafil said, but there have been open political hostilities between her father, former president Rodrigo Duterte, and Marcos.

— Associated Press

Cyril Ramaphosa was sworn in for a second term as South Africa's president Wednesday in a ceremony in the administrative capital, Pretoria, after his reelection with the help from a coalition of parties, a first in the country's 30-year rule. Ramaphosa is set to appoint a cabinet in a new coalition government after his African National Congress party lost its parliamentary majority in elections last month. Ramaphosa was reelected president by lawmakers Friday after the main opposition party and a smaller third party joined the ANC in a co-governing agreement. At least three parties will make up what the ANC is calling a government of national unity, with more invited to join.

At least 10 people, including children and women, died and several others were injured Wednesday after heavy monsoon rains triggered landslides in refugee camps in southern Bangladesh, officials said. People died in landslides at four separate places in the early morning, said Mohammad Shamsud Douza, a senior Bangladesh government official in charge of refugees. The slides came after days of heavy rain as the monsoon season began. The Bangladesh weather office said heavy rains are expected to continue for the next few days.

Nine people died and more than 40 were injured when a fire set off explosions at a military ammunition depot in Chad's capital, an official said Wednesday. A government spokesperson said 46 people were being treated for injuries after the explosions jolted residents from their sleep late Tuesday in the Goudji district of the capital, N'Djamena. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, and President Mahamat Deby Itno said an investigation would be conducted.

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Influencers who boosted Biden in 2020 now sour on him

Gen Z creators upset over Gaza war, climate, possible TikTok ban

BY TAYLOR LORENZ

In 2020, hundreds of top TikTok content creators banded together in service of a single goal: get Joe Biden elected. They posted videos, hosted online events and spent hours educating followers to help Biden defeat Donald Trump.

Four years later, the coalition once known as TikTok for Biden is now called Gen-Z for Change — and so far, it has not endorsed Biden's reelection.

"Biden is out of step with young people on a number of key issues," said the coalition's founder, Aidan Kohn-Murphy, 20, who called "the frustrations of young progressive leaders a barometer of widespread dissatisfaction among Gen Z voters."

Across TikTok, Instagram, YouTube and Twitch, anger and resentment toward Biden are boiling among Gen Z content creators who say they feel disaffected and betrayed by Biden's positions on an array of issues, including the war in Gaza, the climate crisis and a potential TikTok ban, which the president supports. The rift has been exacerbated by the White House's evolving strategy of courting friendly influencers while shutting out others who have been critical of the administration.

When Biden took office in 2021, the White House sought to fortify its relationships with Gen Z content creators, working with them to promote the rollout of the coronavirus vaccine and briefing them on key issues. At one such briefing on the war in Ukraine in 2022, then-press secretary Jen Psaki and Matt Miller, special adviser for communications at the White House National Security Council, told influencers that Biden viewed them as the "new media" and would strive to keep them informed.

Lately, however, the influencer strategy seems to have shifted, both at the White House and within the Biden campaign, influencers say.

"I have noticed that there have been a lot more events with creators, but the creators that are getting invited are the creators who are very pro-Biden and just parroting talking points or sharing photo ops of them smiling with the president. Not the creators who have been critical," said Kahlil Greene, a history content creator and education advocate in Washington who said he has not been invited to the White House since he criticized the administration over the TikTok ban and the war in Gaza.

Annie Wu Henry, a political influencer and digital strategist who has worked on Democratic campaigns, agreed. While the White House once treated creators as independent media, she said, officials now seem to be playing favorites.

Biden's team "is trying to say that they're handling influencers like the press. But the thing is, the press briefing room has to have Fox News no matter what. They have to allow all of the media in," Henry said. "When it comes to influencers, they only let in people who agree, and anyone who gives even a little bit of pushback is not welcome."

This picking and choosing has had stark consequences for Biden: In the first four months of this year, nearly a quarter of top left-leaning content creators on TikTok have posted anti-Biden content, according to CredoIQ, a social media analytics firm, with those posts collectively amassing more than 100 million views.

Much of the anti-Biden content is being posted by young, non-White liberals with "shared ideology that the U.S. Government, and specifically Joe Biden, want to stop the flow of free speech and information," CredoIQ found. "This perceived assault on free speech is enabling anti-Biden sentiment to leap from a smaller demographic of pro-Palestine young progressives" — who are outraged by Biden's support for Israel as it wages a brutal war in Gaza — "to a potentially market-moving bloc of unenthusiastic young voters that are upset with the TikTok ban."

According to a recent poll conducted by Morning Consult, two-thirds of Gen Z voters — 67 percent — say Biden's decision to back legislation that could lead to a TikTok ban has made them less likely to vote for him in November. Smaller shares say they have been turned off by the president's handling of the war in Israel (46 percent) and Biden's approval of new oil and gas drilling projects on federal land (38 percent).

A White House spokesperson said that administration officials "continue to have substantive meetings and discussions with creators who hold a variety of viewpoints — including those who disagree with us on important issues."

"This White House has taken historic steps to engage digital creators and works hard to meet Americans where they are," the spokesperson said. "… We'll continue to elevate their voices and utilize a variety of platforms to reach Americans who don't closely follow traditional news."

Democrats have long struggled to compete with conservatives online. While Trump and other conservatives enjoy the support of a vast cohort of right-wing content creators and platforms, Democrats have tried to recruit influencers to amplify their message. As president, Barack Obama courted Vine stars and sat for interviews on policy initiatives with YouTubers during his second term. During the 2020 campaign, Biden established a partnership team for influencers in July, shortly before the Democratic convention.

This time around, the Biden campaign started its influencer outreach earlier and on a broader scale, according to a person familiar with the strategy. Dozens of staffers are focused on courting content creators, and the campaign has partnered with more than 550 of them. It is advertising for a manager position to develop partnerships with meme pages — social media accounts where users post entertaining images and videos — that pays up to $85,000 per year.

While some influencers feel unfairly excluded, Biden supporters say the campaign is genuinely struggling to respond to a rapidly evolving media landscape in which some influencers think of themselves as traditional journalists while others are paid for their views.

"I think they're in a political pickle. There's just not a traditional comms structure for creators," pro-Biden political content creator Keith Edwards said. "If they were press, this type of [restricted access] would be outrageous, but they're in this strange space where they occupy media attention, but they're not traditional press. And I don't know if anyone knows what the right way is to engage. Is it traditional press outreach? Is it paid [marketing] work? This is something we're all learning together as the media is quickly shifting."

To help recruit online supporters, the Biden campaign has contracted with Village Marketing, an influencer marketing firm, which began sending outreach emails in April to a slew of popular content creators, according to emails viewed by The Washington Post.

"We're reaching out on behalf of the Biden-Harris campaign team in search of social media supporters for the 2024 election!" said the email, which offered creators the chance to become "an official campaign partner." Those interested were directed to a portal where they could link their social media accounts and provide access to account metrics such as audience data.

Village Marketing founder Vickie Segar said many creators are hesitant to post about politics given the contentious online climate and decisions by various platforms to downgrade political content.

"We are here to talk it out with any creators who are hesitant [about Biden] and who have questions," Segar said. "I hope that we have even more people participating as we get closer to the election. We want to get President Biden elected, we agree with his values and policies, and we're here to support that."

But creators are less eager to sign on to a political campaign in 2024 than they were in 2020. On TikTok, for example, many creators who were relatively new to the industry four years ago and working to build their followings have since become powerful multiplatform influencers running profitable media businesses that reach tens of millions of young people. Today, they say they expect more in return for their support.

In 2020, "Gen Z put Biden in office with our voices and with our platforms," said Hassan Khadair, a content creator in Birmingham, Ala., with 6.3 million followers on TikTok, 2.8 million subscribers on YouTube, a podcast and a robust following across myriad other apps.

This time, Khadair said, "he has to earn that vote. We're not just going to give it to him because we don't want Trump to win. We did that once. We're not doing it twice."

Gen-Z for Change Executive Director Elise Joshi, a content creator and climate activist, said she hosted Zoom calls with hundreds of other young people in 2020 outlining why they should vote for Biden. Now, she said, she and others her age have a host of reasons for feeling betrayed.

Back then, Joshi said, she appreciated Biden's climate policies and how he said he planned to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. Today, she said, the president is permitting record-breaking oil and gas extraction on public lands while "doubling down on the fossil fuel economy."

Joshi said she and others also are frustrated with Biden's "mishandling" of the pandemic, which remains "a crisis, and we can't even get masks in healthcare settings." While "combating the pandemic was a focal point of Biden's campaign in 2020," she said, "now it doesn't seem to be a top priority."

Finally, Joshi said many young people are outraged by the administration's failure to negotiate an end to the Israeli military campaign in Gaza. "The group that rallied people around Biden in 2020 is the same group that built a tool sending over 100 million emails to the government urging a cease-fire," she said.

Joshi said she doesn't mind being left off guest lists for events like the White House Christmas party for digital content creators. What angers her is the president's failure to engage with Gen Z influencers' substantive concerns, she said — though she acknowledged that the White House climate office recently contacted her directly regarding a pause in the approval of new liquefied natural gas projects.

"I prefer having a meaty climate strategy conversation with them than to get an invite somewhere," Joshi said.

Alaina Wood, a Gen Z sustainability scientist and content creator, said she also has felt cut off from the Biden administration since becoming more critical of its policies. "As soon as I was like, 'I'm not going to praise you all the time, I'm not going to be a propaganda piece for you,' they stopped talking to me," she said.

Wood and other creators said they are skeptical that Biden's latest attempts to recruit influencers would make a material difference in Gen Z support for his reelection.

"If the comment section of my videos are any indication," she said, "a lot of people, especially young people, do not want to vote for Biden again."

MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Demonstrators gather near the White House on June 8 to protest the war in Gaza. President Biden's support for Israel in the conflict is a turnoff for many young voters. "Biden is out of step with young people on a number of key issues," says the founder of Gen-Z for Change.

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Annie Wu Henry, a political influencer, says the administration is shutting out influencers who have been critical of Biden.

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Hassan Khadair, who has millions of followers on multiple platforms, says the president must do more to earn the Gen Z vote.

Surgeon general puts onus on social media giants to prove they're safe for kids

Tech Brief

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U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy on Monday urged Congress to require tobacco-style warning labels for social media. In an essay unveiling the plan, Murthy notably argued that social media "has not been proved safe" for children.

Public officials for years have cited research linking social media use to youth mental health issues in pushing for new restrictions on digital platforms, even as the topic remains hotly contested in academic circles amid calls for more data from many researchers.

But Murthy's remarks flipped that debate on its head, shifting part of the burden onto tech companies to prove their apps are safe enough for kids to use.

In a public health advisory last year on social media and youth mental health, Murthy wrote that while "[m]ore research is needed to fully understand the impact of social media" on kids, there are "ample indicators" that it can pose a "profound risk" to children's well-being.

"At this time, we do not yet have enough evidence to determine if social media is sufficiently safe for children and adolescents," he added.

Murthy took the argument a step further Monday, calling on companies to convince consumers and public officials of the safety of their products. "While the platforms claim they are making their products safer, Americans need more than words. We need proof," he wrote.

In an interview with the Tech Brief, Murthy said that the "gaping question" of whether social media is safe enough for kids is one he hears from parents all the time.

"That's where there's a gap. There isn't sufficient evidence to tell us that," he said.

Part of the issue, he explained, is how tough it can be to pry data from Silicon Valley. "Researchers are consistently telling us that they can't get access to the full data from companies that speaks to the health impacts that their platforms have on young people," he said.

For their part, tech industry groups and digital rights advocates have cited reports finding little to no proof of a causal link between social media use and youth mental health issues to push back on calls for more stringent digital regulations.

One widely cited National Academies report in December concluded that "the literature did not support the conclusion that social media causes changes in adolescent health at the population level."

Still, the report found that special media use can "displace time" that could otherwise go to sleep, exercise or other activities; that it can have a "distracting power" during key development stages in life; and that it could impact some people differently, including those with depression.

Alvaro Bedoya, a Democratic member of the Federal Trade Commission, told me at a conference in February that last year's surgeon general advisory and the National Academies report, critically, set out to answer different questions.

In the National Academies report, Bedoya said, "the burden [on researchers] is to prove the danger," while in the surgeon general's advisory, "the burden is on the company to prove safety."

In a statement Monday, Bedoya endorsed Murthy's proposal for social media labels. He said it would help teens and their parents understand that any struggles they experience in dealing with social media "isn't just in their heads."

"There is a growing body of peer-reviewed evidence that certain uses of social media may harm young people," Bedoya said. "I support the Surgeon General's proposal and hope Congress enacts it. It's not going to solve everything, but it will absolutely help."

A broad group of tech industry and civil society groups spoke out against Murthy's plan, however, saying there's not yet scientific agreement on the issue and that the burden should fall on public officials to prove the necessity of their plans.

"Regulating speech and activity until it's affirmatively proven safe is a good way to run afoul of the First Amendment," said Todd O'Boyle, senior tech policy director of the Chamber of Progress, a left-leaning tech trade group that counts Apple, Amazon and Google as members. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

"There is no scientific consensus that social media is harmful to children's mental health," said Aaron Mackey, director of free speech and transparency litigation at the digital rights group Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Train derailment toxins spread to 16 states, study says

BY KASHA PATEL

On Feb. 3, 2023, a train carrying toxic chemicals crashed in northeastern Ohio, sending up a large black cloud over Ohio and Pennsylvania after officials decided to burn off the hazardous materials. As the chemicals lofted into the air, the pollution spread as far as 16 states, according to a new study.

"I didn't expect to see an impact this far out," said David Gay, lead author of the study. "There's more going on here than most people would have guessed, including me."

Toxic chemicals rained down from South Carolina to Wisconsin to New England following the accident, according to the new analysis in the Environmental Research Letters journal. Overall, the pollution spread over 540,000 square miles, or 14 percent of U.S. land area.

People closer to the accident reported rashes, nausea and headaches — but Gay said the low chemical concentrations farther away from the accident weren't "toxic, but are pretty unusual at a lot of places." Many of those pollutants can run off and affect marine and plant life.

"It's not death and destruction. It's fairly low concentrations, but they are very high relative to the normal that we typically see — some of the highest we've measured in the last 10 years," Gay said.

The accident occurred around 9 p.m. on Feb. 3 near East Palestine, a town of almost 5,000 residents on the Ohio-Pennsylvania border. The train, operated by Norfolk Southern, experienced a mechanical issue that caused more than 50 cars to derail. Some of the trains were carrying hazardous materials, including a known human carcinogen called vinyl chloride.

In an emergency decision, officials authorized a controlled burn of the hazardous chemicals to prevent a catastrophic explosion. But as the vinyl chloride burned, it broke into separate chloride and hydrogen ions in the atmosphere that got carried by the wind to other locations.

When it began to rain in various places, the pollutants were pushed from the air and deposited on the ground. The National Atmospheric Deposition Program, at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, collects these ground depositions weekly across 260 sites across North America. Gay, who serves as coordinator of the program, routinely analyzes the data to monitor air pollutants.

"If you have a lot of pollution in the atmosphere, you get a lot of wet deposition pollution at the ground," Gay said.

He and his team analyzed ground depositions from the week of and following the train accident (Jan. 31 to Feb. 14), and then compared them to the previous decade or so. Many samples taken during the week of the accident in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and New York were flagged for contamination, showing soot, ash and dirt.

Initially, Gay expected to see only a few abnormally high chloride signals nearby in Pennsylvania, but the impact was much higher than he anticipated. High chloride concentrations spanned as far as Virginia, South Carolina and Wisconsin. The highest concentrations were located near the Canada-New York border, which was downwind of East Palestine.

The pollutants disappeared within two to three weeks after the accident.

The data also showed another unusual trend for the researchers. Gay explained that typically rain without pollutants is a bit acidic, meaning it has a good amount of hydrogen ions. However, the collected samples showed less hydrogen ions than usual, making the rain more basic than expected. Gay suggests that metals emitted from the fire, like calcium, sodium, potassium and magnesium, helped to suck up a bunch of those hydrogen ions that are normally present in our atmosphere.

"This study is unique and elegant as it clearly documents the impact that these kinds of accidents can have," said Juliane Beier, a leading expert on the effects of vinyl chloride who was not involved in the study.

But she said this is not the first time researchers have seen distal effects of local environment events, and it's unclear what long-term impact such environmental exposures could have on communities.

"I think we should be concerned," said Beier.

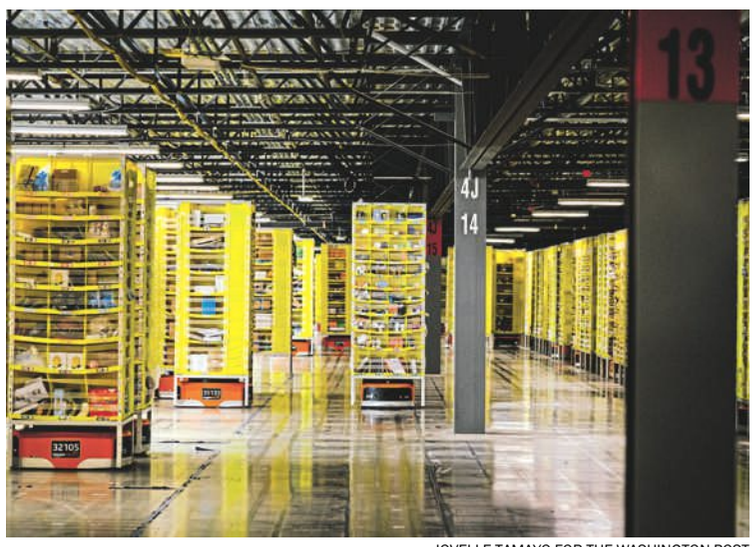
Amazon fined $5.9 million for breaking California labor law limiting quotas

BY CAROLINE O'DONOVAN

SAN FRANCISCO — California labor officials fined Amazon $5.9 million for violating a state law aimed at preventing warehouse workers from being pushed to work so quickly that their health and safety are at risk, according to citations issued in May.

It's the largest fine the California Labor Commissioner's Office has levied under the warehouse quotas law, which went into effect in 2022 and limits quotas for "work that must be performed at a specified speed or the worker suffers discipline," the commission's officer said in a news release Tuesday.

California investigated two Amazon facilities near Los Angeles and in May found that the company failed to "provide written notice of quotas to which each employee is subject," according to a copy of the citation shared with The Washington Post by the Warehouse Worker Resource Center, a nonprofit that advocates for improving working conditions at warehouses. The labor agency levied fines of $1.2 million at one Redlands, Calif., Amazon facility, and $4.7 million at another in Moreno Valley.



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Warehouse robots at an Amazon facility in Kent, Wash., in 2020. The Amazon fine was the largest yet from the California Labor Commissioner's Office under the state's warehouse quotas law.

California Labor Commissioner Lilia García-Brower said in a statement that the "undisclosed" quota system Amazon "was using in these two warehouses is exactly the kind of system that the Warehouse Quotas law was put in place to prevent."

"Undisclosed quotas expose workers to increased pressure to work faster and can lead to higher injury rates and other violations by forcing workers to skip breaks," the statement said.

"The fact that workers are not informed of what quotas they are supposed to meet is highly dehumanizing," Deogracia Cornelio, a labor activist with the Warehouse Worker Resource Center, said at a news conference Tuesday. "It's stressful. It leads people to have accidents."

Amazon, the second-largest private employer in the United States, has long been criticized for the pace of work in its fulfillment centers and delivery stations. It is under investigation by federal labor regulators, a congressional committee and the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York regarding its workplace injury rate.

"We disagree with the allegations made in the citations and have appealed," Amazon spokesperson Maureen Lynch Vogel stated in an email. "The truth is, we don't have fixed quotas."

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.

Amazon joins Sysco and Dollar General, which were fined $318,000 and $1.3 million in October and November, respectively, according to copies of the citations shared with The Post.

The fines against Amazon are small compared with the company's size — it brought in $574 billion in revenue last year — but significant for a state labor agency. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the federal agency charged with preventing workplace safety issues, frequently investigates Amazon workplaces and has issued dozens of citations, but is severely limited in the size of fines it can bring. For example, Amazon was fined $7,000 after an Indiana employee died in a workplace accident last year.

In Washington state, workplace safety regulators have repeatedly cited Amazon with "willful" violations over ergonomic injuries that can lead to musculoskeletal disorders. The designation means the company knowingly and repeatedly failed to improve conditions for workers. The fines involved, which Amazon is contesting, totaled $60,000 in 2022 and $85,000 in 2023.

OSHA can pursue a corporate-wide settlement with employers that are repeat offenders, as it did with Dollar Tree and Family Dollar in 2023, a deal that cost the company $1.35 million and followed six years of investigation and more than $15 million in fines. But it's unclear whether the agency is pursuing that strategy with Amazon.

The California law, known as AB 701, was sponsored by Lorena Gonzalez (D), who was a union official before becoming a State Assembly member and has since returned to labor advocacy. The bill was backed by unions including the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and the Teamsters, which recently signed an affiliation deal with the Amazon Labor Union in New York.

The Teamsters, which helped UPS workers win a new contract last summer after threats of a strike, offers much-needed financial, legal and organizational resources to the previously independent Amazon Labor Union, which Amazon still hasn't recognized or agreed to bargain with two years after the group secured the first union victory at an Amazon warehouse in Staten Island in April 2022.

Warehouse quota regulations similar to the California law are now on the books in Washington state, New York, Oregon and Minnesota, according to the Warehouse Worker Resource Center statement.

Meanwhile, Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) has proposed a federal warehouse worker protection bill.

"Today, California took an essential step forward in fighting for warehouse worker protection and dignity, holding Amazon to account for a punishing work speed quota system that pushes workers to their physical limits," he stated in an email. "But we need more than a patchwork of state laws."

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THURSDAY OPINION

The day Haiti's gangs came for my neighborhood

BY MONIQUE CLESCA

One morning this spring, as the sun's orange tints seeped through my windows in the mountains east of Port-au-Prince, machine-gun detonations jolted me awake. I reached over and picked up my phone: 6:30 a.m., and already it was jammed with text messages from friends and neighbors. Images of armed, masked and hooded men walking unbothered along my town's main thoroughfare flashed on the screen.

The thing I had most feared was happening: The gangs that had been menacing Haiti were laying claim to my neighborhood.

I ran through the evacuation plan I had in mind in the event that gangs were to attack my street or, worse, my house. I stepped out into the yard to tell my longtime gardener, Calixte, not to idle on the balcony, to avoid being hit by stray bullets. I explained my plan for evacuating if the gangs were to enter our street — which we could gauge from the proximity of the shooting or from a neighbor's signal. I whispered the name of the place we would escape to, as if the air could carry the sound down the hill to them. I saw fear in his eyes, and I assume he saw it in mine. There were no police I could call for help. Hollowed to the core, the Haitian state exists in name only.

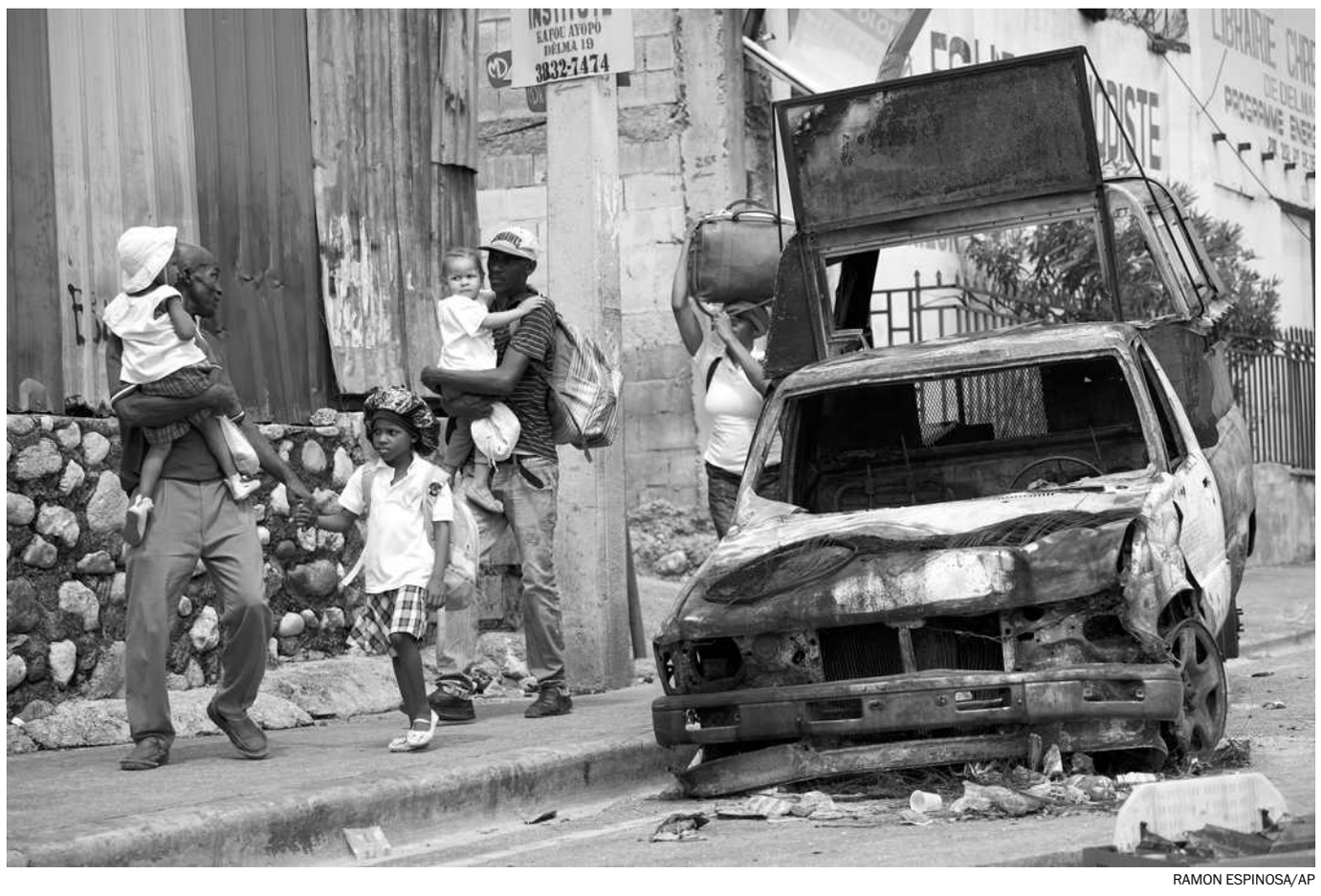
Weeks earlier, on Feb. 29, gang leaders had declared a confederation they cynically called "Viv Ansanm," which means "living together" in Haitian Creole. They went on to announce their macabre agenda: to overthrow the government and attack neighborhoods in the hills above the capital — the area where I live. In video messages, some gang leaders apologized for the violence. But even as they apologized, they raped and burned and terrorized people in their homes. More than 2,500 people have been killed in gang-related violence since the beginning of the year.

In the ensuing period, the gangs stormed prisons, releasing close to 4,600 inmates, attacked police stations and government buildings, and surrounded the airport to prevent Prime Minister Ariel Henry from returning to the country. On March 6, Henry was on a private jet to the Dominican Republic, seeking to reenter Haiti by helicopter, when he received word that the U.S. State Department had called for his resignation.

Henry's entanglement with various armed groups, along with his utter inability to govern, had driven our country toward this disaster. But once he was gone, we were faced with a terrifying power vacuum — and the ravaging gangs' near-total control over metropolitan Port-au-Prince.

Their presence echoed in everything. ATMs were empty because the banks had closed down. Grocery stores offered scant food because the gangs had closed the ports and blocked the roads. We watched on our phones videos of the gangs, which had enrolled even children in their ranks, tearing through Port-au-Prince, shooting, pillaging and burning schools and universities — including a century-old teachers' college, the national school of arts and a center for children with disabilities, as well as pharmacies, courthouses, state agencies and entire neighborhoods. We communicated our outrage over WhatsApp while family and friends abroad called to offer sympathy and solidarity. But there was nothing they could do.

Nearly 580,000 Haitians have been displaced from their homes, many making do with minimal food, water and hygiene in makeshift camps in parks or other open spaces, schools and government offices. Cholera is on the rise. Thousands continue to head for the seas or to trek through Latin America in hopes of reaching the United States.



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Residents evacuate the Delmas 22 neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, because of gang violence in May.

ODELYN JOSEPH/AP

A man teaches math to children in a Port-au-Prince shelter in May.

Along with the shock, fear and humiliation I felt the day the gangs came to my neighborhood was the fury that it had come to this. The nation of Haiti had failed me and its 11.5 million people. Various estimates from the past few years suggested that 80 to 90 percent of Port-au-Prince, a metropolitan area of close to 4 million people, was controlled by gangs, many of which are fueled by the drug trade. This was our new reality. I hurried back to my bedroom to comb my hair, get dressed and secure my emergency kit in case I had to flee.

I wasn't alone. My entire neighborhood sprang into resistance mode. Within a day of the gangs' arrival, citizen groups had created night patrols and erected barricades — using rocks, tree branches, tires, metal and broken glass.

It had always been this way. When I moved into the neighborhood around 1996 and there was no electricity, my neighbors and I pooled our money to install the pylons and transformers needed to bring in power. In 2022, we came together to pave our dirt roads. My household water comes from a rainwater cistern, and four years ago, after three months without electricity from the state provider, I installed a solar grid. As Haitians, we obtain what we need for ourselves.

Our self-sufficiency extends back generations. Haitian leaders such as François Duvalier in the mid-20th century and, more recently, Michel Martelly and Jovenel Moïse, did little to provide social services to Haitians — things such as health care, education, protection from sexual violence and protection from armed gangs. For the most part, they also failed to invest in infrastructure.

Luckily for my neighborhood, the gangs eventually retreated. The day after, I could see traces of their occupation: the body of a homeless man in a narrow sidewalk gutter and the corpses of several other people in an upside-down pickup. I don't know why the gangs left, but they often rampage through neighborhoods, destroying lives and homes, and then disappear as quickly as they materialized.

The collapse of the Haitian state has been long coming. In 2010, U.S. officials, the head of the U.N. force in Haiti and other international authorities interfered in the Haitian presidential elections. Alleging systemic fraud, without evidence, they removed one of the two top candidates so that Martelly, the third-place contender and pop star known as "Sweet Micky," advanced to the second round — and won.

Martelly, who has since been sanctioned by Canada, brought drug traffickers, kidnappers and gang leaders to the corridors of power. A U.N. report last fall noted that Martelly himself had founded one gang and sponsored others in efforts to protect his power. In the end, his government was implicated in the biggest corruption scandal in Haiti's history: the theft and misuse of nearly $2 billion of the PetroCaribe loan program extended by the Venezuelan government.

Martelly's chosen successor, Moïse, won the next election, in 2016, with record-low turnout. It appeared that Haitians had lost faith in the system, no longer believing their votes mattered.

Moïse, too, employed gang violence as a governing tool. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, when masses of young people took to the streets of Port-au-Prince to demand social justice and an end to corruption and impunity, Moïse's gangs responded with violence. When Moïse was assassinated in 2021, gunned down in his own bedroom with his wife by his side, Henry, the recently appointed prime minister, named justice and interior ministers who were later sanctioned by Canada for their gang entanglements. Lawlessness spiraled out of control. None of the new government's leaders had any interest in providing electricity, clean water or viable roads, schools and hospitals. Their neglect led to the state's collapse.

For a long time, I hated my own helplessness. It terrified me to hear friends talk about being kidnapped, or about the rapes of girls as young as 10 or women in their 60s — some by multiple gang members — in front of family members. Inevitably, I wondered: Would I be next?

Finally, in 2018, I decided to join the protests against corruption and impunity. I rolled my gray hair under a hat and wore two pairs of socks to absorb the shock of the hot concrete streets. I listened to women in the countryside talk of actions they were taking to resolve their own problems in the absence of state services — and helped devise strategies for women to take on local and national political positions.

In consultation with political parties and civil society groups across Haiti and in the diaspora in August 2021, we developed what became known as the Montana Accord, an agreement and road map for transparent, nonviolent, participatory, ethical transition governance that was signed by more than 1,000 individuals and organizations. But Henry's government had no interest in our consensus against the criminality of his political culture. And though I and fellow commissioners met with officials from the United States, France, Canada, the European Union and the United Nations' Haiti bureau, the international community also declined to support our effort.

I left Haiti on April 1. The international airport had been shuttered for weeks, and all commercial flights had been canceled. On a dirt field in Port-au-Prince, protected by muscular, armed security agents, I clutched my large African carryall and walked hurriedly into a sturdy, old Soviet-era U.N. helicopter that had touched down seconds before amid clouds of dust and earsplitting noise. I couldn't bring myself to look at the other 18 men, women and children on board for fear of descending into mutual despair. Twenty minutes later, after hovering north over dense plains and desertlike mountains, we landed in Cap-Haïtien, on Haiti's northern coast, in time for me to catch a Sunrise Airways flight to Miami.

It was unfair that I could leave when most Haitians could not. Nearly half of my compatriots do not even have enough to eat.

Of course, I missed my life in Port-au-Prince. The pleasure of tending the bougainvillea, lilies, irises, orchids and medicinal plants in my garden. My daily mango and avocado. I also missed the Port-au-Prince I knew long ago, the city I grew up in, whose streets I walked freely with my sister holding my hand.

But I did not miss passing dead bodies covered with white sheets on the streets, or hearing constant gunfire, or seeing the distress on people's faces at the supermarket.

Now, nearly two months after Henry's humiliating fall from power, almost three years since Moïse's assassination, and days before a menacing hurricane season begins in earnest, Haiti is experimenting with a new governance model: a presidential council of nine members, including one from the Montana movement. Unfortunately, most of the groups represented on the council are from the old guard, connected with gangs and oligarchs. But this is what we've got for now. On May 28, the council selected Garry Conille, a doctor by training and seasoned U.N. official who served as prime minister in 2011, to be interim prime minister.

In the meantime, the United States and the United Nations have organized a Kenyan-led police force, expected to arrive soon in Haiti, to help restore security. But the interim government has not been involved in decision-making, and Haitians still know little about what the force will do, how it will function and who will be responsible when things go wrong.

I believe in Haitians. I believe in our capacity to organize, to transform; throwing off the yoke of the French colonizers in 1804, we were the first independent Black republic, after all. Across Haiti today, farmers, city residents and diverse others are banding together to help one another survive, thrive and build.

All of us, from all walks of life, must take ownership of the political transition. We must demand robust checks and balances to monitor the presidential council, the prime minister and his government, the multinational security force, and the elections. We must help build a government that works for us all. In Haitian Creole, the word "konbit" means "communal labor," and konbit is what it's going to take.

I returned to Port-au-Prince on June 2.

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MEGAN MCARDLE

Remember the Alamo Drafthouse? Luckily for moviegoers, Sony did.

When I heard that Sony had bought the Alamo Drafthouse theater chain, I first wondered why the Federal Trade Commission didn't try to block it. Lina Khan, the FTC chair, is an aggressive foe of both horizontal mergers (competitors buying each other) and vertical mergers (companies buying their suppliers or distributors). And when it comes to vertical mergers, studio ownership of movie theaters has a special place in the history of antitrust enforcement.

A landmark case, *U.S. v. Paramount,* and ensuing consent decrees forced the major studios to divest their theaters back in the late 1940s, hastening the end of the old studio system. Of course, the moviemaking business has changed quite a bit since the '40s, as the government itself noted in 2020 when the Paramount decrees were finally terminated. With television, DVDs and streaming, people have plenty of ways to watch movies without darkening the door of a cinema. Nevertheless, Khan made her mark, arguing that the government has become far too tolerant of Big Business. It seemed ironic that a major deal uniting studios and theaters was happening on her watch.

The boring answer, as I eventually found out, is that the Justice Department, not the FTC, has historically overseen antitrust in the movie industry. And yet when I thought about it, I was left with a more interesting question — not why the FTC hadn't stepped in but why this deal had attracted so little attention from anyone.

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Ten or 20 years ago, this story would have been big news, not just because the Paramount decrees were still in effect but also because moviegoing was still a major part of American life. People would have been debating how this might change our weekends, our culture, our nation — and it's a safe bet we'd have heard from a bunch of people demanding (however unnecessarily) that the government do something to protect us, and independent filmmakers, from the reassembly of the old studio system.

Now, the story barely made a ripple outside of trade publications and online communities of movie buffs. Which tells you both why this deal went through so easily and why it was arguably needed: because movie theaters have become less and less central to our lives.

Back in the 1980s, when dinosaurs roamed the Earth and I was in my teens, "going to the movies" was an activity for people of all ages — which is to say, a group of you decided to go to the movies, and then you decided what movie to see. Because whatever you saw, you'd still have the magic of the movies — the giant screen, the booming sound, the expectant hush of the crowd as the lights went down. You still can't fully duplicate that at home, but you can get a lot closer than you could in 1984 — or even 2014. So now, many former moviegoers come out only for "event" films such as "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer." Others never go at all. All of which is clearly visible in declining box office numbers, especially since the pandemic.

Last year, as Barbenheimer drew people back into theaters, it seemed that maybe the pandemic really had been a blip; maybe it hadn't actually trained everyone to stay home staring at their screens. Yet when you looked under the hood, the news wasn't that spectacular. Yes, the overall box office was recovering from its pandemic lows, but it still hadn't made up all its lost ground. According to Box Office Mojo, the total domestic gross box office was $11.4 billion in 2019. In 2023, it was $8.9 billion. And now it looks as if it's headed in the wrong direction again: Second-quarter revenue is down by a third from this time last year.

The obvious caveat is that a lot of major productions were delayed by last year's dual strike of actors and writers. Yet "this is just a temporary lull because of the strike" has some of the same flavor of last year's "it was just a temporary lull because of the pandemic." It sure looks as though the pandemic taught some moviegoers to prefer their own couches. And if people must now find alternative entertainments because the strikes have left them with nothing they want to see, some of them might not recover their old cinema habits. There has never been more competition for eyeballs than there is now — not just from network TV and Netflix but also from video games, Twitch streamers, YouTubers, TikTok influencers and probably a bunch of other stuff I'm not hip enough to name.

Those entertainments are also changing the audience, in ways that don't favor movie theaters. Now, when watching a movie at home, many people scroll at the same time. This is part of what makes home appealing: No one asks us to turn off our phones or stop talking to our partner during the show. You can argue that this way of viewing is inferior to settling into a darkened theater and giving a great director your undivided attention — and I would agree. Unfortunately, I'm not sure everyone else in the audience does.

The more of this we do, the less we'll want to go to the movies — and the less we go out to the movies, the more we'll get used to treating them as pleasant background rather than all-encompassing spectacle. Which is ultimately liable to affect the sort of movies that get made, shifting them toward the kind of stuff that works well for distracted home viewing and making it even more difficult to draw people into theaters.

Presumably, this is why Sony is buying Alamo Drafthouse. In the 1940s, owning theaters might have been a way to get a leg up in a booming, competitive market. Today, it seems more like a way to ensure that *any* market remains for the kinds of movies that need to be seen in theaters. That's the sort of merger that *ought* to win the blessing of even the most vigorous antitrust hawk. It certainly has mine.

OPINION

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Parks and reservations

EDITORIAL

SUMMER OFFICIALLY begins Thursday, with the solstice occurring at 4:51 p.m. — the earliest since June 20, 1796. Yet even when the longest day of the year arrives more promptly than expected, there aren't enough hours in it to enjoy all the fun warm-weather activities one would like. Case in point: visiting the national parks. That's on many a family's itinerary this summer, but space is limited, especially now that crowds in the park system have returned to — or exceeded — pre-pandemic levels.

In fact, overcrowding has become a serious problem for some of the most popular parks. In addition to risks this creates for the parks' wildlife, ecosystems and man-made infrastructure, the sheer stress — traffic jams, fights over parking spots, congested hiking trails — can spoil what should be a relaxing time in the great outdoors. Park rangers sometimes spend more time directing traffic than on duties that actually enhance visitors' experience, such as interpretive talks.

The National Park Service is responding pragmatically, however, managing the flow of people through the parks with timed-entry reservation systems. About a dozen of the most popular destinations now require booking in advance. The federal government's travel-planning platform, Recreation.gov, issued more than 2 million timed-entry passes last year, as well as 1.5 million permits and 4 million camping reservations. Recent experience at Yosemite National Park in California illustrates the need: Yosemite instituted a timed-entry system to deal with a surge of outdoor recreation seekers during the pandemic, discontinued it last year, experienced gridlock — and reinstated the reservation system this year.

The latest to join the trend is Rocky Mountain National Park, just outside booming Denver. Last month, the NPS announced that Rocky Mountain, where annual visits exceeded 4 million in 2023, up by about a million from 2013, will institute a permanent timed-entry reservation system this summer. The purpose is to spread entries out across the day and throughout the park during the high season from late May to mid-October. The NPS acted only after testing the concept in pilot programs for three years.

To be sure, getting a permit to experience natural wonders feels at odds with America's land-of-the-free ethos and with the fact that those natural wonders belong to the public. Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.), who was interior secretary in the Trump administration, has denounced what he calls "a deliberate strategy to keep the public out of parks." In addition to objections along those lines, critics of the reservation system cite practical issues: Lodge owners near parks complain of canceled bookings. Reserving online precludes road-trip spontaneity, and the process can be a hassle, especially when the internet turns glitchy. Indeed, there are concerns about equity in a system that favors those with computer and internet access.

Valid though the criticisms might be, the essential trade-off remains: maximizing access to the parks vs. preserving their quality. Properly designed reservation systems can help strike the right balance. Rocky Mountain, for example, took three steps to maximize flexibility for visitors. The park releases 40 percent of each day's available passes at 7 p.m. the night before so they aren't all snapped up a month ahead of time. Reservations are required only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Finally, in what's sometimes rare for federal agencies, the park promises to review usage patterns every year and adjust accordingly.

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Wherever possible, parks could require reservations only for marquee sites most at risk of being loved to death, as opposed to park access generally. Anyone can enter Zion National Park in Utah, for example, but you need a permit — distributed by lottery — to climb the famous Angels Landing. Similarly, vehicle reservations are required to drive to the summit of Cadillac Mountain in Maine's Acadia National Park. And Shenandoah National Park in Virginia now requires tickets to hike Old Rag Mountain from March through November.

Parks should continue to tailor rules to local considerations, with input from the community. Haleakala National Park in Hawaii requires reservations to drive in for the sunrise — between 3 and 7 a.m. — but not to see the sunset. Arches National Park in Utah also rewards highly motivated early risers: Tickets are required only from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Smart crowd management at big-name parks might steer more traffic to underutilized gems. An America the Beautiful pass provides unlimited entry to national parks and more than 2,000 other federal recreation sites, only a few of which require timed-entry passes. It's $80 per year, and we'd call that a bargain even at twice the price.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The path to peace between Israel and Palestinians

I disagree with assertions by David Ignatius in his June 6 op-ed, "Biden is right. We must seize this opportunity for peace." His claim that "dictatorial rule by Hamas is finished" was wishful thinking. The threat Hamas presents to Israel matters just as much as its political power, and Hamas remains lethal, controlling weapons and tunnels. Hamas fighters' use of RPGs against Israeli forces during the hostage rescue operation demonstrates the organization's continued capacity to engage.

Mr. Ignatius argued that "the framework for [Palestinian governance] will be built by supporters of the Palestinian Authority." But a recent survey from the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research found that more than 60 percent of respondents wanted to dissolve the Palestinian Authority. And 61 percent of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza wanted Hamas to run Gaza after the war, vs. just 6 percent who preferred the Palestinian Authority under its current leadership. Hamas won't relinquish power peacefully, even if it means civil war as in 2007.

Mr. Ignatius said that "the United Nations, Egypt and Qatar would lead an international effort for comprehensive reconstruction" of Gaza. But those two Arab nations and the Unnited Nations are complicit in militarizing and radicalizing Palestinians. Egypt has had to be pressured to address Hamas's tunnel construction and arms smuggling. Qatar funds Hamas (and before Oct. 7 did so with encouragement from Israel) and shelters its leaders. For years, outside reports have documented evidence that U.N. schools teach anti-Jewish attitudes and sometimes outright Jew-hatred. Israel can't trust these entities to rebuild Gaza.

Mr. Ignatius wrote that he has "been urging Israel for months to finish its campaign," a campaign that retired Gen. David H. Petraeus described in a conversation with Mr. Ignatius as "fiendishly difficult." To reach "the day after," Israel needs more time to decimate Hamas and destroy tunnels. This "opportunity for peace" is a phantasm.

Charles D. Eden, *Atlanta*

Who is 'we'?

David Ignatius was right that, as the title of his June 6 op-ed put it, "We must seize this opportunity for peace." But the question remains: Who should be included in that "we"?

Mr. Ignatius rightly asked that blunt question, but to my mind, he failed to go far enough. Let's not forget that after Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, the assumption was that the governing authority would continue to be the corrupt and dysfunctional Palestine Authority. In the elections soon after, Hamas, campaigning as the Change and Reform Party, defeated the ruling Fatah party and then consolidated its hold over Gaza with force. Did Gazans know then that they were empowering an Islamist extremist government? Of course they did. Why are they not speaking up now? Some are. Others might feel they don't have the power to do so, that Hamas will not let them or that they have to focus on surviving. It's hard to blame them at this point.

The better blunt question is: Why is it that here in the United States, Palestinian American citizens, Muslim elected members of Congress, and leaders of large Muslim communities in the Midwest have not spoken up forcefully against Hamas and for peace with Israel? Their ability to speak up is unlimited. Supporting two states without recognizing Israel's right to exist is meaningless. Because we hear nothing else, it's too easy to interpret such silence as support for Hamas and Hamas' goal of eliminating Israel. They are the "we" who should be seizing the opportunity for peace. Their silence is deafening.

Barry Leibowitz, *Bethesda*

ANN TELNAES

Louisiana is poised to require public schoolrooms to display the Ten Commandments

Public opinion and opposition

Finally, David Ignatius hit the nail on the head. Why, indeed, aren't the majority of Palestinians demanding that Hamas accept the most recently advanced peace initiative by the United States? Until now, too few commentators have asked that key question lest it appear that they are suggesting that Palestinian citizens themselves are the main obstacle to peace.

Yet that continued support for armed struggle explains why Hamas has been empowered to reject generous peace initiatives propounded by the Israelis. The inability to confront that reality also explains why credulous demonstrators, many of them college students, are so enamored of the Palestinian cause. Poll after poll demonstrates that the overwhelming majority of Palestinians are not only supportive of Hamas but also wholeheartedly against a two-state solution.

David R. Solomon, *Owings Mills*

Leaders who don't care

David Ignatius wrote that "surely, it's in the interest of Palestinians civilians who have suffered so much in this conflict" for Hamas to accept a peace deal with Israel. But Hamas is not concerned with the welfare of the Palestinian people.

As the Wall Street Journal reported extensively this month, Hamas leader Yehiya Sinwar wants Palestinian casualties with which to demonize Israel. Hamas uses Palestinians civilians and civilian facilities as shields for its war efforts. Ordinary Gazans do not always receive the full ratio of food aid Hamas is supposed to deliver to them and end up relying on black markets.

Hamas is all about Israel, not about Palestinian welfare. Regrettably, Palestinians living in areas governed by the Palestinian Authority seem to support Hamas's Israel obsession. Two-thirds of Palestinians support the Hamas raid on Oct. 7 outright, and 80 percent see it as an effective tactic for elevating Palestinian concerns on the world stage. If permitted to vote, Palestinian voters would choose Hamas over the Palestinian Authority. It's hard to imagine a scenario in which Palestinians would pressure Hamas en masse to stop the war.

Iran is the biggest beneficiary of all, masterminding the war against Israel without paying a price for its intervention.

Of all the international actors, only Israel is forthright about the necessity of deradicalizing all Palestinians. Only when this is accomplished can the Palestinians accept the legitimacy of the Jewish state and all can live in peace. This will never happen if the war is stopped prematurely, leaving Hamas capable of regaining control.

Larry Shapiro, *Calgary, Alberta*

Generational suffering

David Ignatius has been a go-to for me regarding thoughtful insight on the Israel-Gaza war. To say I was disappointed in his June 6 op-ed would be a gross understatement. In writing that "Gaza could actually experience something of a postwar boom," he unduly minimized not only the immensity of what innocent Palestinians have suffered but also what they face for decades to come.

To imply that a fragile deal that might or might not be reached will make it possible for Gaza to thrive anytime in the near future seems to ignore the tragic history of Middle East "peace deals." Surely history has taught us that once the parties have signed on the dotted line, the truly difficult work begins. Those parties need to be held accountable to their promises until they are fully realized. If the United States and other nations are genuinely serious about a lasting resolution to this complex conflict, they will aid and support the peacekeeping and humanitarian nonpolitical agencies on the ground that will do just that.

Even if by some miracle we do see a quick recovery of the infrastructure that Israeli forces have flattened, what about the millions of civilians who survive, especially the children? Their medical and mental trauma will last throughout their lifetimes and reverberate for generations. There will be no "postwar boom" for them.

Pam Kirby, *Ashland, Va.*

Mr. Ignatius responds:

The anguish of the Gaza war is evident in readers' thoughtful responses to my recent columns. They pose questions I have been struggling with over nearly 45 years of covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Why don't Palestinians speak up against bad leaders who have squandered opportunities for peace, as Barry Leibowitz, David R. Solomon and Charles D. Eden ask? Why does Hamas use Palestinian civilians for cover and spend their blood as a currency of war, as Larry Shapiro says? And on the other side, why is the United States unable to curb Israeli operations in Gaza that President Biden and other officials have warned from the beginning are an overreaction akin to what the United States experienced after 9/11, as Pam Kirby implicitly asks?

I try to remind myself of a promise I made decades ago to Israeli and Palestinian readers, when I was The Post's foreign editor: that I would try to see this conflict "whole," even when the pieces were so shattering to each side. Through these years, I've become more convinced than ever that Israelis can't have enduring security unless Palestinians do, and vice versa. For combatants, there's no middle in this conflict, but that's the space that journalists must inhabit.

CORRECTION

The June 16 editorial, "The court misfired on bump stocks. Congress can still succeed.," misstated the impact of the 1934 National Firearms Act. Congress sharply restricted civilian possession of machine guns — allowing limited exceptions — in 1934 but did not ban it outright.

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Madison vs. Wilson, the fight of the century

Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., in surreptitiously recorded comments, said that "there can be a way of working — a way of living together peacefully, but it's difficult, you know, because there are differences on fundamental things that really can't be compromised." While some of his critics have read that remark as combative, it should not be controversial. Maintaining cohesion in a society riven by deep differences is a serious challenge that has been recognized as such by a wide range of political thinkers.

Among those thinkers were the American Founders. Fostering a complex kind of unity was one of their principal aims in designing the Constitution. That goal helps explain why they sought to create a system in which multiple, overlapping factions would have to contend and bargain with one another. No group was guaranteed to get its way all the time or to be shut out of power altogether. Major changes in government would generally require broad and durable consensus.

In his new book, "American Covenant," Yuval Levin argues that we have forgotten the Founders' way of thinking about these issues, and that this forgetfulness is one of the sources of contemporary discontent.

A friend and American Enterprise Institute colleague of mine, Levin makes his case without over-idealizing the Founders or scanting their own disagreements. They weren't united even about just how divided we were. Arguing against those Founders who insisted we were a culturally unified nation unmarked by European class distinctions — that we were already one people, as the Declaration of Independence somewhat wishfully suggested — James Madison noted that we were not and could not be made into "one homogeneous mass." He accurately suggested that future events, along with fading memories of the American Revolution, would make us more heterogeneous still.

Their work had flaws, some of which now seem obvious. Levin regards two crucial post-1787 developments — the modern party system midwifed by Martin Van Buren and the Reconstruction amendments — as improvements that furthered the Constitution's original goals.

The Founders also sometimes wrongly implied that they had created a system that would run by itself. Keeping it in good working order would require more than checks and balances; it would take civic virtue on the part of officials and citizens alike. But we have had more than a century of civic miseducation thanks to the influence of progressivism in the mold of Woodrow Wilson. The progressives of the early 20th century chafed at the limits the Constitution placed on government, and especially the need for building large coalitions before it could take decisive action.

Over the decades, they altered our country's governmental and political practice. Levin gently but relentlessly argues that theirs has been a disastrous success. Presidents now attempt to act as visionary policymakers more than as administrators, Congress has lost the habit of deliberating, and the judiciary is too often tempted to do the proper work of the other federal branches. State governments today grasp for dollars from the federal government more than for independence from it.

We now have a Wilsonian political culture operating a Madisonian Constitution, with dysfunctional and disappointing results. Which way to resolve that conflict depends on how we think about the trade-off between making coalition-building easier and making it less necessary.

The attraction of the second answer, the one progressives historically favored, and which not a few of today's rightists have come to embrace, is the prospect of bold and sweeping government action. The Madisonian answer, seconded by Levin, frustrates such ambitions on purpose. The reforms he suggests to nudge our political practices back toward Madisonianism — such as a larger U.S. House, in which committees have more power and the leaders of the parties have less — are therefore not a summons to the barricade. It is a practical agenda, not a romantic one.

As such, it would appear to be a poor fit for an era in which many Americans say they want radical, disruptive change. But the people who speak that way don't always mean the same thing, or anything in particular, and in recent decades, presidents' transformative initiatives have mostly brought them grief.

It might, then, be the right time for a return to bargaining and accommodation. When the Constitution comes up in political debates, it is typically in the context of the most divisive issues in our society, such as abortion and guns, on which we read its provisions very differently. But the Constitution is meant to bring us together. Beneath the affection for Americans of all political stripes that Levin expresses is a stern message: If we seem to be coming apart today, it might not be because the Constitution is failing us so much as because we are failing it.

Civil service can be less partisan — and more accountable

BY MIKE HAYDEN , JAMES LOY, J. MICHAEL "MIKE" MCCONNELL, JOHN NEGROPONTE AND SEAN O'KEEFE

Frustrated by what he saw as an entrenched bureaucracy resistant to his policies, Donald Trump as president attempted to remove most of the protections afforded federal civil servants so he could replace them with policy proponents and loyalists. Although his efforts were promptly rescinded by newly elected President Biden, Trump has announced that he would try again if reelected.

We think there is some merit in both points of view. However, as members of a bipartisan group of former national and homeland security, diplomatic, intelligence and law enforcement officials who have served both Democratic and Republican presidents, we think there is a "third way" that preserves all that is right with our civil service but also addresses what almost everyone agrees is wrong with it.

Our experience has shown us that career civil servants are a priceless resource who must be preserved and protected from partisan political influence. Their ability to "speak truth to power" (including to officials like us) without fear of losing their jobs was and is critical — so using political ideology as a litmus test in their appointment or retention, no matter how well-intentioned that might be, presents a dangerous risk to our national security.

However, these employees must also be held accountable for doing their jobs well. As a practical matter, the few bad actors among them are overprotected under the existing system. It is just too hard to ensure that they can be terminated when they fail to meet reasonable standards of performance or conduct — for example, for refusing a direct, lawful order.

Thus, we think the current civil service system is badly in need of reform. But the blueprints offered by both left and right are problematic. One side is firmly rooted in a status quo that (inadvertently or otherwise) impedes accountability, and the other could end up politicizing the very civil servants who should be politically neutral.

We think effective reform can be accomplished *without* politicizing the system or those employed by it. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) recently issued a rule intended to make it harder to use criteria other than merit to hire or fire federal civil servants. We applaud the effort, but although that rule might delay that potential politicization, it does not prohibit a president — *any* president, of *either* party — from undoing it. And that is bad for our country.

This battle is far from over, and we believe that only Congress can provide a sound, lasting and effective balance between protections and accountability. Here is what we propose:

1. Congress must revise civil service laws so adverse actions for misconduct or poor performance can be taken and resolved quickly, simply and with finality. That is not the case today, and it can be done without compromising on basic due process. Civil servants should be hired and fired on the basis of merit alone.

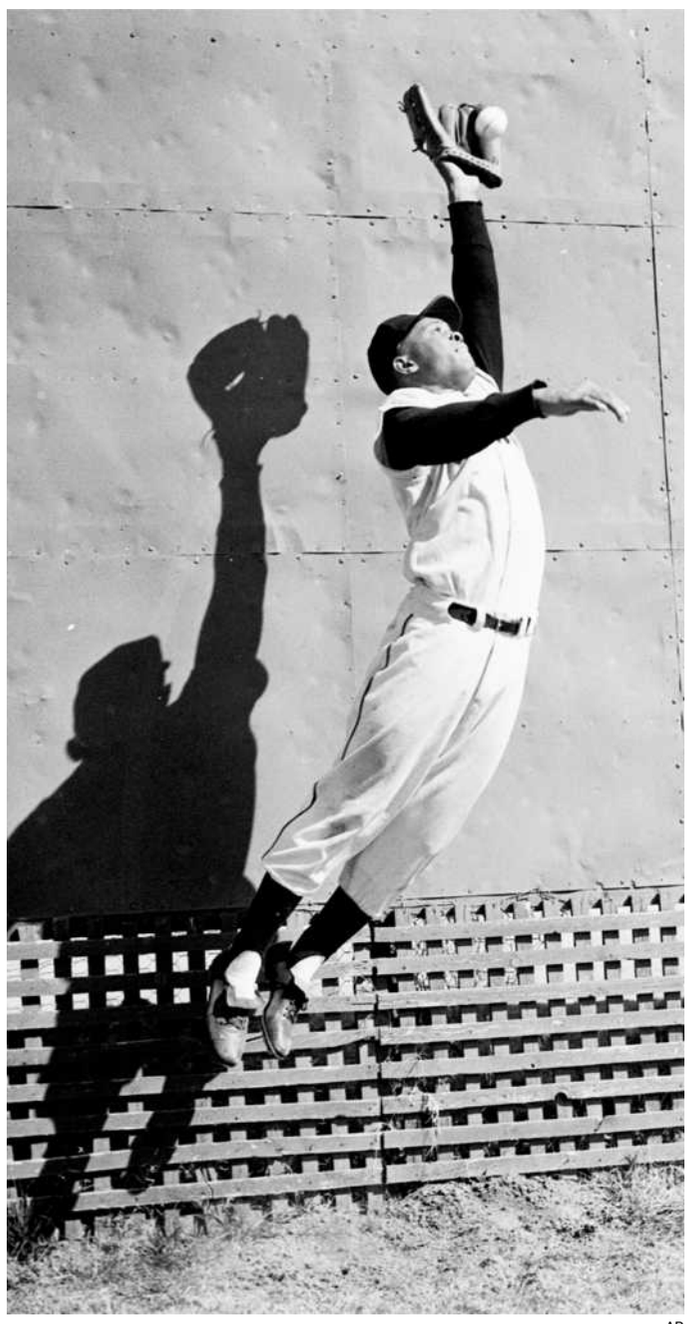
2. Congress must simultaneously continue to protect deserving career civil servants — especially those in national security, diplomatic, intelligence and law enforcement positions — from partisan influence by enacting legislation (perhaps modeled on the aforementioned OPM rule) that would prevent their potential politicization now and under future administrations.

3. Congress must also ensure the right balance between apolitical administration by career civil servants and their control by appointees of a democratically elected administration. This could be done by requiring that the mix in each agency be reviewed by a nonpartisan body, perhaps patterned after the U.S. military's Quadrennial Review commissions.

As what might be the only "must pass" legislation we are likely to see this election year, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2025 is a potential vehicle for congressional action. And, of course, we would be happy to help.

However, let us be clear. We believe our career civil servants are a vital national resource. They have always brought unrivaled technical expertise, institutional memory and the ability to navigate complex bureaucracies that we always found to be truly invaluable. Any proposal that allows political loyalty or apathy to creep into their ranks — even in the name of greater accountability — must be stopped.

Mike Hayden was director of the CIA from 2006 to 2009 and of the National Security Agency from 1999 to 2005. James Loy was deputy secretary of Homeland Security from 2003 to 2005 and commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard from 1998 to 2002. J. Michael "Mike" McConnell was director of national intelligence from 2007 to 2009 and of the NSA from 1992 to 1996. John Negroponte was deputy secretary of state from 2007 to 2009 and director of national intelligence from 2005 to 2007. Sean O'Keefe was NASA administrator from 2001 to 2005 and secretary of the Navy from 1992 to 1993.



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Willie Mays at spring training in Phoenix on Feb. 29, 1956.

GEORGE F. WILL

The unnatural

In the 1962 Yankees-Giants World Series, the Yankees' Clete Boyer hit a line drive to right-center. "As the ball left the bat, I said to myself two things. The first thing I said was 'Hello double!' The second thing I said was, 'Oh, sh--, *he's* out there.' "

Willie Howard Mays Jr., who died Tuesday at age 93, was the archetypal "five tool player" who could run, catch, throw, hit and hit for power. Said his first major league manager, Leo Durocher, "If he could cook, I'd marry him." Said actress Tallulah Bankhead, "There have only been two authentic geniuses in the world, William Shakespeare and Willie Mays."

"I can't hit the pitching up there," said Mays, a scared minor leaguer, in 1951, speaking by phone to Durocher, who would soon manage him. "Do you think you can hit .2-f---ing-70 for me?" Durocher asked of the player who was hitting .477 in Minneapolis. He could.

A few weeks later, the Giants sent Mays — who was 0-12 in major league at-bats — to the plate to face, 60 feet 6 inches away, Warren Spahn, who was en route to becoming the winningest left-hander in baseball history. Mays hit the first of his 660 home runs. After the game, Spahn said, "For the first 60 feet it was a helluva pitch." Years later, he said: "We might have gotten rid of Willie forever if I'd only struck him out."

In 1963, in a game of a sort that will never again be played, Spahn, then 42, and another future Hall of Famer, Juan Marichal, 25, both pitched shutouts into the 16th inning. Marichal threw 227 pitches, Spahn 201. The Giants won 1-0 when Spahn gave up a walk-off home run. You know who hit it.

Mays, whose mother died giving birth to her 11th child, grew up in Birmingham, Ala., which the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. considered the United States' worst big city regarding race relations. The teenage Mays played professionally for the Birmingham Black Barons and listened to radio broadcasts of the Birmingham Barons, a White team whose play-by-play announcer became, in the 1960s, infamous: Theophilus Eugene "Bull" Connor's use of fire hoses and police dogs on student protesters in 1963 helped propel a horrified nation to embrace the 1964 Civil Rights Act. "Pretty good announcer," Mays remembered.

In a sense, Mays was too good for his own good. His athleticism and ebullience — e.g., playing stickball with children in Harlem streets — encouraged the perception of him as man-child effortlessly matched against grown men. He was called a "natural." Oh? Extraordinary hand-eye coordination is a gift. There is, however, nothing natural about consistently making solid contact with a round bat on a round ball that is moving vertically, and horizontally, and 95 mph. Because Mays made the extraordinary seem routine, his craftsmanship and intelligence were underrated.

Even as a rookie, he would reach second base, decode the opposing catcher's pitch signs, and tell the Giants' dugout that, say, the third in each sequence was the actual sign. His baserunning "instincts" actually were a meticulously honed craft: Although he played center field, he would take pregame infield practice, reminding himself where infielders should position themselves to cut off throws from outfielders. Then when he got a hit, he could take an extra base if the infielders were out of position. Sometimes early in a game, Mays would intentionally swing at and miss a pitch he could easily have hit, thereby encouraging the pitcher to throw the pitch during a crucial late-inning at-bat.

Mays and another early-1950s center fielder, who played less than a mile away from the Giants' Polo Grounds, the Yankees' Mickey Mantle (like Mays, born in 1931), electrified baseball in the 1950s, when it was indisputably the national pastime. (The NFL and NBA ranked behind boxing in the decade in which Americans first sat down to watch TV. At least a quarter of American men regularly watched "Friday Night Fights" and other matches.)

In the 1954 World Series, the Indians' Vic Wertz crushed Don Liddle's pitch into baseball's deepest center field — 483 feet to the wall in the Polo Grounds — where Mays made The Catch. Liddle, who was put in the game to pitch only to Wertz, reportedly said laconically, "I got my man." Yes, by getting him to hit a Ruthian blast to the only player who could have caught it.

Baseball fans are an argumentative tribe, but none question that Mays was among baseball's half-dozen best position players. Still, after that first home run off Spahn, Mays went 0 for 13, making him 1 for 25. Even baseball's gods need time to figure things out.

MARC FISHER

Our nation turns its lonely eyes to Ryan Seacrest

In the last years of radio's role as the nation's dominant musical tastemaker, Ryan Seacrest, America's vanilla uberhost, took over Casey Kasem's role as DJ on "American Top 40." When Dick Clark was fading away as the nation's faithful New Year's Eve companion, Seacrest succeeded him, too. Seacrest has followed LA's legendary morning radio DJ, Rick Dees, and TV's legendary morning chat show host, Regis Philbin. And now, in the dying days of broadcast TV's role as the bonding agent in America's living rooms, Seacrest has been tapped to replace Pat Sajak, who hosted "Wheel of Fortune" for a mind-numbing 41 years.

For a man who once noted of himself that he has "no real talent," Seacrest has done okay, both as a replacement for aging celebrities and in his gig hosting "American Idol." At 49, he is not exactly a teen heartthrob, but he has become the go-to heir to boomer-era institutions because he is widely famous and relatively inoffensive to the generations that grew up amid a crumbling national monoculture.

In this era of polarized politics, collapsing trust in traditional institutions and lost local affinities, the machinery of American celebrity is struggling to churn out stars whose appeal bridges generational, political and class divides. Result: an increasingly geriatric culture, occasioned not only by the big population bulge of the boomers but also by the technological revolution that diminished gatekeepers' roles in media, politics and the economy.

YouTube, social media and Spotify are more democratic purveyors of pop culture than Dick Clark, Ed Sullivan or Larry King ever were, but they don't produce what used to be called household names. That leaves us in a place where all 10 of the 10 most popular TV personalities, as measured in surveys by YouGov, are either dead or over 65, from the late game-show hosts Alex Trebek and Bob Barker to retired late-night hosts David Letterman and Jay Leno and veteran TV personalities Vanna White and Steve Harvey. You have to reach down to No. 15 to find Jimmy Fallon, a mere pup at 49.

Ah, but linear TV is fading before our eyes, you say. True, yet even the stars of TV's most popular shows now barely move the likeability needle, according to Steve Levitt, president of Marketing Evaluations, which produces the Q Scores that sponsors use to measure celebrities' emotional appeal.

"People love 'Yellowstone' and its cast, but they don't really know who they are," Levitt told me. "Stars of the big shows now have recognition scores only in the 30 percent range," compared with 60 percent for Sajak — and 70 percent for Seacrest. "Where will the next stars come from? Hard to say."

Virtually everyone knew of Trebek, but his successor on "Jeopardy!," Ken Jennings, despite being one of the winningest game-show contestants in history, is recognized by only 45 percent of those surveyed. And Jennings's negatives are double his positives in likability.

If that combination — famous name, unloved character — sounds familiar, consider our politics. No matter who wins, a widely unpopular octogenarian will serve in the White House next term. Geriatric America's power structure is old, from the Senate, where the median age is the highest ever, to medicine, Big Business and much of the economy.

The phenomenon is most visible in the entertainment world — with the exceptions of sports and music, where star rosters are naturally refreshed, since most people lock in their fandom and musical taste in their youth. (Still, the top of the musical heap is disproportionately old — three of the 10 highest-grossing concert tours of all time starred senior citizens: late-career shows by the Rolling Stones and Elton John.)

Hollywood might be the most extreme example of the aging of American star power. The past year's flicks featured actors who predate the boomers: At 80, Robert De Niro headlined a film by Martin Scorsese, also then 80. At 81, Harrison Ford appeared in his fifth Indiana Jones adventure. Tom Cruise's impossible mission has carried him into his 60s. Asked which actors would draw them to a theater, moviegoers' top 20 choices included two octogenarians and no one under 35.

The cultural flip tracks a population shift: In the next decade, the United States will be home to more people over 65 than those under 18 — the opposite of what everyone alive today has experienced.

The good news is that fresh ideas and fascinating mini-stars flourish online; influencers and creators grasping toeholds in the attention economy. But other than the Super Bowl, there's little mass left. The "Wheel" audience that Seacrest inherits has shrunk from 40 million at its 1980s peak to about 9 million viewers a night.

In politics as in entertainment, mass culture can be as vanilla as Seacrest. But shared experiences and the inspiration generated by admirable popular figures can also bring us together. The country would gain a measure of health, politically and culturally, if more alternatives were available when the likes of Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Oprah Winfrey and Tom Hanks leave the stage. But the era of Walter Cronkite, Johnny Carson and Bob Barker isn't coming back. The next generation of unifying personalities will have to coalesce from the shards of our collapsed community.

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OBITUARIES
Mark James, writer of hit songs such as “Always on My Mind” and “Suspicious Minds,” was 83. **B4**

Companies underpaid workers, suit alleges

D.C. litigation also says many were denied sick leave benefits, overtime

BY JENNY GATHRIGHT

Edwin Mayorga helped build one of the highest-profile developments in D.C. in recent years — a sprawling, mixed-use complex in Northwest that brought the District its first Wegmans grocery store, a 690-unit residential building and hundreds of thousands of square feet of retail.

But, Mayorga says, he still has not been fully paid for his work on the project, known as City Ridge. Despite working punishing hours for months, Mayorga says, he never got paid overtime. The sheet metal worker estimates the company that employed him owes him thousands of dollars in unpaid wages for this and other practices.

“We worked 12 hours a day from Monday to Friday, and on Saturday we worked 10 hours, Sunday, 10 hours, practically,” he said in Spanish, through an interpreter. “We weren’t resting.”

Mayorga, 35, is one of an estimated 370 workers denied the proper minimum wage, overtime and paid sick leave under the contractor that built City Ridge and its various subcontractors, a new lawsuit against the companies from the D.C. Office of the Attorney General alleges. The suit alleges that the companies systematically misclassified workers as independent contractors instead of employees, violating D.C.’s labor laws in pursuit of cost savings. The attorney general’s office and local construction-worker union officials said contractors in D.C.’s construction industry routinely use “labor brokers” — smaller companies that find workers and typically have no broader say in the project — to hire independent contractors so they can cut costs. The lawsuit filed Tuesday in D.C. Superior Court seeks penalties against the five companies, as well as restitution and

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Braving the heat for Juneteenth

Dozens in Anacostia dance and cheer the ‘holiday of resilience’ under a baking sun

BY EMMA UBER

A group of around 30 people danced on the hot asphalt of the Anacostia Community Museum parking lot Wednesday afternoon, defying the near-90-degree temperature, as the jazz band DuPont Brass performed. Hundreds of others, warier of the beating sun, sat on picnic blankets in the shade or ducked inside the museum to enjoy air conditioning while browsing the exhibit on Black arts education in D.C.

“You won’t break my soul,” one musician sang, sporting an “I Heart Anacostia” T-shirt.

The line captured the sentiments of joy and resilience Anacostia Community Museum Director Melanie Adams said she aimed to put on display at the Smithsonian museum’s Juneteenth Freedom Celebration.

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FROM TOP: Alonna Rainey applauds Wednesday at the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration at the Anacostia Community Museum. “You are seen, you are appreciated, you are free,” said host Bryant “BMo” Brown.

Good, McGuire result is unclear

INTERNAL GOP FIGHT PLAYS OUT IN VA. 5TH

State vote count close amid a national backdrop

BY LAURA VOZZELLA AND GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

RICHMOND — This much is clear in Virginia’s too-close-to-call Republican primary in the 5th Congressional District between Donald Trump-backed challenger John J. McGuire III and House Freedom Caucus Chairman Bob Good:

Trump remains king of Virginia’s GOP, able to boost a state legislative backbencher to a household name who is so far narrowly besting a nationally prominent congressman. That’s one take, anyway.

Another has it that the 45th president, who sought revenge for Good’s endorsement of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) for president, is losing his sway with Christian conservatives, whose support helped Good stay competitive amid brutal attacks from Trump and the party’s big-spending establishment.

Those are just a couple of the conclusions that independent political analysts and Republican partisans were drawing Wednesday, as local elections officials around the rural central Virginia district launched what could be a long slog to decide who won the nomination. Starting with a tally of provisional ballots and Election Day-postmarked mail-ins that straggle in by Friday, the effort is likely to expand to a full recount that could take weeks.

Analysts and Republicans across the party’s MAGA-to-mainstream spectrum were not waiting for all that to shake out before trying to make sense or political hay out of the closer-than-expected contest. And like the election itself — with McGuire claiming victory, Good

SEE **MCGUIRE** ON **B2**

Baltimore seeks to stop Dali crew’s return home

BY KATIE METTLER

A federal judge in Maryland said the operators of the Dali container ship that toppled the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore three months ago may not help the vessel’s crew members leave the United States before a hearing about their departure is held on Thursday.

U.S. District Judge James Bredar issued the order Tuesday evening after two emergency motions from attorneys tied to the case expressed concern that they had been notified earlier that day that about half of the Dali crew had been granted permission to return to their home countries of Sri Lanka and India.

The notification of the potential departures came by email from an attorney representing the Dali’s owner and indicated they would probably leave Thursday, according to court filings.

Soon after, attorneys for those who have civil liability claims pending against the Dali in federal court asked the judge to stop the departures, arguing that they received just 48 hours’ notice on the day before the Juneteenth federal holiday.

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ELECTION 2024

Primaries are preview of Old Dominion’s fall colors

Virginia tends to provide drama in its congressional races, and Tuesday’s contests were no exception

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Voters cast their ballots in Lynchburg on Tuesday for the 5th Congressional District primary between incumbent Rep. Bob Good (R) and state Sen. John J. McGuire III, a Trump-backed candidate.

BY MEAGAN FLYNN

Virginia, home to several competitive districts and virtually a permanent bellwether for national politics, never lacks for drama in its congressional races, and Tuesday’s primary was no exception.

Rep. Bob Good (R), the only Virginia incumbent who was in serious jeopardy, is still fighting to keep his 5th District seat in a too-close-to-call race after former president Donald Trump endorsed his challenger. And two of Virginia’s most contested districts — the 7th and the 10th — are open seats this year with new candidates entering the ring, as Democrats seek to hang onto them in pursuit of control of the House.

Mark Rozell, founding dean of the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University, said that even as results were still being tallied in the 5th, one clear takeaway was the “overriding Trump factor” both in that GOP primary and in the 7th District, where projected Democratic nominee Yevgeny “Eugene” Vindman played a role in Trump’s impeachment.

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DNA leads to a charge of murder in Md. cold case

BY PAUL DUGGAN

A 44-year-old man was charged with murder Tuesday in the 2001 killing of a Maryland woman after investigators used DNA evidence from the long-ago crime scene and more recent genealogical research to identify the man and obtain a warrant for his arrest, Montgomery County police said.

The victim, Leslie J. Preer, then 50, was found dead May 2, 2001, in an upstairs bedroom of her home in the 4800 block of Drummond Avenue in the county’s Chevy Chase area, The Washington Post reported at the time. There were signs of a struggle in the home, and an autopsy found that Preer had died partly of blunt-force trauma.

The man now charged with killing her, Eugene T. Gligor, was arrested in D.C. by the U.S. Marshals Service’s fugitive task force and was being held pending an extradition hearing, Montgomery police said in a statement. He was 21 when the killing occurred, public records show.

A key step in the cold-case investigation apparently came in September 2022, when blood

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VIRGINIA

4 incumbents declare victory in crowded Alexandria City Council primary

BY TEO ARMUS

It was a good night to be an incumbent in Alexandria, where all four sitting City Council members declared victory in a crowded Democratic primary for their jobs leading this Northern Virginia city.

The four — Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, and R. Kirk McPike — are likely to be joined on the party's slate in November by two school board members, Abdel S. Elnoubi and Jacinta E. Greene, who rode their records in elected office to the front of an 11-way race.

About 18,500 voters cast their ballots in the Democratic primary, with late mail-in ballots still outstanding, indicating potentially lower turnout than the previous two cycles.

City Council member Alyia Gaskins was projected to win the Democratic primary for mayor, positioning her to become the first Black woman in that role. She defeated two other candidates, including Vice Mayor Amy Jackson, in a race that underscored different approaches to public engagement.

Those issues also extended to the council races, especially after tense citywide debates over housing density in Alexandria's more suburban neighborhoods and a failed effort for a new sports arena. But other matters — such as school funding — also seemed to resonate, with Elnoubi and Greene pushing to fully fund a budget request from Alexandria City Public Schools amid fights over Virginia's funding formulas.

The Democratic nominees for mayor and council will have a strong advantage heading into the general election in this overwhelmingly liberal city. Alexandria's council members are all elected at-large and serve three-year terms; the city's "weak mayor" system means that job's primary function is chairing the body.

Three other candidates — Republican Celianna Gunderson and independents Mason Butler and Roy Byrd — will also be seeking council seats in November, though Democrats have swept every local election since 2012. Gaskins is unopposed.

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Alexandria Mayor Justin M. Wilson (D) and the City Council host a town hall in January. Wilson did not seek reelection.

Urbanist groups like the YIMBYs of Northern Virginia framed the declarations of victory as a clear message that the bulk of city residents support the sitting council's embrace of urban growth. The organization had endorsed Gaskins for mayor and Aguirre, Bagley and McPike for council.

But there were also signs Tuesday night that the Democrats' slate of nominees had less support than in previous years. The council race appeared to be closer than in past cycles, with Chapman — who took a more moderate stance on the zoning change — so far in first place and the other council candidates who were ahead maintaining only a slight edge over lawyer Charlotte Scherer, who was in seventh place.

Scherer, a former city magistrate who nabbed an endorsement from former mayor Allison Silberberg, ran a campaign largely focused on limiting housing density away from Metro stations and public transit hubs.

Her strong showing — a surprise to some — could herald similar support for Byrd, who chairs a group that is suing over the council's vote last fall to eliminate single-family-only zoning.

"Someone like Charlotte did well because there's discontent," said Rod Kuckro, chair of Agenda: Alexandria, which convenes monthly forums on citywide issues. Particularly on the "Zoning for Housing" vote, "she didn't mince words, and that obviously resonated with a lot of people."

Kuckro said that some critics of Mayor Justin M. Wilson (D), who is not seeking reelection, viewed him as too quick to dismiss their concerns, and Kuckro called on Gaskins and others to spend the next few months trying to bridge that gap.

"It's important to have people around you who tell you things you don't want to hear," he said.

Anh Phan, a co-host of the "Liberally Social" podcast, which features interviews with Alexandria's Democratic candidates for local office, said Scherer "represented a really refreshing voice" who launched an impressive door-knocking effort.

But she cast aside the idea that Scherer's support would hurt the Democratic nominees for council because a presidential election and a contested U.S. Senate race will also be on the ballot in the general election.

The Alexandria Democratic Committee is "going to be full steam ahead" to turn out voters this fall, Phan said. "I don't think that could bode well for anyone who doesn't have a 'D' next to their name."

VIRGINIA

Henrico's top prosecutor announces Democratic bid for attorney general

BY TEO ARMUS

Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor announced Wednesday she will seek the Democratic nomination for Virginia attorney general, emphasizing her track record as a prosecutor in what is likely to be a competitive primary contest for the job now held by Republican Jason S. Miyares.

Taylor, who was reelected last year to a fourth term as her Richmond suburb's top prosecutor, pointed to nearly three decades of experience in the courtroom — and her consistent electoral wins in a former GOP stronghold — as evidence she was ready for the statewide post.

Shannon Taylor

"When it comes to protecting women's rights and our children or standing up against hate, those aren't just my positions," she said. "I've actually taken on either cases or actions to demonstrate my commitment to those Democratic values."

Taylor is the first candidate from either party to formally announce a bid for attorney general, one of three statewide offices in Virginia that will be on the ballot next year.

Former state delegate Jay Jones, a Norfolk trial attorney who lost the Democrats' 2021 primary for attorney general, is widely expected to run for the position again in 2025 — with the backing of former governors Ralph Northam and Terry McAuliffe.

On the Republican side, Miyares has not yet announced whether he will run for reelection as attorney general or if he plans to seek the GOP nomination for governor, as some expect. (Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin is term-limited.)

Taylor, 56, is a lifelong Virginia resident who served as a prosecutor in Richmond, oversaw a regional grand jury and worked as criminal defense lawyer before running for her current post, becoming the first Democrat in years to win countywide in Henrico — a once-conservative area closely associated with former House Republican leader Eric Cantor.

She said that as commonwealth's attorney, she hired more women and people of color to serve as prosecutors and ran her office through the lens of "compassionate accountability," putting a greater focus on mental health and substance use issues.

"I do call myself a 'progressive prosecutor,'" she said. "'Progressive' is to do things differently. That is exactly what I brought to that office and what I would continue to do if given the opportunity to move forward in a new role."

But she said she did not hesitate to fight acts of hate, prosecuting a self-identified Ku Klux Klan leader who drove a truck through a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters and then pushing state lawmakers to strengthen related hate-crime legislation.

She has also been involved in a string of high-profile cases, recently serving as special prosecutor in Virginia's case against one man who was accused of using a flaming torch to intimidate counterprotesters during the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville. The jury failed to reach a verdict in the case — the first test of a new state law meant to ban Ku Klux Klan cross burnings — though it is expected to return to court this summer for additional proceedings.

Taylor has also previously said she is conducting a probe related to the 2023 death of Irvo Otieno, a Black man in mental distress who was asphyxiated in a Richmond-area hospital while being restrained by three workers and seven sheriff's deputies.

The case is being prosecuted in nearby Dinwiddie County, where that incident occurred, but Otieno was brought to that facility from a Henrico hospital and then the county jail. The sheriff's deputies who restrained him for 11 minutes, according to surveillance video, are all from Henrico.

Taylor also pointed to her experience in several statewide efforts, including as past president of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys and on a working group that reviews legislation for the state Senate's Courts of Justice Committee.

Recount likely in Va.'s 5th District race for GOP nominee

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not conceding and the Associated Press not yet calling the contest either way — there was little agreement about what it all means.

"We don't know if Good won or not. We're not going to know for a month," former Trump White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon told The Washington Post.

But Bannon, who backed Good in a rare break with his old boss, said he could identify the loser: former House speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and his "revenge tour."

After Good played a key role in ousting McCarthy from the speakership, McCarthy sought to unseat him and seven other House Republicans who voted him out. Even if McGuire prevails, Bannon contends, the close finish is embarrassing given the money and effort McCarthy poured into it.

"This guy's the former speaker of the House and he has been humiliated," Bannon said, noting that McCarthy's effort to unseat Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) fell short.

Trump put considerable skin in the game, too, endorsing McGuire, calling Good a backstabber, making a TV ad for the challenger and phoning in to his tele-rally the night before the election. But Bannon does not see the former president similarly tarnished by a race that both candidates turned into a referendum on who loves Trump more.

"I think it shows how much President Trump is beloved by MAGA," Bannon said.

Dave Wasserman, senior editor and elections analyst for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report, agrees that the close race is more likely to stick to McCarthy, who has been focused on ousting the eight House Republicans, than Trump, who has endorsed "hundreds of candidates across the country."

"If he couldn't get rid of Nancy Mace or Bob Good, then who is he going to oust?" Wasserman said.

Yet veteran Richmond political analyst Bob Holsworth said the photo finish made Trump look weak.

"The fact that it was so close suggests that Trump's reach is not as deep and extensive as may have been thought," he said.

Holsworth said that might be particularly true for Christian-right voters who understood the rationale that Good, an alum and former official at Liberty University, offered for endorsing DeSantis: The governor is more conservative than Trump on abortion and guns.

"A number of folks who supported Good, most of them are still going to vote for Trump, but I think he looks somewhat petty and they just never saw the rationale for getting rid of someone whose values they respect," he said. "These folks are not turning around to vote for Biden, but Trump needs them to come out. … Does Trump, to them, start to look like just another self-interested politician?"

David Richards, chairman of the political science department at the University of Lynchburg, thinks both sides have reason to hang their heads.

"I think it's kind of embarrassing for both Trump and Good because neither one could push it over the hill," he said.

On a more upbeat note, he said, the results might hint that voters are getting wise to baseless political attacks such as the ones that painted McGuire and Good, both ultraconservatives, as anti-MAGA moderates. Or at the very least, the ads left voters so confused by those claims that they flopped.

CRAIG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The signs of the times were present Tuesday in Lynchburg outside a polling place within Virginia's 5th Congressional District, in which the primary results are still too close to call between two Republicans.

Richards noted one particular anti-McGuire ad that he called "almost parody," describing the challenger as "this incredible liberal that's going to let in all the aliens, and drag queens in schools and defund the police."

One rare area of agreement among observers chewing over the race: Almost everyone expects allies of 2020 election-deniers Good and McGuire to watch the counting and recounting like hawks.

"It's not lost on us that these are two candidates who were highly critical of the administration of the 2020 election who are now locked in a much tighter overtime situation," Wasserman said. "It could turn into a 'Stop the Steal' situation where Democrats are sitting back with popcorn, even if they don't have a chance of winning this district."

Bannon was already raising alarms in an interview with The Post on Wednesday.

"People have to be all over every one of these ballots, and we have to make sure chain of custody [is observed]," he said.

Those predictions were playing out Wednesday, with both campaigns dispatching observers to local elections offices around the district that were beginning the canvass process.

Unofficial figures so far indicate a margin of victory well within the threshold required to request a recount and just inside of what's required for the state to cover the cost.

Under state law, the apparent loser of an election may request a court-run recount at his or her own expense if the margin of victory is not greater than 1 percent of total votes cast. The state picks up the tab if the margin is not greater than 0.5 percent.

The recount process would not begin, however, until after the results are certified.

"This race remains too close to call," Good posted on X shortly before noon Wednesday. "We are in a period where the law provides a process for evaluating the accuracy of all the vote totals from election day to ensure everyone can have full confidence in the certified results. … We believe we can still prevail."

McGuire wrote on X shortly after midnight: "There are still a few votes left to count, but it's clear that all paths end with a victory."

Albemarle County outside Charlottesville was a Good stronghold. On Wednesday, as the local electoral board prepared to begin canvassing voting results, representatives for each candidate's campaign were on hand to scrutinize the process. Any change in totals could be significant in the overall outcome.

"It's crazy, right?" said Waverly Woods of Virginia Beach, who observed for the Good campaign. No one had expected the race to be so close, she said, "but you never know how things are going to turn out in Virginia."

Teemu Garrity, campaign manager for McGuire, joined her at folding tables set up for the vote tally in a cavernous room at the Albemarle government center.

"There is no mathematical way Bob Good can win this election," said Garrity, who emulated McGuire's Navy SEAL background by spelling his name using military nomenclature: "Tango, echo, echo…."

As elections officials began opening envelopes containing results from each of the county's 32 precincts, Woods took notes in a notebook and Garrity on a laptop. They occasionally asked officials to clarify numbers.

Despite his confidence, Garrity intended to watch the vote count for as many hours as the election workers planned to be there. "You might want to get some caffeine," he said.

Once the main results are canvassed, officials said, it could be Monday before all the county's provisional and mail-in ballots are tabulated.

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Community braves heat to celebrate Juneteenth, a 'holiday of resilience'

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"The whole purpose of the holiday is to bring forward and highlight African American culture," Adams said. "As you look at Juneteenth, it really is a holiday of resilience, a holiday of survival."

Juneteenth commemorates the arrival of Union troops in Galveston, Tex., on June 19, 1865, and their announcement that more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state were free. It's long been celebrated by Black communities across the country, but June 19 only became a federal holiday in 2021, when President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law following a national reckoning over racial injustice after the 2020 murder of George Floyd.

But Juneteenth was commemorated in D.C. for decades before it gained official federal recognition. The Anacostia Community Museum hosted Juneteenth celebrations in the 1980s and 1990s. Adams said the tradition died out in the early 2000s until last year, when the museum revived its Juneteenth celebration.

In recent years, Juneteenth events have proliferated. The celebration in Anacostia, a longtime epicenter of Black culture in the city, was one of more than a dozen taking place across the D.C. region on Wednesday.

The nonprofit Honor Flight Network organized a Juneteenth Honor Flight from Atlanta to D.C. to commend the service of Black veterans. Maryland's Carpe Diem Arts hosted a free Juneteenth drum and dance session to teach the public Afro-Carribean music. The Bethesda African Cemetery Coalition gathered local historians, politicians and performers at Moses Cemetery to call for the preservation of the historic Black cemetery. Alexandria held a celebration in Market Square featuring the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices, who use historical songs and spoken word to express the Black experience.

To kick off the Anacostia event, host Bryant "BMo" Brown led the crowd in applauding historical Black activists and artists such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Langston Hughes, Rosa Parks and Alain Locke. He concluded by commending current and future Black leaders.

"Shout out to the multitude of Blackness that exists in the 21st century," Brown said. "You are seen, you are appreciated, you are free."

Brown said he thought hard about the tone he wanted to set, and whether he should delve into the atrocities of slavery or implore people to take action against modern-day discrimination. In the end, he decided to allow Juneteenth to be a day for community celebration.

"I could do soapbox moments and put a whole bunch of pressure on movements and policies that are still affecting us," Brown said. "But maybe not today, maybe we'll get back to that work tomorrow. Maybe today we'll double Dutch and play catch in the parking lot and listen to people perform and celebrate being Black."

Venesha Jackson, a teacher at a nearby private school, brought her 7-year-old daughter to teach her about local Black history. Jackson looked for Juneteenth events online and chose this one because the museum's exhibit highlighting the rich history of Black art education in D.C. allowed her to show her daughter exemplary parts of her heritage.

"I want her to have a connection to our history and celebrate the positive things about it," Williams said. "I liked the idea of this being at the community museum so we could walk through and see the history of the community in a positive light."

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Anacostia Community Museum visitor gallery. Festival attendees dance to the Dupont Brass at the annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration at the Anacostia Community Museum on Wednesday. Ashley Buggs and her son, Ezrah White, revel in a fun family moment between a pair of double Dutch ropes at the event. Juneteenth commemorates the arrival of Union troops in Galveston, Tex., on June 19, 1865, and their announcement that more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state were free.

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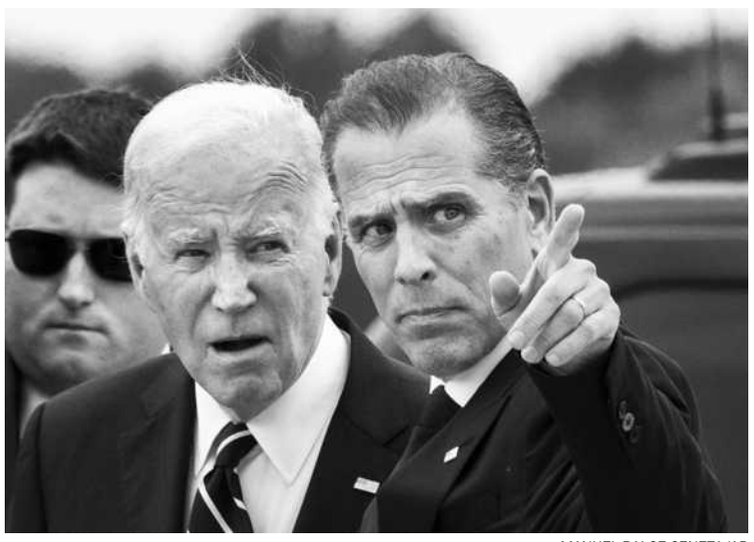
Panel recommends suspending Hunter Biden's law license after conviction



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President Biden meets with his son Hunter in New Castle, Del., on June 11, after Hunter's conviction on felony gun charges.

Gun offenses are a 'serious crime' under D.C. Bar rules

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER

The District's law licensing committee for the D.C. Court of Appeals has recommended suspending the law license of Hunter Biden, roughly a week after he was convicted on felony gun charges in Delaware.

Biden has been licensed to practice law in the nation's capital since 2007, registered under his full name, Robert H. Biden.

A jury in Wilmington, Del., found the 54-year-old son of President Biden guilty of three felony counts for lying on a federal firearms application, setting in motion what is considered to be a standard process in the District for a lawyer convicted of a felony.

The Court of Appeals' disciplinary counsel sent a letter to Biden and his attorney Abbe Lowell late Monday informing them that the panel had received copies of the jury's verdict form and determined that the offenses for which Biden was found guilty constituted a "serious crime" under the D.C. Bar's licensing rules.

The case thrust the family's darkest moments into the national spotlight and focused attention on Hunter Biden's past drug use, which the jury concluded he had sought to conceal on the federal gun purchasing form. Biden stated falsely that he was not using or addicted to illegal drugs at the time and unlawfully possessed the gun for 11 days in 2018 while he was addicted to crack cocaine, the jury found.

Calls to Lowell seeking comment were not immediately returned.

According to the letter, Biden was "suspended immediately from the practice of law in the District of Columbia" pending further investigation into the case and a determination that it involved dishonesty or immorality as defined by the District's bar licensing code. While the disciplinary counsel recommended the suspension, the judges have to accept the recommendation for the suspension to go into effect.

During the week-long trial, Biden's defense lawyers argued that prosecutors did not offer a drug test or other concrete evidence that he was on drugs when he bought the gun or that he took drugs while the gun was in his possession. Prosecutors told the jury in closing arguments that they did not have to prove those details and that their responsibility was to show Biden knew he was a drug user and that he was addicted to them at the time of the October 2018 purchase.

The most serious charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, but as a first-time offender, Biden is poised to receive a lighter sentence.

In Baltimore bridge case, a brewing battle over departure of ship's crew

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Civil attorney Andrew K. O'Connell wrote in an emergency request that he and other lawyers need more time to conduct depositions of the crew members before their return to their home countries, and that allowing them to leave before then "presents numerous legal and logistical issues that will exacerbate the inherent complexities and difficulties in this matter."

O'Connell, alongside outside counsel hired to represent the city of Baltimore, asked the judge for an emergency meeting Tuesday to discuss the matter.

Bredar set a hearing for Thursday morning, ordering the presence of the lawyers for all civil claimants and the U.S. government, along with Dali owner Grace Ocean and operator Synergy Marine.

In the meantime, Bredar said that Grace Ocean and Synergy Marine cannot help the crew members leave the United States — and the government cannot deport them — before the hearing.

In the notification email Tuesday morning about the crew's planned departure, attorney William Bennett III, who is representing the ship's owner, said the U.S. Coast Guard would "permit" some crew members to leave the United States but "requested" that others remain on the vessel.

Those permitted to leave, he wrote in the notification email, included the ship's cook, an oiler and several able seamen — who work on the deck of the Dali.

Darrell Wilson, a spokesman for the ship's owner, confirmed Tuesday that some of the ship's crew members had planned to leave, but he said he was not aware of any specific travel plans.

It has been nearly three months since the Dali crashed into the Key Bridge in the middle of the night, killing six members of a construction crew that was doing roadwork at the time.

The FBI has opened a criminal investigation focusing on the ship — a probe that will look at least in part at whether the crew left the port knowing the vessel had serious system problems.

The Dali suffered two electrical blackouts the day before the collision and experienced two more blackouts that disabled critical equipment, National Transportation Safety Board investigators said in a report released last month. The crash halted most trade at the Port of Baltimore and raised questions about whether federal and state authorities are prepared to prevent similar tragic disruptions.

MATT ROURKE/AP

The cargo ship Dali, seen in Baltimore on May 20, caused the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in March. A judge ruled that the vessel's operator could not help its crew members leave the country.

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Construction firms targeted in D.C. wage theft lawsuit

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back pay for the affected workers.

The suit names the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company as the general contractor and alleges that Whiting-Turner relied on a subcontractor called Welch Mechanical Contractors to install major building systems like mechanical, electrical, drywall and plumbing at City Ridge and other construction project sites. Welch used a group of three smaller companies to find workers to staff its projects, the complaint states.

Between November 2021 and March 2022, the suit alleges, these companies paid at least 27 workers less than the District's minimum wage, which was then $15.20 — at times paying workers as little as $13 or $14 an hour, according to the suit. The suit also alleges that during the same time period, the companies failed to pay overtime on more than 240 occasions in which workers were in excess of 40 hours per week.

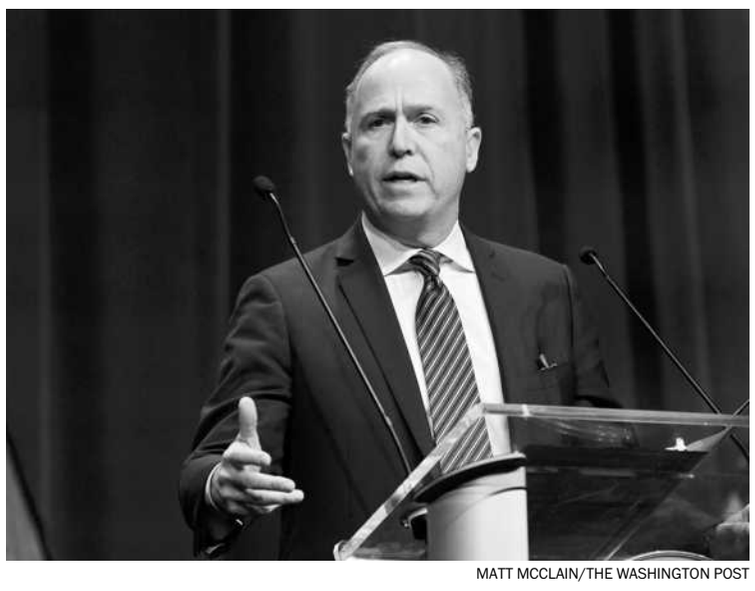
Further, the lawsuit alleges that because Welch and its subcontractors were improperly classifying employees as independent contractors, they were also illegally denied paid sick leave.

A group of workers also sued Welch separately in 2022, alleging the company owed them back wages for their work on the City Ridge project; court documents show most of the plaintiffs reached a settlement agreement with the company last year.

Whiting-Turner and Welch did not immediately return calls for comment.

These problems are not isolated to the City Ridge project, the suit states. The attorney general's office alleges Welch's labor subcontractors violate these laws on projects throughout the city.

The lawsuit is one in a series of wage-theft suits brought by the District attorney general's office, which says its workers' protection section has secured more than $10 million in penalties and restitution since January 2023.



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Tuesday's lawsuit is one of several wage-theft suits brought by the office of D.C. District Attorney Brian L. Schwalb.

"It is unacceptable for businesses operating in the District of Columbia to boost their profits by stealing from workers," D.C. Attorney General Brian L. Schwalb said in a statement. "Labor brokers and the contractors that employ them not only steal from workers responsible for building our city but exact an unfair competitive advantage over businesses that play by the rules."

Rolando Montoya, an organizer with the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation (SMART) Workers Local 100, says he heard complaints from workers at the City Ridge site about not getting paid, and then worked to connect them with resources to fight for proper compensation.

Montoya cited a "widespread" pattern among contractors in the District of misclassifying workers to deny them benefits. Initially, Montoya said, he thought companies were using the practice as a workaround that allowed them to hire undocumented workers. But, he added, "what I have encountered now is that a lot of these [workers] have good documentation, but the companies are [still] using this dishonest way to work."

The effects of the practice, Montoya argues, ripple across D.C.'s construction industry and leave contractors that employ unionized workers at a competitive disadvantage.

"Our contractors that are being responsible, paying for training, paying good wages, benefits — when they bid on these projects, they can't compete," says Montoya. "It's affecting union workers, because it's less work."

After his experience working at City Ridge, Mayorga, for his part, has moved away from nonunion work and joined SMART Local 100.

"It's a huge difference," he said, "mainly because one is not fighting to get paid."

A 2019 industry analysis by the attorney general's office found that construction companies can save between 16 and 40 percent in labor costs when they misclassify workers.

The analysis pointed out that the dynamics of the construction industry, in particular, incentivize this behavior. Work is awarded by competitive bid, and companies strive to keep labor costs low. Industries with high injury rates also drive up workers' compensation insurance premiums, which can incentivize companies to misclassify workers as independent contractors and deny them workers' compensation if they get injured on the job, the analysis said.

Blood analysis from 2022 led to arrest in 23-year-old Montgomery cold case

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from the crime scene, in storage for more than two decades, "was submitted to a lab for forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis," according to the statement.

Shiera Goff, a Montgomery police spokeswoman, said Tuesday that she could not provide details of how the blood that was given to the lab helped detectives identify Gligor. But genetic genealogical research has become an effective tool for investigators in recent years.

DNA from a crime scene can be compared to millions of DNA samples submitted by customers of some of the private genealogical companies that have become popular among people exploring their lineage or looking for distant relatives. Genealogists can sometimes find people from the same family tree as the unidentified suspect, if those relatives, even distant ones, have given DNA to a company.

Genealogists then explore the customer's family tree, looking for someone who, for instance, was living in the vicinity of the crime when it happened. That person's DNA can then be compared to the DNA from the scene.

Gligor was identified as a potential suspect through such research, according to the Montgomery police statement. Early this month, the statement said, investigators then "collected DNA evidence belonging to Gligor and compared it to the DNA recovered from the crime scene. The analysis generated a positive match." Detectives obtained an arrest warrant Saturday.

No online court records related to Gligor's arrest could be found Tuesday, and it was not clear whether he has a lawyer. Goff said Gligor had a relationship or a prior relationship with a member of the Preer family at the time of the killing. No relatives of Leslie Preer could be immediately reached for comment Tuesday. Goff said she could not discuss a possible motive for the homicide.

Preer worked for Specialties Inc., an advertising production company in Northwest D.C., The Post reported in 2001. When she failed to show up for work on the morning of May 2, a co-worker, accompanied by Preer's husband, went to the two-story brick house to check on her and saw blood in the foyer. After the co-worker called 911, police arrived and found Preer dead in a bedroom.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE

Eugene T. Gligor, seen Tuesday as he was arrested in D.C., has been charged in the 2001 Mongtomery County killing of Leslie J. Preer.

It was "a pretty brutal crime scene with a lot of blood, and you would just expect for someone to have seen or heard something," a Montgomery homicide detective, Tara Baione, told WTTG-TV (Channel 5) in a 2022 interview, when investigators were publicizing the unsolved case, hoping to generate tips. But neighbors had reported hearing nothing unusual, and there were no signs of forced entry at the house.

On a tape of the 911 call, obtained by The Post in 2001, Preer's husband could be heard in the background saying that he last saw his wife about 7:45 that morning. She had been expected to walk to a bus stop and take a bus to Specialties Inc.'s office on Wisconsin Avenue NW.

No one at the company could be reached for comment late Tuesday.

"We just walked in the door, her husband and I, and there's blood in the foyer," the co-worker told the 911 call-taker. "It looks like something possibly happened."

The neighborhood of well-maintained houses off Wisconsin Avenue had a low crime rate, police said at the time, and no problems had been reported before at the Preer home.

Forensic genealogy has become increasingly common in solving cold cases, including in the D.C. area. In September, police arrested a man from Niskayuna, N.Y., in a woman's stabbing and slashing death in 1994 in Fairfax County, Va. Police also used genetic genealogy to identify a woman whose body was found in 2001 near a drainage ditch in Fairfax.

After using genetic genealogy in the search for a suspect, police in March charged a 65-year-old man in the 1986 killing of a real estate agent from Stafford County, Va. Partly based on that same research, Fairfax police identified the man as a suspect in the 1989 strangulation of an 18-year-old woman, although no charges were immediately filed.

OBITUARIES

MARK JAMES, 83

YALONDA M. JAMES/COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

Songwriter Mark James, left, who penned "Suspicious Minds," made famous by Elvis Presley in 1969, and other hits, embraces American Sound Studios Band guitarist Reggie Young in Memphis in 2014.

Wrote 'Suspicious Minds' and other soulful hits

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Mark James, a chart-topping songwriter who channeled his own longings in the hit "Suspicious Minds" made famous by Elvis Presley, and whose upbeat "Hooked on a Feeling" became a 1970s staple with an improvised "ooga-chaka" intro, died June 8 at his home in Nashville. He was 83.

The death was announced by family members, but no cause was noted.

After mostly shifting from performing to crafting songs in the 1960s, Mr. James's soulful ballads and country-infused pop were covered by stars including B.J. Thomas, Willie Nelson and Dwight Yoakam. Nelson's 1982 version of the wistful "Always on My Mind" — which Mr. James co-wrote with Wayne Carson and Johnny Christopher — won Grammy awards for song of the year and best country song.

"I still think I could've been a successful performer," Mr. James told the Houston Chronicle in 2014, looking back on a career with credits on more than 200 songs. "I knew what a hit sounded like."

By 1968, Mr. James had his first successes as a songwriter. Thomas, a friend from Houston, covered "The Eyes of a New York Woman" and "Hooked on a Feeling," which peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100 in January 1969.

One night in Memphis, Mr. James was toying with melodies on his Fender guitar and Hammond organ. He was married, but was still smitten with his childhood sweetheart. She was married, too. "My wife suspected I had those feelings," he recalled, "so it was a confusing time for me. I felt as though all three of us were all caught in this trap that we couldn't walk out of."

So begins "Suspicious Minds": "We're caught in a trap/ I can't walk out/ Because I love you too much, baby."

Mr. James first recorded the song in 1968, but the single received little attention. His producer, Lincoln "Chips" Moman, had an upcoming recording session with Presley. Moman felt he had a hit on his hands, and he and Mr. James introduced Presley to the song. His version, released in 1969, soared to the top of the charts (Presley's last No. 1 single) and became one of his signature songs at concerts for years.

"Elvis had been out of the market a while," Mr. James recalled. "Tom Jones was the big thing then. There were questions about how old can a rock artist be. But I bet on Elvis." Rolling Stone lists "Suspicious Minds" among the 500 greatest songs of all time.

Presley recorded five songs by Mr. James, including "Always on My Mind" in 1972 and "Moody Blue," on an album of the same name released shortly before Presley's death in 1977.

"Suspicious Minds" got reboots in 1986 as a hit for the British pop-soul group Fine Young Cannibals, and in a Dutch version that was stripped down in 1993 into a sparse and mournful dirge. In 1987, a disco-style remake of "Always on My Mind" by the Pet Shop Boys became a Christmas-season hit in Britain.

And "Hooked on a Feeling" was sent into a surprising direction. In 1971, singer Jonathan King added a chanting "ooga-chaka" opening. The Swedish band Blue Swede kept the "ooga-chaka" prelude in a version that topped the Billboard Hot 100 in 1974.

Director Quentin Tarantino used the Blue Swede version on the soundtrack to the crime thriller "Reservoir Dogs" (1992), and in 2014 it featured in the Marvel superhero saga "Guardians of the Galaxy."

"A great song," Mr. James said, "generally can go anywhere."

Name change

Mr. James was born Francis Rodney Zambon in Houston on Nov. 29, 1940. (He took the name Mark James after Houston club owners said they didn't like Francis Zambon.) His father was a contractor who enjoyed playing the mandolin and songs from his native Italy. His mother was an elementary school teacher.

He studied violin as a boy. That, he recalled to the Houston Chronicle, led to some scuffles at school. "You're carrying a violin and your name is Francis," he said. "Sooner or later you've got to make people leave you alone. That's the nice way of putting it."

He worked summers with his father on construction projects but found his creative inspiration at the movies with the music and storytelling.

In 1959, he took up the guitar and formed the Mark James Trio, whose 1963 single "Running Back" had some commercial success in the Houston area. He was drafted into the Army infantry in 1964 during the Vietnam War. After he returned, he moved to Memphis and found work as a songwriter for Moman, an impresario of soul and country.

He released an album, "Mark James," in 1973 with original songs. Mr. James was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame a year later.

"I write anything I feel," Mr. James told the Associated Press in 1985. "I try to reach young and old. I write something worth remembering, worth treasuring. If you can't remember it, why write it?"

His marriage to Shirley Yates ended in divorce. In 1971, he married the former Karen Elaine Taylor, his boyhood crush who had inspired "Suspicious Minds." Survivors include his wife; a daughter from his first marriage; a daughter from his second; a brother; and two grandchildren.

In various interviews, Mr. James often wondered whether he should have continued as a performer. He usually added a caveat: that he also saw the pressures of being in the public spotlight.

"It's a good thing that I can just walk down the street," he once said. "There's a lot that comes with the kind of success he had. It ate Elvis up. So I count myself lucky."

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Mr. James at the Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards in New York in 2014. Among his successes were the wistful "Always on My Mind," which he co-wrote, and the upbeat "Hooked on a Feeling."

OBITUARIES

PAUL PRESSLER III, 94

MICHAEL STRAVATO/AP

Retired Texas appeals court judge Paul Pressler III at his home in Houston in 2004. He was one of the co-architects of the Southern Baptist Convention's "conservative resurgence" in the 1980s.

Southern Baptist leader was accused of sex abuse

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Pressler III, a Texas appeals court judge and leading figure of the Southern Baptist Convention who was accused of sexually abusing boys and young men and later settled a lawsuit over the allegations, died June 7 at 94.

The death was announced in an obituary posted online by Geo. H. Lewis and Sons Funeral Home in Houston, but no details were disclosed. The death was first reported by Baptist News Global.

Mr. Pressler was one of the co-architects of the Southern Baptist Convention's "conservative resurgence," an effort in the 1980s that reshaped the direction of America's largest Protestant denomination.

Mr. Pressler and others pushed out more liberal leaders, helped forge an alliance between White evangelicals and Republican conservatism, and focused on electing GOP candidates to public office.

The Southern Baptist Convention has more than 47,000 churches, with a total membership of almost 13 million people, according to its website. As many as 200 are counted as "megachurches," but the vast majority have fewer than 200 people in weekly worship. Most of its churches are in the Southern United States, and the denomination's executive committee headquarters is in Nashville.

In a 2015 video in which he endorsed Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) during his presidential run, Mr. Pressler said he has dedicated his life "to the conservative principles on which our country was founded."

"I think that people are genuinely upset with the directions in Washington. I believe if we do not have good people in Washington, we are not going to save our nation," Mr. Pressler said.

His religious legacy was stained after he was accused by a former assistant, Gareld Duane Rollins Jr., of sexual assault.

In a lawsuit filed in 2017 in Harris County, where Houston is located, Rollins alleged that Mr. Pressler first raped him in 1979 when Rollins was 14 after the two met at a Bible study group led by Mr. Pressler, who was then an appeals court judge. Rollins alleged that Mr. Pressler continued to periodically sexually assault him over the following 24 years.

Rollins also sued the Southern Baptist Convention and others whom he alleged covered up or enabled Mr. Pressler's behavior. As part of the lawsuit, at least seven other men also came forward with their own accusations against Mr. Pressler of sexual abuse.

The claims by Rollins prompted a major investigation by the Houston Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News of allegations of sexual abuse in the Southern Baptist Convention. The series revealed that top leaders had ignored or downplayed warnings about a sexual abuse crisis within the Protestant denomination, and it led to significant reforms.

In December, Mr. Pressler, the Southern Baptist Convention and others reached a confidential agreement to settle the lawsuit. Mr. Pressler denied the accusations against him and was never criminally charged.

The Southern Baptist Convention held its annual meeting last week but did not appear to acknowledge Mr. Pressler's death during the event.

Herman Paul Pressler III, a sixth-generation Texan and the son of an oil company executive, was born in Houston on June 4, 1930. He graduated from the private Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, then received a bachelor's degree in government from Princeton University in 1952.

After Navy service, he obtained a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1957 and was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, representing the Houston area. After years as a lawyer with the firm Vinson & Elkins, he was appointed in 1970 as a state district court judge. Eight years later, he was appointed as a state appeals court judge and served in that position until retiring in 1993, according to his obituary posted online.

In 1959, he married Nancy Avery. In addition to his widow, survivors include three children, a brother, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, according to the funeral announcement.

IN MEMORIAM

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June 20, 1932 — August 30, 1977

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Dearly loved,
profoundly missed,
an inspiration always.

DEATH NOTICE

BURKA

PHYLLIS BURKA (Age 90)

On Wednesday, June 19, 2024, PHYLLIS BURKA of Rockville, MD. Beloved wife of the late Leon H. Burka. Devoted mother of Denise (Sheldon A.) Iskow and Benjamin (Ruth) Burka. Loving grandmother of Jonathan (Anastasia) Iskow, Hannah (Marshall) Rosenberg, Lawrence (Allee) Burka and Randi (Josh) Garon. Cherished great-grandmother of Shai Iskow, Ross and Olivia Burka and Ezra and Madeleine Garon. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, 10 a.m. at B'nai Israel Congregation, 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852. Interment will follow at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. Shiva information will be announced at the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JSSA Hospice, or to the Phyllis and Leon Burka JNF Memorial Grove in Israel, reference number 011661DC or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

CHENIER

FELICIA CHENIER

Quietly departed this life on Sunday, May 12, 2024 resident of Capitol Heights, Maryland formally of Balitmore, Maryland. Loving daughter of the late Ann Chenier. Survived by a devoted godfather John Cheeks; uncle, Donald Jenkins; aunts, Valerie-Faye Prescott and Shirley Chenier-Cheeks; and a host of other relatives and friends. She was a secondary educator within the Washington, DC metropolitan area and also served as a professor at Coppin State University and Prince Georges Community College. Her dedication to the youth was extraordinary. Visitation 12:30 p.m. until time of service 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 at the J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, 7474 Landover Road, Hyattsville, Maryland.

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DEATH NOTICE

DUNHAM

ELEANOR M. DUNHAM

Eleanor M. Dunham passed away peacefully on June 11, 2024. The beloved wife and mother is survived by her husband Willie Dunham;and two children William Dunham and Michelle Dunham. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 21 at Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home, 716 Kennedy St. NW, Washington, DC with a 10 a.m. viewing and 11 a.m. service.

ERICKSON

DR. DUANE C. ERICKSON

On Friday, June 14, 2024 of Sandy Spring, MD Dr. Duane C. Erickson passed away after a courageous battle with ALS for the past three years. Born December 19, 1951 in Arlington, VA to the late Kate Muriel and Earl "Eric" Duane Erickson, Duane was a loving and incredible husband and father. He was also a US Navy veteran, orthodontist, cyclist, nature enthusiast, and air-guitar extraordinaire.

Duane received his Bachelor Degree at University of Maryland. He received his DDS from University of Maryland Dental School and received his Advanced Degree in Orthodontics from Fairleigh Dickinson. He happily served his patients for 30+ years at his offices in Silver Spring and Olney, MD. He volunteered in many outreach programs within and outside the US.

Beloved husband of Marina Reichhart-Erickson for 45 years; devoted father of Kirin Nika Aromando (husband, Nick), Matthew Cody Erickson, and Andrew Hartley Erickson; loving brother of Caroline Schore (husband, Neil), Mark Erickson (wife, Pamela), and Robin Erickson (wife, Linda). He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends for a celebration of his life and reception at Congressional Country Club, 8500 River Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817 on Sunday, June 23 from 12 to 6 p.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to ALS Association [als.org], Global Dental Relief [globaldentalrelief.org], and Paralyzed Veterans of America [secure.pva.org].

For full obituary and to view and sign the family guest book, please visit
www.PumphreyFuneralHome.com

PALMER

JEFFREY BROOKS PALMER

On June 12, 2024, Jeff died at age 71. He was born January 11, 1953 in Winchester, MA, graduated from Reading Memorial High School, and graduated cum laude from University of New Hampshire in Journalism. He worked for 40+ years in Northern Virginia at Ski Industries of America, the Powder Coating Institute, and the Vinyl Institute, before retiring to Reading, MA. A Celebration of Life service 6:30 p.m. will be held following visitation 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at the DEB Funeral Home, 25 Sandborn St., Reading, MA 01867. He will be dearly missed by family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, at www,myasthenia.org (pull down menu: support the MG community, make a gift, memorial garden giving fund)

DEATH NOTICE

EASLEY

WILLIAM BERKLEY EASLEY SR.

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, William Berkley Easley, Sr. of Silver Spring, MD, left behind his wife of 66 years, Florence; son, William Jr. (Tonya); grandchildren Deanna (Phillip) Sinex and William III; great-granddaughter, Breanna Sinex; brother, George (Mildred) Easley; and sister-in-law, Vivian Thurston, to dwell in the house of the Lord. Family will receive friends and relatives on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 5301 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20011, with viewing at 10 a.m. and funeral starting at 11 a.m. Interment at the Easley Family Cemetery on June 23, 2024 in Volens, VA.
www.COLLINSFUNERALHOME.com

SHREVE

DAVID LAWRENCE SHREVE

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, David Lawrence Shreve beloved husband of Johanna Elizabeth (Saunders) Shreve; devoted father of Brittany, grandsons Brandon Monger, Antonio, Antwan, Adam, and Timothy Hill; granddaughters Teeka Duplessis, Jy'zayah, Malia, Nyla, Davinia passed away peacefully after battling Parkinson's disease. A memorial will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. at WISEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Maryland. Scattering of his ashes will occur at a later date. For more information, please visit
www.wisemanfuneralhome.net

WATSON

LUCILLE HENRY WATSON

Ms. Senior DC 2007, departed this life on June 10, 2024. Preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Calvin Watson. Survived by daughters Rev. Sabrina Watson Smith (Rev. Dr. Burrell) and Tamarie Watson. She is also survived by Sister Juanita Jones, many cousins, nieces and nephews, bonus grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 21 at 11 a.m., followed by the Service at 12 Noon, at Israel Baptist Church, 1251 Saratoga Ave. NE, Washington, DC. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Capital Area Food Bank.

DEATH NOTICE

HAMECS

RICHARD MARK HAMECS

Richard Mark Hamecs, 72, of Washington, DC passed away on June 3, 2024, at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center. The proximate cause of death was respiratory failure and lung cancer, as well as multiple sclerosis (MS) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

The son of World War II veteran Peter Hamecs, who worked at the Van Heusen factory, and Helen (Pepsny) Hamecs, who worked in local retail stores, Richard Hamecs was born on June 9, 1951, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

He was a graduate of St. Gabriels High School and Penn State University, where he received a BS in urban development. He also received an MPA in urban affairs from American University and pursued a PhD in urban economics at the University of Delaware.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert J. Hamecs. He is survived by his wife, Michelle "Chellie" Hamecs, and goddaughter, Haley Wynne.

Rick worked as a financial economist at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Senior Director for the Mortgage Bankers Association and as a vice president at Mortgage Banking Service Corp, where he was a pioneer in web-based mortgage origination systems. For the remainder of his career, until his 2008 retirement, he worked as principal of Lincoln Park Associates, an independent information technology and professional services firm.

During his retirement, he fostered a sense of community among his neighbors in Capitol Hill. He organized three neighborhood events each year that were a highlight of the community — two seasonal alley potlucks and the annual Progressive Dinner, hosted by families around the neighborhood every January. Rick and Chellie did not have children of their own, but they adopted the more than 20 children born on the block by hosting an annual Halloween pumpkin carving.

Rick was an avid fly fisherman and gardener. He loved woodworking and doted on the local squirrels. (During Covid, he made them picnic tables.) His concern and love for the neighborhood earned him the moniker "Mayor of 10th Street NE."

A funeral mass and Celebration of Life reception will be held on Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m. at St. Monica and St. James Episcopal Church, 222 8th Street, NE. In lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation to Rick's church home, The Parish of St. Monica and St. James, 222 8th Street NE, Washington, DC 20002. Donations also may be made in Rick's name to the National MS Society or World Central Kitchen.

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MALIK

RASHEED ADAM MALIK
January 16, 1981 - May 31, 2024

Rasheed Adam Malik, aged 43, succumbed to brain cancer after a courageous, 13-month battle on May 31, 2024 in Arlington, VA.

Rasheed, also known as Adam to some, graduated from Manheim Township High School in Lancaster, PA in 1999. He went on to study at New York University (NYU), Baruch College and the University of Michigan where he received his Masters in Public Policy from the Gerald R. Ford School. Rasheed resided in Arlington with his family and was the Senior Director of Early Childhood Policy at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC.

Rasheed was a brilliant researcher, a loving father and husband, a principled policy professional, a team player, a caring colleague and mentor, the life of the party, a die-hard Michigan football fan (Go Blue!) and a dear friend to many. As an advocate for early childhood welfare at CAP, his groundbreaking research on America's child care deserts led to the development of several policies and continues to be cited by academics, policymakers, advocates and media.

He leaves behind his wife (Anne); two beautiful children (Naima and Clark); his parents (Naeem and Sarah Malik of Lititz, PA) and sister (Nadia Malik).

While his life has ended too soon, he lived an impactful life worth noting and will be greatly missed. Rasheed's Tribute and Memorial service will be held at Advent Funeral Services (7211 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA) on June 22 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the National Brain Tumor Society in Rasheed's name.

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(PER DAY)

MONDAY-SATURDAY
Black & White
1" - $160 (text only)
2" - $370 (text only)
3" - $525
4" - $575
5" - $725

SUNDAY
Black & White
1"- $191 (text only)
2" - $405 (text only)
3" - $580
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5" - $790

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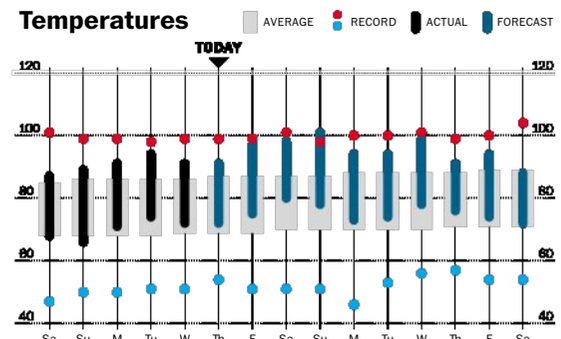
Déjà vu all over again

This is not a recording: Much like yesterday, skies will be mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the low 90s. Humidity will remain in the moderate range, which should again push the heat index into the mid-90s — and winds should remain light coming from the south. The evening will be warm but not overly muggy, with temperatures mainly in the upper 70s to 80s, as overnight lows settle in the upper 60s to low 70s in a repeat pattern ahead of the extreme heat takes center stage this weekend.

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Very hot	Very hot	Very hot	T-storm	Mostly sunny
91° 72°	**97°** 75°	**98°** 80°	**101°** 78°	**94°** 73°	**94°** 74°
FEELS*: **95°**	FEELS: **100°**	FEELS: **107°**	FEELS: **107°**	FEELS: **96°**	FEELS: **95°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **0%**	P: **0%**	P: **40%**	P: **25%**	P: **40%**	P: **15%**
WIND: **SE 6–12 mph**	W: **SSW 6–12 mph**	W: **SE 4–8 mph**	W: **W 7–14 mph**	W: **W 7–14 mph**	W: **NW 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **High**	H: **High**	H: **Very High**	H: **Very High**	H: **High**	H: **High**

OFFICIAL RECORD

Temperatures



Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**91°** 4:00 p.m.	**89°** 3:36 p.m.	**90°** 3:08 p.m.
Low	**72°** 5:00 a.m.	**68°** 4:16 a.m.	**69°** 5:32 a.m.
Normal	86°/69°	84°/63°	86°/64°
Record high	99° 1994	98° 1994	99° 1994
Record low	51° 1909	45° 1986	48° 1954

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+2.4°** yr. to date: **+3.0°**

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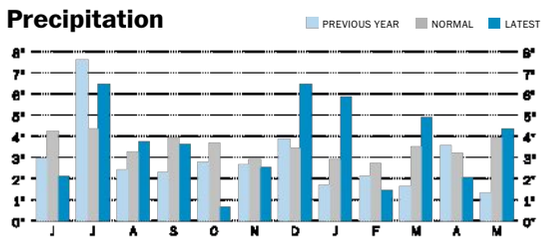
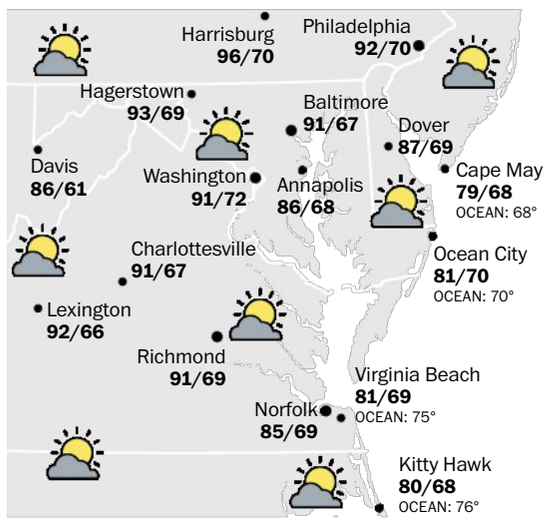


	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.48"	0.28"	0.42"
Normal	2.59"	2.76"	2.58"
Total this year	19.02"	17.58"	20.71"
Normal	18.82"	20.10"	19.92"

REGION



Pollen: Moderate

Grass	Low
Trees	Low
Weeds	Low
Mold	Moderate

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Extreme
11 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny; hot in northern parts. High 72 to 80. Winds southeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, a moonlit sky. Low 62 to 68. Winds southwest 4–8 mph. Friday, mostly sunny; hot in northern parts. High 75 to 81. Winds southwest 4–8 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny; humid. High 81 to 85. Winds south 6–12 mph. Tonight, a moonlit sky; humid. Low 67 to 71. Winds south–southwest 6–12 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Humid; very warm in the north. High 82 to 88.

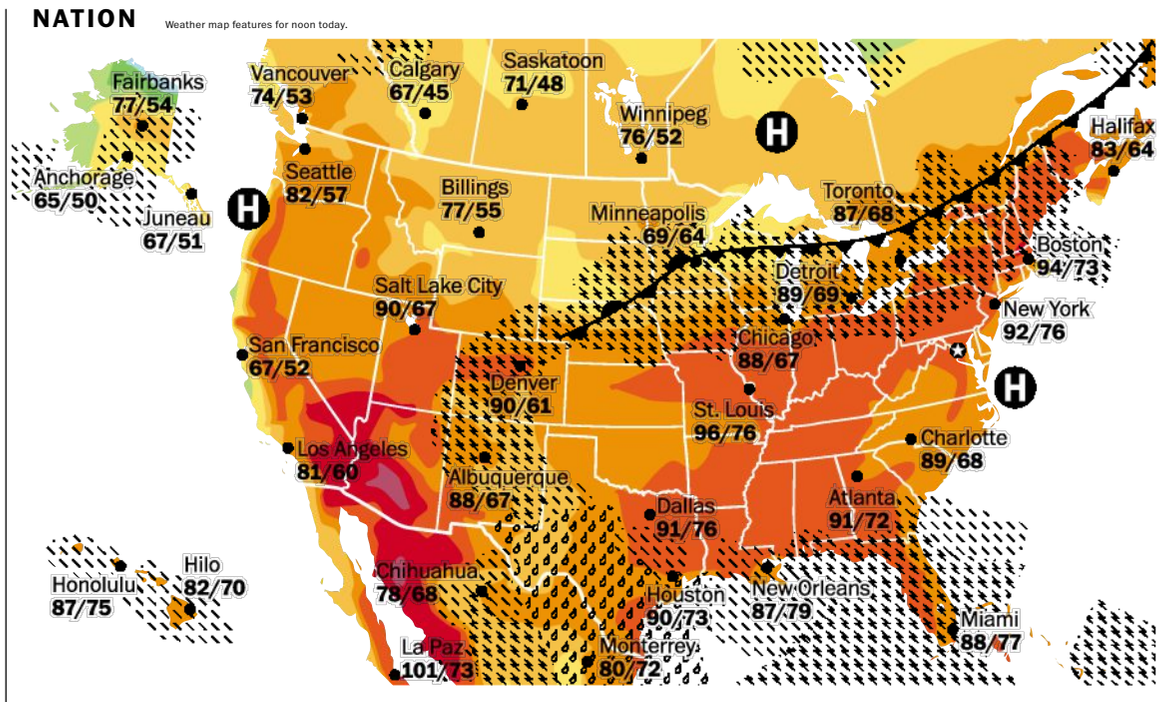
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind southeast 6–12 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind south 7–14 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.00 feet today, with no change of 3.00 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	1:40 a.m.	**7:28 a.m.**	2:53 p.m.	**8:04 p.m.**
Annapolis	**5:01 a.m.**	11:42 a.m.	**4:24 p.m.**	10:33 p.m.
Ocean City	1:04 a.m.	**6:50 a.m.**	12:48 p.m.	**7:18 p.m.**
Norfolk	3:07 a.m.	**8:56 a.m.**	2:45 p.m.	**9:17 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**12:40 a.m.**	8:06 a.m.	**12:43 p.m.**	5:59 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms · Rain · Showers · Snow · Flurries · Ice · Cold Front · Warm Front · Stationary Front

<–10 | –0s | 0s | 10s | 20s | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60s | 70s | 80s | 90s | 100s | 110+

Yesterday's National
High: El Paso, TX **104°**
Low: West Yellowstone, MT **21°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Ahwaz, Iran **123°**
Low: Rio Gallegos, Argentina **12°**
excludes Antarctica

Moon Phases

June 21	June 28	July 5	July 13
Full	Last Quarter	New	First Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:43 a.m.	8:37 p.m.
Moon	7:50 p.m.	4:03 a.m.
Venus	6:02 a.m.	8:56 p.m.
Mars	2:49 a.m.	4:24 p.m.
Jupiter	4:13 a.m.	6:41 p.m.
Saturn	12:52 a.m.	12:19 p.m.

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	96/74/t	88/67/t
Albuquerque	88/67/pc	79/65/s
Anchorage	65/50/s	69/53/pc
Atlanta	91/72/s	93/73/s
Austin	88/71/sh	91/71/t
Baltimore	91/67/pc	97/71/s
Billings, MT	77/55/pc	80/55/c
Birmingham	93/71/s	93/72/s
Bismarck, ND	74/56/pc	69/59/t
Boise	90/59/pc	94/60/s
Boston	94/73/t	83/64/t
Buffalo	90/71/t	85/68/t
Burlington, VT	94/68/t	79/61/t
Charleston, SC	89/72/pc	89/75/pc
Charleston, WV	94/67/s	95/69/s
Charlotte	89/68/pc	92/72/c
Cheyenne, WY	81/58/t	77/59/t
Chicago	88/67/t	92/73/pc
Cincinnati	94/72/s	96/74/s
Cleveland	92/70/t	88/71/t
Dallas	91/76/pc	94/77/s
Denver	90/61/t	87/60/c
Des Moines	87/73/t	93/74/pc
Detroit	89/69/t	90/71/t
El Paso	88/70/t	93/74/pc
Fairbanks, AK	77/54/pc	77/54/sh
Fargo, ND	81/63/pc	78/63/t
Hartford, CT	99/72/t	95/70/t
Honolulu	87/75/sh	87/74/sh
Houston	90/73/sh	90/76/t
Indianapolis	93/73/pc	97/74/s
Jackson, MS	93/71/s	96/70/s
Jacksonville, FL	87/74/t	88/74/pc
Kansas City, MO	90/72/s	92/72/pc
Las Vegas	105/80/s	107/81/s
Little Rock	94/72/pc	94/75/s
Los Angeles	81/60/pc	82/61/pc
Louisville	97/78/pc	98/79/s
Memphis	91/73/s	94/76/s
Miami	88/77/t	90/80/t
Milwaukee	74/61/t	76/66/t
Minneapolis	69/64/t	76/70/t
Nashville	94/72/s	96/73/s
New Orleans	87/79/pc	91/75/s
New York City	92/76/s	94/74/t
Norfolk	85/69/pc	88/75/s
Oklahoma City	87/72/pc	91/71/pc
Omaha	85/71/t	91/75/pc
Orlando	89/74/t	90/76/t
Philadelphia	92/70/s	94/73/s
Phoenix	115/89/s	115/90/s
Pittsburgh	96/72/t	97/72/t
Portland, ME	94/70/t	75/59/t
Portland, OR	90/60/pc	89/58/s
Providence, RI	88/66/s	87/64/t
Reno, NV	90/61/pc	96/64/s
Richmond	91/69/pc	94/73/s
Sacramento	90/55/s	95/59/s
St. Louis	96/76/s	98/76/s
St. Thomas, VI	90/82/pc	89/79/t
Salt Lake City	90/67/s	92/69/pc
San Diego	71/62/pc	71/62/pc
San Francisco	67/52/pc	70/52/pc
San Juan, PR	90/81/t	90/81/t
Seattle	82/57/s	85/56/s
Spokane, WA	81/56/s	84/58/s
Syracuse	93/72/t	86/68/t
Tampa	91/74/t	93/79/t
Wichita	88/72/pc	92/74/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	76/54/sh	76/55/sh
Amsterdam	71/57/c	67/56/r
Athens	96/82/s	95/78/s
Auckland	59/51/c	59/50/pc
Baghdad	119/86/pc	120/87/pc
Bangkok	97/82/t	97/82/t
Beijing	93/72/pc	81/69/c
Berlin	75/60/pc	84/59/t
Bogota	65/50/sh	66/49/sh
Brussels	68/60/sh	67/57/r
Buenos Aires	59/56/s	66/61/r
Cairo	101/78/s	102/78/s
Caracas	76/68/t	77/67/t
Copenhagen	67/53/c	66/58/pc
Dakar	85/78/pc	85/77/pc
Dublin	66/55/pc	64/49/sh
Edinburgh	65/51/c	65/54/c
Frankfurt	78/62/sh	75/56/c
Geneva	71/61/t	72/54/r
Ham., Bermuda	81/73/pc	80/72/s
Helsinki	69/51/pc	71/46/s
Ho Chi Minh City	92/78/t	86/77/t
Hong Kong	92/84/t	92/84/t
Islamabad	104/80/pc	99/79/c
Istanbul	88/73/s	87/71/s
Jerusalem	94/71/s	92/70/s
Johannesburg	68/42/s	65/40/c
Kabul	88/66/s	84/61/c
Kingston, Jam.	88/81/t	88/81/r
Kolkata	94/84/t	93/83/pc
Kyiv	74/57/t	77/58/pc
Lagos	86/77/t	86/76/t
Lima	68/61/c	69/60/pc
Lisbon	71/58/pc	76/57/s
London	73/53/s	75/56/s
Madrid	72/54/sh	83/57/s
Manila	91/80/t	90/80/t
Mexico City	71/60/r	74/58/sh
Montreal	91/69/t	79/63/t
Moscow	70/51/sh	70/55/pc
Mumbai	87/83/t	91/82/t
Nairobi	70/58/t	73/54/sh
New Delhi	103/88/s	107/89/s
Oslo	74/47/s	73/53/pc
Ottawa	89/63/t	79/59/t
Paris	72/61/r	73/58/r
Prague	76/60/c	86/62/t
Rio de Janeiro	84/69/s	81/69/s
Riyadh	114/87/pc	115/87/s
Rome	91/70/pc	89/66/s
San Salvador	76/70/t	76/71/t
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Bellwether state may be trending as election season dawns

RESULTS FROM **B1**

"Trump was not on the ballot — but it's almost as though he was in the 5th and 7th districts," Rozell said. "He was an overriding presence in the Republican 5th of course, and normally an incumbent Republican in a very Republican district would have had no trouble being renominated. But Trump got involved, and turned it into a competitive race."

Here's what stood out as November's matchups came into view (or didn't, as in the 5th):

1. A nail-biter in the 5th

The race for the GOP nomination between Good and his Trump-endorsed challenger, Virginia state Sen. John J. McGuire III, was still too close to call late Tuesday.

In a race that largely became a proxy for a Trump loyalty contest, Good ended up in a blistering fight for his political survival after Trump threw his weight behind McGuire, furious that Good previously endorsed Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) for president. Throughout a bruising campaign, Good fielded political attacks from multiple directions: While many Trump acolytes lined up behind Trump's chosen candidate, Republicans in Washington who don't like Good — or PACs with lots of money — worked against him too, creating an obstacle course for Good's bid for reelection.

Good, the chairman of the ultraconservative House Freedom Caucus, has made plenty of enemies in Congress owing to his uncompromising style in pursuit of conservative causes, leaving no room to work with moderate Republicans or on bipartisan issues. At the same time, however, that anti-establishment crusade has endeared him to many conservative voters in the firetruck-red 5th District, where Good has retained strong connections to local GOP groups.

Whether Good could count on enough of those loyal voters to pull off a victory remained the biggest question in Virginia politics on Wednesday.

2. Trump likely to cast huge shadow in the 7th District

Republican campaign strategists in Virginia swing districts have been toiling for years on what to do about the Trump Problem: how candidates must toe the line between backing the former president but not alienating the independents and moderate voters whose votes typically determine who will win the election. Unfortunately for the strategist folks, that challenge for Republicans in Virginia's 7th Congressional District is even more pronounced this time around: a Trump whistleblower with a supporting role in Trump's first impeachment will be the Democrat on the ballot.

Vindman, a former National Security Council ethics official and retired Army lieutenant colonel, harnessed that anti-Trump star power to a projected defeat of a slate of Prince William County public officials in the Democratic primary. While Trump has been a drag on Republicans in competitive races ever since a trio of Democratic women flipped seats in 2018, Vindman's impeachment tie is likely to enlarge Trump's shadow even further in a district where the former president is not popular. Vindman and his brother, retired Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, both raised concerns to NSC leadership about Trump's phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky that was at the center of Trump's first impeachment. Both were later fired.

Vindman will face projected Republican nominee Derrick Anderson, a former Army Green Beret, in November. The seat is open after Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.), a former CIA officer who flipped the seat blue in 2018, decided to run for governor.

3. Virginia attracted some of the most outside spending in nation

Three Virginia congressional districts with intensely competitive primary races ranked in the top 10 in outside spending among all U.S. House races, according to an analysis by money tracker OpenSecrets. In the 5th District GOP primary, outside groups spent more than $10.7 million, just over half of which was used in an effort to unseat Good. American Patriots, a super PAC devoted to electing conservative veterans, led the anti-Good, pro-McGuire spending, with roughly $4.4 million to help McGuire. Defending Main Street, a PAC that typically supports center-right Republicans, spent roughly half a million to help Good's opponent — a MAGA Republican — because it saw Good as a main foe to moderates in the House.

The typically lower-key 10th District attracted more than $6 million in outside spending, the overwhelming majority of which came from PACs supporting Del. Dan Helmer (D) — who lost. Protect Progress, a PAC focused on advancing cryptocurrency, dropped nearly $4 million on Helmer, who has been supportive of the industry, while VoteVets spent another $1.3 million to support the Army veteran. But Helmer, also the most well-funded candidate, could not overcome the boost that outgoing Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D) provided state Sen. Suhas Subramanyam with her endorsement. Tech executive Mike Clancy was projected to win the Republican nomination in the 10th.

In Virginia's 7th, about $4.7 million in outside spending was largely split among three candidates in both primaries, with Anderson and his top opponent, former Navy SEAL Cameron Hamilton, getting boosts from pro-veteran PACs and, on the Democratic side, Vindman attracting the same crypto-and-veteran PAC support as Helmer.

4. Matchup in Virginia's most competitive district is set

Virginia's 2nd Congressional District is consistently one of Virginia's — and the nation's — most exciting competitive races, and now the matchup is set: Rep. Jen Kiggans (R), a freshman rep, will face a challenge from Missy Cotter Smasal after she clinched the Democratic nomination, according to projections from the Associated Press. Once again, it'll be a battle between two female Navy veterans in this military-heavy district near Naval Station Norfolk.

Kiggans had ousted former congresswoman Elaine Luria, also a Navy veteran, in a tight race in 2022. But the district is highly susceptible to national headwinds, and anti-Trump sentiment may be one factor working against Kiggans, who has avoided allying herself with the former president. The district is about as middle-of-the-road as they come, full of independents and swing voters, where military service isn't so much an advantage for candidates as it is a prerequisite. Already, both Kiggans and Cotter Smasal were trying to paint each other as extremists minutes after the race was called — the main playbook on both sides of the aisle in the even-keeled district.

5. A big night for military veterans

They don't call Virginia a Purple Heart state for nothing. With a huge veteran population, military vets and candidates with national security backgrounds have a good history of faring well in Virginia elections. Look no further than the dual military veteran matchups in both the 2nd and 7th districts. McGuire, a former Navy SEAL, could join them should he manage to oust Good.

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Jen Kiggans (R-Va.), above in purple, is greeted while arriving for a church service during the opening day of the 118th Congress on Jan. 3, 2023. The freshman representative in the 2nd District near Norfolk will face a challenge from Democrat Missy Cotter Smasal, left. Once again, both candidates are Navy veterans running in a military-heavy district near Naval Station Norfolk. Kiggans unseated Elaine Luria, also a Navy veteran, in a tight race in 2022.

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Jill Biden works the senior circuit

Back on the campaign trail after her son's trial, the first lady is discussing the rewards of aging

BY KARA VOGHT IN RENO, NEV.

Jill Biden rested her elbow on the lectern and cradled her head in her hand. She flashed a knowing smile, then leaned toward the microphone. ¶ "One morning, you just wake up," the 73-year-old first lady said, her voice dropping for effect, "you look in the mirror, and you say, 'Where did these lines in my *face* come from?'" ¶ The room chuckled. "Maybe you felt the same way coming here to launch Seniors for Biden," she added. More laughs followed. ¶ As campaign audiences go, the Seniors for Biden-Harris event was the right kind of venue for the wife of America's oldest-ever president to gin up excitement for a potential second term for her husband. The roughly 200 attendees, in various stages of graying, listened attentively in rows of chairs — or, occasionally, wheelchairs and scooters. Jane Fonda, the 86-year-old actor and activist who's practically synonymous with graceful aging, had introduced the first lady. ¶ "We need to get out and organize, knock on doors, work the phones, send telegrams — well, not telegrams," Fonda, looking radiant in a gray pantsuit and fuchsia button-down, had said to laughs. "See, I'm old!" ¶ Biden's line about her wrinkles was really about the surprise of growing old. How the milestones and indignities of aging somehow arrive without warning. She'd been caught off guard, she told the room a few moments

SEE BIDEN ON C2

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: First lady Jill Biden speaks at a Seniors for Biden-Harris event on Friday in Reno, Nev. She was joined by 86-year-old actor-activist Jane Fonda, who had introduced the first lady. ("We need to get out and organize, knock on doors, work the phones, send telegrams — well, not telegrams," Fonda said.) A pickleball paddle in Reno. Supporters talk at the event. Over five stops in four states — Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nevada and Arizona — Biden preached that "age is a gift." "Joe isn't just one of the most effective presidents of our lives *in spite* of his age, but *because* of it," the first lady said.

Bezos seeks to reassure Post editors in first outreach since Buzbee's exit

BY ELAHE IZADI

Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos sought to reassure its journalists Tuesday with his first direct outreach to The Post newsroom since the abrupt exit of its executive editor and a swirl of questions about the journalism standards of some newly appointed executives.

"You have my full commitment on maintaining the quality, ethics, and standards we all believe in," he wrote to about a dozen senior editors in an email, which quickly leaked to reporters who shared it on social media.

The message represents the owner's most public comment since William Lewis, the company's publisher and CEO of five months, announced top editor Sally Buzbee's departure and a dramatic newsroom reorganization two weeks ago.

Since then, multiple recent news accounts, including in The Post, have highlighted allegations that Lewis and Robert Winnett — a British editor who is being brought in to oversee the news division in November — engaged in journalistic practices that run counter to the standards of most American newsrooms.

Bezos wrote to editors that "we do need to change as a business." But, he added, "as the newsroom leaders who've been shaping and guiding our coverage, you also know our standards at The Post have always been very high. That can't change — and it won't."

The billionaire founder of Amazon bought The Post in 2013. He hired Lewis in November to

SEE BEZOS ON C3

She's in her 40s, single and finding pleasure in Paris. Don't judge.

BY HANNA ROSIN

BOOK WORLD

In the opening scene of her new memoir, "I'm Mostly Here to Enjoy Myself," Glynnis MacNicol is sitting on a bench in the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, idly texting with a man she calls "Silhouette." She met him on a French dating app hilariously called "Fruitz." Compared with other men she's connected with on the app — who have asked her to wait naked on the bed, be ready to be blindfolded, tied up and spanked — "Silhouette" seems gentle. He only suggests, but doesn't insist, that they meet at an hourly hotel.

MacNicol, 46, is newly arrived in Paris from New York, where she spent more than a year of the pandemic alone in her apartment, untouched. She's suffering from "skin hunger" and is seeking a cure. "My body is here for pleasure," she notes, adding: "It's a beautiful day and I have nothing to lose." To "Silhouette" she types: "I'm on my way."

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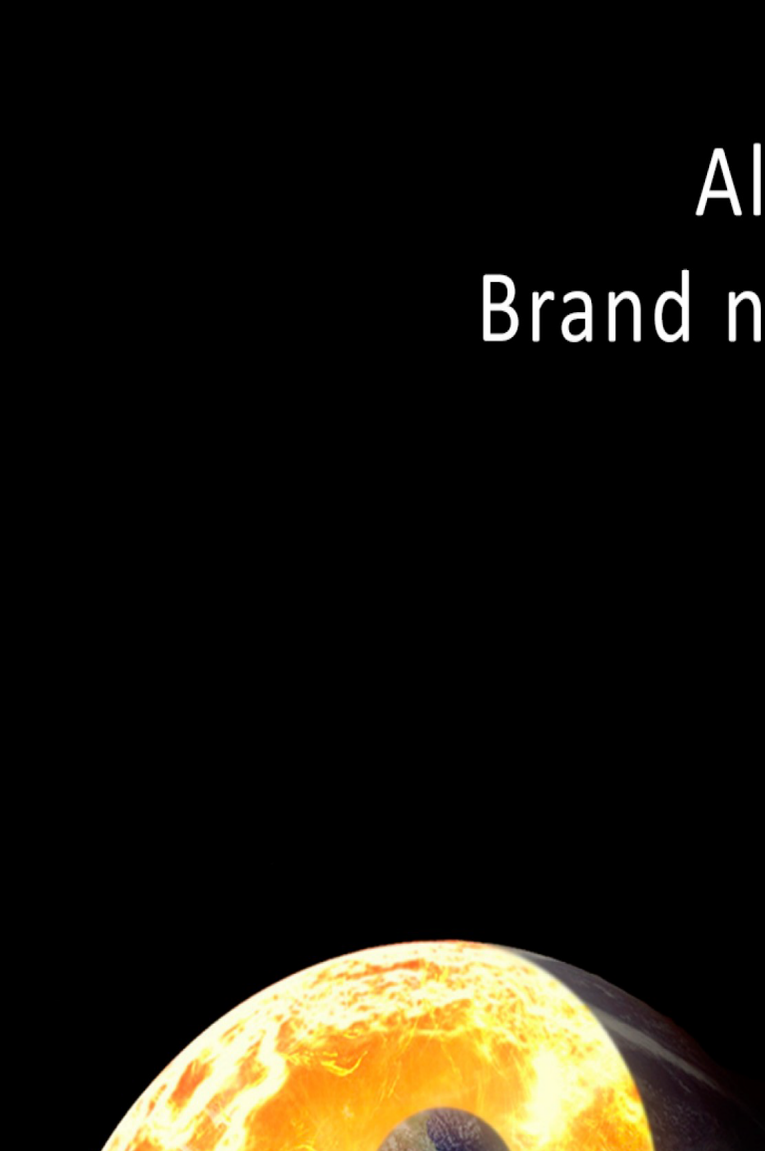

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A first lady's guide to talking about the whole age thing

BIDEN FROM **C1**

earlier, when she became a grandmother at 42. "I kept thinking of my own grandparents, and I couldn't just sort of picture myself in their shoes," she said. But if that rite of passage arrived early, she now seemed to firmly feel her age. Republicans' attacks on the president's age are an effort to "devalue *our* wisdom and dismiss *our* experience," she said. Trump's flirtations with cutting seniors' entitlement programs threaten "the Social Security *we've* earned." (Trump drew scrutiny in March when he said there was "a lot you can do ... in terms of cutting" entitlements during a CNBC appearance; his campaign later tried to clarify that he was referring to "cutting waste.")

Many of Biden's recent public appearances had been a function of her private role: a matriarch sitting in the gallery of a courtroom in Wilmington, Del., to support her son Hunter Biden as he faced trial on federal gun charges. She traveled almost daily to the federal courthouse, commuting from Washington and even flying back from a state visit in France to be at the courthouse when Hunter was pronounced guilty.

Now, Jill Biden was back on the campaign trail, supporting a different Biden in a different kind of trial: a campaign in which her husband is battling not only a political opponent, but also the intractable effects of his 81 years on how he looks, how he *seems*.

"This election is most certainly not about age," the first lady told the seniors in Nevada. "Joe and that other guy are about the same age, so let's not be fooled."

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Joined by actor-activist Jane Fonda, left, first lady Jill Biden speaks at a Seniors for Biden-Harris event Friday in Reno, Nev. "This election is most certainly not about age," she said. "Joe and that other guy are about the same age, so let's not be fooled." Donald Trump celebrated his 78th birthday Friday; President Biden will turn 82 this year.

Over five stops in four states — Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nevada and Arizona — Biden preached that "age is a gift." That her husband "is a healthy, wise 81-year-old, ready and willing to get to work every day to make our future better." That "Joe isn't just one of the most effective presidents of our lives *in spite* of his age, but *because* of it!"

In Green Bay, Wis., at the first of her five events, she described the value of achievement at an advanced age. "I got my doctorate at age 55, I learned how to be on the national stage in my 60s, and I became first lady of the United States the year I turned 70," she added. The room erupted in applause; the first lady beamed. "I love that you're clapping for that!" she said. That line did not get a reprise at the remaining stops, but she included this one: "We cannot be defined by a number, and when people underestimate us, they do it at their own risk."

Biden is an energetic senior, nearly a decade younger than her husband with a physical vibrancy he lacks. Where her husband mumbles, she enunciates, her singsongy voice honed from decades of teaching. Where her husband is stiff, she is loose, stretching her arms wide as she says the words "wonderful" and "grateful," like a conductor demanding a crescendo. Where the president shuffles, the first lady strides, her sinewy calves often bare between her pencil skirt and stilettos. During the Democrats' virtual nominating convention in 2020, the future first lady introduced herself to voters as a runner, with a video of her pounding the pavement in trendy On Cloud running shoes. For a cover story in Women's Health last summer, she permitted the magazine's editor in chief to join her for a SoulCycle class and described a "nonnegotiable" early-morning workout regimen that includes cycling, running or barre classes.

The Biden campaign conceived of Seniors for Biden-Harris as a chance to capitalize on a shifting electorate that, for the first time in a long time, sees older Americans leaning toward the Democratic presidential ticket. It's an opportunity to highlight the Biden administration's defense of Social Security and Medicare while also reframing the conversation about the president's octogenarian status with a sympathetic constituency.

Concerns about the president's age and cognitive fitness have been a constant companion to his reelection bid, and June has been a particularly tough month for turning that narrative around. The Wall Street Journal published an investigation that concluded that Biden "shows signs of slipping," recounting instances of mumbled speech, long pauses and memory lapses in closed-door meetings with lawmakers and aides. Allies of Trump posted video clips from Biden's recent trip to Normandy that seemed to show the president looking feeble and absent-minded — although a Washington Post analysis found that those supposed senior moments were not as odd or inexplicable as they were made to appear.

Meanwhile, the Biden campaign marked Trump's 78th birthday on Friday with a reel of Trump's own gaffes. Aides also issued news releases that mocked his light schedule and highlighted reporting that described a "rambling" Trump during his visit to Capitol Hill last Thursday.

If Hunter Biden's trial was still on the first lady's mind, she didn't reveal it. She didn't mention his legal problems at her campaign events but told NBC News that her son had inspired her to get back on the trail. "After the decision in the court, Hunter was strong, and so I have to take his example and just get out there and start fighting again," she said. (Through her spokesperson, the first lady declined The Post's request for an interview.)

Supporters in the crowd nevertheless seemed to know what Jill Biden had endured, and they empathized with her.

"It was impressive," said Jana O'Brien, 60, at Biden's event in Duluth, Minn. "Why wouldn't you be there for your kid? That had to have been really hard for her."

"To see her be a pillar of her family is inspiring," said Becky Kosti, 46, at the Green Bay event. "We all have things in our lives we wish we could take back."

"Hunter, obviously, suffered from a very tragic drug addiction," said Steve Strecker, 78, at a stop in Phoenix. "I have some empathy for that. There are people in my family who have struggled with that, as well."

As for her husband's struggle to overcome voters' hesitance about an octogenarian in the Oval Office for four more years — in rooms full of elderly Democrats, there was a lot of understanding of that, too.

"I forget things every once in a while. I go into a room and forget why I went there," Strecker said. "Yes, he'll have some failings, but it's obvious he has the ability to do the job."

The 78-year-old sees things the way the first lady does: Age and its attendant experience are gifts. "There's something to be said for wising up," he said.

How can I fix my low self-esteem so it stops dragging down my marriage?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: I have always struggled with self-esteem. I don't think most people I know are aware of this, as I fake it pretty well and it doesn't intrude on my thinking that often. But after a social event, I'll often second-guess everything I said.

My husband is (rightly) frustrated that if he is upset with me about something I've done, even something minor — say, I didn't call when I was running late — I may spiral into self-loathing and require comforting before we can talk about it.

I am aware of this dynamic and am working on it specifically, with some success, but how do I change the underlying issue? All the advice I see about feeling better about yourself doesn't really seem actionable. It's "be kinder to yourself" and "give yourself the grace you give others." But isn't that circular? If I could do that, then I wouldn't have the problem in the first place.

How do I get there? HOW do I change my thinking so that I'm kinder to myself?

— Faking It

Faking It: There may be an underlying health issue here, involving a formative trauma, or heredity — meaning, not merely a choice. Your second-guessing of things you said at a party, that is perseverating, yes? So you could have neurological involvement, which may be something you can address with proper medical care.

You might be able to come up with a root cause on your own, if it's in plain-ish sight. This is what therapy is for, though, plus a full health work-up — to get at the underlying stuff instead of just rearranging the surface. Merely addressing the symptoms can actually add stress if various attempts at fixing the problem are not effective. Instead of relief, it becomes an endless pointless chore. So demoralizing.

There's something here that warrants specific attention, though, right away: When you say that in response to your husband's valid frustration, "I may spiral ... and require comforting," you're describing more than a default to self-loathing. Getting upset with yourself is the immediate emotional response, yes — but pulling others in under the pretext of soothing you is also a form of silencing. It's manipulation. Because of course he and others will think twice next time they want to object to something you've done.

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I certainly don't endorse regular criticism of loved ones, but all of us need to feel comfortable speaking up when someone crosses a line, and we need to know others can do the same with us. It means we can trust our own eyes and ears about where we stand with people. When people instead suppress their true feelings, that creates the conditions for profound loneliness, blindsiding, ghosting, affairs and a bunch of other things that turn up every day in my queue. So as you dig for the "origin story" of your reflexive insecurity, please also work on retraining your self-soothing impulses. What other things can you do to interrupt the spiraling besides lean on your husband? Can you take a walk? Do short, intense exercise? Read? Do yoga? Watch something engrossing?

Think: hitting refresh on a page that's not loading right. Powerful distractions can get your mind out of a rut just long enough to bypass your reflex behaviors and access your thinking behaviors: a small tweak with a potentially significant payoff.

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Author finds freedom to explore pleasure in Paris

BOOK WORLD FROM **C1**

The question of whether an unattached woman is free to explore her own pleasure in any form and location she wishes seems to never go away. In the 18th century, the fictional "Fanny Hill" (the creation of a male writer) scandalized England with recollections of her life as a "woman of pleasure." Nearly 300 years later, Emma Stone played a version of Fanny Hill, Bella Baxter, a woman who uses her time at a brothel to self-actualize, in "Poor Things." The 1970s gave us "Fear of Flying," the '90s served up "Sex and the City," and a decade or so later, on "Girls," we saw Hannah Horvath's commitment to awkward, unfeminist sex.

Maybe each heroine secretly hopes she is the true sexual pioneer and has settled the question forever. But the truth so far has turned out to be more circular. Every era just ends up reinventing its own particular flavor of self-satisfied libertine, who is, or imagines herself to be, offensive to the masses of settled matrons.

"As I move through my forties, I've found myself becoming increasingly offensive to a certain woman," she writes. That certain woman is White, reasonably wealthy, in her 50s or 60s, deep in a marriage with almost-grown children and outwardly smug but inwardly doubting her smugness. "What really irks this woman, I've come to realize, is that I appear to be enjoying myself. I have veered off the narrow path for women to be successful in the world, and it turns out I'm fine. Sometimes better, sometimes worse, but mostly fine."

I myself veered off the narrow path at some point, and though it's been shaky at times, I would also say I'm fine. From my new vantage point, I, like MacNicol, am confused why so many people choose to stay on it when it's only one of many possible options. Is it depressing that, decade after decade, women have to keep reasserting their right to stray? I'm not sure, but it does make great material for a memoir.

JAMIE MAGNIFICO

Glynnis MacNicol, author of "I'm Mostly Here to Enjoy Myself."

Sex, though, is only a tiny slice of MacNicol's pleasure. The book is mainly a travelogue through Paris, where MacNicol stays often and has a close "Sex and the City"-type circle of girlfriends. One pleasure for the reader is her casual style of writing, which seems to mimic the pace of life. After the pandemic shutdowns, MacNicol seems to be relearning how to dress and drink and talk and move through the social world again. She savors details like a thick key in the gate, the smell of butter and 186 rings of a church bell. An entire chapter revolves around her efforts to conquer French bureaucracy and get her pass sanitaire, a form of vaccination card. A detailed description of everything in her suitcase leads to a meditation on Joan Didion's "White Album" and our social media age's love for "small performances of intimacy." The digressions feel neither self conscious nor literary but relaxed, implying that one source of a single woman's pleasure is having the time to follow the flow of her own thoughts.

MacNicol's approach to sex in the book is mostly a lazy tease. She draws out dozens of conversations with men on Fruitz who leave her what are called "crush notes." "I'd like to help you enjoy yourself," one man writes. "Wonderful, how so?" she responds. Eventually she changes her profile tag to "I'm mostly here to enjoy myself," which inspires the title of the book. When she does finally have sex, it's with a man she meets in the flesh, a tall, much younger muscular man in a red tank top who approaches her at a dance party. The actual sex, from a literary perspective, is, I guess, anticlimactic? ("All I want is more skin. … And for the next five hours that is exactly what I get.") But that's usually how sex writing goes.

At one point, MacNicol has brunch with two young French women half her age and, mostly, they irritate her. They are pretty, and their parents pay their rent, and one calls herself a writer when what she means is that she journals. Also, they are bubbling over with therapy speak, finding "emotional space" for themselves, showing themselves "grace," trying to "create." MacNicol, whose previous book, "No One Tells You This," chronicled the challenges of being single and childless by choice on the cusp of 40, experiences them as self-involved and too wrapped up in their anxieties to have any real-world adventures, sexual or otherwise. "Do any of them have fun?" she asks, skeptically. I expect they do, in their own particular way, and I also expect that in 20 years we will be reading about it.

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Bezos pledges to uphold Post 'quality, ethics, and standards' amid changes

BEZOS FROM **C1**

oversee the business, which had been facing a $77 million shortfall and declining readership, according to company officials.

A rare presence in the newsroom, Bezos is typically in closer touch with its corporate leadership rather than its editorial ranks, which have been in turmoil since Buzbee's unexpected departure, announced to staff in a Sunday night email June 2.

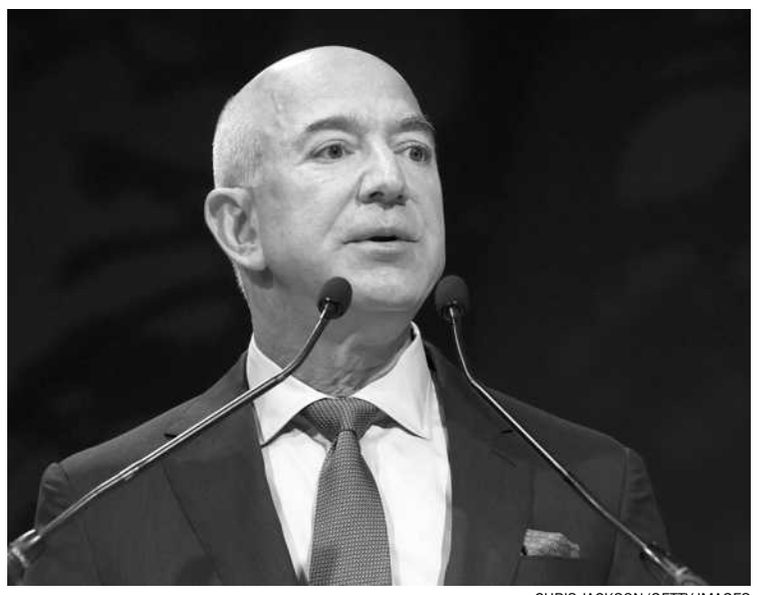
In his note Tuesday, he directly referenced Lewis, who told staff in small meetings last week that, as publisher, he will never interfere with the journalism produced by the newsroom.

"I know you've already heard this from Will," Bezos wrote, "but I wanted to also weigh in directly: the journalistic standards and ethics at The Post will not change."

Bezos could not be reached for additional comment.

According to people familiar with their interactions, Bezos had been closely engaged with Lewis as he developed a plan for a "third newsroom" — a division of the company that would be separate from traditional news and opinion, and would focus on trying to serve audiences not currently consuming The Post, though the details of how it would operate remain opaque. Winnett would oversee the traditional news operations after the 2024 election.

On Saturday, the New York Times reported Winnett and Lewis, when they worked as journalists in Britain, based some reporting on stolen phone records.



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Amazon founder and Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos wrote to the newspaper's top editors following leadership upheaval.

The report also raised questions about a payment made to obtain information that led to a 2009 investigation into government corruption that shook the British political establishment and led to several officials' resignations.

On Sunday, The Post — citing unpublished book chapters and other documents — revealed new details about Winnett's collaboration with a self-described "thief" who had used illicit means to obtain confidential information that appeared in news articles.

Neither Winnett nor Lewis responded to The Post or the Times about the reports.

Amid these new reports, The Post canceled a dinner it had planned to host Monday night at the annual advertising and media gathering Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity in southern France.

Earlier news reports described Lewis attempting to dissuade journalists from covering his involvement in a long-running British phone-hacking lawsuit. Lewis has denied trying to discourage Post journalists from covering the story. He called an NPR journalist who described a similar encounter "an activist, not a journalist."

"The Washington Post sets and models the highest ethical standards in journalism to which every Post employee is expected to adhere," a Post spokesperson said.

On Tuesday, Bezos made a nod to the journalism coming out of The Post newsroom: "A huge thank you for continuing to do the work that makes us all proud, and makes this institution so important."

TELEVISION

6/20/24	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBCNe..**	♦ **Hollywo..**	♦ **Trials** Swimming		(:15) ♦ **Trials** Diving		♦ Law & Order: SVU		♦ **News**
4.2 WRC (IND)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **MLB Baseball** San Francisco Giants vs. St. Louis Cardinals (Live)						♦ **Fox 5 at 10**		♦ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **NBA**		♦ **NBA Finals** Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks (Live)				♦ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **InsideEd.**	♦ **ET**	♦ Sheldon	♦ Ghosts	♦ Elsbeth		♦ Fire Country		♦ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **Fútbol**	♦ **CONMEBOL Copa** Argentina vs. Canadá (Live)					♦ **El amor no tien**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ FamFeud	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Puzzler	♦ Dateline
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Context	♦ To Dine	♦ Jerusale..	♦ Jerusal..	♦ Doc Martin		♦ The Paris Murders		♦ Farm
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS News Hour**		♦ Midsomer Murders			♦ Murder Myster.			♦ **Amanp..**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ HandDa..	♦ Harpist	♦ Great Performances						♦ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ Conners	♦ Conners	♦ **Master..**	♦ **Animals**	♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld
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A&E	The First 48		**The First 48**		**60 Days In**		**Inmate to**		First48
AMC	(5:00) Movie: True Lies ★★★ (1994)		Movie: My Cousin Vinny ★★★ (1992) An inept lawyer tries to free his cousin from a Dixie jail.					Movie: Gone in 60 Seconds ★ (2000)	
Animal Planet	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch				Catch
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Movie: Dreamgirls ★★★ (2006)				
Bravo	(6:10) **Love Under**	**Love Undercover**		(:45) **Love Undercover**			**Watch What**	Movie: A League of Their Own (1992)	
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Comedy Central	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office	Office	Office	Office	**DailyShow**
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Disney	Big City	Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Hailey	Hailey	Jessie
E!	(6:00) Movie: Fast & F...		Movie: Fast Five ★★ (2011)						**E! News**
ESPN	**2024 Men's College World Series** Game 14: Teams TBA (Live)						**SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt** (Live)		**SportsC.** (Live)
ESPN2	**SportsCenter** (Live)	NBA	30 for 30 Shorts	E60	SEC Storied Tigers United		30 for 30 Dream On, Part 1		NFL Live
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Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		Gutfeld!		**Fox News**
Freeform	(6:00) Movie: The Jungle Book ★★★ (2016)			Movie: Zootopia ★★★ (2016) Police rabbit Judy Hopps joins forces with a wily fox.					**The 700 Club**
FX	(5:30) Movie: Free Guy ★★★ (2021)		Movie: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw ★★ (2019) A lawman and an operative battle a superhuman soldier.						Movie: Fast & F...
Hallmark	Movie: A Picture of Her (2023)				Movie: A Greek Recipe for Romance (2024)				Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Murder, She Baked				Movie: The Royal Nanny (2022)				Murder ...
HBO	(6:40) Movie: Flight ★★★ (2012)				Movie: Slave Play. Not a Movie. A Play. (2024)		(:25) Movie: Dune: Part Two ★★★ (2024)		
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Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle
MASN	**FanDuel Racing** (Live)						**Bensinger**	Fight Sports WCK	
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Nat'l Geographic	Lost Treasures		Lost Treasures		**Lost Treasures**		**Lost Beasts:**		Lost
Nickelodeon	**LoudHouse**	**The Loud House**			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance** (Live)		**Cuomo** (Live)		**Dan Abrams** (Live)		**Banfield** (Live)		Cuomo
Paramount	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Movie: Ocean's Twelve ★★★ (2004) Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.						(:05) Movie: ...
Paramount+Sho	(6:00) Movie: Kiss the Girls ★★ (1997)		Movie: Along Came a Spider ★★ (2001)		(:45) The Chi			(:45) Movie: Tropic Thunder ★★★ (2008)	
Syfy	(4:55) Movie: G...	(:25) Movie: No Time to Die ★★★ (2021) Globe-trotting spy James Bond tracks a mysterious villain.							(:55) Movie: A...
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Movie
TCM	(6:15) Movie: Dirty Dingus Magee (1970)		Movie: Rear Window ★★★★ (1954)				Movie: The Far Country ★★★ (1955)		
TLC	Doubling Down		**7 Little Johnstons**		**7 Little Johnstons**		**7 Little Johnstons**		Derricos
TNT	(6:00) Movie: M...	(:45) Movie: Men in Black 3 ★★ (2012) Agent J (Will Smith) goes back in time to save K's life.					Movie: We're the Millers ★★ (2013)		
Travel	Kindred Spirits		Beyond the Unknown				Blind Frog Ranch		Paranor..
TruTV	The Inside Story			The Inside Story			**House of**	Jokers	Jokers
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King
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USA Network	**U.S. Olympic Trials**		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Race to Survive: NZ		Law-SVU
VH1	(5:30) Movie: Fatherh...		Movie: Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (2011)					Movie: Grown Ups (2...	
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LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition
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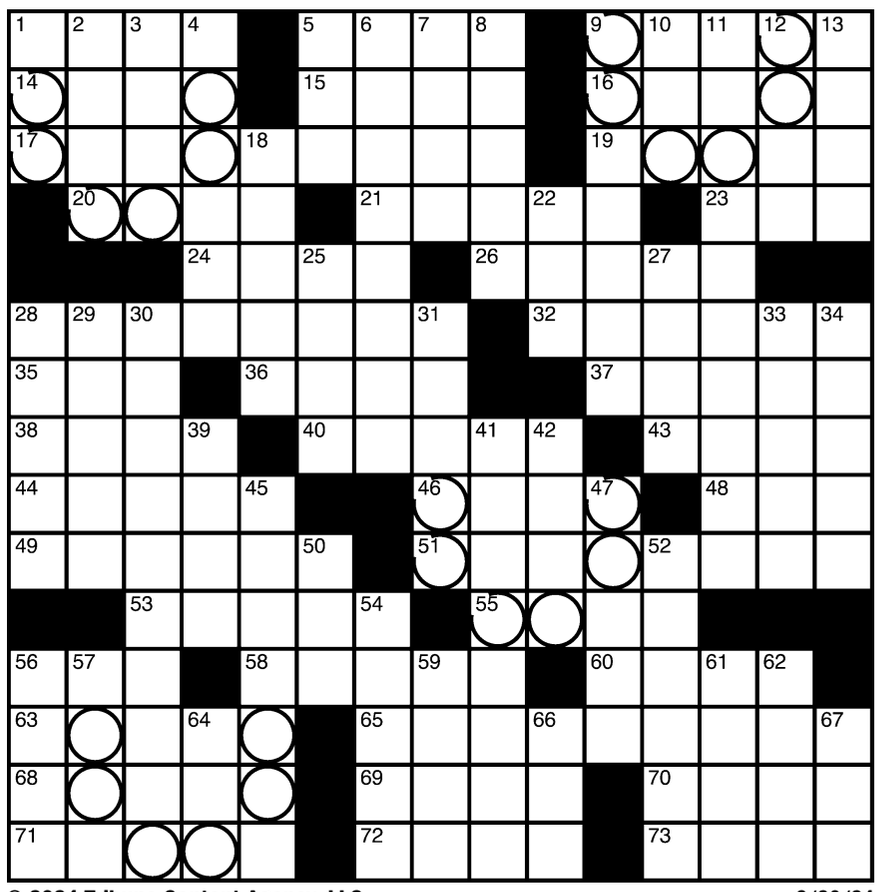
By Joseph Marquez



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1 "Such a pity!"
5 Caramel custard
9 Championship game
14 Quick meal
15 Country great McEntire
16 "Feliz año nuevo" month
17 Ballpark figures
19 Adulated ones
20 Climactic beginning?
21 Challenge for 64-Down students
23 Garden vessel
24 Chromebook maker
26 Reclusive one
28 Mythological event depicted in a 2017 "Thor" film
32 Share on social media
35 "Xanadu" rock gp.
36 Saintly ring
37 Baghdad currency
38 Heaps and heaps
40 Gross figures
43 __-switching
44 Gold-loving king
46 Courtroom entry
48 Home of the world's tallest building, briefly
49 Blind dates, e.g.
51 Enhances
53 Different
55 California wine region
56 __ choy
58 Like some change
60 JD-to-be's hurdle
63 Dogpatch name
65 Headwear featured four times in this puzzle
68 Baggy
69 Like one of Picasso's periods
70 Trickster of Asgard
71 Cries like a kitten
72 Barely noticeable
73 All those in favor

DOWN

1 Civil War POTUS
2 "Abbott Elementary" actress __ Ann Walter
3 Memo abbr.
4 Staple of some plant-based diets
5 Title for a monk
6 "Time to go!"
7 One of Eve's sons
8 Sounding congested
9 Pretended
10 Third-party abbr.
11 Self-identifier such as "ze" or "hir"
12 "My Soft Machine" singer Parks
13 Played scissors against rock, say
18 Book between Jonah and Nahum
22 Neither partner
25 Notable times
27 Awesome
28 Paper orders
29 Classic TV's "Kate & __"
30 "Thanks for the info"
31 Turtlelike Mario Bros. foe
33 Nobelist Anwar
34 Forest denizens
39 Not slack
41 Hairstyle with a uniform length
42 Streets of Rage game company
45 Baseballs and basketballs, but not rugby balls
47 Substantial
50 Health class topic
52 Nabe south of Pasadena
54 Bar mitzvah figure
56 Application to chapped lips
57 Clarinet kin
59 Fringe group
61 Nautical call
62 Swipe
64 Subj. for some citizenship applicants
66 __ lime pie
67 Poetic contraction

WEDNESDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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PERSPECTIVE

Nintendo won a summer of game showcases by deploying key factor: Surprise

BY GENE PARK

Nintendo just closed out a summer of video game showcases with a barn burner — despite the fact its Switch console is seven years old and at the end of its market life.

"The Legend of Zelda: Echoes of Wisdom" is a brand-new title in the series releasing Sept. 26, finally giving players a chance to play as the titular princess. Nintendo also announced "Metroid Prime 4: Beyond," originally publicized seven years ago for the Switch and finally nearing release. It's likely that the latest Metroid game will also be a launch title for the expected successor console to the Switch, which Nintendo said should be released sometime next year.

Surprise was the key element in Nintendo's showcase that was missing in the last few weeks of gaming showcases from competitor publishers and platforms. At the now-defunct Electronic Entertainment Expo, video game companies would surprise and delight attendees with shocking announcements. But this year, the industry has been coming to terms with the high costs of making games, especially PlayStation and Xbox studios who produce high-fidelity, realistic-looking titles that cost hundreds of millions of dollars and take five years to a decade to produce.

This issue is particularly keen in the PlayStation 5 ecosystem, which will not release a single title from one of its marquee franchises such as God of War until 2025. Instead, PlayStation's summer showcase highlighted only two new titles, the follow-up in the niche but beloved Astro Bot platformer series and a multiplayer game called "Concord" that has not been well-received due to its similarity to the far more popular "Overwatch" by Blizzard Entertainment.

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"Echoes of Wisdom" is the first game in the Legend of Zelda series to officially let people play as the princess. It will release in September.

No doubt, Xbox had a winning showcase June 9, showing footage for big upcoming titles such as "Gears of War: E-Day" and "Doom: The Dark Ages." But much of its showcase comprised updates on projects announced long ago, with very little new information. Xbox's long-awaited update to the Fable role-playing series was exciting but showed almost nothing of how the game actually plays. The new Doom game would've been Xbox's only surprise, undercut by early reports that had leaked the announcement.

Meanwhile, Nintendo made some long-underserved gaming communities hysterical with several first- and third-party announcements, including:

• The long-dormant "Marvel vs. Capcom 2" arcade game is finally being released on modern video game platforms in the "Marvel vs. Capcom Fighting Collection: Arcade Classics," to be released this year. The game was delisted from PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 platforms due to licensing issues, and fighting-game fans have been demanding a rerelease for years in a "Free Marvel vs. Capcom 2" campaign. The announcement made longtime fans vomit (one said) and scream on Twitch streams.

• The original trilogy of Dragon Quest games, the series that pioneered role-playing games on console, are being remade. Fans have been waiting for remakes for years, as well.

• "Fantasian Neo Dimension" is the latest and possibly last video game made by the creator of Final Fantasy, Hironobu Sakaguchi. It's also expected to be the final body of work for Nobuo Uematsu, who many consider the best video game music composer ever. The game has been exclusive to Apple's Arcade subscription service. But along with "Hello Kitty Island Adventure" (think "Animal Crossing" with Hello Kitty characters, a natural fit), it is escaping Apple's walled garden for modern consoles.

• Fans of Capcom's Ace Attorney games got a surprise with remasters of the Ace Attorney Investigations series, which stars prosecuting attorney Miles Edgeworth.

Nintendo had several new first-party announcements, too, including "Mario & Luigi: Brothership," a new title in its long-dormant Mario & Luigi role-playing series; "Super Mario Party Jamboree," the latest in the best-selling board game franchise; and an HD remake of "Donkey Kong Country Returns."

The Direct news site has underscored Nintendo's strength and the wisdom of its long-term strategy, which many doubted years ago. The late and former Nintendo president Hiroshi Yamauchi said in 2001 that he steered the company away from the race toward high-fidelity graphics, saying that "costs are skyrocketing, users get bored faster than ever ... it's getting difficult to make a profit producing video games." As such, no Nintendo games look anywhere close to the photorealism of PlayStation's "The Last of Us." Yet its Luigi's Mansion series, a puzzle game made by a small team, outsell most of Sony's high-budget games.

It's remarkable that Nintendo is able to remain extremely profitable and backfill the end of the Switch's life with fresh and surprising titles while other consoles struggle to rein in expenses. Tuesday's showcase was the result of Nintendo's stubborn and smart strategy of focusing on games, not graphics.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

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Thursday, June 20, 2024
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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.

Inside Out 2 (PG) OC: 7:15
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:00-10:00
The Fall Guy (PG-13) CC: 3:05
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 1:45-8:30
The Exorcism (R) CC: 6:00-8:00-10:20
Challengers (R) CC: 1:40
If (PG) CC: 1:00-3:30
The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 12:45-4:45-9:10
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 4:00-6:30-9:00
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-8:20
The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 3:20-10:00
Firebrand (R) CC: 12:15
Tuesday (R) CC: 12:20
Robot Dreams CC: 5:00-7:30-10:00
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:20-10:10
Origin (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:00
Thelma (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-7:30-9:50
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30
Treasure (R) CC: 12:10
JESUS: a Deaf Missions film OC: 6:30
I Am: Celine Dion (PG) CC: 6:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 12:10-2:45-5:15-7:45
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-9:50-10:15

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:15-12:30-3:30-6:45-10:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:00-3:00-6:00
Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical (PG) 11:15AM
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00-1:15-2:00-4:15-5:00
Robot Dreams 8:00
The Bikeriders (R) 3:55-7:00-10:15
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:15

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:30-4:40-6:50
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:45-2:10-4:30-7:15
Kiki's Delivery Service - Studio Ghibli Fest 2023 (G) 11:00AM
Firebrand (R) 11:20AM
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:00-7:00

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

Farewell, Mr. Haffmann (Adieu Monsieur Haffmann) 2:20-7:30
Young Woman and the Sea (PG) 10:30-1:15-4:15
Babes (R) 12:00-5:00-7:15

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 4:30-7:30
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 4:20-7:20
Challengers (R) 7:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) 3:50-4:50-6:10-7:10
Ultraman: Rising (PG) 4:00-5:00-7:00

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 3:00-7:25
Inside Out 2 (PG) 3:15-4:15-7:15-8:15
Tuesday (R) 3:30-4:30-7:00-8:00
The Bikeriders (R) 4:00-7:30
I Saw the TV Glow (PG-13) 3:25-4:25-7:45

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 2:30-7:30
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:00-12:50-1:50-3:50-4:50-6:50-10:05
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 11:40-3:45-6:20-9:40
The Exorcism (R) 6:40-7:40-10:10
If (PG) 11:50-3:10-5:50-8:40
The Garfield Movie (PG) 12:10-9:10
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:30-12:00-12:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-3:30-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-7:00-8:05-8:30-9:30-10:00-10:30
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:10-2:45-6:10-9:35
The Watchers (PG-13) 12:20-3:25-7:10-10:20
Tuesday (R) 3:40-6:45-9:50
The Bikeriders (R) 2:20-5:10-8:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
The Garfield Movie (PG) 2:50
Tuesday (R) 12:40

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road

Ugetsu (Ugetsu monogatari) (Tales of the Pale and Silvery Moon) (NR) 3:00-9:20
A Man for All Seasons (1966) (NR) 11:30AM
The Professionals (1966) (PG-13) 12:30-4:00
Hit Man (R) OC: 1:30
Revolver (1973) 7:00
Exhibition on Screen: My National Gallery 2:00-5:00
Hit Man (R) 4:10-9:00
Sacco and Vanzetti (Sacco e Vanzetti) (1971) 6:30

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 1:20-2:30-4:10-7:15-8:30-10:00
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 5:15
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AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

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The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:20-9:45
Tuesday (R) CC: 10:55
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30
The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R) CC: 10:50AM
JESUS: a Deaf Missions film OC: 6:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:00-10:30-12:25-2:50-3:30-5:20-7:45-8:30-10:20
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:00-6:00

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.

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Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 4:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way

The Exorcism (R) CC: 6:00-8:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:30-3:00-8:00
Origin (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:45
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 5:30
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 12:30-1:15-3:15-4:00-7:00-7:30-10:15
The Exorcism (R) CC: 6:00-8:30-9:45
If (PG) CC: 12:30-3:30
The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 12:35-3:15-8:00-10:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:00-1:00-2:00-2:30-3:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-8:30
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:45-6:15-9:30
The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 10:30
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R) CC: 8:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 6:00-6:45-9:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle

GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now XD: 7:30
Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG) 10:00AM
The Exorcism (R) 6:00-8:30-11:00
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:55-7:50-10:45
Thelma (PG-13) 3:00-5:35-8:10-10:45
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:00-7:15-10:20
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00-4:10-6:45-9:20

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:45-1:45-3:45-4:45-7:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:00-12:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-3:30-4:15-4:45-6:30-7:15
The Exorcism (R) 7:15
The Garfield Movie (PG) 1:30-4:30-7:30
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 12:45-4:30-8:15
The Watchers (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:30
The Bikeriders (R) 7:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 6:00

Greenbelt Cinema
129 Centerway

Napoleon Dynamite (PG) 8:00
Encanto (PG) 1:00
Kidnapped: The Abduction of Edgardo Mortara 5:00
Tuesday (R) 8:15
Babes (R) 5:15

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:30-4:30-7:25
The Fall Guy (PG-13) 1:10-4:20
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 3:30
The Garfield Movie (PG) 2:45-5:00-7:20
Inside Out 2 (PG) 1:00-2:00-3:15-4:15-5:30-6:30-7:45
Firebrand (R) 1:00-6:40
The Bikeriders (R) 2:05-4:40-7:00
Treasure (R) 1:20-3:45-6:15

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:50-1:45-4:20-7:15
The Fall Guy (PG-13) 3:30
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 1:05-4:15-7:20
If (PG) 2:05-4:25
The Garfield Movie (PG) 1:40-4:10-6:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30-1:30-2:45-3:45-5:00-6:45-7:30
The Watchers (PG-13) 1:10-3:50
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:30-7:35
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:00-7:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:30-12:35-2:30-3:30-5:30-6:45-8:30-9:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00-12:45-1:30-3:15-4:00-5:35-6:30-8:35-9:00
The Watchers (PG-13) 1:30-4:00-6:35-9:15

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

The Garfield Movie (PG) 1:15
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:10-12:15-2:15-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-8:15-9:45
The Fall Guy (PG-13) 1:05
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 1:20-5:05-8:45
The Exorcism (R) 6:10-9:00
Challengers (R) 8:05
If (PG) 12:30-3:25-6:20-9:20
The Garfield Movie (PG) 10:35-3:55-6:50-9:40
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00-11:30-11:45-12:20-12:40-1:40-2:10-3:00-3:20-4:20-4:50-5:40-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:20-8:40-9:40-10:00
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 10:50-2:05-5:50-9:25
The Watchers (PG-13) 11:05AM
Firebrand (R) 10:35-1:40-4:55
Tuesday (R) 11:20-2:25-5:30-8:30
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-5:00-8:10
HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle (PG-13) 10:45AM
Thelma (PG-13) 10:40-1:25-4:10-6:55-9:30
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) 10:30-1:10-3:50
Treasure (R) 12:25-3:10-6:05-9:05
Chandu Champion 2:20
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:10
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:50-1:10-3:00-4:00-5:50-6:50-8:40-9:50
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 12:10-4:10-8:10
The Exorcism (R) 6:00-8:30
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The Watchers (PG-13) 7:50
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:50-7:40
Chandu Champion 1:25-4:40-8:20
Harom Hara 12:40-4:20
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:30-4:30-7:00-9:30
The Garfield Movie (PG) 3:30

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Boulevard

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:30-12:10-12:50-2:20-3:10-3:50-5:20-6:50-8:40-9:40
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 12:00-3:45-7:50
The Exorcism (R) 6:10-9:10
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The Garfield Movie (PG) 12:20-5:40-8:20
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Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:40-4:20-8:10
The Watchers (PG-13) 12:40-3:40-7:10-9:50
The Bikeriders (R) 2:10-5:10-8:50
The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R) 8:00
HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle (PG-13) 12:45-6:20-8:45
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30
The Garfield Movie (PG) 2:50
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:30
HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle (PG-13) 3:20

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:10-2:30-3:10-5:40-6:20-8:30-9:10-10:00
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 11:50-9:30
If (PG) 12:30-3:30-6:10-9:00
The Garfield Movie (PG) 1:20-4:00-6:45-9:20
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:05-12:40-1:40-2:50-3:20-3:50-4:20-5:30-7:00-8:20-10:05
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 12:20-3:40-7:10
The Watchers (PG-13) 12:00-2:40-8:10
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:50-5:20-8:00
JESUS: a Deaf Missions film 6:30-6:35
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 2:20-5:00-7:50

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 2:50-5:50-8:50
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 3:30-5:00-8:20
If (PG) 1:10-2:10-4:00-6:40-9:10
The Garfield Movie (PG) 12:55-1:50-4:20-7:10
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The Watchers (PG-13) 12:50-3:30
The Bikeriders (R) 2:10-5:10-6:10-7:00-8:00-9:05
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20

Regal Waugh Chapel
1419 South Main Chapel Way

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:50-4:40-7:30
The Exorcism (R) 6:00-7:10-9:40
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
The Bikeriders (R) 2:10-5:10-8:10
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) 1:30-4:30
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:00-7:05
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00

Regal Westview
5243 Buckeystown Pike

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:00-2:05-5:10-8:10
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:55-12:45-2:25-3:15-4:55-5:45-7:35-8:20
The Watchers (PG-13) 11:45-2:20-5:05-7:40
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 4:10-9:20
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:00-4:00-7:10-10:00
The Fall Guy (PG-13) 6:35-9:40
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Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:05-2:40-6:20
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-5:00-8:00

Regal Crystal City
2700 South Richmond Highway

Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) 1:15-3:40
JESUS: a Deaf Missions film 6:30-6:40
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:20-9:55
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00
The Garfield Movie (PG) 1:55

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue

The Bikeriders (R) (!) 3:30-7:00-10:30
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) (!) 2:45-6:00-9:15
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now (!) 7:15

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:10-1:50-4:35-5:50-7:20-8:30
The Fall Guy (PG-13) CC: 11:05-8:40
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 12:20-3:40-7:00
The Exorcism (R) CC: 6:00-8:20
The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 12:30-3:10-6:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:00-1:00-2:30-3:25-4:00-7:30
The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 8:55
Tuesday (R) CC: 12:40-3:20
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:40
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 12:00-1:30-5:00-6:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 12:40-1:15-3:20-4:00-6:45-8:30-9:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:30-1:00-2:40-3:00-3:30-5:30-6:00-8:00-8:30-10:30
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Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:00-1:40-4:25-7:15-10:00
The Fall Guy (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 1:25-4:10-7:10-10:00
The Exorcism (R) CC: 6:00-8:15-10:30
Challengers (R) CC: 11:00AM
If (PG) CC: 11:05-1:30-4:45-7:10-10:25
The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 11:10-1:40-4:40-7:25-10:25
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 1:35-4:00-7:15-9:40
The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Sight (PG-13) CC: 11:00AM
Firebrand (R) CC: 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20
Tuesday (R) CC: 3:20-6:00-8:40
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Origin (PG-13) CC: 3:45-7:00
The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R) CC: 1:25
Babes (R) CC: 11:00AM
Latency (R) 11:10AM
HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle (PG-13) 11:30AM
Ghostlight (R) CC: 4:00-6:40-9:20
In A Violent Nature CC: 1:40
Thelma (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:35-10:45
Treasure (R) CC: 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
Chandu Champion 3:30-10:05
I Am: Celine Dion (PG) CC: 6:00
The Relentless Patriot 11:20AM
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 11:05-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Fresh Kills CC: 12:00
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle

Inside Out 2 (PG) 5:00; 12:00
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 10:45-11:15-11:30-1:30-2:00-4:15-4:45-7:15-7:40-10:15-10:30
The Fall Guy (PG-13) CC: 2:20-10:30
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 11:20-2:45-6:10-9:30
The Exorcism (R) CC: 7:00-9:40
If (PG) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:40-7:20-9:50
The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:15
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:30-1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 11:50-12:40-3:15-6:40-10:10
The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:20
Tuesday (R) CC: 3:20
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R) CC: 10:10
Origin (PG-13) CC: 3:50-7:00
HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle (PG-13) 1:00-8:40
In A Violent Nature CC: 1:30
Ghostlight (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:30
Thelma (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:30-9:00
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30
Treasure (R) CC: 11:20-7:50
Chandu Champion 3:40
I Am: Celine Dion (PG) CC: 6:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Fresh Kills CC: 10:40-12:45
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 2:30-5:20-7:30-10:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:35-2:20-5:10-8:00
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 1:30-7:10
If (PG) CC: 12:20
The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:00-12:30-3:50-4:30-5:30-6:20
The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:20-4:40-8:45
Thelma (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:05
Treasure (R) CC: 7:55
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-3:00-7:00

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:20-8:55; 7:40
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:15-2:05-4:55-7:45-10:40
The Exorcism (R) CC: 6:00-8:30-11:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-5:05-8:00-10:55
Origin (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:30
Thelma (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:35-8:10-10:45
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 12:20-3:00
I Am: Celine Dion (PG) CC: 6:00
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 11:40-2:20-5:00-10:15
A24 x IMAX Present: Midsommar Director's Cut (R) 7:00

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
The Exorcism (R) CC: 7:45-10:15
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 6:30-9:00
The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza

The Muppets Take Manhattan (G) 11:30AM
Inside Out 2 (PG) 10:00-1:00; 10:45-11:40-12:00-1:30-2:25-4:00-4:30-5:05-7:30-10:15
Robot Dreams 8:00
The Bikeriders (R) 2:55-6:00-9:05
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:00

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:05-1:45-4:25-7:30-10:00
The Fall Guy (PG-13) 11:05-4:45
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 2:45-9:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) 10:15-11:15-12:30-1:30-2:00-3:45-6:00-8:15
Kiki's Delivery Service - Studio Ghibli Fest 2023 (G) 12:00
Firebrand (R) 11:35AM
Tuesday (R) 12:30
Robot Dreams 5:00-7:25-9:55
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:35-7:15-9:55
Ghostlight (R) 9:00
Treasure (R) 11:00-2:25
Thelma (PG-13) 3:00-5:15-7:30
Chandu Champion 10:00
GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:00

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard

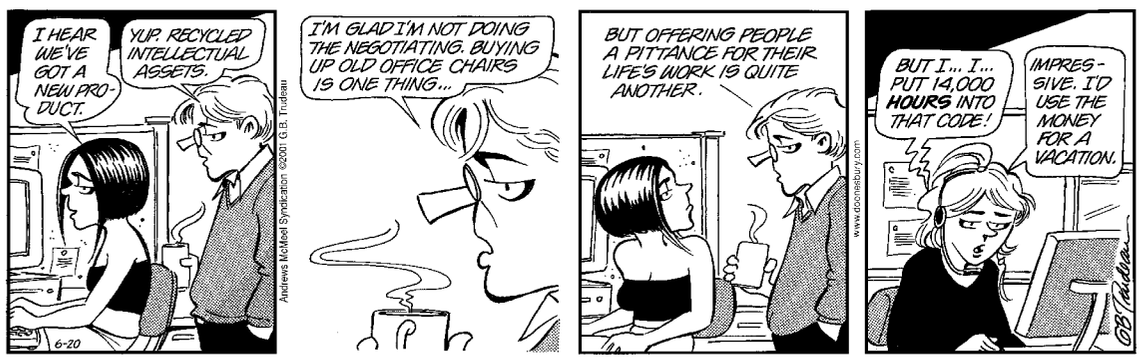
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:20-1:20-3:20-4:20-6:20-7:20-9:10
The Fall Guy (PG-13) 3:50
Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 11:50AM
If (PG) 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:20
The Garfield Movie (PG) 1:10-3:40-6:10-8:45
Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 12:40-4:40-8:10
The Exorcism (R) 7:50
Sight (PG-13) 11:05AM
Inside Out 2 (PG) 1:00-6:00-8:30
The Watchers (PG-13) 11:40-2:20-5:10-7:40
The Bikeriders (R) 2:00-4:50-7:40-9:15
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) 11:00-11:30-12:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:30-9:30
Thelma (PG-13) 6:50
Treasure (R) 11:20-2:10-4:50
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 12:30-3:30-8:00
JESUS: a Deaf Missions film 6:30

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.

The Fall Guy (PG-13) 4:00-9:30
Young Woman and the Sea (PG) 10:05-1:15
Firebrand (R) 9:40-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:00
Tuesday (R) 10:00-12:15-2:20-4:40-7:10-9:15
Babes (R) 12:00-9:30
Ezra (R) 9:50-2:30-5:00-7:30
Treasure (R) 9:45-12:10-2:25-4:45-7:20-9:30
The Dead Don't Hurt (R) 1:00-4:10-7:00
Run Lola Run 25th Anniversary (R) 9:55-7:15-

CLASSIC DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE

BRIDGE

NEITHER SIDE VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ K J 9 8 3 2
♥ A K 7 3
♦ 2
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ Q 7 6
♥ 4
♦ K 9 6 5 4 3
♣ Q J 7

EAST
♠ 5 4
♥ J 9 6 5
♦ 10 8 7
♣ K 8 3 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A 10
♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ A Q J
♣ A 10 9 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♥	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ J

Richard Oshlag, aside from having won several national events, is the ACBL's longest-tenured employee; he has served since 1969. This year the League recognized Oshlag by naming a major event at its Summer Championships in his honor.

In the IMP Pairs at the Spring NABC, Oshlag found a classic falsecard as today's East, inducing declarer to lose a slam. Against North-South's reasonable six hearts, West started with a tricky jack of clubs. Declarer took the ace and led a trump to dummy's ace.

If Oshlag plays low, declarer will cash the king next in case East started with J-9-6-5. He will be in sight of making the contract. But Oshlag followed with the nine, giving declarer a losing option. Sure enough, declarer led a trump to his queen next, and Oshlag's play had created a trump trick for the defense.

Declarer proceeded to guess the spade position, but next he tried a diamond finesse with his queen, hoping to get rid of dummy's last club. West won, and the defense got a club and a trump for down two.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 10 ♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ A Q J ♣ A 10 9 4

Both vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens two spades. You double, and your partner bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your double suggested a hand worth at least 17 points with help for the unbid suits. Partner was obliged to respond; he will have at most 8 points and may have none. To bid four hearts would be a gamble. (In some partnerships, partner's three hearts would show some strength.)

— Frank Stewart

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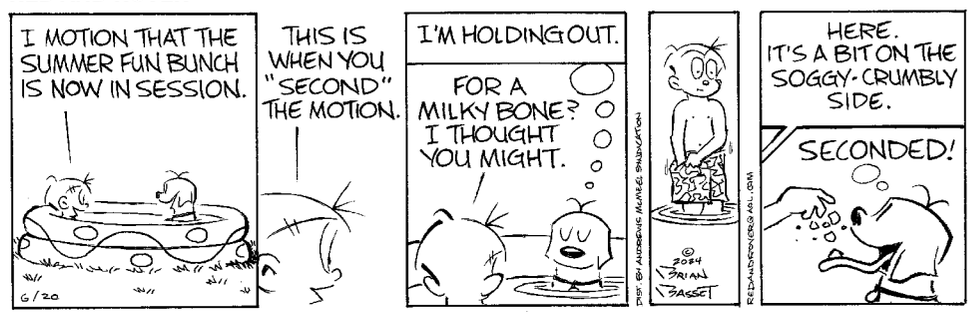
RED AND ROVER

BRIAN BASSET



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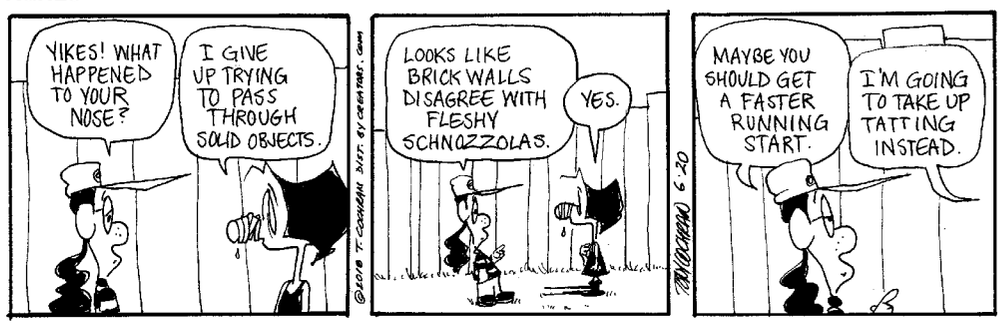

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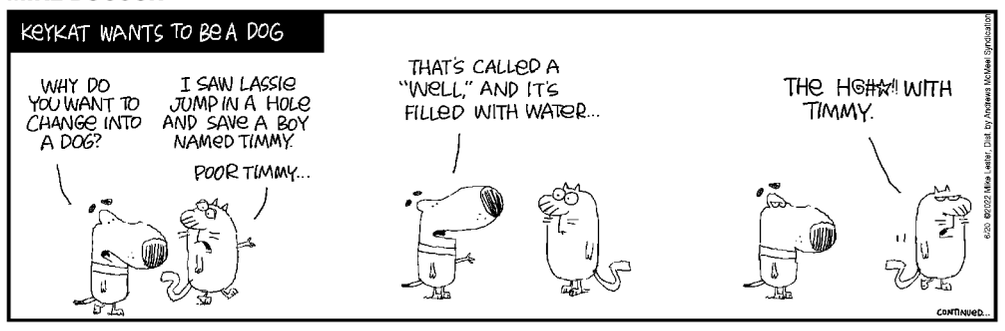

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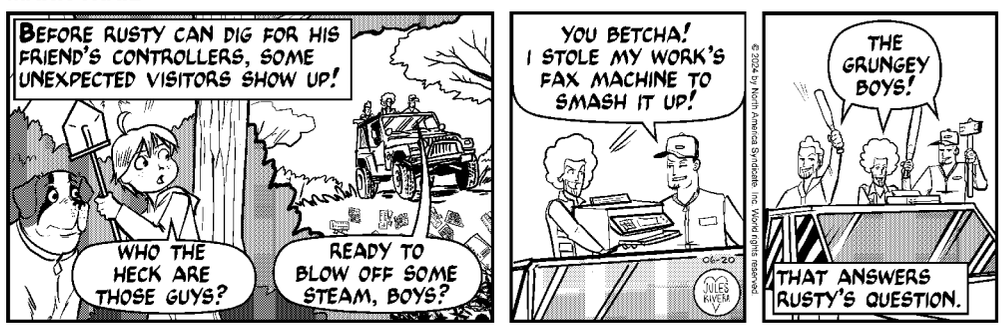

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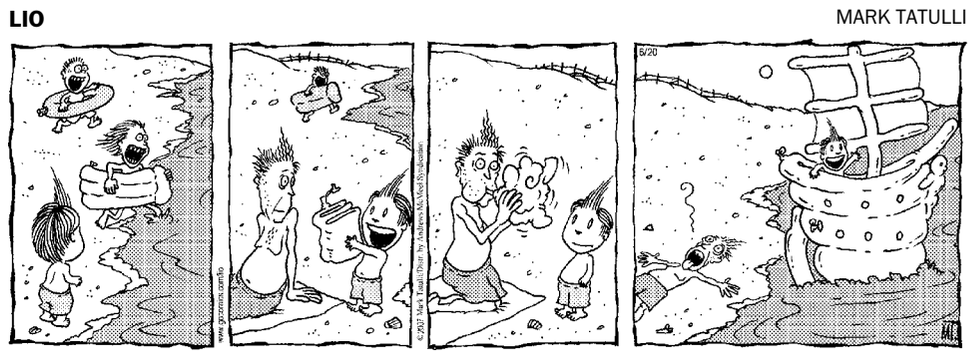

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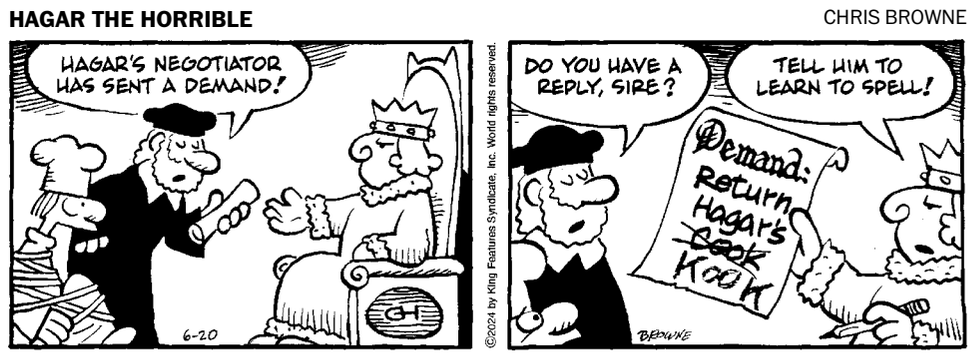

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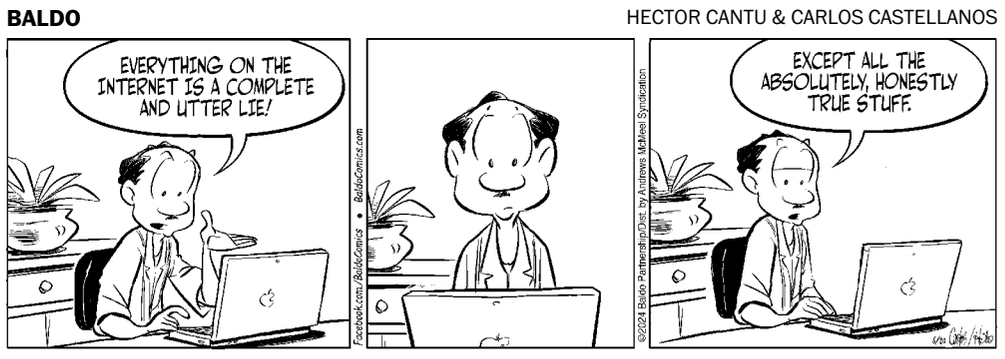

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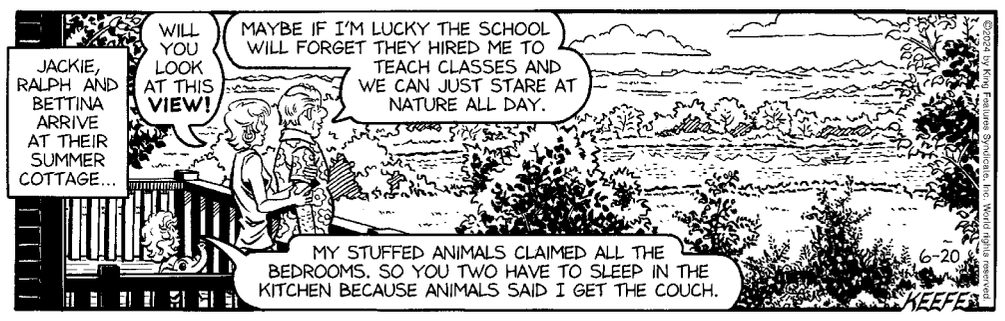

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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	4	9	8					

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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A1 E1 K5 S1 T1 L1 F4 — 3rd Letter Triple — RACK 1

A1 O1 Y4 R1 N1 C3 R1 — RACK 2

E1 O1 U1 Y4 R1 R1 N1 — RACK 3

A1 I1 Y4 L1 B3 W4 L1 — Double Word Score — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160 **FOUR RACK TOTAL ____**
BEST SCORE 217 **TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

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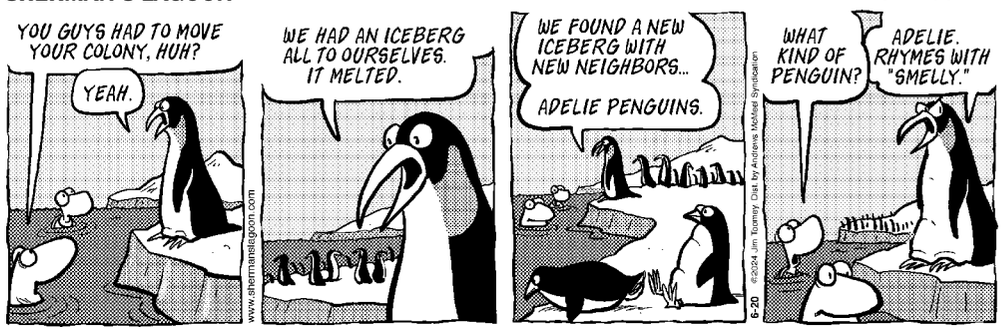

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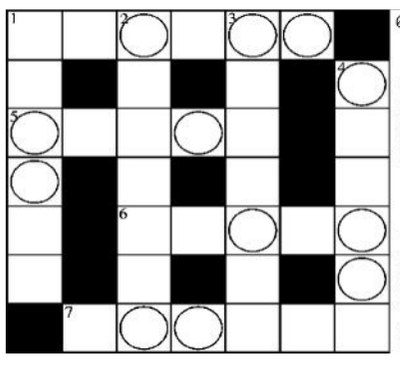

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Pastry shop	EABYKR
5. ____ sign	NUMIS
6. Howdy	ELHOL
7. Hoffman film	HPREES

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Lament	BNAMEO
2. Family ties	NHISPKI
3. Work out	LSOEREV
4. Wile E. ____	EYOOTC

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: ____ ____ broke into two pieces when it was moved in 1774.

ANSWERS: 1A-Bakery 5A-Minus 6A-Hello 7A-Sphere 1D-Bemoan 2D-Kinship 3D-Resolve 4D-Coyote 8-Plymouth Rock

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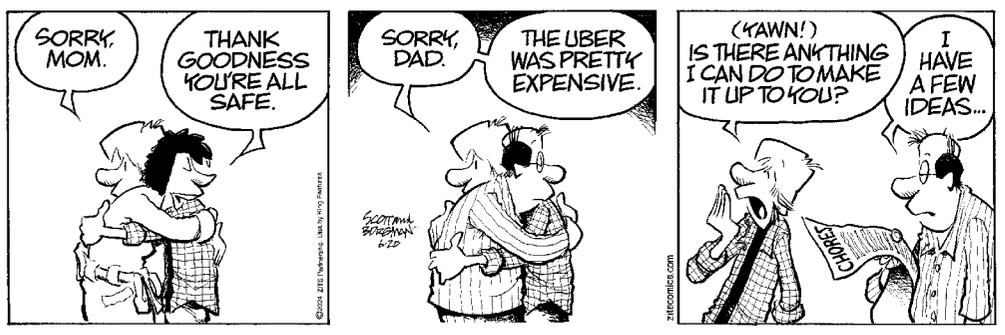

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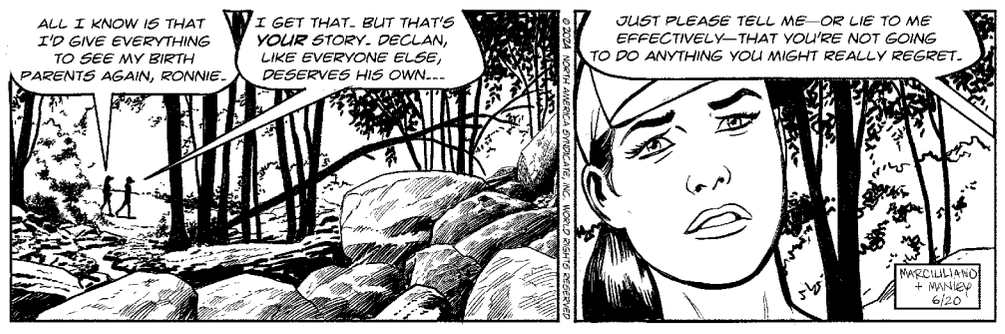

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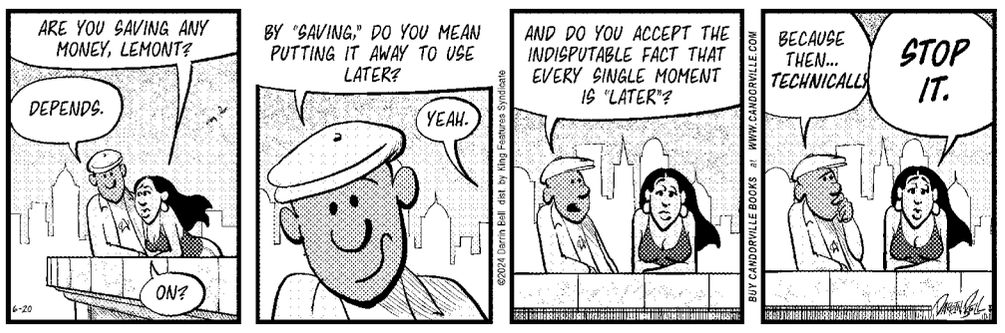

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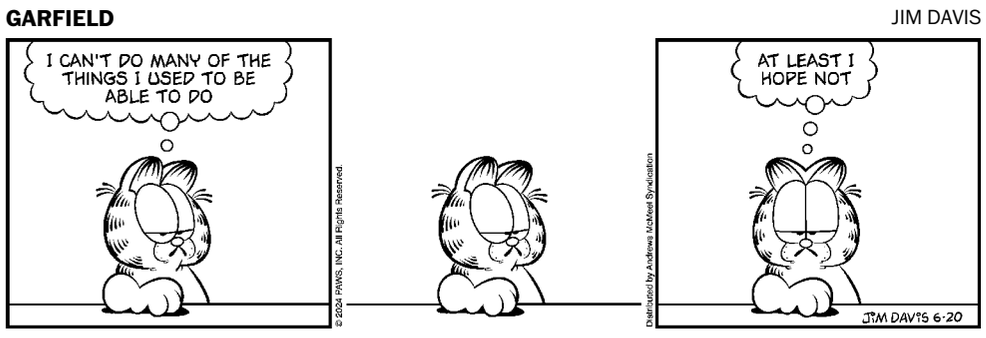

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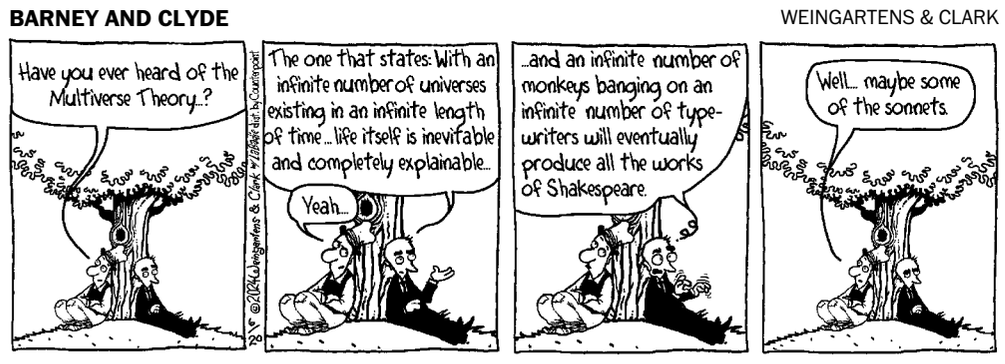

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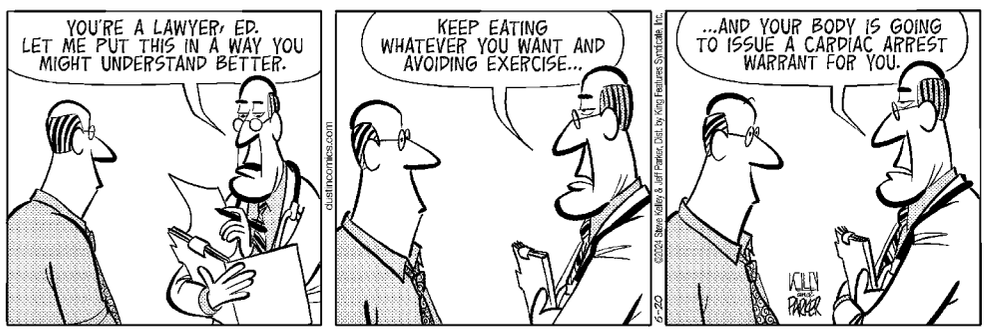

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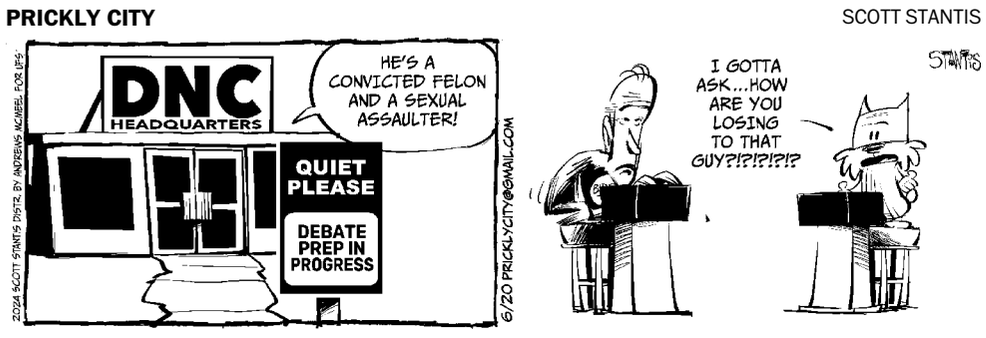

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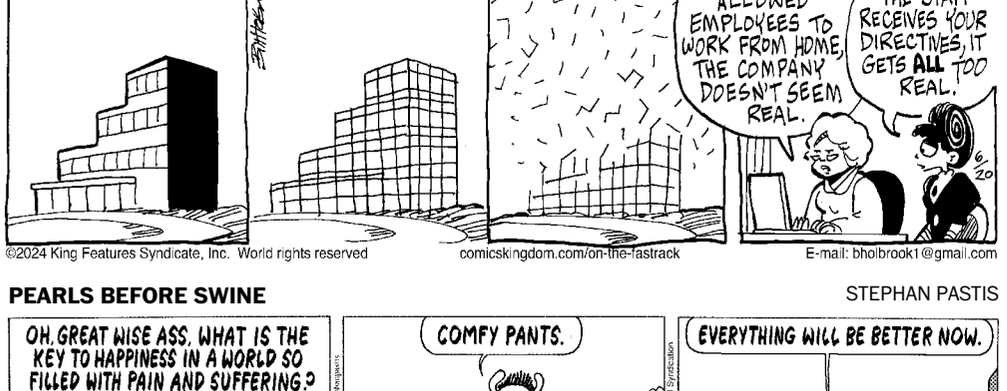

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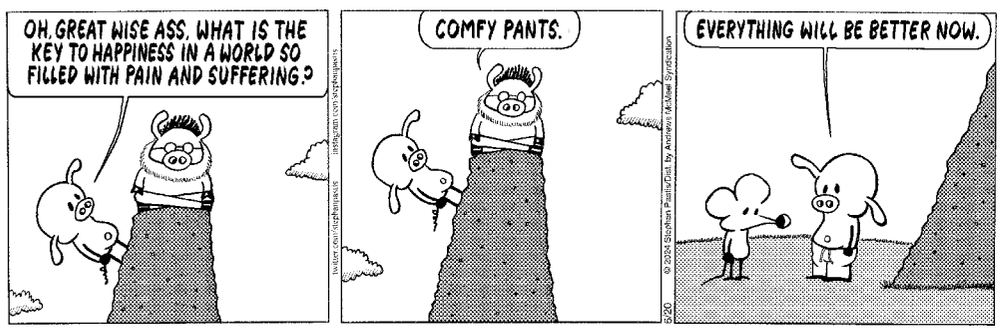

PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

C3	A1	R1	J8	A1	C3	K5	R5ACK 1 = 94
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B3	E1	D2	B3	U1	G2		RACK 4 = 12

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BIRTHDAY | JUNE 20

You are warm, affectionate and spontaneous. You're also charming and love to entertain others. This is a year of reflection for you. It's time to look inward and renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore any discipline that gives you better self-awareness.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions on this Summer Solstice day. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
For the next few weeks, your attention will turn to home, family and your private life. You will have an increased focus on redecorating projects and home repairs.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
The pace of your days will accelerate for the next few weeks. Get ready for this. Expect a busy schedule due to increased appointments, visits with siblings and relatives, shopping, errands, short trips, plus reading, writing and studying. Busy you!

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Starting today, your focus on money, cash flow and earnings will increase for the next four weeks. This will be an excellent time for you to get on top of your scene, especially with respect to taking care of your possessions.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
The Sun enters your sign today to stay for the next four weeks, giving you a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year! With Mercury and Venus also in your sign, you have a desire to talk to others.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Your personal year is ending, which is why you might want to be more reclusive in the next few weeks. Take time to ponder what you want for your new year ahead (birthday to birthday).

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Get ready for a popular time ahead, because today the Sun moves into your House of Friendships to stay for the next four weeks. Enjoy interactions with friends. Expect to be involved more with clubs, groups and associations as well.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You create a marvelous impression on everyone in the next few weeks. Do be aware of this, because with this advantage, you can go after what you want. Doors will open for you. Now is the time to make your pitch.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Your desire to travel will be strong because you need a change of scenery. Oh yeah, it's time to get outta Dodge! If you can't travel far, then explore your own city. You need to feel stimulated by learning new things.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Many issues in your life will take on an increased intensity in the next four weeks, especially matters related to shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances. Someone might help you with these matters.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
You will need more rest in the next few weeks because the Sun is opposite your sign and the Sun represents energy. You will also have the advantage of having more objectivity in viewing your closest relationships.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
It's time to hustle thy buns! In the next few weeks, you will work hard to be as productive as possible. Roll up your sleeves and get hands-on. Fortunately, co-workers will be helpful and supportive to you.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Beginning today, you enter a four-week window filled with opportunities to socialize. Your creative vibes will shine! Therefore, look for ways to express your creativity. Enjoy museums, social outings, vacations and fun times with kids.

— Georgia Nicols

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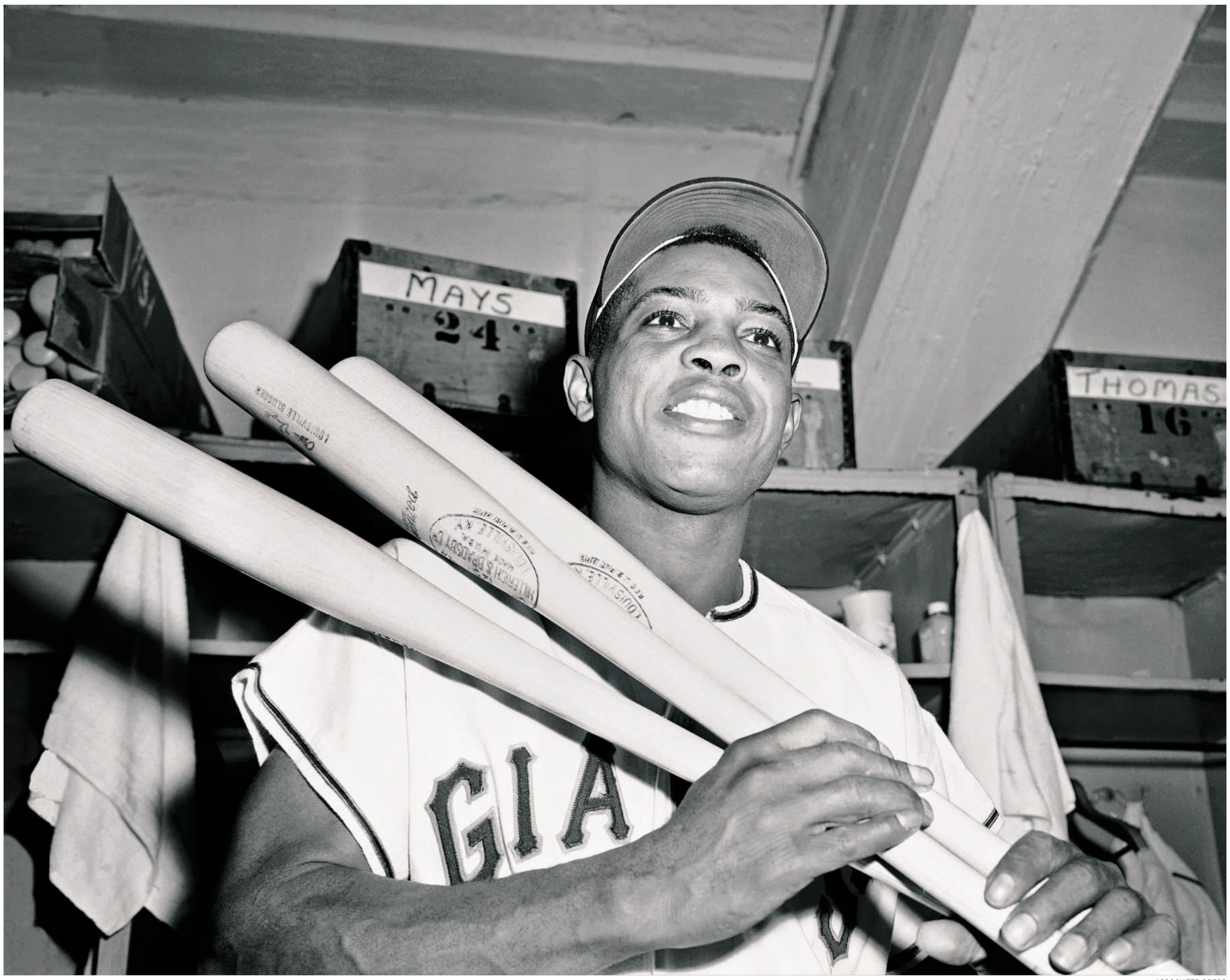

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Willie Mays, pictured in the Polo Grounds clubhouse in 1957, exhibited rare talent and compiled stellar statistics in a career lasting more than two decades that left the "Say Hey Kid" among the best of all time.

Birmingham honors the legendary Mays with a timely embrace

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — Ryan Howard had one more stop to make after he finished batting practice ahead of Wednesday's celebrity softball game at Rickwood Field, the historic venue where Willie Mays collected his first professional hit. Down the third base line, the baseball Hall of Fame plaque of Mays stood on a pedestal with flowers placed on it, commemorating a legend.

Howard, a three-time all-star, had plenty of company when he stopped by Mays's plaque for a picture. Former major league stars CC Sabathia, Adam Jones and Jimmy Rollins gathered to pay respect to Mays, who died Tuesday at 93.

"This is the reason why we're here," Sabathia said. "To celebrate Willie. To be able to come out here and put [on] this celebration. … It feels right that we were already here."

SEE **MAYS** ON **D6**

Commemorative poster: Artist Desiree Kelly, whose work graced our pages for "The Nine" series, remembers the legend. **D5**

23 seasons, 23 cards: A year-by-year look at the Hall of Famer's remarkable career, with an assist from cardmaker Topps. **D7**

AS GREAT – AND COOL – AS THERE EVER WAS

I got to watch Mays at his best, and I still can hardly believe what I saw

Thomas Boswell

The first time I met Willie Mays and shook the hand of the greatest baseball player I've ever seen, I was looking at his face, not at my hand. Then I looked down. My hand had disappeared inside his grip. Mays's fingers were like cigars. "He has Wes Unseld's hands," I thought. ¶ Because Unseld is 6-foot-7 and 245 pounds in the NBA record book and Mays, on my 1957 Topps card of him, is listed as 5-10½, I suppose this is impossible. But myths, and memories, have their prerogatives. ¶ I enjoy thinking Mays's huge, powerful hands help explain a lot, such as the prodigious distance of his longest home runs, several over 500 feet, despite him being listed, at various times, as 170, 175 or 180 pounds. Or his ability to hit rockets to all fields when it seemed he had been fooled and his feet were scrambling like a crab in the batter's box as he swung. Or why he could hit with only nine fingers on the bat and his left pinkie below the knob. And, of course, how his powerful arm could launch that iconic spinning-discus heave from deepest center field in the Polo Grounds all the way to second base in the 1954 World Series.

SEE **BOSWELL** ON **D6**

Caps deal Kuemper to Los Angeles, take a chance on mercurial Dubois

BY BAILEY JOHNSON

After more than a year of talking about trading for a top-six forward, the Washington Capitals made their move Wednesday. The Capitals traded goaltender Darcy Kuemper to the Los Angeles Kings for center Pierre-Luc Dubois, taking a swing on a talented but mercurial 25-year-old who will be playing for his fourth team in five years.

Dubois, the third pick of the 2016 draft by the Blue Jackets, spent the first three-plus seasons of his NHL career with Columbus before being traded to Winnipeg in January 2021. Dubois then used his leverage as a pending restricted free agent, after making it clear he didn't see a long-term future for himself in Winnipeg, to work a trade to the Kings last summer, a move that landed Dubois an eight-year contract with an average annual value of $8.5 million.

His first season with the Kings fell well short of expectations, and his name was floated in recent weeks as a candidate for a buyout when the window opens after the Stanley Cup finals. Instead, the 6-foot-4, 225-pound Dubois was traded to

SEE **CAPITALS** ON **D8**

BASEBALL

Jesse Winker hits a big homer and the Nats get another lockdown pitching performance in a 3-1 win. **D3**

SWIMMING

On a dramatic night at the Olympic trials, Caeleb Dressel and Simone Manuel secure spots in Paris. **D3**

SOCCER

D.C. United's struggles continue with a 1-0 loss to Atlanta, extending its winless streak to seven. **D8**

Clark shows her all-around talent, gets plenty of help from teammates

FEVER 88, MYSTICS 81

BY KAREEM COPELAND

INDIANAPOLIS — Washington Mystics Coach Eric Thibault was quick to remind everyone that they shouldn't be fooled by the Indiana Fever's record or its slow start to the season. Caitlin Clark may be among the most hyped athletes in the country, but Thibault knows there's more to that team than the NCAA Division I all-time leading scorer.

Clark is just the latest No. 1 pick on the Fever's roster. She joined former South Carolina star Aliyah Boston from 2023, and that pair joined No. 2 picks NaLyssa Smith and Kelsey Mitchell. That quartet combined for 73 points as the Fever defeated the Mystics, 88-81, before a capacity crowd of 17,274 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

After an 0-5 start, the Fever has won

SEE **MYSTICS** ON **D3**

Wings at Mystics
Saturday, 3 p.m., Monumental

THE DAY IN SPORTS

PRO BASKETBALL

Brink will miss rest of season, Olympics

Los Angeles Sparks forward **Cameron Brink** will miss the rest of her WNBA rookie season after tearing her left ACL during Tuesday's game against Connecticut, the team announced Wednesday. The injury also will keep her out of this year's Paris Olympics, where she was going to compete in the three-on-three women's basketball competition.

Brink, the No. 2 pick in this year's draft after a standout career at Stanford, slipped while driving to the basket in the first quarter of Tuesday's game.

Brink had started all 15 of the Sparks' games this season and was averaging 7.5 points and 5.3 rebounds. The injury came one game after she had one of her best outings as a professional, with 16 points and seven rebounds in an 87-74 loss to Atlanta on Sunday.

"Except for the 2019 season I've lost a starter to injury every single year I've been a head coach in this league," Sparks Coach **Curt Miller** said after his team fell to 4-11 with its 79-70 loss to the Sun. "You just have to have the mentality of next person up and rally around it."

Brink was overcome with emotion earlier this month after being told she had made the four-player U.S. three-on-three team for the Olympics.

Brink's replacement on the U.S. women's three-on-three team will join forward **Cierra Burdick** (currently playing professionally in Spain), Dream guard **Rhyne Howard** and TCU guard **Hailey Van Lith**. Her replacement must have experience playing three-on-three basketball on the international level.

Brink acknowledged the injury later Wednesday in an Instagram post, saying: "You never think it will happen to you. And despite all the hard work sometimes it does. This is hard to fathom but I know it will only make me stronger."

— Matt Bonesteel

Dallas Wings forward **Maddy Siegrist** broke a finger on her non-shooting hand in a loss at Minnesota, the latest setback for an injury-plagued 2023 playoff team near the bottom of this year's WNBA standings.

There is no timeline on a return for the No. 2 pick in last year's draft, whose minutes and points are up significantly over her rookie season. ...

The Detroit Pistons fired coach **Monty Williams** after just one season that ended with an NBA-worst 14-68 record.

"Decisions like these are difficult to make, and I want to thank Monty for his hard work and dedication," Pistons owner **Tom Gores** said in a statement. "Coaching has many dynamic challenges that emerge during a season and Monty always handled those with grace. However, after reviewing our performance carefully and assessing our current position as an organization, we will chart a new course moving forward."

Last season was the first in what was a six-year, $78.5 million contract for Williams — one that, at the time, was the richest ever given to an NBA coach. The team started a front-office rebuild when the season ended, including the hiring of **Trajan Langdon** as president of basketball operations, the departure of general manager **Troy Weaver** and now a coaching vacancy.

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Across the pond

Taylor Fritz, at No. 12 the top-ranked American man, beat Milos Raonic to reach the quarterfinals at Queen's Club in London.

SPOTLIGHT: SOCCER

Shaqiri's stunner sparks Swiss against Scots

SWITZERLAND 1, SCOTLAND 1

Chicago forward extends tournament scoring streak

BY JAMES ROBSON

COLOGNE, GERMANY — Xherdan Shaqiri did it again.

At 32 and having left top-flight European soccer behind to play in MLS, Shaqiri is back on the international stage and scoring again. His stunning first-half strike secured a 1-1 draw for Switzerland against Scotland at the European Championship on Wednesday.

This is the sixth straight major international tournament in which Shaqiri has scored, dating from the World Cup in 2014. That's three World Cups in a row and now three straight European Championships for the Chicago Fire forward.

"He proved tonight that he lives and breathes for moments like these," Switzerland Coach Murat Yakin said.

Shaqiri rolled back the years with a first-time curling effort.

Scotland had led from the 13th minute, when Scott McTominay's shot took a deflection off Fabian Schär to beat Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer.

But Shaqiri pounced on Anthony Ralston's loose pass in the 26th to even the match with a left-footed shot into the top corner past Scotland goalkeeper Angus Gunn.

The draw leaves Switzerland with four points, second in Group A behind Germany and likely to advance to the round of 16.

Elsewhere, host Germany became the first nation to advance to the round of 16 after a 2-0 win over Hungary in Stuttgart. Goals from Jamal Musiala and Ilkay Gündogan ensured there would be no repeat of Germany's group-stage exit from the 2022 World Cup.

And in Group B, Albania substitute Klaus Gjasula scored in the fifth minute of stoppage time to hold 2022 World Cup semifinalist Croatia to a 2-2 draw in Hamburg.

— Associated Press

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

1 p.m.	**Arizona at Washington** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)
4 p.m.	**Baltimore at New York Yankees** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**San Francisco vs. St. Louis** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: KLM Open, first round** » Golf Channel
3 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Travelers Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
6 p.m.	**LPGA Tour: Women's PGA Championship, first round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

9 a.m.	**European Championship, Group C: Slovenia vs. Serbia** » Fox Sports 1
Noon	**European Championship, Group C: Denmark vs. England** » Fox Sports 1
3 p.m.	**European Championship, Group B: Spain vs. Italy** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
8 p.m.	**Copa América, Group A: Argentina vs. Canada** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP: Queen's Club Championships and Halle Open, early rounds; WTA: German Open and Birmingham Classic, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

U.S. OLYMPIC SWIMMING TRIALS

8 p.m.	**Day 6 finals: Women's 200-meter butterfly, men's 200-meter backstroke, women's 200-meter breaststroke** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

PRO HOCKEY — AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE, CALDER CUP FINALS

10 p.m.	**Game 4: Hershey at Coachella Valley** » Monumental Sports Network, NHL Network

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Tennessee, Texas A&M advance to CWS finals

Tennessee will play in the College World Series finals for the first time in the modern era after it knocked out Florida State with a 7-2 victory in Omaha to win its bracket. The Volunteers will take on SEC rival Texas A&M after the Aggies won their bracket with a 6-0 victory over Florida in the day's final game.

Zander Sechrist held the Seminoles scoreless for six innings and the Volunteers struck for four early runs to become the first No. 1 seed since 2009 to advance to the best-of-three finals.

Tennessee's win assured an all-SEC finals for the second straight year and the third time in four seasons. The Volunteers and Aggies will play for the championship beginning Saturday.

The SEC will have at least one team in the finals for the 15th time in 16 years.

The Seminoles came into the game still smarting from a 12-11 loss to Tennessee in their CWS opener. They were up 11-8 going to the bottom of the ninth inning of that game. The third-base umpire's call on **Blake Burke**'s check swing with two strikes and two outs went against FSU, and **Dylan Dreiling** drove in the winning run in the Volunteers' walk-off win.

Tennessee left no doubt about the outcome in the rematch while completing a three-game sweep through bracket play.

The Volunteers made it to a one-game final in their first CWS appearance in 1951, losing, 3-2, to Oklahoma. In those days, there were no preliminary rounds in the NCAA tournament; teams were selected for the CWS based on regular season performance.

In the other game, Texas A&M scored twice in the first inning against Florida and never looked back, holding the Gators to four hits. **Justin Lamkin** struck out nine in five innings, and three relievers handled the rest.

HOCKEY

Devils add Markstrom in trade with Flames

The New Jersey Devils acquired **Jacob Markstrom** in a trade with the Calgary Flames, getting the goaltender they have been targeting for some time.

New Jersey sent 23-year-old defenseman **Kevin Bahl** and a top-10-protected 2025 first-round pick to Calgary.

Markstrom, a 34-year-old Swede, will be part of a tandem with **Jake Allen** next season. General Manager **Tom Fitzgerald** acquired Allen at the trade deadline in March.

New Jersey missed the playoffs this season after having a team save percentage of .896 that was in the bottom five in the NHL. ...

The San Jose Sharks added some needed forward depth to complement an upcoming youth movement by claiming **Barclay Goodrow** off waivers from the New York Rangers and acquiring **Ty Dellandrea** from Dallas in a trade. The Stars received a fourth-round draft pick in 2025.

TENNIS

Murray's exit raises doubts for Wimbledon

Andy Murray retired from his second-round match at Queen's Club in London because of a back injury, raising doubts about what is expected to be his final Wimbledon appearance.

The 37-year-old stopped playing while trailing **Jordan Thompson** 4-1, and the former No. 1 player said he would get scans Thursday.

The two-time Wimbledon champion, who has signaled his intention to retire later this year, said he "wouldn't know" whether he'll be ready when play starts July 1 at the All England Club.

Murray, who has won the Queen's Club title five times, said he was experiencing problems with his right leg even before getting to the court. He was in obvious pain during the warmup and into the match.

After three games, Murray received treatment on his surgically repaired right hip, right knee and lower back.

Earlier, **Sebastian Korda** beat former Queen's Club champion **Grigor Dimitrov** to reach the quarterfinals at the grass-court tournament.

Korda, who reached the final on grass in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, last week as he prepares for Wimbledon, won their second-round match, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. ...

Former Grand Slam champions **Naomi Osaka**, **Caroline Wozniacki**, **Angelique Kerber** and **Emma Raducanu** were awarded wild cards for Wimbledon.

Osaka — a four-time major champion and former No. 1 player — and three-time Grand Slam winner Kerber returned from maternity leave at the start of this season.

Currently ranked 113th, Osaka was the only player to take a set from top-ranked **Iga Swiatek** at the French Open and followed that up with a quarterfinal spot last week in 's-Hertogenbosch.

Former U.S. Open champion Raducanu made her breakthrough at Wimbledon by advancing to the fourth round in 2021. She will be playing there for the first time in two years after undergoing wrist and ankle surgery in 2023.

Kerber won the 2018 Wimbledon title and was the runner-up at the All England Club in 2016. She is also a former top-ranked player.

Wozniacki returned from maternity leave in August. She has never advanced past the fourth round at Wimbledon, where she will be playing for the first time since 2019. ...

Former top-ranked player **Victoria Azarenka** reached the quarterfinals of the grass-court Berlin tournament with a 6-3, 6-3 win over qualifier **Zeynep Sonmez** before rain wreaked havoc with the schedule.

GOLF

Monahan addresses 'complex' PIF talks

PGA Tour Commissioner **Jay Monahan** said the difficulty in finalizing a deal with the Saudi backers of LIV Golf isn't a reason for concern.

"With complexity comes opportunity," he said before the start of the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. "There are a lot of different factors at play, but nobody who is having the conversation is unaware of the complexity. And everyone, I think, is embracing the fact that there are obstacles and things you've got to overcome in a complex situation."

"We have the right people around the table for us," Monahan added, "and they do as well."

It has been more than a year since the PGA Tour and the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia — the financial backer of the rival LIV circuit — announced plans to form a partnership that would help bring peace to a sport torn apart by the departures of dozens of top players lured away by Saudi riches.

A framework for the deal was announced June 6, 2023, with plans to finalize it by the end of the year.

The deadline passed with no agreement. Monahan said a June 11 meeting in New York, attended by **Tiger Woods** and **Adam Scott**, with **Rory McIlroy** phoning in, was "very productive." He declined to give specifics. ...

Charlie Woods earned his way into his first USGA championship when the 15-year-old son of Tiger Woods had the leading score among qualifiers for the U.S. Junior Amateur next month at Oakland Hills in Michigan.

Charlie Woods recovered from a bogey-double bogey start at Eagle Trace Golf Club in Coral Springs, Fla., to finish at 1-under-par 71 and be the medalist from his qualifier, one of four players to qualify from the site.

Tiger Woods was 14 when he qualified for his first U.S. Junior, reaching the semifinals. Woods won his first U.S. Junior Amateur a year later in 19 holes. He is the only player to win the U.S. Junior three straight times.

MISC.

Mbappé practices with bandaged nose

Kylian Mbappé returned to light training with a bandage covering his broken nose in the first public appearance by the France superstar since his bloody injury that shook the European Championship.

A cryptic post on social media hours earlier might have provided an insight into Mbappé's mind-set as the world waits to discover how long he will be out of action.

"Without risks, there are no victories," the striker wrote on Instagram in the only comment so far from Mbappé or French team management on a day when the Real Madrid-bound player underwent more tests on the nose injury suffered in a 1-0 win over Austria on Monday.

Mbappé emerged for a practice session at Home Deluxe Arena in Paderborn, Germany, about 30 minutes after his teammates came out.

He was initially seen running with the ball alone, with a trainer, and later speaking to France Coach **Didier Deschamps**, before taking part in a shooting drill with other players.

France's next match is against the Netherlands on Friday; the team has yet to confirm whether Mbappé will be available. ...

Sixteen-year-old forward **Julian Hall** subbed into the match in the 87th minute and scored in the 88th, rallying the New York Red Bulls from a two-goal deficit to a 2-2 draw with host CF Montreal.

At 16 years 87 days, Hall became the second-youngest goal scorer in MLS history, behind only **Freddy Adu**. ...

Sprinter **Erriyon Knighton** tested positive for a banned substance that an arbitration panel determined came from contaminated meat, a decision that keeps the 200-meter specialist eligible to run at the upcoming U.S. Olympic trials.

The 20-year-old from Florida, who holds the under-18 and under-20 records in the 200 meters, tested positive for performance enhancer trenbolone during an out-of-competition test in March, according to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

Though the arbitration panel cleared Knighton to run in the 200, starting June 27, the decision can be appealed by either the Athletics Integrity Unit, which oversees doping in track and field, or the World Anti-Doping Agency.

— From news services and staff reports

Dressel, Manuel realize a renaissance in the pool

Olympic stalwarts climb back from travails to punch tickets to Paris

BY DAVE SHEININ

INDIANAPOLIS — The week's biggest crowd at Lucas Oil Field had already been treated to a seven-course menu of delights Wednesday night at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials — superstars dueling upstarts, frantic two-length sprints and grueling 30-length slogs, and a half-dozen new names added to the Team USA roster for next month's Paris Olympics — when the most important male swimmer in America climbed the starting blocks for the final of the men's 100-meter freestyle, and every eyeball in the place locked in on Lane 3.

On a night when Katie Ledecky and Kate Douglass each won a final and when Simone Manuel earned a relay spot to become a third-time Olympian, the biggest roar from the announced crowd of 22,209 was reserved for the night's final race — and for Caeleb Dressel.

When the churned-up, white-capped water finally settled, the smile on Dressel's face as he hung on the wall told the story even more vividly than the time on the scoreboard: Dressel, the seven-time Olympic gold medalist, was heading to a third Olympics. But this one landed differently.

In a blistering 100 free final, Dressel finished third in 47.53 seconds, behind Chris Guiliano (47.38) and Jack Alexy (47.47). Guiliano and Alexy, both first-time Olympians, will represent Team USA in the individual event in Paris, while Dressel and fourth-place finisher Hunter Armstrong (47.78) locked up relay spots. Though he won't get to defend his Tokyo 2020 gold medal in the 100 free, Dressel, 27, still has chances remaining in the 50 free and 100 butterfly to earn individual spots in Paris.

But for Dressel, the relay berth completed a remarkable and perilous story arc for which a happy outcome was far from guaranteed. A five-time gold medalist in Tokyo, Dressel spent much of the next three years battling mental health issues — which forced him to withdraw in the middle of the 2022 world championships in Budapest, then miss the 2023 worlds in Japan entirely — then trying to work his body back into championship shape in a condensed time frame. The range of outcomes at this meet for Dressel was extreme and almost impossible to predict.

Bookending Dressel's redemptive race at the end of the night was Manuel's at the beginning — a fourth-place finish in the women's 100 free (53.25) that earned her a spot on the Paris relay, along with Kate Douglass (52.56), Torri Huske (52.93) and Gretchen Walsh (53.13). Like Dressel, Manuel was a massive star in the sport who has spent the years since Tokyo trying to hold her career together.

In Manuel's case, it was a diagnosis of overtraining syndrome in 2021 that forced a total shutdown from the sport for nearly a year and kept her out of international competition in 2022 and 2023. But she remains a towering figure in the sport, a five-time Olympic medalist and, by virtue of her victory in the 100 free at Rio de Janeiro 2016, the first Black woman to win an individual Olympic swimming gold.

"It means everything to me," said Manuel, wiping away tears, of her return to the Olympics. "People close to me really know the journey it took for me to get here. So I'm really proud of myself and proud to represent the USA. … I basically started from ground zero. I think it's important for me to look back and be proud of myself for continuing to fight through this process and believe in myself."

Douglass, on the short list of the most versatile female swimmers in the world, pulled off an impressive double, winning the 100 free to lock up a roster spot in Paris, then coming back about 90 minutes later to win her semifinal heat in the 200 breaststroke (2:21.23) and lead the qualifying for Thursday night's final.

Douglass, the bronze medalist in the 200-meter individual medley in Tokyo, will also swim that event here as the overwhelming favorite later in the meet and could also swim the 50 free, in which she is the American record holder. If she makes Team USA's roster in free, breast and IM, she would be the first American woman to swim those three disciplines in one Olympics. Oh, and she's also a former NCAA champion in the butterfly.

In contrast to Douglass, Ledecky does one thing — swim an exhausting number of freestyle laps — better than anyone in history. On Wednesday night, she won her third (and longest) event of the week, the women's 1,500 free, in 15:37.35. It was the 16th-fastest time in history, with Ledecky herself owning all 15 of the faster ones, though she sounded disappointed with it.

"I got a little sloppy tonight," she said. "… I would've loved it to have been a little faster. But I'll take it, and I'll be faster in a few weeks.

Katie Grimes was second, in 15:57.77, giving her a third event in Paris, after the 400-meter individual medley and the 10k open-water race.

Ledecky, 27, previously won the 400 free and 200 free here, and she still has the 800 to come. She has said she expects to drop the individual 200 free in Paris, in the interest of saving herself for her core events, but will swim the 4x200 free relay, most likely as the anchor.

Seventeen-year-old Thomas Heilman surged to victory in the men's 200 butterfly final with a time of 1:54.50 to become the youngest male swimmer to make Team USA's Olympic roster in 24 years.

Luca Urlando (1:55.08) finished second to grab the second Olympic spot; three years ago, he finished third in both butterfly finals, by a combined margin of about half a second, to narrowly miss out in the most brutal fashion possible.

The men's 200 breast final produced a pair of first-time Olympians in Matthew Fallon, who set an American record at 2:06.54, and Josh Matheny in 2:08.86. In 2021, Fallon held the top seed entering the final of Olympic trials but finished last.

It was Armstrong, the fourth-place finisher in the men's 100 free, who put a bow on a riveting night of swimming with a comment during a deck-side interview that seemed designed to add fuel to the burgeoning United States-Australia rivalry. At the 2023 world championships, where the Aussies surged past the Americans in the gold medal count, Team USA's members irked their Australian counterparts by ringing cowbells in the stands to celebrate American victories.

"More importantly," Armstrong blurted to the crowd in a purposeful non sequitur to a different question, "we need more cowbell."

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Five-time Olympic swimming medalist Simone Manuel, after two trying years in the sport, earned a spot at her third Summer Games.

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Arizona's Lourdes Gurriel Jr. is out at home in the fourth inning Wednesday. The Nationals got a lift from Patrick Corbin and the bullpen.

Nats' arms, Winker's blast get it done

NATIONALS 3, DIAMONDBACKS 1

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

Early in Wednesday's 3-1 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Washington Nationals seemed incapable of wriggling their way into a comfortable spot at the plate. They entered the sixth inning having seen just 50 pitches from Arizona right-hander Brandon Pfaadt. And for as hard as they have leaned into their aggressiveness, the hitting approach never seemed to bite them quite as bad as it did through the 14 scoreless innings that opened their series against one of the worst pitching staffs in baseball.

But Lane Thomas, who rarely swings at anything outside the strike zone, laid off all six pitches in his at-bat to draw a walk. Jesse Winker, who swings less than almost any full-time starter in MLB, then watched the first pitch of his at-bat zip by on the outside edge of the plate. Umpire Ryan Wills called it a strike. Winker, unmoved, did not change course, shrinking the zone as he waited for *his* pitch.

The next ball out of Pfaadt's hand, an 89.7 mph four-seam fastball just a sliver more inside, was that pitch. Winker sent it 399 feet over the center field wall at Nationals Park for a 2-1 lead and Washington's first run in 17 innings. The bullpen made the lead stand up.

Taking some of the joy from the win was the postgame news that shortstop CJ Abrams, a scratch shortly before first pitch, would be getting an MRI exam on his sore left wrist. Manager Dave Martinez said the team will know more Thursday. Abrams said he did not know what caused the issue.

"He just said it felt weird," Martinez said.

Patrick Corbin, Winker and another strong bullpen performance provided a lift in the shortstop's absence.

"Our pitching has carried us," Winker said. "We're facing a really good team, really good pitchers. [Pfaadt] was pitching outstanding. So, just tried to hit the ball hard."

Behind five strong innings from the left-hander Corbin, two perfect innings of relief from Derek Law and another pair of scoreless innings from Hunter Harvey and Kyle Finnegan, that homer was enough. The Nationals will have a chance to win their fifth consecutive series if they can beat the defending NL champions Thursday.

"We're gritty," Law said. "We know the starters are going to keep it close and ideally it's 1-0 — well, ideally it's 10-0 — but it seems like everybody's keeping it close. We know we're going to be coming into some close ballgames. … Just have to keep that train rolling."

In the past month, the Nationals have seen just 3.63 pitches per plate appearance, fewer than all but one team, per TruMedia. On certain days — think the seven-run inning June 9, when they had hits in seven straight at-bats on just 15 pitches — that strategy can be valuable.

Sometimes, however, it can look like a defect. When the hits aren't falling, the tactic keeps opposing starting pitchers in games longer. When Trey Lipscomb popped up on a first-pitch sweeper to lead off the sixth, it didn't seem probable Washington would break that mold. But walks to Nasim Nuñez (who was caught stealing) and Thomas set up Winker to face Pfaadt.

The Nationals (36-37) pushed an insurance run across in the seventh, when Ildemaro Vargas pinch-hit for Lipscomb and poked a single into right field. Third base coach Ricky Gutierrez made an aggressive call — Keibert Ruiz and his team-low sprint speed was hustling from second, and Diamondbacks right fielder Randal Grichuk gathered the ball from a shallow approach — that paid off as Ruiz scored before the throw reached the plate.

The Diamondbacks (36-38) couldn't touch Corbin or the stable of relievers. The lefty notched a season-high seven strikeouts, allowing just one earned run in the fourth inning. But after loading the bases before recording an out, Washington couldn't have asked for much more, limiting the damage to a Gabriel Moreno bases-loaded walk thanks in large part to a heads-up play by Nuñez, who leaped for a line drive, watched it deflect off his glove, then gathered the ball and rifled it to the plate in time to nail Lourdes Gurriel Jr.

"The only kid that can make that play is him," Martinez said.

"Playing some good, clean defense, the way we've been pitching, it'll keep us in a lot of ballgames," Corbin said. "I think if you do the things you can control, play clean baseball, it will help and it's definitely something I think we've been able to do more consistently this season."

Notes: A partial power outage at Nationals Park cut the MASN broadcast at the start of the sixth inning and lasted nearly 15 minutes before returning to air. …

Nuñez took Abrams's place at shortstop and hit ninth, finishing 0 for 2 in his third MLB start with two nice plays in the field. Because the 23-year-old was selected in the Rule 5 draft, the Nationals must keep him on the active roster for the entire season or risk losing him. …

Nationals Park held a moment of silence for Willie Mays before Wednesday's game following the MLB legend's death at 93 on Tuesday. Martinez, who played for the San Francisco Giants in the 1990s, got to know Mays well then. He offered fond memories of Mays's wit and baseball intelligence, as well as his condolences, before the game.

"He was truly a legend of the game. Everybody knows what he was as a baseball player. I had the privilege to meet him as a person. Always telling stories. Was really funny. Great to be around. He knew the game of baseball really, really well," Martinez said.

"He was always fun to be around. Always had a smile on his face. So it was a pleasure for me to actually get to know him and be able to work with him, be able to talk to him one-on-one about the game. It's something I'll never forget."

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Arizona Diamondbacks		
Thursday	1:05	MASN2
at Colorado Rockies		
Friday	8:40	MASN2
Saturday	9:10	MASN
Sunday	3:10	MASN2
at San Diego Padres		
Monday	9:40	MASN2
Tuesday	9:40	MASN2
Wednesday	4:10	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)

Clark, Fever are too much for shorthanded Mystics

MYSTICS FROM D1

three straight and five of seven, improving to 6-10. The Mystics (2-13), who endured an 0-12 start, had their two-game winning streak end.

"Definitely time [together helps]," Clark said before the game. "You can even see me and Aliyah just having a better connection, reading where each other's going to be, reading each other's eyes a little bit better. It's just the connection. You build that through playing together. … Everybody can kind of see the improvement."

The Mystics' progress has been slowed by injuries, with two of their biggest contributors missing extended time. Brittney Sykes (left foot sprain) missed her 12th game, and Shakira Austin (hip) missed her ninth. Their absences are felt especially on offense, where Ariel Atkins (27 points) and Karlie Samuelson (16 points) could have used help beyond the 14 points Stefanie Dolson contributed (including four three-pointers).

Atkins has been on a tear in the past three games, averaging 24.7 points, and now ranks fourth in franchise history with 450 assists.

"That's the key — not to force it," Atkins said. "To make all of our lives easier, I have to be aggressive. Also with [Sykes] being out, we need to attack the rim a little more. Just trying to put pressure on the rim, open up stuff for us."

Washington kept the Fever's lead to single digits most of the night until a 12-3 fourth-quarter run built an 11-point advantage. The Mystics never got closer than five the rest of the way.

EMILEE CHINN/GETTY IMAGES

Caitlin Clark had 18 points, 12 rebounds, six assists and four steals as the Fever won its third in a row.

Clark scored a career-high 30 points in the first meeting between the teams but put together a more all-around game this time with 18 points, a career-high 12 rebounds, six assists and four steals to go with six turnovers. Boston set the tone early and finished with 22 points and eight rebounds while Mitchell dropped 22 points on 8-for-11 shooting, including four three-pointers. Smith added 11 points and seven rebounds.

"We chased shooters hard and maybe didn't guard the ball well enough," Thibault said. "First half, in particular, we gave up a lot of straight-line drives because we were so busy chasing shooters around off the ball. That's tough because you have to give respect to those shooters, but I don't think we did a good job just with our one-on-one defense."

Those are high-level scorers, and the Mystics helped them out with some freebies. Committing 11 turnovers isn't demoralizing, but the Fever went the other way and scored 20 points off them, compared with just 10 points off turnovers for the Mystics. That differential matters in a seven-point loss. Adding to the Mystics' issues was a propensity for fouling, and the Fever went 18 for 23 from the line.

"Some of the turnovers were basically outlets for a fast-break layup," Samuelson said. "Can't have a live turnover at the top of the key."

Washington has two more meetings with the Fever. On Wednesday, the Mystics announced their season-ending game against Indiana on Sept. 19 will be played at Capital One Arena. The first meeting was also held there and sold out with 20,333 in attendance, making it the fifth-best-attended regular season game in WNBA history.

The Mystics return home for a back-to-back against the Dallas Wings on Saturday and Sunday.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Philadelphia	49	25	.662	—	4-6	L-1
Atlanta	41	31	.569	7	6-4	W-3
Washington	36	37	.493	12½	8-2	W-1
New York	35	38	.479	13½	8-2	L-1
Miami	25	49	.338	24	3-7	W-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Milwaukee	43	30	.589	—	6-4	W-1
St. Louis	36	37	.493	7	6-4	L-2
Pittsburgh	36	38	.486	7½	5-5	W-1
Chicago	36	39	.480	8	5-5	W-2
Cincinnati	35	39	.473	8½	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	46	29	.613	—	6-4	W-3
San Diego	38	40	.487	9½	4-6	W-1
Arizona	36	38	.486	9½	6-4	L-1
San Francisco	36	39	.480	10	4-6	L-2
x-Colorado	25	48	.342	20	3-7	L-3

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
New York	51	25	.671	—	6-4	L-1
Baltimore	48	25	.658	1½	7-3	W-1
Boston	40	35	.533	10½	8-2	W-5
Tampa Bay	35	39	.473	15	4-6	W-1
Toronto	35	39	.473	15	4-6	L-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Cleveland	45	26	.634	—	5-5	W-1
x-Kansas City	41	33	.554	5½	3-7	L-2
Minnesota	41	33	.554	5½	8-2	L-1
Detroit	34	40	.459	12½	3-7	L-4
Chicago	20	55	.267	27	3-7	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Seattle	44	32	.579	—	8-2	L-1
Houston	34	40	.459	9	5-5	W-1
Texas	34	40	.459	9	4-6	W-1
x-Los Angeles	29	44	.397	13½	5-5	L-1
x-Oakland	27	48	.360	16½	1-9	W-1

x-Late game

Nationals 3, Diamondbacks 1

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.282
Carroll cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.218
Gurriel lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.254
Walker 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.255
Grichuk rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.296
Pederson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.297
Suárez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.202
Moreno c	3	0	0	1	1	1	.223
Alexander 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.273
Perdomo ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.286
TOTALS	31	1	4	1	3	10	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.228
Winker lf	3	1	1	2	1	1	.266
Rosario dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.184
Meneses 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
García 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Ruiz c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.202
Young cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.258
Lipscomb 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Vargas ph-3b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.289
Nuñez ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.000
TOTALS	27	3	6	3	4	2	—

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WASHINGTON	000	002	10X	—	3	6	1

E: Young (2). **LOB:** Arizona 6, Washington 4. **2B:** Carroll (11). **HR:** Winker (7), off Pfaadt. **RBI:** Moreno (24), Winker 2 (33), Vargas (15). **CS:** Nuñez (2).

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pfaadt	6⅓	5	3	3	4	0	77	4.37
Ginkel	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	14	3.10
Mantiply	1	0	0	0	0	2	13	4.28

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Corbin	5	3	1	1	3	7	90	5.60
Law	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	3.20
Harvey	1	1	0	0	0	1	13	2.68
Finnegan	1	0	0	0	0	2	14	1.72

WP: Law (4-2); **LP:** Pfaadt (3-6); **S:** Finnegan (21). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ginkel 2-1. **T:** 2:15. **A:** 20,853 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

DIAMONDBACKS FOURTH
Lourdes Gurriel singles. Christian Walker singles. Lourdes Gurriel to second. Randal Grichuk walks. Christian Walker to second. Lourdes Gurriel to third. Eugenio Suarez hits into a force out. Randal Grichuk to second. Christian Walker to third. Lourdes Gurriel out at home. **Gabriel Moreno walks, Eugenio Suarez to second, Randal Grichuk to third, Christian Walker scores.** Blaze Alexander strikes out swinging. Geraldo Perdomo pops out.
Diamondbacks 1, Nationals 0
NATIONALS SIXTH
Trey Lipscomb pops out. Nasim Nunez walks. Lane Thomas walks. **Jesse Winker homers, Lane Thomas scores.** Eddie Rosario singles. Joey Meneses hits into a force out. Eddie Rosario out at second.
Nationals 2, Diamondbacks 1
NATIONALS SEVENTH
Luis Garcia flies out. Keibert Ruiz singles. Jacob Young walks. Keibert Ruiz to second. Ildemaro Vargas pinch-hitting for Trey Lipscomb. **Ildemaro Vargas singles, advances to second, Jacob Young to third, Keibert Ruiz scores**. Nasim Nunez pops out. Lane Thomas flies out.
Nationals 3, Diamondbacks 1

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Thursday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Call	.313	5	1	0	1	3	5	1
Vargas	.289	37	11	0	15	13	14	5
García	.267	60	12	5	28	11	40	9
Winker	.266	61	11	7	33	36	65	11
Abrams	.261	70	15	11	36	17	57	10
Young	.258	49	8	1	17	11	43	17
Meneses	.241	55	10	3	36	18	50	2
Lipscomb	.241	28	1	1	9	11	21	10
Thomas	.228	39	4	7	23	16	42	16
Senzel	.219	35	9	6	16	27	42	1
Adams	.215	17	5	2	6	7	29	1
Ruiz	.202	37	5	4	18	5	26	1
Rosario	.184	36	10	7	23	13	48	8
Gallo	.164	23	7	5	11	21	71	1
Robles	.120	3	0	0	2	5	9	4
Millas	.105	2	0	0	0	1	5	2
Nuñez	.000	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Totals	.234	557	109	59	274	216	570	101

Pitchers	W	L	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO
Floro	1	1	1.57	34.1	6	9	26
Finnegan	2	3	1.72	31.1	6	10	33
Williams	5	0	2.22	56.2	14	16	47
Adon	0	0	2.25	4.0	1	3	2
Harvey	2	2	2.68	37.0	11	8	42
Parker	5	3	3.06	67.2	23	15	50
Law	4	2	3.20	45.0	16	13	42
Gore	6	5	3.24	75.0	27	23	91
Irvin	5	6	3.24	86.0	31	19	71
Herz	1	1	3.77	14.1	6	5	21
J.Barnes	3	2	4.12	24.0	11	7	17
Garcia	0	2	5.16	22.2	13	8	29
Corbin	1	7	5.60	82.0	51	32	55
Weems	1	1	6.58	26.0	19	15	21
M.Barnes	0	0	6.75	13.1	10	4	10
Rainey	0	0	7.50	18.0	15	13	11
Rutledge	0	0	9.00	1.0	1	0	1
Gray	0	2	14.04	8.1	13	5	9
Totals	36	37	3.81	646.2	274	205	578

NL leaders

Entering Wednesday's games.

BATTING

Profar, SD	.320
Ozuna, Atl	.320
Arraez, SD	.318
Ohtani, LA	.316
Bohm, Phi	.305

HOME RUNS

Ozuna, Atl	20
Ohtani, LA	20
Hernández, LA	18
Schwarber, Phi	17
Walker, Ari	16
Gorman, StL	15
Harper, Phi	15
Alonso, NY	15
Marte, Ari	15

ERA

Suárez, Phi	1.77
Imanaga, Chi	1.90
Assad, Chi	2.75
Hicks, SF	2.82
Wheeler, Phi	2.84
Sánchez, Phi	2.91
Yamamoto, LA	2.92

STRIKEOUTS

Glasnow, LA	125
Cease, SD	106
King, SD	101
Sale, Atl	99
Wheeler, Phi	99
Peralta, Mil	98
Gray, StL	95

AL leaders

Entering Wednesday's games.

BATTING

Witt, KC	.321
Correa, Min	.317
Soto, NY	.313
Judge, NY	.302
Smith, Tex	.298
Perez, KC	.296
Altuve, Hou	.295

HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	26
Henderson, Bal	22
Tucker, Hou	19
Santander, Bal	18
Soto, NY	18
Ramírez, Cle	18

ERA

Gil, NY	2.03
Burnes, Bal	2.14
Houck, Bos	2.14
Skubal, Det	2.20
Lugo, KC	2.40
Blanco, Hou	2.43
Anderson, LA	2.58

STRIKEOUTS

Crochet, Chi	116
Ragans, KC	102
Flaherty, Det	100
Skubal, Det	98
Gil, NY	96
Houck, Bos	94
Gilbert, Sea	93

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Otto-matic

Marlins second baseman Otto Lopez gets a postgame dousing after his walk-off single defeated the visiting Cardinals, 4-3, and gave Miami a series victory.

Pirates 1, Reds 0

Bryan Reynolds hit a solo home run in the eighth inning to lift Pittsburgh past Cincinnati.

Reynolds pounced on an 80-mph change-up from Nick Martinez and sent it just over the wall in center field for his 10th homer of the season. The Pirates took two of three from the Reds in the National League Central matchup.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Steer 1b-lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Fraley dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Espinal 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.207
Benson rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.199
Fairchild cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.216
Hurtubise lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.185
Candelario ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Maile c	2	0	0	0	1	2	.198
TOTALS	29	0	2	0	2	8	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Reynolds lf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.271
O.Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Gonzales 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Tellez 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.232
Hayes 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Joe rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.246
Grandal c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.189
Taylor cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.195
Suwinski ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.174
TOTALS	27	1	3	1	1	11	—

CINCINNATI	000	000	000	—	0	2	0
PITTSBURGH	000	000	01X	—	1	3	0

LOB: Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 5. **2B:** Grandal (4), Tellez (8). **HR:** Reynolds (10), off Martinez.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene	6⅓	2	0	0	0	9	3.35
F.Cruz	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	3.51
Martinez	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	4.40
Moll	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.76

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	7	2	0	0	2	7	3.11
Holderman	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.70
Bednar	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.17

WP: Holderman (3-0); **LP:** Martinez (2-5); **S:** Bednar (16). **Inherited runners-scored:** F.Cruz 1-0, Holderman 1-0. **HBP:** Greene 2 (Reynolds, Hayes). **T:** 2:08. **A:** 21,527 (38,753).

Braves 7, Tigers 0

Sean Murphy hit a pair of two-run homers, Reynaldo López threw five scoreless innings, and Atlanta completed a three-game sweep.

López lowered his MLB-leading ERA to 1.57. He allowed seven hits, walked one and struck out six. López has given up just four runs in six home starts.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Pérez rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.258
Keith 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Greene cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.256
Malloy ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.154
Canha dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Urshela 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.284
McKinstry ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	.174
Kreidler ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Ibáñez 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.282
Baddoo lf-cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.121
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.201
TOTALS	34	0	8	0	1	11	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kelenic cf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.265
Albies 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.264
Ozuna dh	3	0	0	0	2	1	.316
M.Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.251
Riley 3b	3	1	2	0	0	1	.246
Duvall lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.173
Murphy c	4	3	4	4	0	0	.196
Arcia ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Laureano rf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.250
TOTALS	35	7	12	6	2	12	—

DETROIT	000	000	000	—	0	8	2
ATLANTA	012	220	00X	—	7	12	0

E: Skubal (2), McKinstry (5). **LOB:** Detroit 8, Atlanta 8. **2B:** Riley (14), Kelenic (10). **HR:** Murphy (2), off Skubal; Laureano (1), off Skubal; Murphy (3), off Englert.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal	4	7	5	4	2	7	2.50
Englert	3	5	2	2	0	3	6.61
Wentz	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.34

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
López	5	7	0	0	1	6	1.57
Bummer	2	1	0	0	0	2	3.20
Hernández	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

WP: López (5-2); **LP:** Skubal (8-3). **HBP:** Skubal 2 (Riley, Albies). **WP:** Englert. **T:** 2:27. **A:** 36,055 (41,149).

Marlins 4, Cardinals 3

Otto Lopez got his second walk-off hit of the season, a two-out single in the ninth inning to drive in Tim Anderson and boost Miami past St. Louis.

The Marlins took two of three from the visiting Cardinals.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Winn ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.293
Burleson rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.268
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.230
Gorman 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.202
Arenado 3b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.260
Donovan lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.251
Carpenter dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.229
Pagés c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.128
Siani cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Carlson ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.167
TOTALS	37	3	10	2	0	12	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.245
Sánchez rf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.243
Bell 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.247
Rivera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Burger 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.221
Gordon lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Myers ph-cf	1	0	1	1	0	0	.218
Anderson ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.227
Bruján cf-lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Lopez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.258
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.159
TOTALS	32	4	8	4	2	5	—

ST. LOUIS	020	000	100	—	3	10	0
MIAMI	200	001	001	—	4	8	1

Two outs when winning run scored.
E: Burger (7). **LOB:** St. Louis 8, Miami 5. **2B:** Carpenter (2), Bell (13). **HR:** Gorman (16), off Chirinos; De La Cruz (13), off Liberatore; Sánchez (6), off Liberatore.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Liberatore	3⅔	3	2	2	1	1	4.46
Roycroft	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.07
King	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	2.45
Leahy	2⅓	1	0	0	0	2	4.07
Fernandez	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	2.59

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chirinos	5	8	2	2	0	6	3.60
Puk	1⅓	1	1	1	0	3	6.52
Brazoban	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	2.03
Scott	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.74

WP: Scott (6-5); **LP:** Fernandez (0-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Leahy 1-0, Puk 1-0, Brazoban 1-1. **HBP:** Brazoban (Arenado). **WP:** Chirinos. **T:** 2:35. **A:** 11,830 (37,446).

Orioles 7, Yankees 6 (10)

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	4	2	1	0	1	1	.273
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.288
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	2	1	1	1	.273
O'Hearn dh	4	0	2	2	0	0	.286
Hays ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Santander rf	5	1	0	0	0	2	.227
Cowser lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Mullins cf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.193
Urías 3b	5	1	2	2	0	0	.252
Mateo 2b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.237
TOTALS	41	7	11	6	3	9	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	4	2	3	0	1	0	.272
Soto rf	4	2	1	0	1	0	.312
Stanton dh	4	1	2	4	1	1	.243
Verdugo lf-cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Torres 2b	3	1	0	1	1	1	.219
LeMahieu 3b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.196
Rice 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.286
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	2	0	.265
Grisham cf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.100
Jones ph-lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
TOTALS	34	6	9	6	9	5	—

BALTIMORE	100	030	100	2	—	7	11	0
NEW YORK	100	000	301	1	—	6	9	3

E: Marinaccio (1), Soto (1), Trevino (5). **LOB:** Baltimore 10, New York 10. **2B:** Henderson (13), O'Hearn 2 (8), Mountcastle (17), Urías (6), Volpe (11). **HR:** Urías (4), off Marinaccio; Stanton (18), off Cano. **RBI:** O'Hearn 2 (26), Urías 2 (10), Mountcastle (33), Mullins (23), Torres (27), Stanton 4 (45), Rice (1). **SB:** Henderson 2 (11), Mullins (15). **CS:** Cabrera (2). **SF:** Torres, Rice.

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Povich	4⅔	1	1	1	5	1	3.94
Webb	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.85
Pérez	⅓	2	2	2	2	0	4.87
Cano	1	1	1	1	1	0	2.51
Baker	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Kimbrel	1	2	1	1	0	1	2.63
Tate	1	1	1	0	1	1	2.22

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole	4	3	2	2	1	5	4.50
Marinaccio	1	3	2	2	1	2	3.00
González	1⅓	0	1	1	0	1	3.22
Kahnle	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	4.32
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.94
Misiewicz	1	2	0	0	1	1	0.00
Holmes	1	2	2	1	0	0	2.53

WP: Kimbrel (5-2); **LP:** Holmes (1-3); **S:** Tate (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Webb 1-0, Pérez 1-0, Cano 2-2, Marinaccio 1-1, Kahnle 1-1. **HBP:** González (Henderson), Ferguson (Cowser). **T:** 3:40. **A:** 47,155 (47,309).

Mullins's heroics lift O's in the 10th inning

ORIOLES 7, YANKEES 6 (10)

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

NEW YORK — That's why the Baltimore Orioles stuck with Cedric Mullins.

The center fielder has spent much of the past two months slumping at the plate — sometimes painfully so — but Manager Brandon Hyde repeatedly put his faith in the veteran in the hope that he would snap out of it and provide his usual all-around value.

He did just that Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium to lead the Orioles to a thrilling 7-6 win over New York.

After Craig Kimbrel's blown save in the ninth sent the game to extra innings, Mullins blooped a go-ahead single in the 10th inning and then used his speed to make his way around the bases, stealing third and scoring on the errant throw trying to catch him. The two runs generated by Mullins were just enough for Dillon Tate in the bottom half; the right-hander allowed the automatic runner to score but stranded the potential tying run for his first save of the season.

Kimbrel's blown save wasn't a typical one; he didn't walk a batter and often mixed in a knuckle curveball. Instead, Anthony Volpe and Giancarlo Stanton simply got the best of Kimbrel, the latter with a game-tying 120-mph single, but the 35-year-old closer allowed just the one run to give Mullins the opportunity for his heroics.

Long before the excitement and angst of extra innings, youngster Cade Povich grinded through 4⅔ innings, allowing just one hit and one run, to give the Orioles a chance to bounce back from Tuesday's defeat.

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Padres 5, Phillies 2

Matt Waldron used his knuckleball to strike out six over seven innings, and San Diego avoided a 10th straight road loss with a late rally against Philadelphia's bullpen.

Bryce Harper homered twice for the Phillies. It was the 22nd multihomer game of his career.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.335
Tatis rf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.272
Profar lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.323
Azocar pr-lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.225
Machado dh	5	1	2	0	0	0	.248
Solano 3b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.273
Kim ss	4	1	0	0	0	1	.217
Merrill cf	3	2	2	1	0	0	.279
Higashioka c	4	0	1	3	0	1	.171
Wade 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.256
TOTALS	39	5	12	5	1	6	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.254
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.239
Harper 1b	4	2	2	2	0	0	.285
Bohm 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.306
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.220
Marsh cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.263
Sosa ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.274
Dahl lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.182
Marchán c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.333
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	2	10	—

SAN DIEGO	010	000	130	—	5	12	0
PHILA.	001	000	010	—	2	6	2

E: Bohm (11), Marchán (1). **LOB:** San Diego 9, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Arraez (7), Stott (10). **3B:** Higashioka (1). **HR:** Merrill (8), off Suárez; Harper (16), off Waldron; Harper (17), off Estrada.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Waldron	7	5	1	1	2	6	94	3.46
Estrada	1	1	1	1	0	3	29	6.96
Suarez	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	7.17

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suárez	6	6	1	1	0	4	1.75
Kerkering	1	2	1	1	0	1	1.69
Domínguez	⅓	2	3	0	0	1	4.32
Soto	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	4.43
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.66

WP: Waldron (5-6); **LP:** Kerkering (2-1); **S:** Suarez (18). **Inherited runners-scored:** Soto 3-3. **HBP:** Waldron (Bohm), Kerkering (Merrill). **T:** 2:37. **A:** 44,445 (42,901).

Cubs 6, Giants 5

Ian Happ hit a 442-foot homer, Dansby Swanson made it back-to-back long balls, and Chicago held on.

Jorge Soler made it interesting in the eighth inning with a grand slam that got the Giants within one, but the Cubs prevailed.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wisely ss	4	0	2	0	1	1	.299
Ramos cf	4	0

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THOMAS BOSWELL

In a cloud of infield dirt or spanning vast outfields, Mays controlled every inch

BOSWELL FROM **D1**

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Of course, his hands don't explain his fabulous batting eye, with almost as many walks as strikeouts. Or his blurring speed on the bases, which enabled him to steal what he wanted whenever it was needed most. Or his acrobatic, twisting slides, which made hard dirt seem as malleable to his wishes as water in a swimming pool might be to us. Or his center field GPS that let him gobble up ground in the outfield alleys on his way to climbing a fence so he could plant his free hand on the top, then lunge even higher. Or his baseball IQ and daring — psychological warfare version — that rattled, intimidated or embarrassed opponents into playing their worst when faced with the certainty that he would play his best.

Or, so important to those of us who got to watch most of his prime, his thrilling love of personal style in every gesture as he turned the field into a stage. Hats have flown off other heads, but Willie's flew the best. Anybody can make a basket catch, then throw the ball back submarine style — but on every catch? Except those on which he was flying level with the ground.

Whether wise or not, whether suited to your own proper use, or, more likely, outside your comfort zone, Mays inspired you to spread yourself. For instance, to type in the kind of overblown hat-flying sentence fragments that, when you wrote about so many others, you were able to say to yourself, "Now stop that!"

Mays made us normal folks feel just a little crazy, a little more wildly alive, in the best ways.

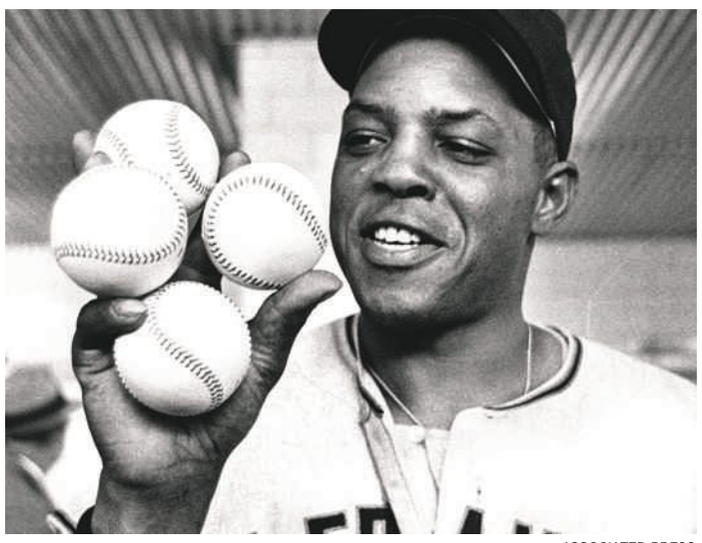
My senior year in high school, when Mays hit 52 home runs and was the National League MVP in 1965, our best player was my teammate and shortstop, Charlie Freret. I was proud of a bone bruise he left in my knuckle for years from catching his pegs to first base. When the All-Star Game came to RFK Stadium in 1969, a young man ran into center field during the game to try to shake Mays's hand. The photo made the papers in part because it was symbolic — D.C. was an American League town, and Mays embodied all the greatness in the NL we never got to watch in person. So, why not, go nuts and run to Willie. The guy in the picture was Freret.

For Mays, spontaneous joy and the unscriptable randomness of every baseball bounce provided a perfect blend of creativity, hard-earned craft and pure play. The big smiles, the pictures of him playing stick ball with kids in Harlem, his "Say Hey Kid" moniker, bestowed because he greeted so many people with a simple "Say hey," were all genuine.

Because I didn't become The Washington Post's national baseball writer until two years after Mays retired, I never got to meet that version of the man. However, I always looked for him at old-timers games and Hall of Fame inductions, and I had a long talk with him as part of something he was promoting; after all, he was from that century of exploited MLB players who looked out for a post-career income. In 23 years as a player, Mays earned less than $2 million pretax, according to Baseball Reference.

His resting face in retirement seemed to have plenty of emotions going on under the surface, some sad or tired. Any African American who grew up in Birmingham, Ala., in the 1930s and '40s, played three years in the Negro Leagues and was never paid a fraction of what he was worth by MLB owners had to know, to the bone, all about racism. His long friendship with Giants teammate Bobby Bonds, and his tutoring of his godson Barry Bonds, put Mays close to the flame but outside the controversies surrounding Barry.

Both of the Bonds men loved baseball and, along with Willie, were deep students of it — three gurus. Nobody talked inside baseball better than Barry. One afternoon, long before a game, Barry was in the mood to talk hitting, and he kept returning to Mays's advice as a touchstone.



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Willie Mays could fit four baseballs in his massive hand, and he used them to represent the record-tying four home runs he hit during a game against the Milwaukee Braves in 1961. Mays was not just one of the best power hitters in baseball history; he also led the major leagues in stolen bases four straight years and was a Gold Glove winner in 12 consecutive seasons.

However, all three were ambivalent, and at times perhaps bitter, toward MLB the institution. Sometimes with cause. Bobby had been a strong early backer of the players union when that was a risk. When Barry passed both Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron for the all-time home run record, I'm convinced that, in part, he did it for his late father and Willie. What isn't a tangled web?

The one place where I saw what I think of as the Young Willie was whenever he was in a group of ballplayers of any age. Mays loved to tease, in his high-pitched voice, and to be teased. His calm refrain to deflect almost any question was, "Whatever makes sense." My wife wishes I hadn't adopted it.

My favorite star growing up was Aaron. When you factor in how spectacularly Aaron played past 35, though naturally in fewer games per year as he aged, while Mays saw his production fall off past 35, as most do, you can make a case that there's almost nothing to choose between the total careers of the pair. Quiet Henry was often content to be a bit overlooked in Milwaukee and Atlanta, while flamboyant Willie loved the attention New York and San Francisco poured on him.

But in Mays's prime, from his MVP season in 1954 through his MVP season in '65, when the most knowledgeable baseball experts on Earth (teenagers) debated such things, it was Willie, the equal to any center fielder ever, who edged out injury-prone Mickey Mantle for the top glamour spot. Mantle changed the game when he came to bat. Mays changed the game whenever he was on the field.

Baseball fans love debates, especially ones we know will never get settled. Wins Above Replacement is a modern stat with imperfections. But, for today, the all-time leaders among everyday players make an interesting top five: 1. Barry Bonds (162.8), who gets a big asterisk from me; 2. Babe Ruth (162.2, not including his pitching); 3. Willie Mays (156.2); 4. Ty Cobb (151.5); and 5. Aaron (143.1).

Among active players, the leader is Mike Trout at 86.2. We know how great Trout has been.

Of course, Willie Mays wasn't twice as good. But — so long, Say Hey — sometimes it seemed that way.

At Rickwood Field in Birmingham, a Negro Leagues event becomes poignant

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Major League Baseball planned to use this week — highlighted by Thursday's Cardinals-Giants game at 114-year-old Rickwood — to spotlight Black baseball history and former Negro Leagues greats. Mays, born just five miles away from the ballpark, was originally expected to attend but sent word this week that he would not. Then came the news, delivered to Giants fans midgame by a bereft play-by-play announcer.

"It changed [Tuesday] night," Sean Gibson, the great-grandson of former Negro Leagues slugger Josh Gibson, said Wednesday morning at the Birmingham Negro Southern League Museum. "We went from honoring Willie Mays to now celebrating Willie Mays. Being here in Birmingham where he started his career … I believe that his time in the Negro Leagues really helped him be a great major league baseball player."

Mays's legacy was on full display at the museum and his shadow loomed large over the day, whether as part of the exhibit honoring the 1948 Birmingham Black Barons, on a mural unveiled a few miles away or during a luncheon at the museum hosted by the Negro Leagues Family Alliance, a group of families of former players whose mission is to preserve the leagues' history and legacy.

Among those in attendance were the families of Buck Leonard and Rube Foster as well as Jackie Robinson's granddaughter, Sonya Pankey Robinson.

Bria and Renee Scudder, family of Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe, were in attendance Wednesday, too. Radcliffe played catcher and pitcher for 16 seasons, including four for the Black Barons. Bria Scudder said their family still remembers a Negro Leagues event in Washington that Radcliffe attended before he died in 2005. Mays stopped Radcliffe that day and told him how much of an influence he was on him.

That memory surfaced Wednesday with a mix of sadness and gratitude.

"I don't think you can be prepared to hear something like [the news of Mays's death]," Bria Scudder said. "It's Willie Mays. It's definitely a hard day for us and for everyone as we talk about it. Because, again, we weren't expecting that to be a part of the conversation. But certainly [he is] deserving of so much praise and recognition for what he was able to continue to do for the game."

In downtown Birmingham, Mays's legacy was honored with the unveiling of a mural by artist Chuck Styles. Mays is depicted with a smile as he leans over with his hands on his knees. Under his name were pennants and career accomplishments. In small print next to his name:

"Birmingham's Own 'Say Hey' Kid … Centerfielder & the game's greatest all-around player of all time."

Before his death, Mays asked Jeff Bleich and Dusty Baker, who wasn't in attendance, to present the city of Birmingham with a clock on his behalf. Bleich, a former U.S. diplomat and longtime friend of Mays, read a statement that Mays had written in which he acknowledged his roots — and the fact that MLB finally now counts Negro Leagues stats in its official register:

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A Willie Mays mural was unveiled in downtown Birmingham on Wednesday, a day after his death.

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Sean Gibson, great-grandson of former Negro Leagues slugger Josh Gibson, speaking at the Birmingham Negro Southern League Museum.

"Birmingham, I wish I could be with you all today," Bleich read. "This is where I'm from. I had my first pro hit here at Rickwood as a Baron in 1948. And now, this year, some 76 years later, it finally got counted in the record books. Some things take time, but I always think better late than never. Time changes things. Time heals wounds, and that is a good thing. I had some of the best times of my life in Birmingham, so I want you to have this clock to remember those times with me and remember all the other players who were lucky enough to play here at Rickwood Field in Birmingham. Remember, time is on your side."

Bleich remarked that what a person puts on a wall says a lot about they value. On the wall of Mays's home office, Bleich said, Mays had his diploma from Fairfield Industrial High School and the key to the city of Birmingham. And now, the city has its native son on one of its walls.

On Wednesday night, at the field where he blossomed into a star, Mays's legacy was on display in the Black stars from generations that came after him. Howard and former all-stars Dexter Fowler and Justin Upton suited up for the "Say Heys." In the other dugout, the "Hammerin' Hanks" (honoring Hank Aaron) included Sabathia and Jones, who called Mays the "godfather of center fielders" and said he paved the way for players such as him.

"Let's celebrate his life," Jones said. "I know it's saddening because he won't be around anymore, but let's celebrate the greatness that he brought. Let's have some fun. Let's play the game with flair today."

Few can do what Mays made ordinary

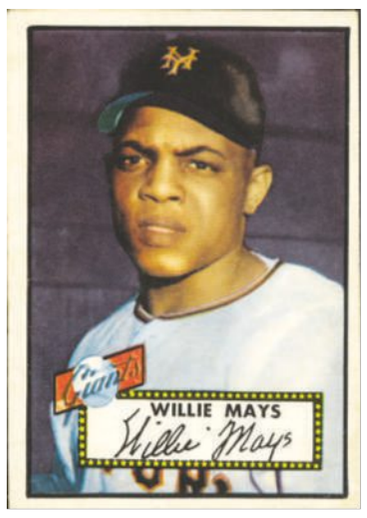
The numbers Willie Mays consistently posted throughout his career tell a remarkable story even for those who never got to see him play. Not only did Mays, who died Tuesday at 93, put up milestone numbers in key counting categories, but his statistics also hold up by more modern measures as well.

- He played in 3,005 games (ninth most in history) across 23 seasons, the majority spent with the Giants, first in New York and later San Francisco.
- He had a career batting average of .301, and his 3,293 hits included 660 home runs. He still holds the sixth-highest home run total in history, along with the fourth-most total bases. His 2,068 runs are the seventh most.
- He was the first player with 300 home runs and 300 stolen bases.
- He was twice voted National League MVP, won 12 Gold Glove awards (recording the most putouts by a center fielder in history) and appeared in a record 24 All-Star Games.
- He led the NL in WAR 10 times (per Baseball Reference), and his career WAR of 156.2 is third highest of all time among position players behind only Barry Bonds and Babe Ruth.
- He had a career OPS of .941 and five times surpassed the 1.000 mark.

Those stats include one season of three played for the Birmingham Black Barons, with whom Mays started his professional career in 1948 and appeared in the final Negro World Series at 17. He batted .311 in 75 games for the Black Barons in 1949 and started the 1950 season batting .330 and slugging .547 before being signed by the Giants, according to a Society for American Baseball Research biography. Mays was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1979; he was named on 94.7 percent of the ballots.

Here's a year-by-year look at his key major league stats and accomplishments, with his Topps baseball card for that season.

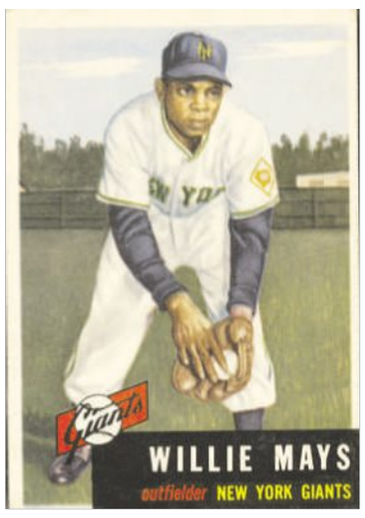
— Brian Gross



1951

In his fourth game as a Giant, having just turned 20, Mays got his first MLB hit, a home run off future Hall of Famer Warren Spahn. He was the NL rookie of the year.

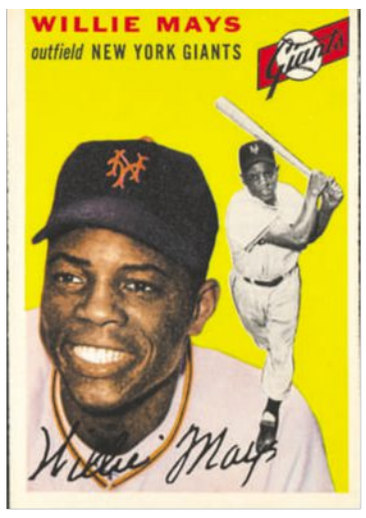
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
127	20	68	.274	.828	3.9



1952

Mays played just 34 games before being drafted into the Army; he would miss the rest of 1952 as well as the entire following season to military service.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
30	4	23	.236	.736	1.3



1953

Topps still issued a baseball card for Mays.

1954

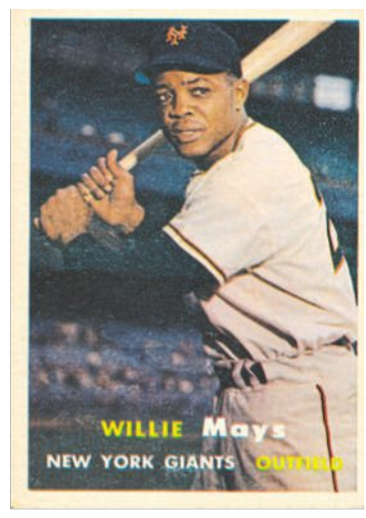
Mays won his only batting title and made his famous catch to help beat Cleveland in the World Series. At 23, he was named MVP as the third-youngest winner in NL history.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
195	41	110	.345	1.078	10.5

1955

Mays became just the seventh player in MLB history to hit 50 home runs in a season. Defensively, he led NL outfielders in assists (23) and double plays (eight).

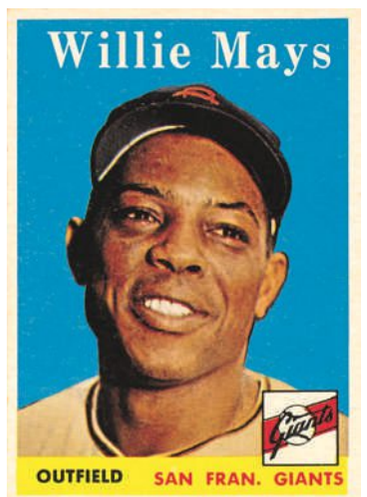
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
185	51	127	.319	1.059	9.2



1956

His 40 stolen bases were the most in the majors since 1944, and this was the first of four consecutive years he would lead the NL. He stole four bases in a game May 6.

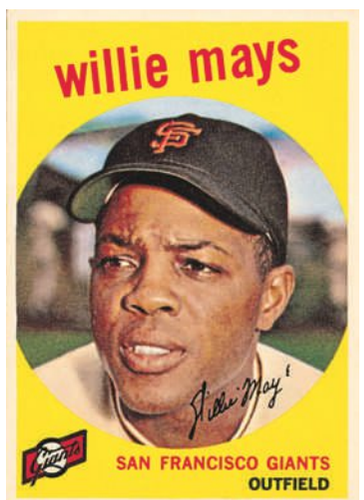
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
171	36	84	.296	.926	7.6



1957

Mays became just the fourth player since 1900 to hit more than 20 doubles, triples and home runs in the same season. He won the first of 12 consecutive Gold Gloves.

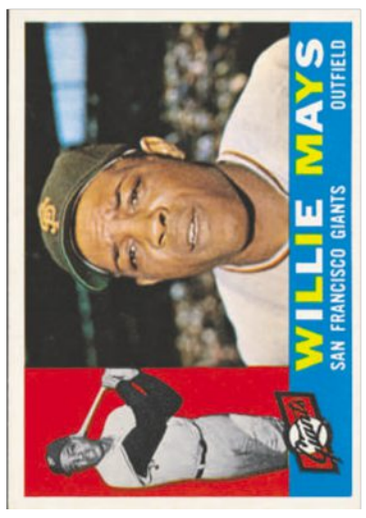
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
195	35	97	.333	1.033	8.3



1958

In his first season in San Francisco, Mays topped 200 hits for the only time in his career, and he finished as runner-up for the NL batting title for the third time in four years.

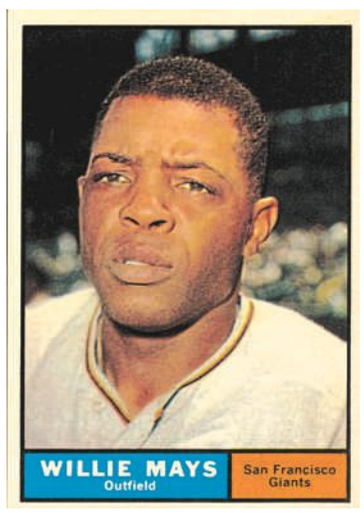
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
208	29	96	.347	1.002	10.2



1959

This was the first of four seasons with two All-Star Games — in the first game July 7, Mays tripled to win it for the NL. It was one of Mays's record 23 All-Star Game hits.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
180	34	104	.313	.964	7.8



1960

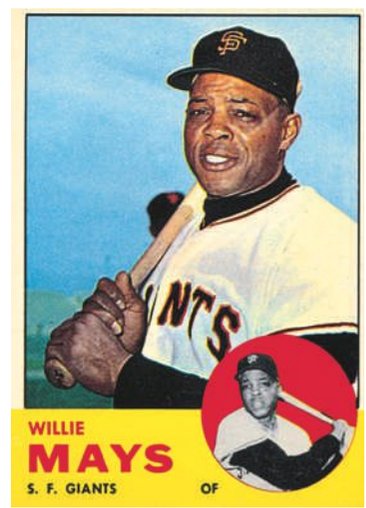
Mays led the major leagues in hits for the first and only time in his career.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
190	29	103	.319	.936	9.5

1961

On April 30 in Milwaukee, Mays hit four home runs and drove in eight. He lined out in the fifth inning, and he was on deck again in the top of the ninth when the game ended.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
176	40	123	.308	.977	8.7



1962

The Giants advanced to the World Series but lost to the Yankees in seven games. Mays led the majors in homers for the first time since 1955 and reached a career high in RBI.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
189	49	141	.304	.999	10.5

1963

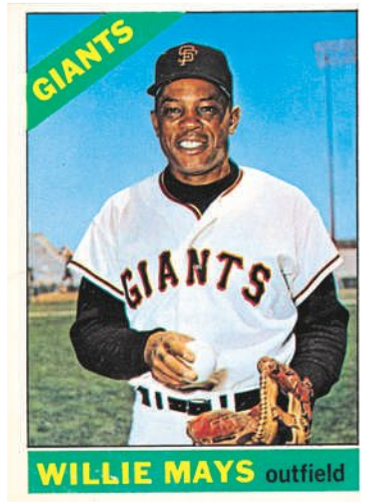
In the All-Star Game, Mays scored twice, drove in two runs, stole two bases and was named the MVP after a 5-3 victory for the National League.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
187	38	103	.314	.962	10.6

1964

Mays led the NL in homers for the third time, but the Giants finished fourth, three games back, and fired manager Alvin Dark at the end of the season.

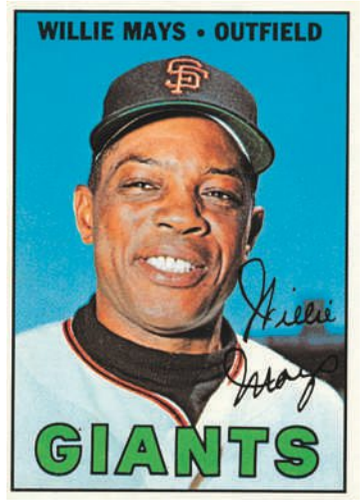
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
171	47	111	.296	.990	11.0



1965

The Giants lost the pennant to the Dodgers by just two games. Mays won his second MVP award with a career high in homers. It would be the last time he hit over .300.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
177	52	112	.317	1.043	11.2



1966

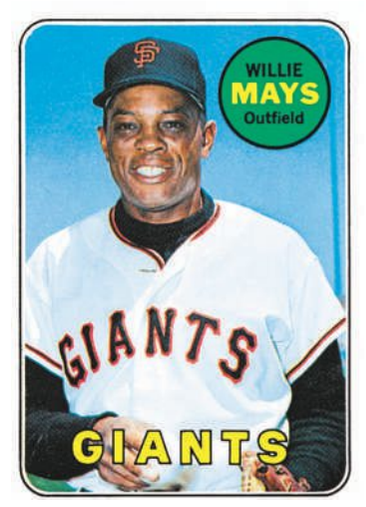
At 35, Mays had the last of eight consecutive seasons with 100 RBI. He hit his 535th career home run Aug. 17, passing Jimmie Foxx for second place behind Babe Ruth.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
159	37	103	.288	.924	9.0

1967

Mays played 141 games, his lowest total since returning from military service. The Giants remained in postseason contention until the final day of the season.

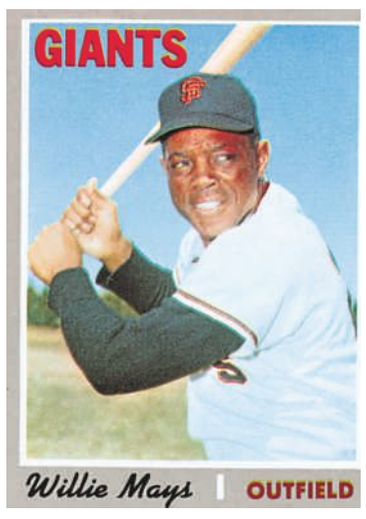
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
128	22	70	.263	.787	4.4



1968

Mays scored the lone run in the All-Star Game and became the only player to win MVP honors twice. He won a Gold Glove for the last time.

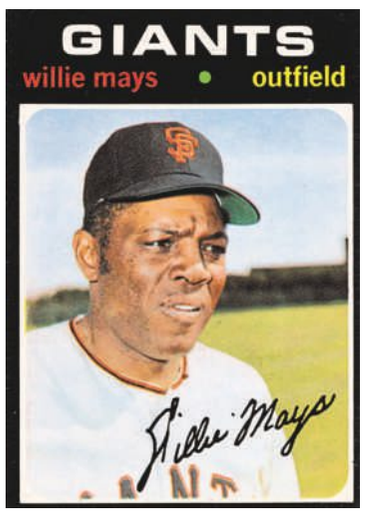
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
144	23	79	.289	.860	6.3



1969

Mays stole the 300th base of his career April 8 and became only the second player to reach 600 home runs. The Giants finished second in the NL for the fifth season in a row.

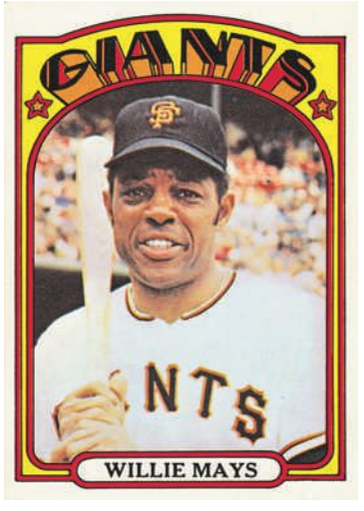
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
114	13	58	.283	.798	3.1



1970

Mays had 19 home runs at the all-star break, and he became the 10th member of the 3,000-hit club July 18 during a victory against Montreal.

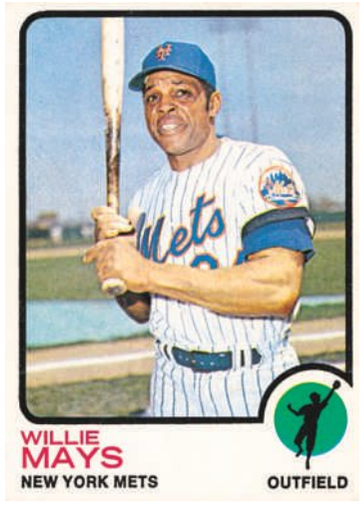
H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
139	28	83	.291	.897	5.2



1971

At 40, Mays led the NL in walks (112) and hit the only postseason home run of his career. He won the Commissioner's Award for his character and charitable work.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
113	18	61	.271	.907	6.3



1972

Mays was traded to the Mets after 19 games, and the Giants retired his No. 24 shortly after. He homered in his first game playing again for a team in New York.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
61	8	22	.250	.802	1.8

1973

Mays drove in the eventual winning run in Game 2 of the World Series against Oakland with a single off Rollie Fingers in the 12th inning for the last hit of his career.

H	HR	RBI	BA	OPS	WAR
44	6	25	.211	.647	0.0

Note: Wins above replacement (WAR) calculations by Baseball Reference.

United's home struggles persist in another defeat

ATLANTA UNITED 1, D.C. UNITED 0

BY STEVEN GOFF

D.C. United's first season under Troy Lesesne has been an expected mix of hope and disappointment, but the one area that continues to confound the MLS organization is how it has struggled at Audi Field.

With a 1-0 loss to Atlanta on Wednesday, United's winless streak at home swelled to five (0-2-3) and its season record at the Buzzard Point venue dropped to 3-4-3.

Because the team is in transition, United (4-8-7) figured to have trouble earning points on the road. But it is also having a difficult time at home — and lately against opponents with losing records.

Overall, United has gone seven games without a victory since its May 11 visit to Atlanta.

"It's a tough position to be in right now," Lesesne said. "Everyone's frustrated — that's clear to see — but at the same time we're not doing enough to earn ourselves points, and that's the truth. We have to demand more."

Thiago Almada, a member of Argentina's 2022 World Cup championship team, scored a sensational goal from long distance in the 79th minute after toying with Mateusz Klich and Matti Peltola.

D.C. has gone scoreless in its past two matches and has led once in seven games.

"Every time we get around the box, I feel that we are rushing and we end up choosing the wrong decision," said Christian Benteke, who entered the night as MLS's second-leading scorer with 13 goals but has come up empty in three straight matches. In the previous meeting with Atlanta, the Belgian striker posted a hat trick.

D.C. goalkeeper Tyler Miller made his first appearance since Aug. 26, ending Alex Bono's streak of 26 consecutive starts. Miller made two excellent saves before the announced crowd of 15,899, but Almada's goal extended United's streak without a shutout to 13 games.

Lesesne said he has been happy with Bono but wanted to shake things up and give Miller a chance after his recovery from major shoulder surgery.

"I've been looking forward to this day for a long time," Miller said. "It just felt so nice to get in front of the crowd again."

In the first half, Miller made a diving save on Almada's 12-yard threat. In the 77th minute, he was called upon after Aaron Herrera's giveaway led to a swift counterattack. With Xande Silva bearing down, Miller made a one-on-one leg save.

Two minutes later, though, Miller could do little about Almada's beauty.

From the sideline, Almada cut inside against Klich, then dodged Peltola's challenge.

"It was a little bit too easy, especially for this type of player, to leave him with so much space," Benteke said.

Almada took full advantage, lacing the 26-yard shot beyond Miller's reach and into the side netting for his fifth goal of the year.

"When you give a special player like that an opportunity to have a clean look on goal, it's dangerous," Miller said. "He struck it pure."

United had several late chances, but Brad Guzan made a flying slap save on Benteke's close-range header, rookie Jacob Murrell missed the near corner from six yards, and former D.C. defender Derrick Williams blocked Benteke's close bid.

Atlanta (5-8-5) recorded its first shutout in nine matches.

"We defend quite well," Lesesne said. "We press quite well, but with the ball right now, we have to do better and we have to be a little bit cleaner and be a little bit more composed in certain areas in the game."

Here's what else to know about United's loss:

United acquires Badji

United reached a deal with Dominique Badji, a longtime MLS forward who spent the past several months in Turkey with second-flight Bandirmaspor, people familiar with the move said. The MLS transfer window opens July 18.

Badji, 31, starred at Alexandria's Episcopal High. He had five goals and three assists in 23 regular season appearances with Cincinnati last year and has scored 43 career goals in 200 MLS matches.

Pirani returns

Midfielder Gabriel Pirani entered in the 81st minute after missing one game while in his native Brazil finalizing a green card for U.S. permanent residency. He will no longer count against United's international player limit.

Defensive midfielder Jackson Hopkins (lower back injury) missed his second consecutive match but might return Saturday against the visiting Houston Dynamo. Attacker Kristian Fletcher (ankle) was not in uniform.

Atlanta's absences

Three Atlanta regulars were absent because of international duty: Luis Abram is with Peru at Copa América while Saba Lobjanidze (Georgia) and Bartosz Slisz (Poland) are at the European Championship.

Giorgos Giakoumakis (24 goals in 41 regular season matches) was transferred this week to Cruz Azul in Mexico.

Because of the roster shortage, Atlanta called up 20-year-old midfielder Matías Gallardo, son of former Argentine star Marcelo Gallardo, who played for D.C. in 2008.

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Washington less than two weeks before his full no-movement clause would have kicked in July 1.

"We are thrilled to announce the addition of Pierre-Luc to the Caps organization," Washington General Manager Brian MacLellan said in a statement. "This acquisition brings in a talented 25-year-old with immense potential to become a top-tier center in the NHL. With his size, exceptional skating, and high hockey IQ, we are confident he will thrive in our organization with increased responsibility and opportunity.

"We also thank Darcy for his valuable contributions to our organization on and off the ice and wish him the best in Los Angeles. After witnessing Charlie Lindgren's performance last season, we believe he deserves a chance to play a more significant role within our team."

Kuemper, 34, whom the Capitals signed to a five-year, $26.25 million contract in July 2022, lost his starting role to Lindgren midway through last season, and it didn't appear there was a path for him back to being the No. 1 netminder in Washington. With three years remaining on Kuemper's contract, it was in line to be a difficult one for the Capitals to move without retaining salary — or taking a risk on a player they got in return, as they did with Dubois.

If Dubois, who will turn 26 next week, reaches his ceiling, he could be the answer to Washington's quest for a top-line center. He has sought-after size and is highly skilled, but his track record over the past few seasons suggests that unlocking his potential will be a task for Spencer Carbery and the rest of the Capitals' coaching staff.

The end of Dubois' tenure with the Blue Jackets turned ugly. His disinterest on one shift against the Tampa Bay Lightning led to him being benched by then-coach John Tortorella and traded two days later, and it wasn't a much prettier ending in Winnipeg as he forced his way out the door.

On the ice, Dubois hit a high-water mark in his final season with the Jets, recording 63 points in 73 games, but his first — and only — season in Los Angeles didn't go according to plan. He slid down the lineup, ultimately averaging less than 16 minutes of ice time and recording 40 points (16 goals and 24 assists) in 82 games.

But when Dubois is engaged and at his best, he can be a difference-maker — and the Capitals are betting they'll be able to get him to that point.

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SCOREBOARD

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, Washington 2
HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 3, New York 1
Game 2: at Carolina 5, New York 3
Game 3: Carolina 3, at New York 2
Game 4: at New York 3, Carolina 2 (2OT)
Game 5: at Carolina 6, New York 3
PANTHERS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-1
Game 1: at Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
Game 2: at Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Florida 5, at Tampa Bay 3
Game 4: at Tampa Bay 6, Florida 3
Game 5: at Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1
BRUINS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-3
Game 1: at Boston 5, Toronto 1
Game 2: Toronto 3, at Boston 2
Game 3: Boston 4 at Toronto 2
Game 4: Boston 3, at Toronto 1
Game 5: Toronto 2, at Boston 1 (OT)
Game 6: at Toronto 2, Boston 1
Game 7: at Boston 2, Toronto 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
AVALANCHE ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1
Game 1: at Winnipeg 7, Colorado 6
Game 2: Colorado 5 at Winnipeg 2
Game 3: at Colorado 6, Winnipeg 2
Game 4: at Colorado 5, Winnipeg 1
Game 5: Colorado 6, at Winnipeg 3
OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-1
Game 1: at Edmonton 7, Los Angeles 4
Game 2: Los Angeles 5, at Edmonton 4 (OT)
Game 3: Edmonton 6, at Los Angeles 1
Game 4: Edmonton 1, at Los Angeles 0
Game 5: 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: at Dallas 3, Vegas 2
Game 6: at Vegas 2, Dallas 0
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 5, 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 ELIMINATED 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 2, 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: at Edmonton 5, Vancouver 1
Game 7: Edmonton 3, at Vancouver 2

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven

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 2 (OT)
Game 5: Florida 3, at N.Y. Rangers 2
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: at Dallas 3, 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 LEAD OILERS, 3-2
Game 1: at Florida 3, Edmonton 0
Game 2: at Florida 4, Edmonton 1
Game 3: Florida 4, at Edmonton 3
Game 4: at Edmonton 8, Florida 1
Game 5: Edmonton 5, at Florida 3
Friday's game: Florida at Edmonton, 8
x-Monday's game: Edmonton at Florida, 8

COLLEGE BASEBALL

College World Series

At Charles Schwab Field; in Omaha
Double Elimination; x-if necessary

BRACKET 1
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: North Carolina 3, Virginia 2
Game 2: Tennessee 12, Florida State 11
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Game 3: Florida State 7, Virginia 3 (Virginia eliminated)
Game 4: Tennessee 6, North Carolina 1
TUESDAY'S RESULT
Game 5: Florida State 9, North Carolina 5 (North Carolina eliminated)
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Game 6: Tennessee 7, Florida State 2 (Florida State eliminated)

BRACKET 2
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: Kentucky 5, North Carolina State 4 (10)
Game 2: Texas A&M 3, Florida 2
MONDAY'S RESULTS
Game 3: Florida 5, North Carolina State 4 (North Carolina State eliminated)
Game 4: Texas A&M 5, Kentucky 1
TUESDAY'S RESULT
Game 5: Florida vs. Kentucky, ppd. to Wednesday
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Game 5: Florida 15, Kentucky 4 (Kentucky eliminated)
Game 6: Texas A&M 6, Florida 0 (Florida eliminated)

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Best of three; x-if necessary
TENNESSEE VS. TEXAS A&M
Saturday's game: Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 7:30, ESPN
Sunday's game: Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2, ABC
x-Monday's game: Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 7, ESPN

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Monday.
1. Chase Elliott, 591.
2. Kyle Larson, 583.
3. Denny Hamlin, 553.
4. William Byron, 537.
5. Martin Truex Jr, 530.
6. Tyler Reddick, 527.
7. Ryan Blaney, 501.
8. Christopher Bell, 498.
9. Brad Keselowski, 498.
10. Ross Chastain, 479.
11. Ty Gibbs, 478.
12. Alex Bowman, 474.
13. Chris Buescher, 435.
14. Bubba Wallace, 414.
15. Joey Logano, 408.
16. Kyle Busch, 383.
17. Chase Briscoe, 370.
18. Daniel Suárez, 352.
19. Austin Cindric, 327.
20. Todd Gilliland, 317.
21. Josh Berry, 314.
22. Michael McDowell, 309.
23. Carson Hocevar, 302.
24. Noah Gragson, 287.
25. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 268.
26. Erik Jones, 255.
27. Ryan Preece, 249.
28. John H. Nemechek, 247.
29. Corey LaJoie, 242.
30. Justin Haley, 234.
31. Daniel Hemric, 234.
32. Austin Dillon, 229.
33. Harrison Burton, 185.
34. Zane Smith, 158.
35. Kaz Grala, 140.
36. Jimmie Johnson, 35.
37. Derek Kraus, 32.
38. David Ragan, 17.
39. Cody Ware, 17.
40. Kamui Kobayashi, 8.

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	13	1	.929	—
New York	12	3	.800	1½
Atlanta	6	7	.462	6½
Indiana	6	10	.375	8
Chicago	4	9	.308	8½
Washington	2	13	.133	11½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	12	3	.800	—
x-Seattle	9	5	.643	2½
Phoenix	8	7	.533	4
x-Las Vegas	6	6	.500	4½
Los Angeles	4	11	.267	8
Dallas	3	10	.231	8

x-Late game

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Connecticut 79, Los Angeles 70
at Phoenix 99, New York 93

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Indiana 88, Washington 81
at Minnesota 68, Atlanta 55
Seattle at Las Vegas, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Chicago, noon
Los Angeles at New York, 7

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30
Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Washington, 3
Los Angeles at New York, 3
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8

Fever 88, Mystics 81

Washington	17	26	16	22	— 81
Indiana	21	25	22	20	— 88

WASHINGTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Edwards	20:21	1-6	2-2	2-4	1	3	4
Kar.Samuelson	33:20	6-9	1-1	1-3	5	0	16
Dolson	31:27	5-11	0-0	0-7	3	4	14
Atkins	35:04	10-17	5-7	0-1	2	3	27
Vanloo	21:36	2-10	0-0	0-3	8	3	6
Walker-Kimbrough	17:34	1-6	1-2	1-4	1	0	3
Engstler	17:00	2-5	3-3	3-4	2	1	7
Melbourne	12:26	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	2
Hines-Allen	11:12	1-3	0-0	0-3	2	1	2
TOTALS	200	29-70	12-15	7-31	26	16	81

Percentages: FG .414, FT .800. **3-Point Goals:** 11-34, .324 (Dolson 4-7, Kar.Samuelson 3-6, Atkins 2-8, Vanloo 2-10, Hines-Allen 0-1, Walker-Kimbrough 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Atkins, Dolson, Engstler, Walker-Kimbrough). **Turnovers:** 11 (Vanloo 4, Atkins 3, Kar.Samuelson 2, Hines-Allen, Melbourne). **Steals:** 6 (Kar.Samuelson 2, Atkins, Engstler, Melbourne, Vanloo). **Technical Fouls:** None.

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Smith	30:39	3-8	5-6	1-7	2	3	11
Wallace	18:14	1-5	2-4	0-1	3	3	4
Boston	36:37	8-11	5-5	1-8	2	5	22
Clark	36:37	6-12	4-4	1-12	6	2	18
Mitchell	38:10	8-11	2-4	1-3	1	1	22
Wheeler	18:41	4-9	0-0	0-3	4	1	9
Kat.Samuelson	12:44	0-2	0-0	1-3	3	0	0
Hull	8:18	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
TOTALS	200	31-61	18-23	5-37	21	16	88

Percentages: FG .508, FT .783. **3-Point Goals:** 8-23, .348 (Mitchell 4-5, Clark 2-6, Boston 1-1, Wheeler 1-2, Hull 0-1, Kat.Samuelson 0-2, Smith 0-2, Wallace 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Boston, Smith, Wallace). **Turnovers:** 10 (Clark 6, Boston 2, Mitchell, Wallace). **Steals:** 7 (Clark 4, Boston, Smith, Wallace). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 17,274 (20,000). **T:** 1:50.

Lynx 68, Dream 55

Atlanta	12	18	17	8	— 55
Minnesota	18	17	21	12	— 68

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Coffey	25:59	3-6	2-2	3-8	3	2	11
Howard	24:13	1-9	4-6	3-5	1	1	6
Charles	32:21	7-18	0-0	2-10	0	3	14
Gray	38:21	1-16	5-8	1-8	4	0	7
Jones	25:22	5-8	0-2	1-6	2	3	11
Dangerfield	17:16	0-4	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
Parker-Tyus	13:08	0-2	2-2	2-7	0	1	2
Cubaj	12:37	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	1	2
Hillmon	10:43	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2
TOTALS	200	19-66	13-20	12-46	16	12	55

Percentages: FG .288, FT .650. **3-Point Goals:** 4-23, .174 (Coffey 3-4, Jones 1-1, Charles 0-2, Dangerfield 0-2, Howard 0-6, Gray 0-8). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 9 (Coffey 4, Hillmon 2, Charles, Cubaj, Howard). **Turnovers:** 13 (Jones 5, Gray 3, Parker-Tyus 2, Charles, Cubaj, Dangerfield). **Steals:** 4 (Gray 2, Charles, Jones). **Technical Fouls:** None.

MINNESOTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Carleton	30:20	5-8	0-0	3-8	1	1	14
Collier	30:03	6-17	4-5	2-8	4	2	16
Smith	21:42	2-8	0-0	4-9	1	4	4
McBride	26:16	3-10	0-0	0-4	1	1	8
Williams	26:30	2-7	3-3	0-1	6	3	7
Juhász	22:39	5-11	0-0	1-11	1	3	10
Hiedeman	16:13	2-5	0-0	0-1	3	2	4
Zandalasini	13:30	2-7	0-0	0-1	0	1	5
Époupa	7:11	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
Pili	5:36	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	27-76		7-8 10-45	19	17	68

Percentages: FG .355, FT .875. **3-Point Goals:** 7-22, .318 (Carleton 4-5, McBride 2-6, Zandalasini 1-2, Hiedeman 0-1, Pili 0-1, Smith 0-1, Williams 0-1, Juhász 0-2, Collier 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Collier, Hiedeman, Smith, Williams). **Turnovers:** 9 (Carleton 2, Williams 2, Collier, Juhász, McBride, Smith, Époupa). **Steals:** 5 (Époupa 2, Carleton, Collier, Hiedeman). **Technical Fouls:** McBride, 3:54 first. **A:** 8,206 (19,356). **T:** 1:49.

Mercury 99, Liberty 93

Late Tuesday

New York	26	20	30	17	— 93
Phoenix	22	28	19	30	— 99

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Stewart	35:57	10-15	4-6	2-4	5	1	28
Thornton	22:10	4-7	0-0	3-7	0	2	12
Jones	36:17	6-11	2-2	0-6	7	5	17
Ionescu	36:23	6-20	3-3	2-7	8	1	19
Laney-Hamilton	34:16	4-12	2-3	2-9	5	2	12
Fiebich	20:22	1-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Burke	7:46	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Dojkic	6:49	1-5	0-0	2-2	0	1	3
TOTALS	200	32-76	11-14	11-37	27	12	93

Percentages: FG .421, FT .786. **3-Point Goals:** 18-42, .429 (Stewart 4-4, Thornton 4-6, Ionescu 4-14, Jones 3-6, Laney-Hamilton 2-6, Dojkic 1-2, Fiebich 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Fiebich, Ionescu, Jones, Stewart). **Turnovers:** 16 (Laney-Hamilton 4, Ionescu 3, Jones 3, Fiebich 2, Burke, Dojkic, Stewart, Thornton). **Steals:** 14 (Stewart 5, Burke 2, Fiebich 2, Ionescu 2, Jones 2, Laney-Hamilton). **Technical Fouls:** None.

PHOENIX	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Allen	33:01	6-8	0-0	1-7	1	0	17
Copper	31:09	7-13	2-3	0-2	7	3	17
Griner	31:16	8-13	3-4	1-4	2	3	19
Cloud	32:45	5-10	0-0	1-4	4	2	11
Taurasi	30:36	6-13	3-3	0-9	5	3	19
Cunningham	20:50	5-7	0-0	0-4	2	0	13
Sutton	11:38	1-4	0-0	1-1	2	1	3
Mack	8:44	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	200	38-69	8-10	4-31	24	12	99

Percentages: FG .551, FT .800. **3-Point Goals:** 15-30, .500 (Allen 5-7, Taurasi 4-7, Cunningham 3-4, Cloud 1-3, Copper 1-4, Sutton 1-4, Griner 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Griner 2, Taurasi). **Turnovers:** 17 (Cloud 5, Copper 4, Taurasi 3, Allen 2, Griner 2, Cunningham). **Steals:** 7 (Copper 2, Cunningham 2, Sutton 2, Cloud). **Technical Fouls:** Copper, 2:14 first; coach Nate Tibbetts, 2:14 first; Taurasi, 8:49 fourth.

GOLF

Official World Golf Ranking

Through Monday.

1.	Scottie Scheffler	16.65
2.	Rory McIlroy	9.25
3.	Xander Schauffele	8.80
4.	Ludvig Aberg	6.02
5.	Wyndham Clark	5.91
6.	Viktor Hovland	5.60
7.	Collin Morikawa	5.49
8.	Patrick Cantlay	5.05
9.	Jon Rahm	5.01
10.	Bryson DeChambeau	4.92
11.	Brian Harman	4.00
12.	Hideki Matsuyama	3.99
13.	Tommy Fleetwood	3.98
14.	Sahith Theegala	3.98
15.	Max Homa	3.87
16.	Russell Henley	3.61
17.	Keegan Bradley	3.48
18.	Matt Fitzpatrick	3.45
19.	Tony Finau	3.39
20.	Matthieu Pavon	3.26
21.	Sepp Straka	3.24
22.	Tyrrell Hatton	3.23
23.	Cameron Young	3.09
24.	Jason Day	3.04
25.	Sam Burns	3.00
26.	Tom Kim	2.96
27.	Byeong Hun An	2.85
28.	Justin Thomas	2.81
29.	Jordan Spieth	2.76
30.	Chris Kirk	2.74
31.	Akshay Bhatia	2.63
32.	Denny McCarthy	2.61

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	12	3	5	41	46	29
Cincinnati	12	3	3	39	31	21
New York	8	4	7	31	31	25
x-New York City FC	9	6	2	29	26	20
Charlotte FC	8	6	5	29	21	20
Columbus	7	3	6	27	25	17
Toronto FC	7	9	3	24	28	32
Nashville	5	5	8	23	22	23
Atlanta	5	8	5	20	25	23
Philadelphia	4	6	8	20	31	29
D.C. United	4	8	7	19	25	33
CF Montreal	4	7	7	19	25	37
Chicago	4	8	6	18	21	30
Orlando City	4	8	6	18	19	29
New England	5	10	1	16	15	29

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	10	2	7	37	40	22
Los Angeles FC	10	4	4	34	32	21
x-LA Galaxy	8	3	7	31	35	27
Minnesota United	8	5	5	29	31	28
Colorado	8	7	4	28	34	31
Vancouver	7	6	4	25	26	22
Houston	6	6	6	24	22	22
Austin FC	6	7	6	24	22	28
Seattle	5	7	7	22	24	23
x-Portland	5	7	6	21	32	32
FC Dallas	5	8	5	20	25	28
St. Louis City SC	3	6	9	18	23	30
Sporting KC	3	11	5	14	31	40
x-San Jose	3	12	2	11	26	43

x-Late match

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Charlotte FC 1, D.C. United 0
Houston 2, at Atlanta 2
Real Salt Lake 0, at CF Montreal 0
at New England 3, Vancouver 2
Nashville 0, at New York 0
Los Angeles FC 3, at Orlando City 1
Miami 2, at Philadelphia 1
Chicago 4, at Toronto FC 1
at FC Dallas 2, St. Louis City SC 0
at Colorado 2, Austin FC 0
at LA Galaxy 4, Sporting KC 2
Cincinnati 4, at San Jose 2
at Seattle 2, Minnesota 0

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 1, at D.C. United 0
Orlando City 2, at Charlotte FC 2
at Miami 2, Columbus 1
New York 2, at CF Montreal 2
Nashville 2, at Toronto FC 1
at Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles FC 1, at Austin FC 1
at FC Dallas 5, Minnesota 3
Seattle 2, at Houston 2
Real Salt Lake 4, at Sporting KC 3
Colorado 3, at St. Louis City SC 0
New York City FC at LA Galaxy, late
Portland at San Jose, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at D.C. United, 7:30
New England at Cincinnati, 7:30
Sporting KC at Columbus, 7:30
Toronto FC at New York, 7:30
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Philadelphia, 7:30
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8:30
New York City FC at Nashville, 8:30
Atlanta at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
CF Montreal at Colorado, 9:30
LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Vancouver at Portland, 10:30
FC Dallas at Seattle, 10:30

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Orlando City at New York City FC, 7:30

Atlanta United 1, D.C. United 0

ATLANTA	0	1	1
D.C. UNITED	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Atlanta, Almada, 5 (Fortune), 79th minute.
Goalies: Atlanta, Brad Guzan, Joshua Cohen, Quentin Westberg; D.C. United, Tyler Miller, Alex Bono, Nate Crockford.
Yellow Cards: Almada, Atlanta, 17th; Tubbs, D.C. United, 34th; Klich, D.C. United, 45th+1; Cobb, Atlanta, 63rd.
Atlanta, Brad Guzan; Noah Cobb, Brooks Lennon, Efrain Morales, Caleb Wiley, Derrick Williams; Thiago Almada, Dax McCarty (Ajani Fortune, 65th); Tristan Muyumba, Daniel Rios (Jamal Thiare, 65th), Xande Silva (Luke Brennan, 81st).
D.C. United, Tyler Miller; Matai Akinmboni, Lucas Bartlett, Aaron Herrera, Matti Peltola, Pedro Santos (Cristian Dajome, 46th), Garrison Isaiah Tubbs (Gabriel Pirani, 81st); Mateusz Klich, Theodore Ku-DiPietro (Jacob Murrell, 73rd), Jared Stroud (Martin Rodriguez, 61st); Christian Benteke.

Nashville SC 2, Toronto FC 1

NASHVILLE	0	2	2
TORONTO FC	1	0	1

First Half: 1, Toronto FC, Coello, 1 (Bernardeschi), 34th minute.
Second Half: 2, Nashville, Surridge, 6 (Mukhtar), 65th; 3, Nashville, Surridge, 7 (Boyd), 90th.
Goalies: Nashville, Joe Willis, Elliot Panicco; Toronto FC, Luka Gavran, Greg Ranjitsingh.
Yellow Cards: Mukhtar, Nashville, 71st; Flores, Toronto FC, 71st; Long, Toronto FC, 72nd.
Nashville, Joe Willis; Josh Bauer, Daniel Lovitz, Jack Maher, Walker Zimmerman (Brent Kallman, 75th); Brian Anunga (Sean Davis, 48th), Hany Mukhtar, Alex Muyl (Tyler Boyd, 46th), Dru Yearwood (Forster Wekem Ajago, 85th); Teal Bunbury (Amar Sejdic, 85th), Sam Surridge.
Toronto FC, Luka Gavran; Nickseon Gomis, Kevin Long, Raoul Petretta; Alonso Coello (Kosi Thompson, 89th), Derick Etienne (Deandre Kerr, 89th), Deybi Flores, Matthew Longstaff; Federico Bernardeschi, Lorenzo Insigne (Jahkeele Marshall-Rutty, 62nd), Prince-Osei Owusu (Kobe Franklin, 80th).

Orlando City 2, Charlotte FC 2

ORLANDO CITY	0	2	2
CHARLOTTE FC	1	1	2

First Half: 1, Charlotte FC, Vargas, 4, 11th minute.
Second Half: 2, Orlando City, McGuire, 6 (Torres), 63rd; 3, Charlotte FC, Bronico, 1 (Agyemang), 77th; 4, Orlando City, Torres, 3 (Lodeiro), 81st.
Goalies: Orlando City, Mason Stajduhar, Javier Otero; Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina, David Bingham.
Yellow Cards: McGuire, Orlando City, 27th; Torres, Orlando City, 50th; Byrne, Charlotte FC, 90th+2.
Red Cards: Arfield, Charlotte FC, 38th.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC
Plaintiff

v.

Serena R Curry
Defendant

Case No. 2024-CAB-000278

By Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time for Service and Approving Service by Publication and Other Means entered in the above referenced case on May 22, 2024 the Plaintiff, by undersigned counsel, hereby inform interested parties as follows: There is now pending before the District of Columbia Superior court a civil action, case number 2023-CAB-000278 seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by the Defendant Serena R. Curry, located at 4811 43rd Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20016. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the 15th day of August 2024."

Samuel I White PC
6100 Executive Blvd., Suite 400
Rockville MD 20852
Attorney for Plaintiff
301-804-3400

86814/Curry

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT NO 6
ELKHART COUNTY
SS:
CAUSE NO.: 20D06-2302-DN-79

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ANA MARITZA QUINTEROS
1011 BONTRAGER
ELKHART, IN 46517
Wife

and

ARMANDO SALGADO
406 GREENLAWN DR APT 200
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20783
Husband

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR FINAL HEARING
COMES NOW Kelley S. Schweinzger, SCHWEINZGER LAW OFFICE, and files a Motion for Final Hearing in this cause of action, which Motion is in the following words and figures, to-wit:

[H.I.]

And the Court having examined and approves said Motion, hereby GRANTS counsels Motion and ORDERS that the final hearing be set for August 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

SO ORDERED this
June 10, 2024
David Bonfiglio
Judge, Elkhart Superior Court
No. 6

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 001449

Gwendolyn J. Grant aka Gwendolyn Ophelia Jeffries Grant
Timothy J. Sessing, Esq.
12850 Middlebrook Rd., Ste 308
Germantown, MD 20874

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Thelma Jean Hines, whose address is 700 Chillum Road, Apt 102 Hyattsville, MD 20783 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Gwendolyn J. Grant aka Gwendolyn Ophelia Jeffries Grant, who died on 5/21/2023 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 12/20/2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 12/20/2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Thelma Jean Hines
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PNC Bank, National Association
Plaintiff

v.

Terry L Satterfield, Jr
Defendant

Case No. 2023-CAB-001725

By Amended Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Time for Service and Approving Service of Process by Publication and Other Means entered in the above referenced case on May 23, 2024, the Plaintiff, by undersigned counsel, hereby inform interested parties as follows:

There is now pending before the District of Columbia Superior court a civil action, case number 2023-CAB-001725 seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by the Defendant Terry L. Satterfield, Jr., located at 229 Oneida St., NE, Washington, DC 20011. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the 16th day of August 2024."

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Rockville MD 20852
Attorney for Plaintiff
301-804-3400

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Request for Qualifications
Contract ID #: C00122858DB128
Richmond and Lynchburg Districts Bridge Bundle

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the Richmond and Lynchburg Districts Bridge Bundle design-build project from qualified and experienced respondents with design and construction experience of bridges. The project includes five (5) bridges within the two districts: Route 58 EBL over Big Buffalo Creek in Mecklenburg County, Route 40 over Pigg River in Pittsylvania County, Route 58 BUS over Coleman Creek in Mecklenburg County, I -85 SBL over Roanoke River in Mecklenburg County, and US-1 NBL over Shining Creek in Brunswick County. Route 40 over Pigg River, Route 58 EBL over Big Buffalo Creek, Route 58 over Coleman Creek and US-1 SBL over Shining Creek will be full bridge replacements. I-85 SBL over Roanoke River is an overall structure rehabilitation project that includes a deck replacement.

The work includes but is not limited to: roadway and bridge design, survey, environmental, geotechnical, hydraulics and stormwater management, traffic control devices, transportation management plan, utility relocation, quality assurance and quality control, construction engineering and inspection, and overall project management.

Questions/clarifications regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) should be submitted to Daniel McBride, P.E., Assoc DBIA **(daniel.mcbride@vdot.virginia.gov).**

Copies of the RFQ and additional submittal requirements can be found on Bid Express **(bidexpress.com).**

The Department assures compliance with Title VI requirements of non-discrimination in all activities pursuant to this advertisement.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BYZAYO NORTHEAST, LLC, FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2024-00082

On May 6, 2024, Zayo Northeast, LLC ("Zayo Northeast" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Company also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Public copies of the Application may be downloaded from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information, or may be obtained from Zayo Northeast via: Brett P. Ferenchak, Esquire, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, DC, 20004, brett.ferenchak@morganlewis.com.

On or before July 23, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00082.

On or before July 23, 2024, any interested person may file a request for a hearing on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such request for hearing shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00082. Persons filing a request for hearing shall send a copy of their request to Zayo Northeast.

ZAYO NORTHEAST, LLC

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and City Council and Planning Commission of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct a joint public hearing on Schematic Development Plan Application SDP-9759-2024 on

MONDAY
JULY 1, 2024
AT 7:30 P.M.

or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard in the City Council Chambers at 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Application SDP-9759-2024, requests approval for a Schematic Development Plan for the development of 14,750 square feet of retail use at 725 Progress Way in the MXD (Mixed Use Development) Zone. The subject property is bounded Bunsen Place to the west, Progress Way to the south and North Frederick Avenue to the northeast.

Further information may be obtained from the Planning and Code Administration Department at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Caroline Seiden, Planner
planning@gaithersburgmd.gov
Planning and Code Administration#1194

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2024 ADM 000636

Irene D. Lombardo aka Dailey Lombardo
Louis J. Lombardo
7903 Dassett Court, Apt. 303,
Annandale, VA 22003

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Kevin R. Lombardo, whose address is 2965 Thompson Park Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Irene D. Lombardo aka Dailey Lombardo, who died on April 22, 2024 with a will and without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 12/20/2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 12/20/2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Kevin R. Lombardo
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

825 Bids & Proposals

Spiniello Companies is looking for Certified DBE/SBE/WBE small business contractors for DC Water 230030 Task Order 12, LFDC LSLR Program Construction PKG 19, Solicitation #: DCW-SOL-24-10386. Bid Due 7/9/2024. Scopes needed Erosion & Sediment Control, Paving, Landscaping, Excavation, Site Prep, Site Restoration, Traffic Control, and various other scope items. Plans/Specs are available upon request. Please send quotes or inquiries to estimating@spinielloco.com.

Spiniello Companies is looking for Certified DBE/SBE/WBE small business contractors for DC Water 230020 Task Order No. 03, SDWMR-18A, Solicitation #: DCW-SOL-24-10392. Bid Due 7/19/2024. Scopes needed Erosion & Sediment Control, Paving, Landscaping, Excavation, Site Prep, Site Restoration, Traffic Control, and various other scope items. Plans/Specs are available upon request. Please send quotes or inquiries to estimating@spinielloco.com.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED
Prince George's County
Application for State Discharge Permit 24DP3894, NPDES Permit MD0068071:
Technical Partners, LLC, 12160 Deerhill Court, Midlothian, VA 23112, submitted an application for a new permit to discharge an average of 0.108 million gallons per day of groundwater from a proposed telecommunication tower construction site located at the WMATA Greenbelt Rail Yard, 5801 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705 to a drainage pond adjacent to Indian Creek (Use I).
This facility is located on a census tract with an Environmental Justice (EJ) Score in the 69th percentile of all tracts in Maryland. This EJ score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: pollution burden exposure, pollution burden environmental effects, sensitive populations, and socioeconomic indicators (https://mdewwp.page.link/EJ).
A copy of the application may be downloaded from the Department's website at https://mdewwp.page.link/wwpportal. At that webpage, search for State Number 24-DP-3894. Click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.
If a written request is received by **July 4, 2024**, an informational meeting can be held to discuss the application and permitting process. Requests should be forwarded to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn: Mr. Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division**. Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter at the informational meeting by contacting Mr. Rice at (410) 537-3859 or 1-800-633-6101, or at the above address, at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting. Such requests may also be emailed to **jonathan.rice@maryland.gov**.
Any person wishing to review the application should contact Mr. Rice at the above telephone number to schedule an appointment. Copies may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Montgomery County
Application for State Discharge Permit 24DP1055, NPDES Permit MD0051586:
WSSC Potomac Water Filtration Plant, 12200 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854 submitted to renew their application to discharge an average of 5.3 million gallons per day of backwash from cleaning treatment filters from the facility, located at 12200 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854 to the Potomac River (Use I-P waters). WSSC Potomac Water Filtration Plant processes drinking water for the surrounding area.
This facility is located on a census tract with an Environmental Justice (EJ) Score in the 3rd percentile of all tracts in Maryland. This EJ score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: pollution burden exposure, pollution burden environmental effects, sensitive populations, and socioeconomic indicators (https://mdewwp.page.link/EJ). A copy of the application may be downloaded from the Department's website at https://mdewwp.page.link/wwpportal. At that webpage, search for State Number 24DP2560, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.
The Department will hold a public informational meeting to discuss the application for the above discharge permit on **July 17, 2024** at **5:00 PM** at the **The informational meeting will be conducted through an online virtual platform, Google Meet, with an option to join by phone. To participate online, you must register by following the instructions on the MDE webpage at the following link: https://mdewwp.page.link/PublicMeetings**. Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the informational meeting by giving ten working days' notice to Mr. Rice at the address or phone number listed below.
Information regarding the permit application may be reviewed by appointment by contacting Mr. Rice at (410) 537-3859 or 1-800-633-6101 or by email at **jonathan.rice@maryland.gov** or by written request to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mr. Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division**. Copies of documents may be procured at a cost of $0.36 per page.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, will conduct a public hearing, both in-person and virtually, on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, in connection with Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) Application TXT2024-00266, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant.

The purpose and intent of this ZTA is to amend Chapter 25 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Zoning" by amending Section 25.14.02, Neighborhood conservation district zones, by adding a new subsection to establish a process to amend Neighborhood Conservation Districts. Adoption of this ZTA would provide a pathway to amend the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Conservation District in order to implement residential design guidelines. The Planning Commission and staff have recommended approval of the application.

For more detailed information on the above application, contact Chris Davis, Senior Planner in the Community Planning and Development Services Department, at cdavis@rockvillemd.gov, or 240-314-8201.

In-Person Attendance
Community members attending in-person who wish to speak during Community Forum or a Public Hearing should sign up using the form at the entrance to the Mayor and Council Chamber. In-person speakers will be called upon in the order they are signed up to speak before virtual speakers.

Viewing Mayor and Council Meetings
The virtual meetings can be viewed on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

How to Participate in the Public Hearing
Persons wishing to testify at the hearing are asked to call 240-314-8280 before 10:00 a.m. on the date of the hearing to have their names placed on the speakers' list.

If you wish to submit comments in writing for the Public Hearing, please email the comments to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by no later than 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. Persons submitting testimony are requested to provide their name and address.

If you wish to participate virtually in the Public Hearing during the live Mayor and Council meeting, please send your name, address, and phone number to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. You will be contacted on the day of the meeting via email by the City's Information Technology Department to receive all the information you need to join the meeting by audio to share your comments.

Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, or forwarded by email to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov. Comments received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing will not be available to the Mayor and Council at the public hearing and will be provided to the Mayor and Council at a later date.
Mayor and Council of Rockville

By: Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Miroslav Nikolov
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Carrie Ann Lyons
Estate of John Henry Lyons, Jr
2214 Wintergreen Avenue
District Heights, MD 20747
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-003990

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of June, 2024** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **2214 Wintergreen Avenue, District Heights, MD 20747**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **3 day of July, 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 **3 day of July, 2024**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$320,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Jun 6,13,20 2024 0012463020

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-23-000576
Other Reference Numbers:

JOHN ANSELL, ET AL.

VS.

ESTATE OF LAURIE A MANNING

Date: 6/7/2024

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **7th day of June 2024**, that the sale made and recorded by Abiebatu M. Bah, Esq. for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

8813 Clemsonville Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791

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 **$155,000.00**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

ABERRA SUMAMO
8830 Piney Branch Road
Unit 710
Silver Spring, MD 20903
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-15-CV-23-000423

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **11 day of June, 2024**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **8830 Piney Branch Road, Unit 710, Silver Spring, MD 20903**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **11 day of July, 2024**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily new paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **11 day of July, 2024**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$100,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-356590

Jun 13,20,27 2024 0012463434

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Adam Friedman, et al., Substitute Trustees

VS.

Michele B. Kraft, et al., Defendants.

CASE NO. C-15-CV-22-003167

NOTICE OF SALE

ORDERED, this **3rd day of June, 2024** by the Circuit court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property at **11005 Earlsgate Lane, Rockville, MD 20852**, the subject property of these proceedings, made and reported by Adam Friedman, Ralph Vartolo, Catherine Aponte, and Rachel Kiefer, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shows on or before the **3rd day of July, 2024**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **3rd day of July, 2024**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$1,111,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
2001 PENN
COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING
2001 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, dated as of July 16, 2014 (the "Deed of Trust"), from 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue LLC, a Delaware limited liability company for the benefit of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a New York corporation ("Original Lender"), recorded July 17, 2014, as Document No. 2014064373, with the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and assigned by Original Lender to MetLife Real Estate Lending LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, dated as of July 7, 2023, having an effective date of June 1, 2023, recorded July 24, 2023, as Document No. 2023062558, in Land Records, and (i) affected by Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees, dated March 12, 2024, recorded March 20, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024025939 in the Land Records, appointing Glenn J. Figurski, Esq. and Constantinos G. Panagopoulos, Esq. as Substitute Trustees ("Substitute Trustees") and (ii) assigned to 2001 Penn Owner LLC ("Noteholder") by Assignment of Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing and Assignment of Absolute Assignment of Leases and Rents, dated as of May 15, 2024, recorded May 30, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024050332 in the Land Records (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of Noteholder, and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, which was recorded, with an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, May 31, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024050450 and Instrument No. 2024050451, respectively, in the Land Records, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell, at public auction, within the office of AT THE OFFICES OF HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS AT 5335 WISCONSIN AVE., NW, SUITE 440; WASHINGTON, DC 20015, AT 11:30 A.M. on

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 AT 11:30 AM

Part of Lot Forty-four (44) in Square numbered Seventy-eight (78) in the subdivision made by 2000 K, L.L.C. and 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue LLC, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 208 at folio 178; SAID PART BEING all of former Lot numbered Forty (40) in Square numbered Seventy-eight (78) in the subdivision made by 2001 Associates Limited Partnership, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 180 at folio 134.

NOTE: At the date hereof, the above described part of Lot Forty-four (44) in Square Seventy-eight (78) is designated on the Records of the Assessor for the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot Eight Hundred Fifty-three (853) in Square Seventy-eight (78).

Together with a perpetual non-exclusive easement and right-of-way for purposes of pedestrian and vehicular access to the Loading Berths as set forth in that certain Declaration of Access Easement, dated July 13, 1988 and recorded August 4, 1988 as Instrument No. 42624.

Together with the development rights associated with Memorandum of Lease by and between The Arts Club of Washington, Inc., Lessor and Joel M. Farr, trustee for 2001 Associates, Lessee, dated August 4, 1988 and recorded August 11, 1988 as Instrument No. 43968; as affected by Memorandum of Lease Assignment from 2001 Associates, a District of Columbia limited partnership to 2001 Penn. Limited Partnership, dated September 17, 2001 and recorded September 17, 2001 as Instrument No. 2001088848 and Re-Recorded January 8, 2002 as Instrument No. 2002002619; as further affected by Assignment and Assumption of Air Rights Lease by and between 2001 Penn. Limited Partnership, Assignor and Benenson Mukwonago Penn LLC, et al, Assignee, dated July 12, 2007 and recorded July 18, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007094313 and as further affected by Assignment and Assumption of Air Rights Lease by and between Benenson Mukwonago Penn LLC, et al, Assignor, and 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue LLC, Assignee, recorded on July 17, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014064372.

Together with the rights, if any, associated with Covenant [Chapter 24, 11 D.C.M.R.] (Planned Unit Development) dated as of July 11, 1988 by and among 2001 Associates, a District of Columbia limited partnership, 2011 Eye Land Limited Partnership, a District of Columbia limited partnership, The Arts Club of Washington, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, and the District of Columbia, a municipal corporation, recorded on July 27, 1988 as Instrument No. Instrument No. 40947.

Together with the rights associated with Single Lot Covenant and Easement dated as of September 8, 2014 by and between 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue LLC and 2000 K, L.L.C., recorded on September 8, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014082274.

Together with any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the Real Estate, 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 located in, upon or about the Real Estate and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that 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 $1,000,000 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 5 business days after completion of the sale, and delivered to the Substitute Trustees in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. In the event the successful purchaser fails to deliver the additional deposit as and when required, the initial deposit will be forfeited. Noteholder (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit or, if they are the winning bidder, any additional deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders, except 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 does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, the entire deposit will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 calendar days from the 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 rate then being charged under the note secured by the Deed of Trust, from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Substitute Trustees reserve the right to retain the entire deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustees may deem proper, and to avail themselves and Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. Settlement will be handled by Chicago Title Insurance Company in Washington, DC.

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 and such facts as would be revealed by an accurate survey of the Property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty 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, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. The Property will also be sold without any contingency for the successful purchaser to perform any due diligence investigation of the Property prior to settlement. 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, structural integrity or fitness for a particular use of any improvements or fixtures 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 laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, and acceptance of the Substitute Trustees Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims against the Substitute Trustees or 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 Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. The Property is sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not, and all unfunded lease and capital improvement costs, if any, all of which shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser. Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all (i) recordation taxes, fees and charges, (ii) transfer taxes, fees and charges, (iii) title insurance premiums, (iv) notary fees, (v) settlement and escrow fees, and (vi) all other fees, costs and charges 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 the deposit without interest. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. Please contact Fred Shaneybrook at fred@hwestauctions.com or 410-769-9797 with any questions.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 128 BOWLER LN, ORANGE, VA 22960

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 14, 2015, in the original principal amount of $67,155.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Orange County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 150008710. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Orange County, 109 W. Main Street, Orange, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **July 18, 2024, at 12:00 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THOSE TWO CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ORANGE, ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND RIGHTS THEREUNTO BELONGING, BEING LOTS 10 AND 11 OF THE BENJAMIN P. BOWLER SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY IN DEED BOOK 87, PAGE 362.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
14060 Berryville Rd
Germantown, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from IAN M. NANZ AND MARGITA O. NANZ, dated November 27, 2019 and recorded in Liber 58847, folio 12 among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-22-002273; Tax ID No.06-00400240) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JULY 2, 2024 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $40,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, 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, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-004657)

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SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Kingsview Village Homeowners Association vs. Fredrick Kambugu and Aisha Kambugu in the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. 06-01-0016944-2019 have this 7th day of February 2024, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Fredrick Kambugu and Aisha Kambugu, of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Fredrick Kambugu and Aisha Kambugu, located at 14012 Falconcrest Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874 and further described as Lot numbered Twenty-one (21) in Block lettered "K" in the subdivision known as "KINGSVIEW VILLAGE" as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 194 at Plat no. 21242, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Being the same property conveyed unto Fredrick Kambugu and Aisha Kambugu by deed recorded in Liber 48746 at Folio 00452 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Fredrick Kambugu and Aisha Kambugu interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Fredrick Kambugu and Aisha Kambugu, and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 am**.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

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SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Fairways Condominium vs. Michael F. Heffernan in the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. 06-02-0008798-2021 have this 23th day of April 2024, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Michael F. Heffernan, of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Michael F. Heffernan, located at 3772 Bel Pre Road, #13, Silver Spring, MD 20906 and further described as Condominium Unit numbered 3772/13, in a condominium styled "FAIRWAYS CONDOMINIUM', as per plat recorded in Condominium Plat Book 20, at Plat 1998, through and including Plat No. 2018, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, being part of the land and premises declared to be subject to a Condominium Regime by a certain Declaration dated November 10, 1978, in Liber 5251 at folio 637, et seq., among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Being the same property conveyed unto Michael F. Heffernan by deed recorded in Liber 27280 at Folio 00711 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Michael F. Heffernan's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Michael F. Heffernan, and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:15 am**.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
13303 Lydia St
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ANDY B. VINH, dated March 5, 2012 and recorded in Liber 43620, folio 386 among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000640; Tax ID No.13-01320278) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JULY 2, 2024 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, 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, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-009421)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1008 7th Street
Laurel, MD 20707

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PATRICK J. FLANAGAN, Trustee(s), dated September 15, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 26689 , folio 148 , 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED EIGHT (8), IN BLOCK LETTERED "E", IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "FAIRLAWN", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK WWW 19 AT PLAT 69 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND AND BEING IN THE 10TH ELECTION OF SAID COUNTY . WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF: 1008 7TH STREET, LAUREL , MARYLAND 20707 PROPERTY ID# 10-0993659

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 $14,000.00 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S 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. (22-07970)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY

5718 BLACK HAWK DRIVE
OXON HILL, MD 20745

(Case No.: C-16-CV-23-000896 in The Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Indemnity Deed of Trust from Curtis Lee Johnson, Sr. dated June 7, 2019 and recorded in Liber 43955, folio 575 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JULY 2, 2024 AT 11:10 AM

The following described property, thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
Parcel 1:
Being known and designated as Lot 12 in Block 106 in a subdivision known as Section 7, Forest Heights as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book BB 10 at plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince Georges County, Maryland.
Parcel 2:
The north 30 feet by the full depth of lot 13 block 106 in the subdivision known as Section 7, Forest Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book BB 10 at Plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince Georges County, Maryland.
The property address being known as: 5718 Black Hawk Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.
Tax ID No. 12-1301407
The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
The property will be sold subject to a prior Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2017 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 39908, Page 410, in the original principal amount of $228,480.00 with a payoff amount of $236,434.53 as of March 22, 2024.
The property will be sold subject to a prior Financing Statement related to solar panels dated January 19, 2018 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 40473, Page 306 and thereafter renewed on May 15, 2023 and recorded at Book 48824, Page 214, with a payoff amount of $42,286.89 as of September 20, 2023.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the amount of $15,000 in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit shall be retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting Purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.
Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 11% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lienholder and are a contractual obligation between the lienholder and the owner of the property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lienholder. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at sale.
The property will be sold subject to a 120-day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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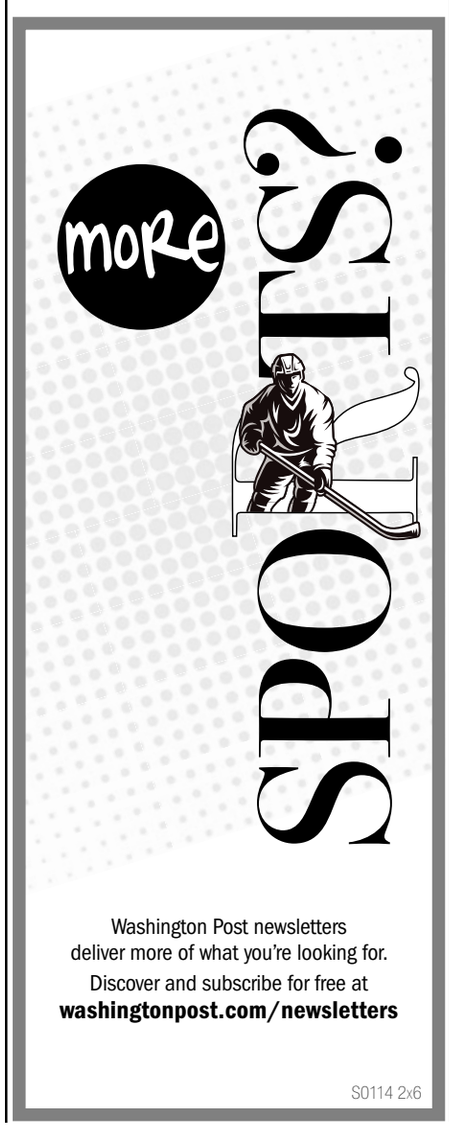

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
REAL PROPERTY

13215 OYSTERCATCHER LANE
AND
OUTLOTS C & D OYSTERCATCHER LANE
BOWIE, MD 20720

(Case No.: C-16-CV-23-001797 in The Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust from Reginald Gayles dated September 25, 2015 and recorded in Liber 37574, folio 455 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 11:05 AM

ALL THOSE FEE-SIMPLE LOTS OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements, if any, thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Purchase Money Deed of Trust as follows:
PARCEL #1
Beginning for the same at a point on the northwesterly right of way line of Mockingbird Lane, formerly known as the Washington Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railroad Line, sixty-six (66) feet wide, said point being at the intersection of the 2nd or North 33 ° West, 209.97 foot line, described in the aforesaid conveyance recorded in Liber 2146 at Folio 48, with said northwesterly right of way line, and running thence with the outline of the lands of James S. Brady, Jr.
1. North 33°00'00" West, 176.97 feet to a point;
2. North 57°00'00" East, 128.30 feet to a point;
3. South 79°19'00" East, 256.23 feet to a point on said northwesterly right of way of Mockingbird Lane; thence with said northwesterly line; and
4. South 57°00'00" West, 313.67 to the place of beginning, containing 39,101 square feet or 0.8976 of an acre of land. Assessed as 32,670 square feet.
BEING the same property described in a Deed dated August 20, 2010 from Brenda Duvall and Glenda J. Stalnaker to B&G Brady, LLC and recorded in the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Liber 31970 at folio 560.
The property being known as: 13215 Oystercatcher Lane, Bowie, MD 20720.
Tax Account No.: 14-1586767
PARCEL #2
Outlots C and D in the subdivision known as "NAZARIO WOODS", as per the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book REP 194 at Plat 71 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland.
BEING the same property described in a Deed dated August 20, 2010 from Brenda Duvall and Glenda J. Stalnaker to B&G Brady, LLC, and recorded in the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 31970 at folio 560.
The property address being known as: Outlots C and D, Oystercatcher Lane, Bowie, MD
Tax Account No.: 14-3456050 and 14-3456068.
(Collectively, the "Property")
The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: The property will be offered as an entirety. A deposit in the amount of $21,000 in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit shall be retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting Purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.
Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 4.75% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lienholder and each owner of the property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lienholder. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at sale.
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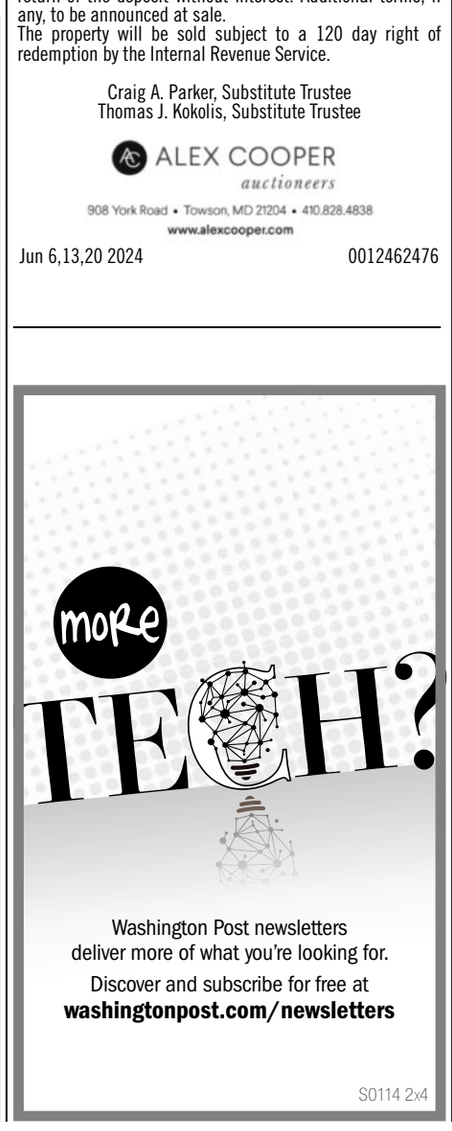

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY
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7601 MILLIGAN LANE
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 23, 2008, recorded in Liber 29745, Folio 429 and re-recorded in Liber 43991, Folio 1 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $352,279.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:53 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 307904-2)

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5402 TRENT STREET
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 22, 2010, recorded in Liber 31475, Folio 219 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $283,627.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:55 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355179-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
8207 RISON DRIVE
Brandywine, MD 20613

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PATRICK J. FLANAGAN, Trustee(s), dated April 5, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 24940 , folio 463 , 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-FIVE (35), AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT 2, BRANDYWINE LANDING", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK CH 191 AT PLAT NO. 57, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND. COMMONLY KNOW-N AS: 8207 RISON DRIVE, BRANDYWINE, MD, 20613 PARCEL: 3371275

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 $40,000.00 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.375 % 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. (19-18048)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

8315 GIBBONS DRIVE
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 6, 2007, recorded in Liber 30819, Folio 116 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $296,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:51 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 200595-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

30 ARENAS COURT
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 17, 2019, recorded in Liber 42267, Folio 250 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $320,100.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359024-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4701 PISTACHIO LANE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 3, 2007, recorded in Liber 28429, Folio 211 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $206,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:43 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362701-2)

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12615 LANHAM SEVERN ROAD
BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2014, recorded in Liber 37185, Folio 40 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $346,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:41 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 364618-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

5002 MANHEIM AVENUE
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 23, 2007, recorded in Liber 28613, Folio 99 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $153,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:39 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 332996-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4216 QUEENSBURY ROAD
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20781

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 10, 2019, recorded in Liber 42458, Folio 259 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $280,980.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 368994-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

11706 MONTAGUE DRIVE
LAUREL, MD 20708

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Tyrone Wilson and Teresa Wilson dated August 12, 2017 and recorded in Liber 40203, folio 251 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:32 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #10-1059468.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $39,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-001514-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
15000 NELSON PERRIE ROAD
Brandywine, MD 20613

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to RICHARD T. CREGGER, Trustee(s), dated July 27, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 22997 , folio 406 , 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

PARCEL FIVE: BEING PART OF THE LAND CLAIMED BY THE HEIRS OF NELSON H. PERRIE AS DESCRIBED IN LIBER 4488 AT FOLIO 318 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE SET IN THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NELSON PERRIE ROAD (50 FEET WIDE) AS SHOWN ON PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 308, SAID PIPE LYING NORTH 99 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, 1.23 FEET FROM A STONE FOUND MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LAND CONVEYED TO JOSEPH N. PERRIE IN LIBER 5115, FOLIO 759 AND THENCE RUNNING WITH SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NELSON PERRIE ROAD, THE FOLLOWING FOUR COURSES: 1. 461.47 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WHOSE RADIUS IS 600.00 FEET WHOSE CENTRAL ANGLE IS 44 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 2.5 SECONDS AND WHOSE CHORD IS NORTH 43 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, 450.18 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY. 2. NORTH 21 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 528.23 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; 3. 220.32 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT WHOSE RADIUS IS 857.75 FEET, WHOSE CENTRAL ANGLE IS 14 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS AND WHOSE CHORD IS NORTH 29 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 00 SECONDS, WEST 219.71 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; AND 4. NORTH 36 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 114.30 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE SET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NELSON PERRIE ROAD AND RUNNING WITH A STREAM THE FOLLOWING NINE COURSES: 5. NORTH 53 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 29.63 FEET; 6. SOUTH 79 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 188.35 FEET; 7. NORTH 73 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, 121.31 FEET; 8. NORTH 89 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, 91.36 FEET; 9. SOUTH 70 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, 92.72 FEET; 10. NORTH 31 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 76.62 FEET; 11. NORTH 68 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 78.00 FEET; 12. NORTH 41 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 66.19 FEET; 13. SOUTH 88 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, 33.14 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LAND OF JOSEPH N. PERRIE (LIBER 5115 FOLIO 759); THENCE RUNNING WITH THE WEST LINE OF JOSEPH N. PERRIE 14. SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST, 1228.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 10.3904 ACRES.

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 $20,500.00 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2% 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. (15-21270)

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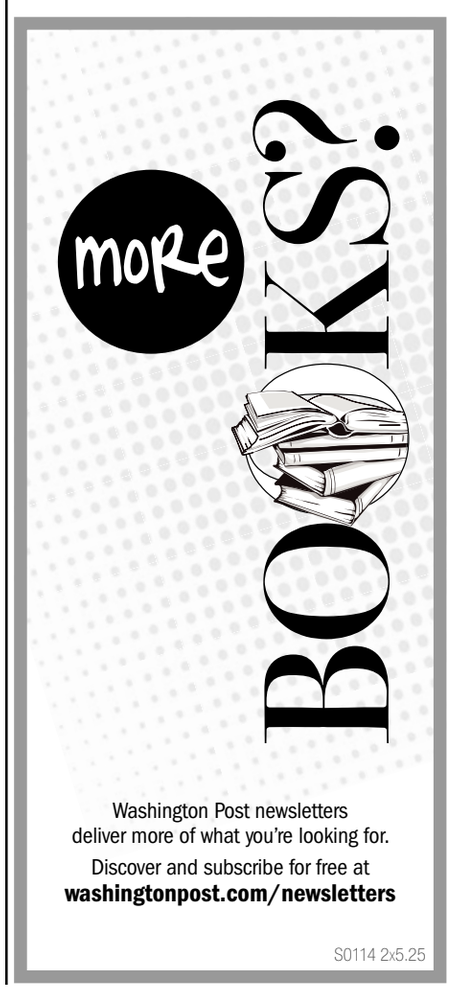

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ANDREW VALENTINE, Trustee(s), dated January 25, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,** MARYLAND in Liber 27470 , folio 728 , 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTEEN (13) IN BLOCK LETTERED "C" IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "DEFENSE HEIGHTS", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK WWW 18 AT PLAT 62, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, BEING IN THE 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT.

Property is subject to a IRS Right of Redemption.

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 $18,500.00 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.948 % 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. (21-07880)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, Trustee(s), dated April 26, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 45513 , folio 582, MODIFIED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 IN BOOK 49072, PAGE 446, 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:
LOTS NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (254) AND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (255) IN BLOCK NUMBERED EIGHTEEN (18) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "SHERMAN PARK", AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK JWB 5, PLAT NUMBERED 642, RE-RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK A, PLAT NUMBERED 103, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

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 $13,000.00 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.875 % 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. (22-07461)

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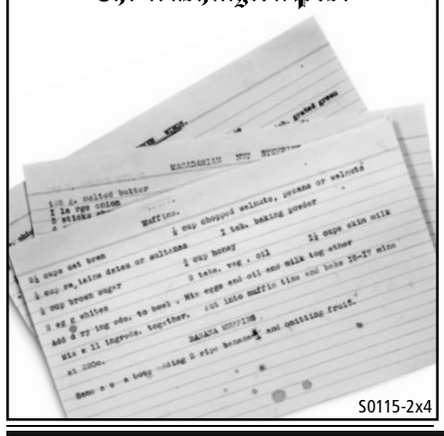

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

5103 WOODLAND BOULEVARD
OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 30, 2018, recorded in Liber 40831, Folio 215 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $339,400.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 10:49 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $32,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 361544-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

753 SUNNYFIELD LANE
BALTIMORE, MD 21225

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 28, 2005, recorded in Liber 17142, Folio 473 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $210,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 9:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 342947-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Lusby, MD 20657

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to O'CONNOR HAMMEL & BUTLER PA, Trustee(s), dated December 17, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 6190 , folio 126 , 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 CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 24, 2024 at 2:15 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

PARCEL 291 R, CONTAINING 0.994 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED REPLATTING OF PARCELS 279 AND 291 PROPERTIES OF ROBERT AND ERIKA MATSUDAIRA SITUATED NEAR SOLOMONS ISLAND, RECORDED IN PLAT KPS 2 AT PAGE 54. BEING IN THE 1ST ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID CALVERT COUNTY, STATE OF MARYLAND. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS: 12855 MCCREADY ROAD, LUSBY, MD. 20657. APN: 01-021745

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 $20,500.00 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 CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 18 % 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. (23-23160)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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Columbia, MD 21046

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from GERMAN A. GARCIA AND DEVORA A. HERNANDEZ-MARTINEZ, dated March 10, 2006 and recorded in Liber 9995, folio 385 among the Land Records of HOWARD COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-13-CV-23-000795; Tax ID No.06-395198) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043, on

JULY 2, 2024 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $35,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for HOWARD COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, 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, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-006895)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

55 RIVERSIDE RUN DRIVE
INDIAN HEAD, MD 20640

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 30, 2005, recorded in Liber 5498, Folio 704 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $153,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

JUNE 25, 2024 AT 1:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 365183-1)

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
12003 Boulder Court, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated September 19, 2013 and recorded September 24, 2013 in Instrument Number 201300022383 in the Clerk's Office for the **Spotsylvania County** Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $388,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Spotsylvania County located at 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

July 09, 2024 at 10:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with all right and privileges thereto appurtenant, situate, lying and being in Chancellor Magisterial District, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and being shown and described as Lot 202, Section 3-B, Sawhill, on that certain Plat of Subdivision, Section Three-B, Sawhill, prepared by William F. Ware, Jr., L.S., dated July 2, 2002, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, in Instrument No. 200300002547.

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

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

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Are you cleaning your water bottle enough?

BY JEANNE HUBER

Q: How do I properly clean my reusable water bottle? And how often should I be doing this?
A: That's a good question, if for no reason other than it shows you know it's an issue. Many people believe that if they put only safe-to-drink tap water into a water bottle, there's no need to clean it. After all, what goes in is clean, so what's the worry?

If you in fact put only water in your bottle, rinse it each evening and let it air-dry overnight or get two bottles and cycle between them, that may be fine. It's when the interior stays wet that bacteria and mold are most likely to multiply, so the interior really needs to dry.

Here are some best practices for cleaning your bottle:

• **Wash the lid with soap and water regularly — each day, ideally,** because that's where your lips transfer germs. Follow that routine and you might not need to deep clean, although that never hurts.

• **In some cases, though, you should clean with soap and water after each use.** That includes if you leave water sitting in the bottle or you fill it with something other than plain water.

• **Molds and algae can also grow and form a slimy surface inside.** It's even worse if you put in sugary drinks, which leave residue that helps bacteria and molds thrive. Even residue from black coffee creates an environment that can increase microbe growth.

• **Use a disinfectant and soak it for a bit** if you sense a foul odor, see or smell mold, or find caked-on bits in the bottle.

• **Letting grime accumulate on the outside of a water bottle also has consequences.** It increases the chance that you will get some of that grime into the water inside the bottle while you are opening or closing the lid.

REI, an outdoor gear supplier that sells an array of reusable water bottles and hydration systems, agrees that rinsing and air-drying is fine in most cases, but offers some recommendations for when more is needed:

• **Put a teaspoon of baking soda and a teaspoon of chlorine bleach in the bottle, then fill it with water and let it sit overnight.** (Mixing bleach with some cleaning agents can release toxic fumes, but it's okay to mix bleach with baking soda. Both are strong alkalis, and baking soda boosts the effectiveness of bleach and reduces its residual odor.) The next day, rinse out the bottle or put it in the dishwasher if it's a model that can be cleaned that way. Let the bottle dry completely before you reuse it.

• **If you don't want to use bleach, try baking soda and hot soapy water.** Or use white vinegar or lemon juice and hot soapy water.

• **If your water bottle is stainless steel,** baking soda without bleach is best because bleach can make the metal look dark and dull.

• **If your water bottle has residue from smoothies or juices,** you might need to put a little muscle into the cleaning. Many water bottles are too tall or have necks that are too narrow to effectively clean with a sponge or washcloth. But wander down the baby aisle at a store that caters to parents and you will find bottle brushes with sponge tips that reach into the bottom of a water bottle and allow you to scrub there without scratching the surface. You'll also find narrower brushes that work great for cleaning straws or sip tips on water bottles, as well as short wands with fuzzy tips that reach into crevices in the multipart lids that some water bottles have.

• **REI also suggests using antibacterial mouth wash** to get rid of foul odors.

Cleaning reservoirs of hydration systems is more complicated because the interior surfaces are harder to reach. CamelBak sells a cleaning set ($12 at camelbak.com) with a brush that has a handle shaped to fit into the recesses of a reservoir, and a narrow brush on a cable for cleaning the drinking tube. Platypus makes a similar set ($15.95 at platy.com).

Follow these steps:

• **To clean the reservoir, fill it most of the way with hot water.** Add your choice of cleaner: For each liter the reservoir holds, use ¼ cup baking soda, ¼ cup lemon juice, or two to five drops of chlorine bleach, stirred into ¾ cup water. Or you can use tablets made for cleaning dentures or tablets made specifically for cleaning reservoirs.

• **Close the reservoir and shake it to mix the cleaner and water.** Open the valve on the drinking tube briefly, just until the tube fills with the cleaning solution.

• **Let the cleaning water sit for about 20 minutes** unless you are using tablets, in which case follow instructions on the label.

• **Drain the water and disassemble the reservoir, tube and valve.** Wash and scrub everything with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and let everything air dry.

• **Do not put any of the parts** in a dishwasher.

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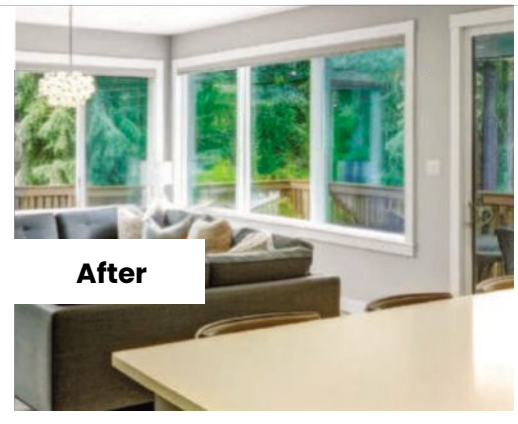

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This 101-year-old scientist may have created your new favorite tomato

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Teri Koster, an agriculture lead at WVU Organic Farm, shovels soil on top of a weed barrier as farm intern Hailey Lane holds the sheeting taut around the row of just-planted tomato starts. The tomato plants will be harvested for their seeds and the seeds will be distributed by the WVU Evansdale Greenhouse.

BY ASHLEY STIMPSON

MORGANTOWN, W.VA. — On a morning in late May, a group of volunteers gathers at West Virginia University's Organic Research Farm in Morgantown, a rippling plot of land northeast of campus. For the next three hours, as an ornery donkey screeches in the valley below, seven pairs of muddy boots trek back and forth across the field, stretching black plastic sheeting, fiddling with irrigation lines and tucking tomato seedlings into the ground.

But there is one pair of boots missing.

You may not have heard of Mannon Gallegly, but chances are you've eaten one of his tomatoes, and perhaps even grown one in your garden. More than 60 years ago, Gallegly bred the first tomato that could stand up to *Phytophthora infestans*, otherwise known as tomato blight. The West Virginia '63, sometimes called "the people's tomato," is still a seed-catalogue superstar and beloved around the world, gracing gardens from Alabama to Africa.

BRIAN PERSINGER/WVU

Mannon Gallegly's hybrid tomato.

This year marks the first time since 1949 that Gallegly, who moved into a nursing home after falling ill in the spring, has missed the annual planting. Back then, the seedlings were sown in the garden of nearby Huttonsville Correctional Center, where inmates provided free labor.

This morning's planters are a mix of graduate students from WVU's Davis College of Agriculture — where Gallegly worked for 38 years — and volunteers who have known the plant pathologist for decades. Gallegly developed three more hardy tomato varieties since 1963, each of which has claimed a spot in this year's field, including his latest and likely his last.

After the college publicized the release of the tomato, called Mannon's Majesty, earlier this year — noting that it was free for any West Virginian who wanted seeds, per Gallegly's insistence — WVU's greenhouse manager Whitney Dudding came to work the next Monday morning to find 2,000 email orders waiting in her inbox, a number that far outstripped availability.

Many of the tomatoes being planted this morning will provide seeds to fulfill those requests.

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WVU Evansdale Greenhouse manager Whitney Dudding, left, chats with plant pathology professor emeritus Mannon Gallegly. Earlier that morning, Dudding led a group at the WVU Organic Farm in planting varieties of tomatoes developed by Gallegly that would be harvested for seed distribution. Gallegly developed the first blight-resistant tomato in 1963. The waiting list for his newest variety is already in the thousands.

Until very recently, Dudding held out hope Gallegly might make it to the organic farm for the occasion. A few weeks beforehand, when she visited him in the nursing home, planting seedings was very much on the centenarian's mind. "We got to get these tomatoes in the ground," he told her.

"Every year, even last year, he's been out there on the soft soil, out there in the heat, walking around, right there with us," she says. "I really don't know how he does it."

Humble roots

The son of a carpenter and a school dietitian, Gallegly grew up in the rural southwest corner of Arkansas. "We were pretty poor people," he says. During the Great Depression, his parents grew cotton on rented land, where Gallegly logged the first of many hours spent walking between crop rows.

A teacher from Future Farmers of America inspired Gallegly to attend college, and a Sears Roebuck scholarship made it financially feasible. After graduating from the University of Arkansas with a degree in agriculture, Gallegly went to the University of Wisconsin to get his master's in plant pathology, working on a rice disease called white tip.

In June 1949, Gallegly arrived in Morgantown, initially unimpressed by the area's "awful" mountain roads. "We went around and around and around," he says. Still, these were happy times for the 26-year-old, newly minted scientist.

A tray of extra tomato starts sits along one of the rows of recently planted tomatoes at the WVU Organic Farm. The plants will be harvested for their seeds and the seeds will be distributed by the WVU Evansdale Greenhouse. The tomato is free for any West Virginian who wanted seeds, per Gallegly's insistence, and WVU has received thousands of orders.

"That was my favorite month," he recalls. "I had a new job, I had a new wife, I had a new baby." He also had a new three-acre research farm on the grounds of the nearby medium-security prison, where he could conduct trials on plant diseases, including tomato blight.

By the following summer, Gallegly's fields swayed with potato and tomato plants of all different varieties. Then disaster struck. "The disease farmers and gardeners feared most" arrived, he says: late blight. The pathogen leaves ugly brown bruises stretching across the leaves, stem and fruit until the plant looks like it's been blasted with a blow torch.

That year, Gallegly lost nearly his entire crop of tomatoes to late blight — except for a few wild varieties with tiny fruit that showed a curious resistance to the disease.

'The people's tomato'

In the 1950s, late blight was more than just an annoyance for the home gardener. In the right conditions, *Phytophthora infestans*, which is Greek for "plant destroyer," can wipe out entire food supplies, as it did during the 1840s, when about 1 million people starved during the Irish Potato Famine. For growers in West Virginia, which leads the nation in small, family farms, a bad *Phytophthora* infestation can be devastating.

For 13 years, Gallegly worked on developing an indestructible tomato, crossing those initial wild varieties that showed genetic resistance to blight with popular commercial tomatoes including Rutgers, Wisconsin 55 and some Campbell Soup varieties.

"[Each year], I had tomatoes spread out on a three-acre field, and I walked every row, looked at every plant," he says. "Then I'd pick a ripe tomato, slice it, and taste it." If the tomato didn't pass the taste test — regardless of how disease-resistant it seemed — he threw it out.

Finally, he stumbled upon a variety that was both blight-resistant *and* delicious. "Good things happen sometimes," he says.

Gallegly, who primarily views himself as a public servant, called his creation "the people's tomato." When it was released to the public in 1963 as part of the state's centennial celebration it was given a new name: the West Virginia '63.

It remains a favorite. In 2013, when the WVU Extension Office offered up free packets of seeds to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the tomato's release, more than 19,000 requests poured in. The demand far exceeded supply — and overwhelmed Extension staff, who called it "the seed gold rush."

Dudding says that of the 2,000 seed orders she received last winter for Mannon's Majesty, many came with a personal note, "especially about the '63. There are a lot of out-of-state alumni who are missing a taste of West Virginia."

A lifelong pursuit

Gallegly retired in 1986, but that didn't stop him from coming into work every day.

"Even in the lunchroom, it always came back to *Phytophthora*," says Mark Double, a retired WVU plant pathologist and a volunteer at the planting in May. "I don't care what we were talking

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about, *Phytophthora* was just in his blood."

In 2008, when he was 85, Gallegly published a seminal book on *Phytophthora*. He also continued to breed tomatoes.

In 2017, he released the West Virginia '17a, known as the Mountaineer Pride, and the West Virginia '17b, or Mountaineer Delight. Both tomatoes were bred using West Virginia '63 as the parent fruit and boasted resistance to late blight as well as to Septoria leaf spot, a defoliating disease that exposes the fruit to sunburn. Gallegly, however, wasn't wholly satisfied with the plants' ability to withstand the latter (it was recommended that growers use fungicide to fully protect the plant) so he kept breeding. In January of this year, Mannon's Majesty was unveiled to the public.

In addition to writing books and breeding tomatoes, Gallegly has mentored countless plant pathologists getting their start in Morgantown. Dudding, who has helped Gallegly with cultivating diseases (to test for resistance in plants) and crossbreeding, "because my hands were smaller and steadier than his," says the scientist "is never in a hurry. He has always had time to talk to me and teach me."

WVU graduate student Inty Hernández, who's been working with Gallegly on breeding new tomatoes, agrees, saying: "He's very supportive all the time. It has been very inspiring to work with him. Sometimes you feel tired, you know, and then you arrive to the greenhouse and there's a 100-year-old man hard at work."

Plans for the future

Just a few miles down the road from the WVU Organic Research Farm, at the Sundale Nursing Home, Gallegly sits in a brightly lit common space, next to a table crowded with magazines and colored pencils. Above the swirls of his gray hair, a muted TV broadcasts a daytime talk show.

Dudding and Double have changed out of their muddy boots and arrived for a visit.

"Your tomatoes are in, buddy!" says Double, proudly holding up a photo on his cellphone.

Gallegly's pale eyes register relief. He asks Dudding if the team will be sure to hold back as much seed as possible for West Virginians.

Still, Gallegly, who likes his tomatoes sliced fresh with a pinch of salt, is hoping he'll be the one deseeding tomatoes later this summer, carving them out of the fruit with his trusty long-bladed knife.

"I'm hoping when I'm well enough, I can walk those rows and make some selections," he says. "I've got an impression in my mind of what a good tomato should look like and taste like."

When asked to describe that impression, Gallegly doesn't hesitate.

"A tomato," he says.

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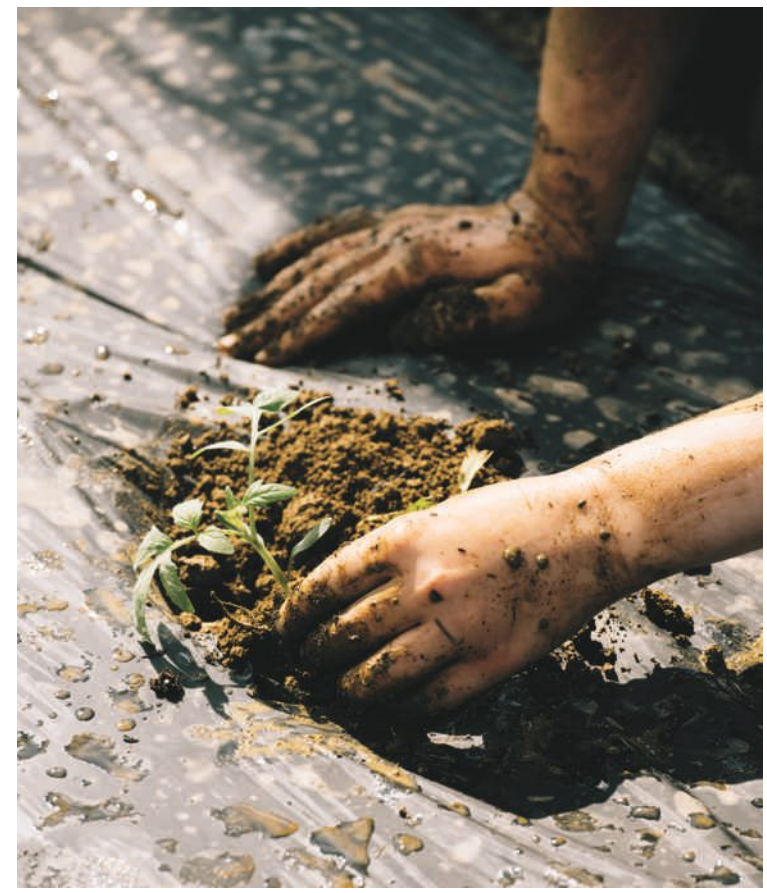

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Willy Taylor, a horticulture student at WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, plants a tomato start. Mannon Gallegly, who primarily views himself as a public servant, called his creation "the people's tomato." "He's very supportive all the time," WVU graduate student Inty Hernández said. "It has been very inspiring to work with him. Sometimes you feel tired, you know, and then you arrive to the greenhouse and there's a 100-year-old man hard at work."

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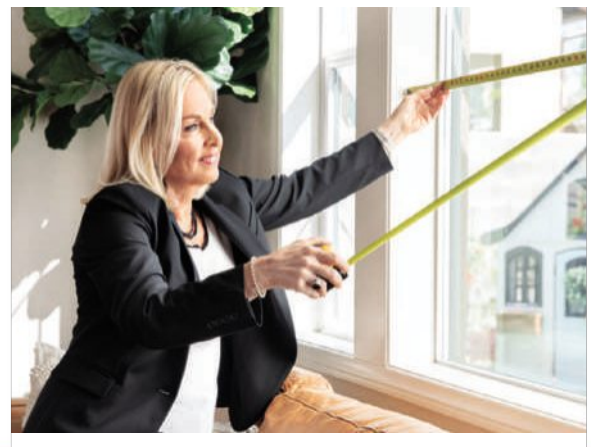

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FROM LEFT: Drawers will stay neater if you use compartmentalized dividers. Being able to see and easily access pantry items is key. BELOW: Just as you would in your closet, group similar items together in your refrigerator.

Organizing pros dish on how to get a tidy and functional kitchen

BY JENNIFER BARGER

Scroll TikTok or troll HGTV, and you might think kitchen organization begins and ends with open shelving stacked neatly with crisp white plates, or a pantry stocked with clear plastic bins filled with items arranged in rainbow order a la the Home Edit.

In the real world, professional organizers are more likely to recommend thinking of your kitchen in functional zones, and then arranging your pots, gadgets and food around how you cook (or don't) in the space. "It's amazing how often people unpack their kitchen stuff and don't think about how or where they'll use it," says Scott Roewer, of the Organizing Agency in D.C.

Let the classic kitchen triangle (sink, fridge, stove) guide you as you stash your stuff: Store oils and spices near the cooktop, put the dish rack next to the sink. If you have a lot of kitchen clutter, start by taking everything out of your cabinets and fridge and grouping items by category (cake pans, dried pastas). Before putting it all back, purge what's expired or what you no longer need.

Here are other simple principles to help you tackle the main spaces of your kitchen.

The pantry: Ensure items are visible

Once you've sorted nonperishable food and kitchen wares into categories, figure out where to put them back. Store similar items together (canned goods, baking ingredients) and consider affixing labels to the insides of drawers and cabinets to indicate what goes where.

Being able to easily see and access items in the pantry (or the cabinets that function as one) is key. "If things aren't shoved into cabinets willy-nilly, you can quickly glance into the pantry and know what you have," says Dana K. White, of A Slob Comes Clean. "Then you can 'shop' your kitchen before making dinner."

Organizing gear can help tame the pantry, too. Onions and potatoes might slip into clear plastic bins or simple baskets; spices can be arranged on stair-stepped risers (think mouse-size bleachers). "And turntables are fantastic, since you can just spin them to access stuff that's at the back of a cabinet," says organizer Anne Mooney, of Oakland, Calif. "It's a circular solution to a square problem."

The cabinets: Focus on what you use and how you use it

The prime real estate in your cabinets — easy-to-reach shelves, drawers close to the dishwasher — should be devoted to whichever plates, dishes and cookware you use most often. "It's about proximity, putting silverware in the drawer right next to the dishwasher, or coffee mugs right above the coffee maker," White says.

Drawers will stay neater if you use compartmentalized dividers like silverware trays and low-profile knife blocks. This also keeps items from sliding around in drawers and becoming jumbled. If your cupboards don't have slide-out shelves (a feature in many newer kitchens), you can add your own pullouts from companies like Rev-a-Shelf, the Container Store's Elfa or ShelfGenie.

For dishes and glassware you only need a few times a year — Grandma's formal china, large serving platters — Roewer suggests "looking beyond the kitchen for storage." He keeps his wine goblets and collection of cocktail swizzle sticks in his dining room sideboard and recommends that space-challenged clients place holiday-only plates and cups in padded, zippered containers that they stash in a closet or attic.

The fridge: Treat it like a closet

Pretend your refrigerator is a closet for food, and it may be easier for you to organize it. This means that like goes with like once again. "Subdivide the fridge with one spot for drinks, another for meat and cheese, another for

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produce," Mooney says. You can do that using the drawers the appliance came with (veggie crisper, fruit drawer) or via a few see-through plastic bins on the shelves.

Roewer swears by a "file not pile" storage mantra, particularly in the freezer. "You want to put stuff into the drawer on its side so you can see more of it," he says. "You can also take things like frozen pizzas out of their excess packaging before you put them away. That can save room."

Regularly check the expiration dates of refrigerated items, and watch for rotting veggies or spoiled meat. Some newer smart fridges use artificial intelligence to monitor food's freshness, but you'll still need to enter in when you bought that lettuce or the "best by" date on that yogurt.

ANICE HOACHLANDER

There are ways to make awkward areas more functional, as in this kitchen by Anthony Wilder Design/Build.

The countertops: Corral visual clutter

From Instant Pots to knife blocks, anything you leave on kitchen countertops can add to visual clutter. "Whatever you can do to cut down on the amount of stuff on the counter helps the room feel neater," Roewer says. "Everyone has a different tolerance level, but in general, the less you have on the counter, the easier it is to keep clean."

Magazine-worthy minimalism might not be possible in real life. But you can limit the load on your counters by clearing out a cabinet for storing small appliances, replacing a countertop microwave with a drawer model, or buying a dish-drying rack that folds or rolls up so it can be stored out of sight when it's not in use.

Corral the items you do leave on the counter in containers or "stations." Place wooden spoons and spatulas in an oversize jar by the stove or create a beverage station with mugs, tea bags and a sugar canister on a tray next to the coffee machine.

Under the sink or above the stove: Maximize tight spots

When kitchen space is at a premium, awkward spaces can morph into storage spots. "Even though there are plumbing pipes under the sink, you could still add rollout drawers or install shelving for other supplies," says Shannon Kadwell, a kitchen and bath designer at Maryland's Anthony Wilder Design/Build. Or place a small tension rod across the length of the under-sink cabinet, just in front of the pipes, and hang bottles of cleaning supplies from it, nozzles first.

While the tiny cabinets above some range hoods usually get too hot for food storage, they can work for water bottles. Stack them horizontally on their sides, with or without a small rack to hold them in place. "And if you have space above your cabinets, put that to use," Roewer says. "But anything placed in a high spot like that can get greasy or dusty, so put things you don't use often — holiday cookie cutters, party supplies — in bins with lids."

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Too hot to sleep? Experts give advice on cooling sleep technology.

BY ANNIE MIDORI ATHERTON

Americans are facing a hot summer. If you already struggle with overheating at night, you may be intrigued by the abundance of mattresses and other sleep products that claim to be "cooling" — an enticing prospect for those sweating through their sheets.

The proliferation of cooling products is a response to the rise of foam-based mattresses, experts say. Traditional innerspring mattresses tend to stay pretty cool because their design allows for airflow. But when memory foam began flooding the market, consumers realized how stuffy they felt.

Companies adapted by tinkering with their models. They had good reason to do so: There is evidence that cooling can aid in sleep quality, says Alison Kole, founding medical director of Oak Health Center Sleep Program and host of the podcast "Sleep is My Waking Passion."

But the array of options can be overwhelming. As one user posted in the Reddit group r/mattress, "This is ruining my life, just tell me what the [expletive] to buy."

It's made even more challenging by the lack of standardization within the industry. "Cooling is an unregulated term, and everyone takes it to kind of mean a different thing," says Grace Wu, a product analyst at the Good Housekeeping Institute.

And there's no shortage of chatter on social media about all of the options, further muddying the waters. There are active Reddit groups devoted to specific brands (r/bedjet and r/eightsleep) as well as the more general r/mattress group, which has 80,000 members. It's enough to make you dizzy.

We're here to help you find your way in the forest. Understanding the basic technologies is a good starting point.

Cooling mattresses

On a basic level, the more air that can flow through a mattress, the cooler it's going to stay, says Derek Hales, CEO of sleep product review site NapLab. A spring mattress will be cooler than a hybrid mattress, which uses both coils and foam. A hybrid will generally be cooler than an all-foam latex mattress, and latex is more breathable than memory foam.

That said, makers of foam mattresses now have methods to make them cooler. Some use open-cell foam, a spongelike material comprising interconnected air pockets that allow air to circulate. "A breathable proprietary foam can actually work better than gel infusion," says Marten Carlson, lead mattress reviewer at Mattress Clarity.

Some mattresses are infused with materials, such as gel, charcoal or copper, that manufacturers say will aid in cooling, but the results are varied. Gel-infused foam is somewhat effective at keeping people cool, but according to the Good Housekeeping Institute's tests, "the effect is typically temporary," Wu says. It might feel cool when you first lie down, but over the course of the night, that sensation fades.

"While gels can help prevent overheating caused by materials such as memory foam, their actual cooling effects are typically not noticed by our consumer testers," Wu says. "This is similar for charcoal-infused or copper-infused foams."

Other mattresses regulate temperature with phase change materials (PCMs), which are used across industries for cooling — including in astronaut suits. The technology was developed by a company now known as Outlast Technologies, in partnership with NASA. The company doesn't sell bedding to consumers, but you may see Outlast listed in the product descriptions of bedding companies such as Slumber Cloud. When a person's body releases heat, the PCM absorbs the heat energy while undergoing a phase transition (such as from solid to liquid). When the body cools down, the material releases that heat again. Picture tons of tiny parcels of a substance (such as wax) that melt when they reach a certain temperature, pulling heat away from the body.

PCMs are significantly more effective at cooling than products that incorporate gel, Wu says, though they also tend to be more expensive. Generally speaking, you wouldn't find a mattress with PCMs for less than $1,500 for a queen size, Hales says. Gel is much more commonly used, he adds, so the prices for products that incorporate it vary widely: "You'll see gel products used in mattresses as cheap as just a few

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hundred dollars and also used in mattresses that are thousands of dollars."

With any material, quantity matters: A tiny bit of gel, for example, may not do much good, Hales says. The problem is that companies often don't state the quantity of materials. Hales tried mattresses from Octave at different price points that all included a PCM for cooling. With the cheaper model, he couldn't feel the effects. It was a bit more noticeable with the midpriced model, but with the priciest model, it was undeniable. In his experience, price can indicate quality differences to an extent.

"You really don't start to see notably better cooling performance until you're spending $1,500-$2,000 on a queen," he says. That's not to say a cheaper model wouldn't still be better than one without any cooling features, but the difference may not be dramatic. Some pillows also use gel-infused foam and PCMs, so the same considerations apply.

Cooling bedding

With bedding, it's all about the fabric. "If you are a very sweaty sleeper, you want to look for a material that absorbs a lot of moisture and will wick it away," says Jamie Ueda, a freelance product tester.

Some breathable natural fabrics may not be labeled as "cooling" because they don't use special technology to achieve that feel. For example, Ueda recommends linen and percale cotton (a weave with a crisp, lightweight feel). Wu agrees, adding that with cotton, a lower thread count, such as 250-300, will be more breathable than something with a higher count (though the fabric won't be as strong, so you have to weigh your priorities). Lower thread count cotton sheets are typically more affordable, too, ranging from below $50 to about $130 on the higher end.

Then there are performance fibers, such as rayon, which feels cool to the touch, or nylon, which wicks moisture from the body, Wu says. TENCEL Lyocell (which is derived from wood) is also popular for its breathability and cool feeling. Costs for performance fabrics range widely, but many reviewers' top choices hover around $150-$250. Wu has a cooling comforter from Rest, which uses a custom Evercool fabric made of nylon and spandex that's designed to be extra moisture-wicking for people who experience night sweats. Some sheets and duvets also use PCM. Slumber Cloud sells a line of bedding with Outlast technology, including a lightweight comforter as well as a performance sheet set that was Good Housekeeping Institute's top pick for cooling sheets.

Cooling gadgets

If all else fails, there's technology that can help cool your bed. The BedJet ($599), for example, pulls air from the room and blows it directly into your bedding. There are also water-based pads such as the Chilipad Cube Bed Sleep System, which pumps water through thin tubes embedded in a mattress topper, allowing you to adjust the temperature from a remote control. You can buy one for just one side of the bed (beginning at $649) or outfit both sides for about twice the cost.

And there are smart beds and toppers, such as the Eight Sleep Pod, which uses water-based thermal elements in addition to smart sensors to regulate a person's temperature. Reviewers say it works, but the cost is high (more than $4,000 for the newest one) and there's a subscription fee to access all features.

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Luggage is a vector for germs. Here's how to clean it properly.

BY STACEY COLINO

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Every time you take a trip, your luggage may pass through many hands, including those of the airline crew, a taxi or bus driver, the hotel bellhop, or a tour operator.

"Think about all the places you're dragging your luggage — through streets and different environments — and how many people are touching it if you're flying or staying in hotels," says Jan Louise Jones, program coordinator for hospitality and tourism management at the University of New Haven. All that exposure to other people and places can cause dirt, dust and germs to accumulate on your bags. And who wants to touch those nasty things, much less bring them home? That's why it's important to clean your luggage.

"Cleaning luggage is about more than just appearance — it's about health as well," says Jason Tetro, a microbiologist in Edmonton, Alberta, and author of "The Germ Code" and "The Germ Files." "Luggage is a vector for the transfer of pathogens [infectious agents that cause disease], which means it could transmit infections to you."

Here are tips from experts on how to clean your luggage properly.

How to clean the outside of luggage

When you're traveling, as soon as you get to your destination Tetro recommends at least cleaning the luggage's handle — "because that's the one thing everybody touches," he says — and the zipper tabs with an antimicrobial wipe or a clean rag or microfiber cloth and a little disinfectant, such as hydrogen peroxide.

Regardless of where you're staying, you should never put your bags on the bed. Use the luggage rack or the top of the dresser, or place bags in the bathroom so you don't spread dirt and germs to the bed. And when you get home, put the luggage on the floor or in the bathroom, for the same reasons.

Once you're home, clean the outside of the suitcase, including the handle and zipper tabs. "To clean hard-sided luggage, rub it down with either an antibacterial wipe or a rag with a mix of dish soap and water," says Kristin DiNicolantonio, senior director of stakeholder communications at the American Cleaning Institute in Washington, D.C. A damp eraser sponge can help remove any scuff marks.

Soft suitcases made of nylon, canvas or polyester "are going to absorb more of the environment around them," DiNicolantonio says. You can use the same tools: an antibacterial wipe or a mix of soap and water and a clean cloth to clean it. "Work the solution gently into the fibers of the luggage with a soft brush such as a toothbrush or plastic bristle brush to pull up any dirt and stains," she says. Then, "wipe away the excess moisture and residue before letting the case dry in the sun or an airy spot."

Don't forget about the bottom of the bag and the wheels. "Remove any debris such as carpet fibers, dirt and hair from the wheels so that each wheel turns and spins freely along its axis," DiNicolantonio says. You can use scissors to cut out anything that's really lodged in there. Once the wheels are free and clear, wipe them and the bottom of the bag with a disinfecting cleaner or an antibacterial wipe.

How to clean the inside of luggage

There's no need to clean the inside of your luggage while you're traveling, unless something spills, in which case you'll want to clean the lining with soap and water and a washcloth or a disinfecting wipe. But toting around shoes and dirty clothes could leave dirt or, even worse, a funky smell inside. Tetro recommends placing stinky items in plastic bags. It will help keep odors from transferring to other items and prevent your luggage from absorbing those unpleasant smells.

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Keeping suitcases clean prevents the spread of germs and preserves the luggage so it lasts longer.

Once you're home and unpacked, vacuum the inside of the bag, including the pockets and corners, or take the suitcase outside, open it and shake it to get rid of lingering dirt, crumbs or other debris. "Some companies now use antimicrobial ingredients in the fabrics," Tetro says, which can reduce concerns about transporting germs.

Next, sanitize the inside of your luggage so your clothes don't adopt a stale smell the next time you travel, says Leslie Reichert, the Green Cleaning Coach and author of "The Joy of Green Cleaning." She recommends combining half a cup of witch hazel or rubbing alcohol with eight to 10 drops of an essential oil (such as lavender or lemon) in a spray bottle. Spray a light mist of the solution throughout the inside of the suitcase or duffel bag, then leave the luggage open to let it dry, she says.

Between trips, Reichert recommends giving the inside of your luggage a quick wipe down with a damp rag or a disinfectant every two to three months to keep it fresh and clean.

And after cleaning your luggage, remember to clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Besides helping you avoid exposure to germs that could make you sick, taking these steps can benefit your luggage, too. "It helps with preservation," Jones says. "It can keep your luggage in better condition inside and out."

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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Lot for Georgetown mansion spans a full block

BY SOPHIA SOLANO

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This semidetached mansion is just one of many Georgetown residences that have housed important people. But size, together with ownership, sets the property apart from most of its neighbors. The lot spans a full block (between 28th and 29th streets NW), and the house has four finished levels and 5,300 square feet.

Two Federal-style houses were combined soon after they were built in the early 1800s to make what is now 1314 28th St. NW, a white-painted brick residence in East Village, north of bustling M Street and east of Wisconsin Avenue. The house is on the market for $7.5 million.

Prominent residents of the house included Anthony Biddle, a mid-20th-century American diplomat, an Army officer and a wealthy socialite; Robert Carney, chief of naval operations during President Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration; and Willmott Lewis, longtime Washington correspondent for the Times of London.

More recent owners include author Walter Isaacson and his wife, lawyer Cathy Wright, who bought it in 2003. Isaacson is best known for his biographies of Steve Jobs (2011) and Elon Musk (2023), and for heading CNN, Time and the Aspen Institute.

After a renovation that extended the rear of the main level — adding a sunroom with big windows that look out on the backyard — the couple sold the house in 2017 for $4.6 million, nearly $3 million less than today's asking price.

Since then, a recently completed renovation included the removal of 34 radiators and the addition of an HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system and other functional and cosmetic upgrades.

"A lot of people are taking these houses apart and making them not look like they're Georgetown houses on the inside," said real estate agent Jean Hanan. "But this one is just so able to carry off a modern look and feel with the touches that were done, still retaining a lot of the historical, architectural feel of Georgetown."

Inside the pale-blue front door is a marble foyer. On one side is a bedroom; on the other is a study or office with a powder room and fireplace. Also on the entry level, there is space for perhaps an exercise room or a bedroom, as well as a laundry room and a bathroom.

$7,500,000

1314 28th St. NW, Washington, D.C.

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 7/6

Approximate square footage: 5,300

Lot size: 6,748 square feet

Features: This Federal-style Georgetown house was once two houses from the early 1800s. It underwent major renovations in 2008 and 2024. The property includes three parking spots.

Listing agent: Jean Hanan, Washington Fine Properties

Upstairs, on the main level, a dining or family room is connected to an all-white galley kitchen with Seimatic cabinetry and Gaggenau appliances. The sunroom, with a 12-foot ceiling, is connected to a patio. Next to the dining room and kitchen is a family room or library with two walls of built-in bookshelves and double-pane French doors to the garden.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The dining room has a chandelier and modern columns. The pale-blue front door opens to a marble foyer. The study has a fireplace flanked by built-in shelving.

A living room connects to an outdoor balcony above the front door. There is also a powder room.

The primary bedroom, on the second level, has three large closets, a fireplace, a dressing room and two bathrooms (one with a shower and one with a tub). Two more bedrooms on this level share an adjoining bathroom with a two-sink vanity. On the third level, two bedrooms share a hall bathroom.

Behind the house are gardens with magnolias, azaleas and boxwood shrubs, a slate patio and a fountain that can be heard inside the main level of the house. The property has an easement for a swimming pool and has three parking spaces in a driveway.

BUYING NEW

School and convent site are remade in Frederick

BY AMY WORDEN

In 2014, developer Jim O'Hare sat down with Richard Griffin, Frederick's economic development director, to talk about historical properties to renovate and infill opportunities to explore in the city.

Frederick has experienced a long-running renaissance. As the Maryland suburbs have pushed northward, the city has attracted retirees seeking a small-city feel in a vibrant urban community and young professionals and teleworkers looking for housing options that are more affordable.

Over the years, O'Hare developed a niche, focusing on older neighborhoods and historical properties in Baltimore, Annapolis and Lewes, Del., to renovate as residential properties that would qualify for historical preservation tax credits.

When Griffin told him that the nearly 170-year-old Visitation Academy complex downtown was available, O'Hare jumped into action and went to work on a redevelopment plan that calls for 27 condominium units and a hotel.

Visitation Academy was founded in 1846 by the Sisters of the Visitation, the same order that founded the Georgetown Visitation school in D.C., after taking over the school property there from the Sisters of Mercy.

Frederick's Catholic boarding school for girls had a rich history and became a city landmark. During the Civil War, cloistered nuns took in and cared for soldiers wounded in the Battle of Antietam, while still running the school.

When the number of sisters dwindled to three, the convent closed in 2005. Visitation Academy continued to operate, but as a day school, until 2016.

Working with his partner, Lance Jaccard, chief executive of OTJ Architects, O'Hare envisioned several uses for the 3½-acre property — by far the largest single piece of available-for-development real estate in downtown Frederick — while preserving its storied history, O'Hare said.

When completed, the development will have three new condominium buildings on the former convent grounds, known as The Visitation Residences. The Greek Revival building (with signature bell tower) that housed the convent and school is being transformed into a boutique hotel affiliated with Marriott. It is set to open in late summer.

Local celebrity chef Bryan Voltaggio will run the hotel restaurant, Wye Oak Tavern, in the ornate former chapel, which has stained glass from Germany, a large marble altar and religious statuary.

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FROM TOP: The living area in a second-floor unit. A fourth-floor unit kitchen. A third-floor deck.

While development was slowed by the pandemic, Building 1 opened in December, and all 10 units sold quickly. Construction on Building 2 started this month, with completion planned for early 2025. Two of the seven units in that building are under contract. The final building, with 10 units, has an opening planned in 2029.

"The level of interest is really fantastic," O'Hare said, attributing the popularity of the project to a confluence of market conditions in Frederick. "There's extremely limited supply in downtown Frederick and significant demand, and there are not options that offer parking underneath the building, new construction and single-floor living."

In Building 1 every unit has three sides of exposure, a wall of glass and a deck with a vista over city rooftops. On clear days, you can see Sugarloaf Mountain in the distance.

Each unit has what O'Hare describes as a "real walk-in laundry room," spacious closets and bathrooms with double vanities. The two-car garages have extra storage space. Owners were offered the opportunity to participate in a semi-custom build, choosing countertops, bathroom tile and the arrangement of some spaces.

O'Hare said target markets for the units include residents, empty nesters perhaps, who are downsizing from large single-family houses but still need storage.

Building 2 units are similar to Building 1's and all single-level. Six have two bedrooms, a den and two bathrooms, including an en suite bathroom in the primary bedroom suite. Those units, on the second, third and fourth floors, are just over 2,500 square feet. All have balconies with access from the open-concept living space and the primary bedroom.

A unit on the fifth floor is about 3,700 square feet and has three bedrooms, a den, two balconies, two full bathrooms and a powder room. The primary bedroom has an en suite bathroom and access to one balcony. The second balcony is off the open-concept living space. All units have two garage parking spaces on the lobby level.

Building 1 resident Mark Smith, a retired real estate lender, and his wife, Susan, previously lived in a 4,000-square-foot Queen Anne-style house nearby.

"We are in our mid-60s, and we knew this would be our last house," Mark Smith said of the condo. He said he and Susan, who worked in telecommunications, were drawn by the unit's natural light and the reuse of the historical property in the center of town.

"The old Visitation convent was back, put to a creative new use," he said. Plus, he said, the Smiths' favorite restaurant, The Tasting Room, is just an eight-minute walk from their new home. His local barber is a four-minute walk away.

Thom Campbell, a manager for a medical-staffing service, and his husband, Greg, had also lived nearby, and they were downsizing from a pre-Civil War home they restored.

The Visitation condo "was single-floor living, and we could bring our dogs," said Campbell, referring to a pair of Schnoodles, Gibson and Jersey.

He described Frederick as a destination city, with its historical rowhouses, brick sidewalks and lively local art and food-and-drink cultures. And it's effectively equidistant (45 minutes without traffic) to Baltimore and D.C.

"I think of Frederick as a mini-Charleston," Campbell said. "The architecture, of course, but it's also a true foodie's paradise."

In addition to restoring the school and convent, the Visitation project preserves other historical parts of the property: the cemetery — where 125 sisters are buried — the convent gardens and a brick wall along E. Second Street. Inside the lobby of Building 1 is a display of some of the site's smaller artifacts — such as pottery shards, buttons and Civil War-era bullets.

When a friend of Campbell's learned that he was moving into The Visitation, she presented him with a tiny doll depicting a nun in the Visitation order's habit. It was one of many dolls made decades ago by the sisters and sold at an annual Christmas bazaar.

It resides on the mantle of the fireplace in his home, just a few feet from the window overlooking the old convent.

Transit: MARC provides commuter rail service between Frederick and D.C. There is also commuter bus service to Metro and various points in Montgomery County.

Nearby shops and restaurants: The Visitation is in the heart of downtown Frederick, home to some 200 independent shops, restaurants and galleries. The food fare is extensive — including bakeries, breweries, ethnic eateries and celebrity chef-run restaurants. The Weinberg Center for the Arts, a restored theater from the 1920s seats 1,500 and presents classic films (including some silent pictures) and live performances.

Schools: Parkway Elementary, West Frederick Middle, Frederick High.

Parks and recreation: The city turned the banks of Carroll Creek, a flood-control waterway that meanders through downtown, into a lively and scenic urban park. There are fountains, an amphitheater and footpaths, in addition to live performances and festivals throughout the year.

The Visitation Residences

208 E. Second St., Frederick, Md., 21701

Developer: 02J Visitation LLC

Architect: OTJ Architects

Type of home: Condominium

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 2 or 3

Square footage: 2,550 to 3,700

Price: $1.2 million to $2 million

Condo fees: $750 a month

Number of units: 7 (for sale in Building 2)

Parking: Building 2 has garage parking with two spaces per unit

Pet policy: Pets are welcome. Condo documents require that they not be a nuisance to the neighbors.

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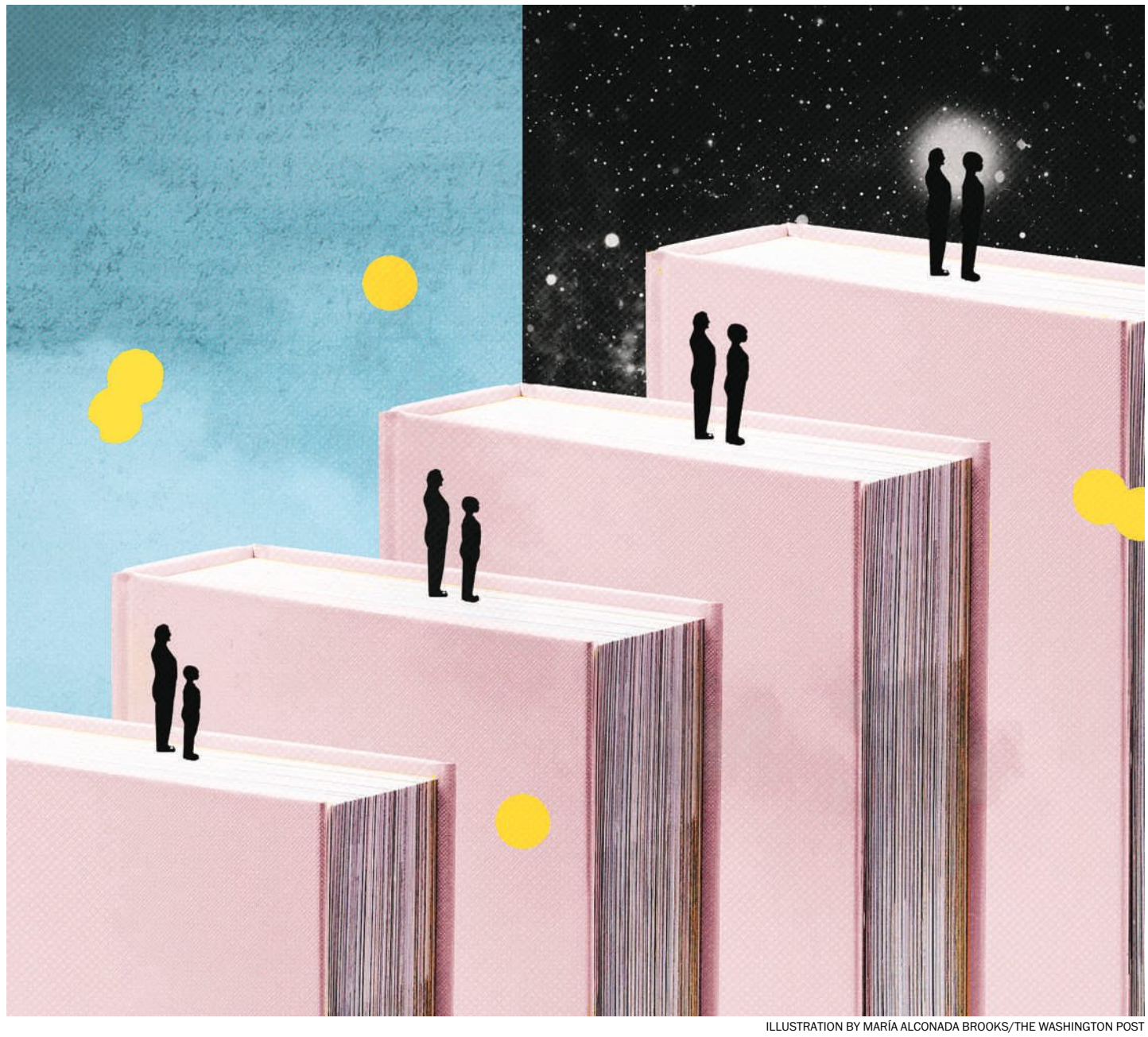
ON PARENTING

Do I let my 11-year-old daughter decide when to wear a bra?

BY MEGHAN LEAHY



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Dear Meghan: My 11-year-old daughter will be starting middle school in the fall. She is an "early bloomer" — tall, starting to get curves and definitely developed enough to warrant wearing a bra. My husband (her dad) is adamant that she needs to start wearing a bra ASAP; I am inclined to let her decide when she wants to wear one.

I have asked her several times over the last year if she is interested in wearing bras, wants to go bra shopping, wants me to buy some things for her to try, etc., but she has shut me down every time. Am I doing the right thing by checking in periodically? Do I just wait until she brings it up or do we need to force this?

— Tween Parent

Tween Parent: Just as I received your question, I was reading the latest data on girls starting puberty earlier and the different emotional and physical struggles early puberty can bring (such as breast growth). This is especially pertinent for young Black girls, as they are beginning puberty earlier than their White counterparts and are seen as more adult (and less innocent) than their White peers. I mention this because it is important to consider that some children going through puberty are not given the same latitude, freedom and compassion as others.

I am not surprised that your daughter has shut down your multiple attempts to get an answer on the bra question. The only person who is more worried about her breasts than you and your husband is her. Developmentally, tweens are known for an increase in self-obsession; they will swear that everyone is staring at them (even though every other tween is thinking about themselves). But the truth is: A curvy 11-year-old girl will be stared at. And if your daughter is like other children her age, she would rather disappear than be noticed. So when you ask her questions about bras and her breasts, the last thing she wants to do is talk about it.

Forcing your daughter to wear bras is a tough way to start her puberty journey. Even though it may seem like she was just 7 years old, you want to set a precedent of respectful communication, thoughtfulness and compassion. The topics will only become more nuanced as she grows into her tween and teen years, so here is a good chance at beginning on solid footing.

Because she may not want to face her growing breasts at all, you may have to use your experience and wisdom to step in as her parent, which is different from forcing. Whether it's in sports, dance or another activity with a dress code, there may be times when you need to say — as parenting experts Vanessa Kroll Bennett and Cara Natterson (authors of the "This Is So Awkward" book and podcast) put it — "I'm not going to require you to wear a bra all the time, but when you're wearing something sheer, we need to find a layer for you to wear so that your private body parts stay private." If you have been talking to her about her body up until this point, your daughter will understand that every human has the right to keep their own body private and that this is a family value. There is no shame, just a matter-of-fact statement of safety.

As for what you should do about the actual bra, Bennett and Natterson have some thoughts on the many options: "Some squeeze into compressive sports bras; others opt for barely-there bralettes. And some eschew bra-wearing altogether. We must put our judgments aside and remember that styles come and go. That said, if she does opt for a bra, something soft that hugs without binding, made from cotton that won't trap odor is ideal." Giving your daughter plenty of options without over-talking will help move the decisions along.

Now that puberty has begun, please have frequent sit-downs with your husband to create some messaging moving forward. While parents don't need to become expert sex-educators, we do need to show up for our children and provide clear information in a loving way. Navigating puberty during the tween years has always been fraught but with social media, many girls feel even more pressure. It is easy to look at this as "just about bras," but this is the beginning of the discussions around menstruation and other body changes, consent, sexuality, gender, romance and dating. Most of these conversations happen in small spurts, and it matters that your husband participates and models how men can demonstrate respect for women (i.e. not forcing young women to wear or not wear things). Books like "The Care and Keeping of You" series (also by Natterson) can help smooth the conversations and give your daughter the space to mull it over. I also love the website *amaze.org* for digestible videos about all things puberty related.

Your influence as parents may feel unsteady, but you are more important than ever. Your daughter needs your wisdom, steadiness and guidance, so while you and your spouse don't need to be "on the same page," with every issue, it will only help the family if the parents can meet in the middle. Good luck.

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Send parenting questions to Leahy at *onparenting@washpost.com*.

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Ames St., 3318, $445,000.
Brentwood Rd., 1702, $1.39 million.
C St., 305, No. B106, $275,000.
Carolina Ave. N., 1338, $1.68 million.
Crittenden St., 54, $425,210.
Dix St., 5811, $412,500.
E St., 2000, $575,000.
Eads St., 4725, $470,000.
F St., 611, $1.1 million.
Florida Ave., 50, No. 519, $499,900.
Fort Lincoln Dr., 3710, $652,000.
H St., 1402, No. 403, $435,000.
Hawaii Ave., 139, $550,000.
Jefferson St., 732, $665,000.
Kearny St., 716, No. 3, $650,000.
Kramer St., 1639, $520,000.
Lawrence St., 1270, $1.61 million.
Maryland Ave., 609, No. 1, $1.38 million.
Oates St., 1110, $915,000.
Owen Pl., 1114, $583,500.
Q St., 16, $875,000.
Rosedale St., 2039, $341,770.
Staples St., 1102, No. 202, $374,900.
Tennessee Ave., 214, $990,000.
U St., 150, $735,000.
Fifth St., 110, $1.58 million.
Eighth St., 3208, $480,000.
12th St., 4515, $819,900.
13th St., 518, $1.2 million.
17th St., 2411, $740,000.
18th St., 4108, $690,000.
21st St., 400, No. 2, $512,500.
46th St., 800, $235,000.
52nd St., 846, $158,500.

NORTHWEST

Adams Mill Rd., 2611, No. 105, $330,000.
Beekman Pl., 1630, No. D, $835,000.
Buchanan St., 517, $650,000.
California St., 2138, No. 100, $336,000.
Cameron Dr., 6803, No. 402, $650,000.
Cathedral Ave., 3838, $3.4 million.
Church St., 1445, No. 34, $841,210.
Columbia Rd., 1106, No. 106, $399,900.
Connecticut Ave., 2725, No. 106, $726,000.
Connecticut Ave., 3620, $231,000.
Connecticut Ave., 4111, No. 503, $530,000.
Corcoran St., 1406, No. B, $850,000.
E St., 915, No. 408, $443,000.
Embassy Park Dr., 4355, $1.26 million.
Euclid St., 1439, No. 303, $310,000.
Fessenden St., 4419, $980,000.
Florida Ave., 1469, No. 8, $985,000.
Fulton St., 3901, No. 3, $182,000.
Georgia Ave., 4519, No. 3, $625,500.
Grant Cir., 12, $1.28 million.
Harvard St., 1471, No. 1, $365,000.
Huidekoper Pl., 2324, $1.37 million.
Jefferson St., 522, $1.05 million.
Kansas Ave., 4713, $1.23 million.
Klingle St., 5220, $1.35 million.
Lanier Pl., 1789, $824,900.
Lowell St., 3432, $2.4 million.
Macarthur Blvd., 4887, $1.63 million.
Macomb St., 2710, No. 419, $229,900.
Massachusetts Ave., 400, No. 1210, $425,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 4301, No. 2007, $310,000.
Monroe St., 1418, $840,000.
N St., 1440, No. 807, $218,000.
N St., 3100, No. 6A, $2 million.
New Hampshire Ave., 700, $665,000.
New Hampshire Ave., 4907, $610,000.
New Mexico Ave., 3101, No. 1001, $830,000.
Newton Pl., 436, $663,000.
O St., 2126, $2.1 million.
Ontario Rd., 2238, No. 4, $355,000.
Otis Pl., 623, $850,000.
Palisade Lane, 4901, $2.25 million.
Peabody St., 123, $495,000.
Pennsylvania Ave., 601, No. 1501N, $528,000.
Piney Branch Rd., 6604, $650,000.
Princeton Pl., 746, $895,000.
Q St., 2500, No. 413, $569,500.
Quincy St., 1215, $960,000.
Randolph St., 1368, $725,000.
Rhode Island Ave., 1425, No. 31, $1.05 million.
Rodman St., 3801, No. E5, $557,000.
Sheridan St., 1350, $650,000.
Swann St., 1515, $1.59 million.
T St., 1910, No. 3, $365,000.
Tennyson St., 3131, $1.9 million.
Tindall St., 4430, $1.4 million.
University Terr., 2810, $3.25 million.
Upshur St., 1736, $685,000.
V St., 1608, $955,000.
Veazey Terr., 3001, $595,000.
W St., 1111, No. 12, $1.2 million.
Water St., 3303, No. 8H, $5.72 million.
Wisconsin Ave., 2111, No. 414, $316,875.
Wisconsin Ave., 2800, No. 208, $227,000.
Wyoming Ave., 1801, No. 5, $498,000.
Yuma St., 5114, $2 million.
First St., 5224, $757,550.
Third St., 4212, $1.35 million.
Fourth St., 5910, $799,000.
Fifth St., 5825, $900,000.
Seventh St., 1605, No. 4, $300,000.
Eighth St., 4215, No. 1, $615,000.
Ninth St., 4614, $700,000.
11th St., 2535, $1.03 million.
12th St., 1125, No. 41, $285,000.
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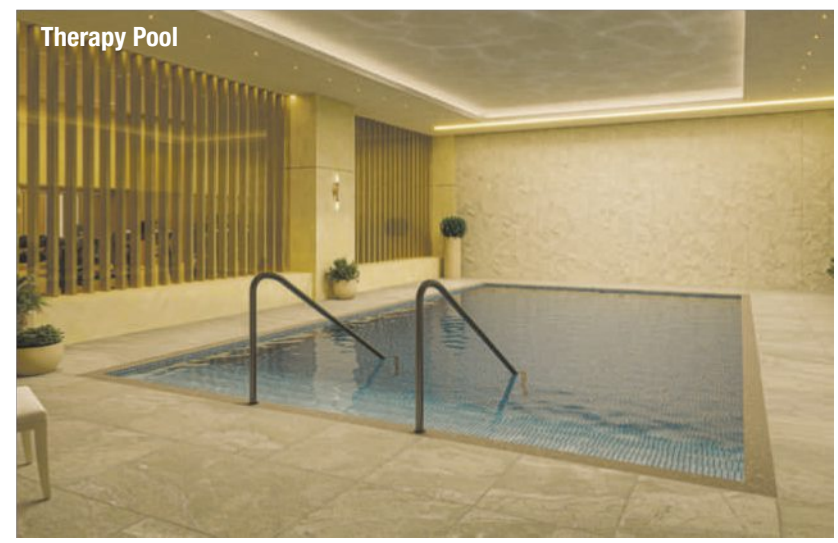
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