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Dali departs



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The container ship Dali travels under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in Stevensville, Md., on Monday, three months after it destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge. The Dali is heading to Virginia, where 1,500 containers will be offloaded. Then work will begin to repair damage from massive pieces of the bridge hitting the deck. **Story, B1**

In some states, mask-wearing may soon be a crime

BY FENIT NIRAPPIL

State legislators and law enforcement are reinstating dormant laws that criminalize mask-wearing to penalize pro-Palestinian protesters who conceal their faces, raising concerns among covid-cautious Americans.

Republican lawmakers in North Carolina are poised to overturn Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's recent veto of legislation to

Health exceptions in bills targeting pro-Palestinian protests fail to ease fears

criminalize masking. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) said this month that she supports legislative efforts to ban masks on the subway, citing an incident in

which masked protesters on a train shouted: "Raise your hands if you're a Zionist. This is your chance to get out." Student protesters in Ohio, Texas and Florida have been threatened with arrest for covering their faces.

Decades-old laws against masking — often crafted in response to the hooded terror of the Ku Klux Klan — are on the books in at least 18 states and D.C., according to the International Center for Not-for-

Profit Law. Lawmakers in some areas passed legislation to create health exemptions during the coronavirus pandemic while other authorities vowed not to enforce the statutes.

Immunocompromised Americans and civil libertarians who have long criticized mask bans as a cudgel against protesters of police shootings, economic inequality and environmental injustice say

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Justices set to weigh in on teen trans care ban

Review may affect access to treatment for 100,000 transgender youths

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND CASEY PARKS

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to review a Tennessee law that bans gender transition care for people younger than 18. The case will be the first opportunity the justices have to consider the constitutionality of such restrictions, which more than 20 states have passed since 2021.

The Biden administration urged the court to decide whether states can prevent transgender children, in consultation with their parents and doctors, from seeking treatment such as puberty blockers, which major medical associations have said lower rates of depression and suicide in transgender individuals.

More than 100,000 transgender adolescents live in one of about two dozen states that have banned gender-affirming medical care, an issue that has emerged at the forefront of the nation's cultural and political divides in recent years.

The Supreme Court extended employment protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

workers in 2020, but has yet to rule on the constitutionality of lower court decisions involving transgender minors, bathroom access or athletes.

Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar, representing the Biden administration, told the justices that the uncertainty from conflicting lower-court decisions on gender-affirming care is "imposing grave consequences on families across the Nation who are being forced to make weighty decisions about whether to abandon their homes, jobs, schools, and communities in the hopes of preserving access to necessary medical care for their children without knowing whether the bans in their State and neighboring States will be upheld or enjoined."

Lawyers defending the Tennessee ban told the court that the U.S. Constitution does not give parents the right to demand "medical interventions for children that a state has found to be unproven and excessively risky."

"Tennessee, like many other States, acted to ensure that minors do not receive these treatments until they can fully understand the lifelong consequences or until the science is developed to the point that Tennessee might take a different view of their efficacy," the office of Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti (R) said in a

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A wax sculpture melting upon itself cannot stand

BY JOE HEIM

By Monday morning his head was gone, his left leg was separated from his torso and his right foot was a blob.

Wax Abe Lincoln, it turns out, was no match for Washington's punishing heat wave.

The six-foot-tall statue of America's 16th president, by Richmond artist Sandy Williams IV, was installed in February on the campus of Garrison Elemen-

A wax statue of Abraham Lincoln, seen Monday, lost its head amid scorching heat in D.C.

tary School in Northwest Washington. The noble rendering, meant to draw attention to the Civil War era and its aftermath, was placed under towering trees sure to provide ample shade in summer.

That was the thinking, anyway. Instead, three consecutive days of temperatures exceeding the mid-90s laid waste to wax Lincoln. Photos of the melting president with his head tilting far backward

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LONG LEGAL SAGA MAY BE NEAR AN END

WikiLeaks founder set for likely return to Australia

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA, DEVLIN BARRETT AND RACHEL WEINER

Julian Assange, the founder of the anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks, has reached a tentative deal to plead guilty to one count of violating the Espionage Act for his role in obtaining and publishing classified military and diplomatic documents from 2009 to 2011, according to court filings.

The plea deal would end a long-running legal saga and a transatlantic tug-of-war that pitted national security against press freedom.

He is expected to be sentenced on Wednesday in the Northern

Mariana Islands, according to a letter filed by the Justice Department in the remote U.S. jurisdiction Monday evening. He will then return to his home country of Australia, the letter says, indicating he will be sentenced to the 62 months he has already spent behind bars in a London prison.

A criminal information filed alongside the letter says Assange "knowingly and unlawfully conspired" with Chelsea Manning to

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Julian Assange

Infamous hacker a hero to some, villain to others

BY WILLIAM BOOTH

LONDON — The long legal battle over Julian Assange may finally be nearing an end. It has been a sprawling, almost surreal drama — involving the United States, Britain, Sweden, Ecuador and Australia — that saw the 52-year-old WikiLeaks founder holed up in cramped rooms and held in prison cells for a quarter of his life.

His story of hacking and leaking, flight and imprisonment, courtroom theatrics and now possibly imminent release is inspiring, chilling, depressing — de-

pending on how you view Assange.

The case raised, but never definitely answered, vital questions about what it means to be a journalist, a publisher and a whistleblower.

Was he a non-state actor threatening the national security of the United States, as then-CIA Director Mike Pompeo once alleged?

Or a hero, as his many supporters believed as they gathered time after time in front of British courthouses while Assange's attorneys fought against his extradition to

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Thousands of pieces of mail under surveillance

Records reveal extent of Postal Service's sharing with law enforcement

BY DREW HARWELL

The U.S. Postal Service has shared information from thousands of Americans' letters and packages with law enforcement every year for the past decade, conveying the names, addresses and other details from the outside of boxes and envelopes without requiring a court order.

Postal inspectors say they fulfill such requests only when mail monitoring can help find a fugitive or investigate a crime. But a decade's worth of records, provided exclusively to The Washington Post in response to a congressional probe, show Postal Service officials have received more than 60,000 requests from federal agents and police officers since 2015, and that they rarely say no.

Each request can cover days or weeks of mail sent to or from a person or address, and 97 percent of the requests were approved,

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Extreme wildfires have doubled over past 20 years, study says

BY SARAH RAZA

The frequency and magnitude of extreme wildfires around the globe has doubled in the past two decades due to climate change, according to a study released Monday.

The analysis, published in the journal “Nature Ecology & Evolution,” focused on massive blazes that release vast amounts of energy from the volume of organic matter burned. Researchers pointed to the historic Australia fires of 2019 and 2020 as an example of blazes that were “unprecedented in their scale and intensity.” The six most extreme fire years have occurred since 2017, the study found.

“It’s absolutely in keeping with what climate change is doing to fire weather around the world,” said lead author Calum Cunningham, a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Tasmania in Australia. “Climate change is

making fire weather more extreme and more frequent in a lot of the world.”

Though previous research found a decrease in the area burned globally by wildfires this century, the new study found that extreme wildfire events have increased 2.2-fold since 2003. Extreme wildfires have severe ecological and societal impacts, leading to deaths and biomass loss while emitting high levels of carbon. According to the study, burn severity, which is a measure of these impacts, has increased in more regions than it has decreased.

Cunningham said the research began as a response to climate skeptics who challenged whether there is a growing fire crisis if area burned globally is in decline. Despite the uptick in media coverage surrounding wildfires, he said there was not yet scientific literature to demonstrate that extreme events are changing.

“We’ve had this paradox where the amount of burning on Earth is declining ... and yet we are having fires that are more extreme, more damaging,” said Stephen Pyne, fire historian and emeritus professor at Arizona State University. “How do we reconcile these two?”

Cunningham and his team analyzed data from orbiting NASA satellites, which collected four fire measurements per day over 21 years. The results astounded him.

“I was expecting to see increases, but the rate of the increases surprised and alarmed me because we’re only looking at quite a short period of time,” he said.

John Abatzoglou, a fire researcher at the University of California at Merced, said the focus on extreme fires is critical because they tend to supersede local fire mitigation efforts.

“When we have these hot, highly energetic fires, those are the

sort of fires that are very difficult for fire suppression to have the ability to control and stop,” he said.

According to the study, as nighttime temperatures increase, wildfire intensity now continues to stay strong through overnight hours. This poses a problem for firefighters who rely on that window for a break in the blaze, retired firefighter and author Bobbie Scopa said.

“This kind of confirms what we’ve been observing, that the fire intensity is not dying down at night like we used to depend on,” said Scopa, who began firefighting in 1974.

“Rarely did we have 100,000-acre fires 20 years ago,” she added. “But now, it’s not uncommon.”

University of Colorado at Boulder scientist Jennifer Balch said firefighters today bear an undue burden, with a warming climate and tens of millions of U.S. homes facing wildfire risk.

Though the team will continue their research to investigate the scientific phenomena behind this trajectory, Cunningham said climate change has made fire weather hotter and drier, lending the right conditions for wildfires to erupt — even in environments where fires are infrequent.

Extreme wildfires have disproportionately increased in certain regions: North America, Australia, Oceania and the Mediterranean. Researchers especially saw wildfires increase in conifer and boreal forests, which are primarily in North America and Russia. In temperate conifer forests, extreme wildfires have increased 11-fold, accompanied by a sevenfold increase in boreal forests.

“Climate change is not something off in the future,” Cunningham said. “It’s happening before our very eyes. This is the manifestation of the reshaping of the climate we are doing.”

Flooding inundates Midwest as intense heat maintains its grip

BY SCOTT DANCE

Flooding that spread across parts of Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota this past weekend is forecast to worsen Tuesday as rivers continue to rise, and meteorologists warned that any additional rain from possible thunderstorms could extend or heighten the risks of inundation.

The floods are the product of torrential rain across parts of the Missouri and Mississippi river basins since Thursday, dumping widespread totals of 10 inches to as much as 18 inches of rain, said Todd Heitkamp, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service’s Sioux Falls, S.D., forecast office. Soils were already saturat-

ed from months of wetter-than-average conditions before storms fueled by intense Gulf of Mexico moisture lingered over the region from Thursday into Saturday.

That sent runoff coursing into streams and rivers and overwhelming levees in some areas, Heitkamp said. Rivers are expected to crest Tuesday or Wednesday at moderate to record flood stages, forecasters said.

At the same time, intense heat that has been shifting across the country for the past week is forecast to bake the region as it manages the rising waters.

Heat advisories stretched across the Mississippi River basin Monday, from Minnesota and South Dakota to the Gulf Coast.

At least one death was linked to the flooding in South Dakota, Gov. Kristi L. Noem (R) said Sunday. She did not provide details.

Flood damage was already significant and included a collapsed rail bridge that connected Iowa and South Dakota.

Gov. Kim Reynolds (R) said the waters damaged or destroyed more than 1,900 homes across at least 22 counties in Iowa. After surveying the toll by air on Saturday, Reynolds said “the devastation is widespread.” She said rivers were rising above records set in the Great Flood of 1993, which spread across nine states, killed 50 people and caused \$15 billion in damage.

A rapid surge of floodwaters

within about 30 minutes destroyed an unknown number of homes in North Sioux City, S.D., on Sunday night, the Argus Leader reported.

Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken urged residents to conserve water as the floods had placed the city’s wastewater system under unprecedented stress, forcing authorities to release some untreated sewage into the Big Sioux River, the paper reported.

“Our wastewater collection and treatment systems remain strained, but they are back to a point where we believe it is manageable,” Mark Cotter, the city’s director of public works, said in a statement.

Flooding caused widespread

road closures across the region, including a brief shutdown of a portion of Interstate 29.

Thursday and Friday made up the wettest two-day period on record for two South Dakota communities, Mitchell and Sioux Falls, with 7.7 inches and 6.49 inches of rainfall recorded within 48 hours, the Weather Service said.

As of Monday, rivers across the Missouri River basin were at major flood stage: the James, Vermilion and Big Sioux rivers in South Dakota and the Des Moines and Little Sioux rivers in southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data.

Rescued California hiker says he drank water out of his boots to survive

BY NIHA MASIH

For days, Lukas McClish roamed the woods in the Santa Cruz Mountains without food or supplies. What helped him survive: drinking lots of water out of his hiking boots.

The 34-year-old resident of Boulder Creek, Calif., had left home on the morning of June 11, authorities said, for what he thought would be a short hike.

“I didn’t bring anything because I thought I was doing a three-hour hike to go to work,” McClish told KSBW News.

But he got lost, and those three hours turned into 10 days. His family reported him missing five

days in, prompting a hunt.

Authorities used drones to locate him in a thick forest Thursday after witnesses reported hearing his pleas for help, the San Mateo County Fire Department said in a statement. Multiple agencies were involved in the rescue effort near Big Basin Redwoods State Park, including the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office, California State Parks rangers and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, it added.

The sheriff’s office said McClish had no major injuries. Photos from the scene showed a bedraggled McClish hugging his loved ones in relief.

McClish told local media outlets that he made sure to keep drinking water.

“So I kind of just hiked each day. I’d go up a canyon, down a canyon to the next waterfall and sit down by the waterfall and drink water out of my boot,” he told KSBW News, adding that he also foraged wild berries. After several days, however, he felt the need “for food or some kind of sustenance,” McClish told ABC7.

What he craved most was a burrito and a taco bowl, McClish said in a televised interview



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Lukas McClish, 34, hugs his loved ones after his rescue last week near Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

with KSBW. “That’s what I thought about every day after the first five days, when I started to kind of realize that I might be in over my head,” he added with a smile.

Last year, a woman lost in the Australian wilderness survived five days on a bottle of wine, and a sailor from Dominica got through 24 days at sea relying on little more than a bottle of ketchup.

Experts say that getting lost without food or supplies can

quickly turn into a question of survival and that seeking help should be the first priority.

“Use any available resources to signal for rescue, significantly increasing your chances of making it through. Beyond help seeking and making your location known, the priorities become shelter, water and food (not always in that order),” Darren Edwards, founder of Trail Hiking Australia, who has volunteered for bush search and rescue operations, said in an email.



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POLITICS & THE NATION

Top State Dept. adviser is named Pentagon chief of staff

Derek Chollet has played a major role in U.S. response to Gaza conflict

BY MISSY RYAN

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has tapped a senior State Department official and veteran policy hand under successive Democratic presidents as the Pentagon's new chief of staff, officials said, as the Biden administration races to lock in key defense priorities ahead of November's elections.

Derek Chollet, who as an aide to Secretary of State Antony Blinken has played a central role in the effort to broker a deal transforming the Middle East, will replace current chief of staff Kelly Magsamen, who is stepping down this month, officials said. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity ahead of an official announcement.

The White House last year nominated Chollet to be the Pentagon's top policy official, but his nomination became mired in partisan wrangling in the Senate, where Republicans have objected to Pentagon policies authorizing reimbursement for service members' travel related to reproductive health care, including abortions, and other administration actions.

Austin, in a statement, said he was grateful to Chollet "for taking on this key assignment at such an important moment."

Blinken described Chollet in baseball terms, calling him a "quintessential five-tool player" whose résumé, including senior Pentagon and National Security Council roles during the Obama administration, had contributed to "a breadth of experience that the rest of us rely on every day."

Blinken is naming Tom Sullivan, another of his top advisers, to become State Department counselor, a senior position that does not require Senate approval. Sullivan, who is brother to national security adviser Jake Sullivan, will also retain his current position as deputy chief of staff for policy.



ANDREEA ALEXANDRU/AP

The White House last year nominated Derek Chollet, seen in 2022, to be the Pentagon's top policy official, but his nomination became mired in partisan wrangling in the Senate.

Chollet returns to the Pentagon four months ahead of the presidential election, in which Biden faces a tight race that could usher former president Donald Trump into the White House for a second term and potentially derail a host of key administration policies.

Trump has questioned some of the administration's chief defense and national security initiatives, including its multibillion-dollar effort to assist Ukraine in holding off Russia.

A senior administration official acknowledged that a key focus for national security officials in the coming months would be the attempt to "Trump-proof" key priorities. At the Pentagon, that will probably include transitioning some initiatives to multilateral control, for example embedding within NATO a U.S.-led forum

that Austin launched after Russia's 2022 invasion to convene defense leaders on a monthly basis and coordinate arms donations to Ukraine.

"We won't make any assumptions about what's coming, but just drive hard to finish the first term."

Derek Chollet, about what might occur after November's election

Austin, a former Army general, and his inner circle came under intense scrutiny after news emerged this year that he had been hospitalized in intensive care without notifying the White House or the public for several

days. Austin later apologized for his secrecy surrounding the episode; Magsamen also faced criticism from Republicans in Congress.

Jeremy Bash, who served as chief of staff to Leon E. Panetta when he was defense secretary, cited a description used by Robert Gates, another former Pentagon chief, who said the defense secretary position really consisted of two jobs: secretary of war and secretary of the Pentagon — the sprawling military bureaucracy that spans scores of disparate agencies and an annual budget of more than \$800 billion.

"The chief of staff really has to be an adviser to the secretary on both of those issues, meaning the issues of how the military force of the United States is deployed to deter conflict and win wars, but also how we can rapidly field the capabilities that are going to be necessary for warfare in the balance of the 21st century," he said.

Chollet previously served as an adviser to an advisory firm, Beacon Global Strategies, that Bash helps lead.

Chollet, in an interview, said he expected the Pentagon to be focused in coming months on priorities including helping Ukraine to position itself as effectively as possible against Russia; strengthening the U.S. military's posture in the Indo-Pacific region; and assisting ally Israel while attempting to prevent a regional war in the Middle East.

He said the uncertainty about what would occur after November's elections must not prevent the department from pursuing longer-term goals. "We won't make any assumptions about what's coming, but just drive hard to finish the first term with the national defense strategy as our north star, and then go from there," he said.

Chollet, who began his career in Washington helping former secretary of state and White House chief of staff James Baker III write his memoirs, said that Baker used to say that "the most important word in the title 'chief of staff' was 'staff.'"

"You want to, most importantly, serve your boss," Chollet said. "There's also being the person who helps everything under the boss run better."

As counselor to Blinken, Chollet has played a leading role in the administration's response to the conflict in Gaza, accompanying the top diplomat in travel across the Middle East. Along with Barbara Leaf, a top diplomat for the Middle East, he has played a leading role in crafting a proposal — which many outside experts see as a long shot — that would stabilize Gaza after fighting ends, advance a Palestinian-Israeli peace process, and normalize ties between Israel and Saudi Arabia. He has also worked closely with top White House official Brett McGurk on a proposed U.S.-Saudi defense pact.

An Israeli official cited Chollet's role in helping to mitigate the

intense strain that the Gaza conflict has fueled between Washington and the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"We're talking about a very sensitive period," the Israeli official said. "There were issues we need to sort out between the two governments, and Derek has been very instrumental in bridging differences."

Officials said that Chollet's nomination as Pentagon policy czar would not be withdrawn as he assumes the chief of staff role, despite the slim likelihood it will be advanced in coming months. Several Republican senators have vowed to oppose Chollet over the Pentagon's abortion policy. The Republican chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee meanwhile urged senators to oppose Chollet over his role in the Biden administration's 2021 withdrawal from Afghanistan.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby called on the Senate to confirm Chollet, noting that two key U.S. partners, Israel and Ukraine, are grappling with active conflicts.

"This is exactly the time when you need a Senate-confirmed undersecretary for policy," he said. "It's fortunate he will be able to go to the Pentagon and support as chief of staff, but it's not the same thing."

Sullivan, who is replacing Chollet at the State Department, has been a constant presence alongside Blinken since 2021. Since the Gaza conflict erupted last fall, a chief focus of Blinken's top team has been attempting to defuse threats to Israel and improve conditions for Palestinians.

Blinken said that Sullivan had "been by my side for meetings with heads of state, foreign ministers, and other world leaders as we rebuilt our alliances and partnerships, confronted Russia's aggression against Ukraine, stabilized our relationship with China while standing up for American interests, and worked to build lasting peace, security, and stability in the Middle East."

Prosecutors reportedly recommend Justice Dept. charge Boeing over crashes

BY LORI ARATANI AND DEVLIN BARRETT

Federal prosecutors are recommending to senior Justice Department officials that Boeing face criminal charges for failing to meet the terms of a 2021 agreement that would have shielded it from prosecution in connection with crashes in 2018 and 2019 that killed 346 people, according to two people familiar with the discussions.

Criminal charges are one of several options the department is considering, one of the sources said, and no final decision has been made. The two spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations.

News of the recommendation was first reported by Reuters. Boeing declined to comment.

A lawyer representing families of those who died in the October 2018 crash of a Lion Air jet in Indonesia and an Ethiopian Airlines flight in Addis Ababa five months later, said they have not received word from prosecutors about how they intend to proceed.

"The families hope the report is true, and, if so, the families hope that the recommendation of the career prosecutors will be followed by the department leadership," said Paul G. Cassell, the lawyer, who is a professor at the University of Utah College of Law and former federal judge. "Criminal prosecution is certainly ap-

propriate here, since Boeing has already had a chance to escape prosecution and failed to honor its obligations."

The Justice Department said in May that Boeing had violated the terms of a 2021 "deferred prosecution agreement" that would have allowed the company to avoid criminal prosecution in exchange for meeting a number of conditions.

Since that announcement, prosecutors have been weighing how to move forward. While criminal charges are a possibility, the government has other options, including reaching a settlement under a new deferred agreement, levying additional fines and imposing other conditions, includ-

ing requiring an independent monitor to ensure that Boeing meets its obligations. Independent oversight of the company was not part of the 2021 agreement. Prosecutors also could opt for a trial. The department faces a July 7 deadline for how it will proceed.

The content of discussions between the government and Boeing over the outcome has not been disclosed.

In the 2021 agreement, Boeing acknowledged that two of its technical pilots misled federal regulators about a software system blamed for the crashes and paid \$2.5 billion in penalties, \$500 million of which went to the families of those whose loved ones died.

Boeing also agreed to strength-

en internal systems to detect and report fraud. If the company met the terms of the deal, it would not be criminally prosecuted. The deal expired just two days after a door panel of an Alaska Airlines 737 jet blew out in midflight in January, which triggered another criminal investigation by the government.

In a letter sent to the Justice Department this month, relatives of crash victims said that Boeing should face \$25 billion in additional fines and that the Justice Department should pursue "aggressive criminal prosecution of the Boeing Company." In addition, they said company executives who were at Boeing at the time of the crashes, including for-

mer chief executive Dennis Muilenburg, should be prosecuted.

Last week, Boeing chief executive David Calhoun appeared before members of the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in a contentious hearing at which he was blasted for accepting more than \$32 million in pay despite Boeing's performance during his tenure.

Just hours before Calhoun's appearance, the subcommittee released new accounts from whistleblowers who said that Boeing had lost track of hundreds of substandard aircraft parts and had pushed to eliminate quality inspectors just months after the Lion Air crash in Indonesia.

DIGEST

LOUISIANA
Suit filed against new Commandments law

A coalition of groups filed a lawsuit Monday against Louisiana's new requirement to post the Ten Commandments in every school classroom, claiming parents' rights are violated by the law.

"Permanently posting the Ten Commandments in every Louisiana public-school classroom — rendering them unavoidable — unconstitutionally pressures students into religious observance, veneration, and adoption of the state's favored religious scripture," says the suit, which charges that there is no long-standing tradition of hanging them in classrooms and that courts have ruled against the practice.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court by the Freedom From Religion Foundation, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, and the American Civil Liberties Union's national and state offices. The plaintiffs include nine Louisiana families of different faiths, among them four members of the clergy.

The groups, which work to protect church-state separation, said last week that they would challenge the law, which was signed Wednesday by Gov. Jeff Landry (R) and is the first of its kind in the country since 1980,

when the Supreme Court ruled a similar Kentucky law unconstitutional.

State Attorney General Liz Murrill said Monday she hadn't seen the suit yet.

The new law gives schools until Jan. 1 to display the Ten Commandments on "a poster or framed document that is at least eleven inches by fourteen inches" in every classroom.

The Rev. Jeff Sims, a Presbyterian pastor, father of three Louisiana public school students and plaintiff, said the law is a "gross intrusion" of government into private faith.

— Michelle Boorstein

TEXAS
Woman accused of trying to drown girl, 3

A Texas woman has been charged with attempted murder after she allegedly tried to drown a 3-year-old girl in a swimming pool, police said, adding that they are recommending the incident be treated as a hate crime.

The Texas chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights group, identified the girl as a Muslim of Palestinian origin and the woman as a White American as it called for investigators to open a hate-crime probe amid a broader increase in reports of anti-Muslim incidents across the United States. Police did not name the mother or her children,

but they said the mother told the woman she was from Jordan.

The girl's mother told police that the suspect, Elizabeth Wolf, 42, "made statements about her not being an American and other racial statements" and that she tried to grab both of her children last month, police said.

"The Euless Police Department believes the crime was committed because of bias or prejudice and that is part of the case as it has been filed with the Tarrant County District Attorney's office," Capt. Brenda Alvarado said in an email Monday.

Police responded to reports of a disturbance at an apartment complex's pool in Euless, a Dallas-Fort Worth suburb, on May 19.

The mother, 32, told officers that Wolf was questioning where she was from and whether the two children playing at the pool were hers, the police said. Wolf then grabbed her 6-year-old son, the mother told officers, but police said "he pulled away from her grasp which caused a scratch on his finger."

"The mother began helping her son when Wolf grabbed her 3-year-old daughter and forced her underwater," police said.

The mother managed to pull her daughter from the water, police said. Both children were cleared by medics at the scene.

Wolf, who was initially arrested for public intoxication, was also charged with injury to a child for allegedly hurting the girl's 6-year-old brother, police said.

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Bitter, costly N.Y. race highlights Democrats’ divisions

Bowman, Latimer battle in most expensive House primary in U.S. history

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ AND DYLAN WELLS

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y. — A volunteer for Rep. Jamaal Bowman’s campaign trailed George Latimer out of a Juneteenth event last week, asking the Westchester County executive, who’s challenging Bowman in a primary Tuesday, whether he was getting his “racist talking points” from “MAGA donors,” or whether he had come up with them himself.

Latimer, who is White, ignored the provocation and instead turned to a group of Black boys who ran up to shake his hand and take pictures. “I never knew you were so racist,” the Bowman volunteer continued.

“I grew up in Mount Vernon,” Latimer replied, referring to this majority Black city. “In 25 years the racism would have showed by now.”

The brief exchange demonstrated the tensions that have engulfed this primary — and the Democratic Party — as Bowman and Latimer have battled for the Democratic nomination to represent New York’s 16th District in Congress.

Latimer, who repeatedly won the support of local lefties and African Americans over a decades-long political career in this area, is suddenly the target of some of his former fans’ ire. He has faced backlash for his steadfast support for Israel and for challenging Bowman, the district’s first Black congressman, in a fiercely fought contest that has become the most expensive House primary in American history, according to AdImpact, which tracks television and digital ad spending.

The bitter primary match has exposed the deepest fissures in the Democratic Party. It has highlighted the party’s split over the war in the Middle East, with pro-Israel groups spending millions to unseat Bowman, whom they view as antagonistic toward the Jewish state. It has raised issues of race and racism, with Bowman and his allies characterizing some of Latimer’s comments as racist and arguing that he is unable to understand the plight of poorer Black constituents because he is backed by wealthy donors. And it is yet another fierce battle between the mainstream wing of the party and the left, with Hillary Clinton endorsing Latimer and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) hosting rallies for Bowman in the Bronx.



Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-N.Y.), left, is joined by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) during a rally in the Bronx on Saturday. Bowman also has the support of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).



Westchester County executive George Latimer attends a Juneteenth rally to meet potential voters at Hartley Park in Mount Vernon, N.Y., on Wednesday. Latimer has been endorsed by Hillary Clinton.

Evan Roth Smith, a Democratic consultant and pollster in New York who is not working with either campaign, said Latimer appears to be in the stronger position heading into the final days of the race.

“Latimer is on the march, he’s on offense, he doesn’t seem worried about people turning out for him,” Roth Smith said. “All the noise, the spending aside, the simple math of who looks more confident in their base of voters turning out for them, Latimer looks more confident, looks more assured.”

Bowman, a member of the “Squad” of far-left Democratic lawmakers of color, has cut a

provocative profile during his short tenure in Congress. Last year, he screamed at a Republican congressman over gun violence, yelling, “Calm down? Children are dying!” Months later, he pulled a fire alarm in a U.S. House office building, forcing an evacuation that led the House to formally censure him. Authorities charged him with a misdemeanor; he pleaded guilty and had to pay a fine of \$1,000. After the Hamas-led massacre in Israel on Oct. 7, Bowman called for a cease-fire, a position that has become more mainstream months into Israel’s military offensive in Gaza. But Bowman was well ahead of most Democrats on the issue.

Many of them, including Latimer, said his immediate call for a cease-fire was insensitive to his Jewish constituents.

Bowman first won here four years ago, ousting longtime Democratic Rep. Eliot L. Engel, a fierce defender of Israel with a powerful perch as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Bowman, who before joining Congress was a middle school principal in the Bronx, successfully pitched himself as more attuned to the needs of the district, especially after the protests that followed the summer 2020 murder of George Floyd. Though the district includes the affluent Westchester County suburbs

north of Manhattan, places like Mount Vernon and Yonkers have higher poverty rates than the rest of the county.

In the last weeks of the campaign, Bowman and his supporters have leveled accusations of racism against Latimer, seizing on comments made by the county executive, including recently suggesting Bowman would win a portion of the electorate because he is Black and that his opponent’s constituency is in Dearborn, Mich. — a majority Muslim city.

Latimer has forcefully pushed back on these attacks, saying Bowman is trying to boost support with Black voters by calling “the White guy running against you racist.”

“If all we’re ever going to do in this society is pick people who look like us, you could be picking — if you’re a Democrat here — Clarence Thomas, who looks like you,” Latimer said in an interview.

Latimer has said he had contemplated challenging Bowman before Oct. 7 over his belief that the congressman cared more about developing a national profile than providing for his district — an attack Bowman adamantly rejects — but Bowman’s immediate response to the deadly attack on Israel solidified his decision to run.

Pro-Israel groups, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the Democratic Majority for Israel PAC, encouraged Latimer to run, and focused on Bowman and Rep. Cori Bush (D-Mo.), whose primary is in August, as their top targets in Democratic primaries. Outside spending in the race has topped \$23 million, the most ever spent in a House primary, more than half of which was in anti-Bowman ads, according to AdImpact.

Of the \$16 million spent attacking Bowman, most of it came from United Democracy Project, AIPAC’s super PAC. The organization spent a total of \$14 million on ads in the race — one pro-Latimer and three anti-Bowman — the most it has ever spent on one contest, according to Patrick Dorton, a UDP spokesman.

Bowman and his supporters have railed against the amount of outside spending in the race and have accused Latimer of cozying up to wealthy Republican donors because many of UDP’s top givers have also donated to GOP campaigns and causes.

The Israel-Gaza war has dominated coverage of the Bowman-Latimer contest, but even the two candidates say the conflict is only part of the story. Most Democrats nationally say the war is not the top issue animating their vote, and are more likely to cite democracy or the economy as their main concern, polls show. Voters in the district who spoke to The

Washington Post last week more frequently cited local issues, such as education funding, or their personal ties to the candidates.

Latimer supporters say his deep ties to the community, not the millions spent on his behalf, will catapult him to victory.

“He wants to be in touch with the public and he has the ability to connect in a way I haven’t seen in many other politicians,” said David Imamura, a Westchester County legislator who has endorsed Latimer. “That’s what is going to carry him across the finish line here.”

At the Juneteenth event last week Latimer and Bowman appeared on a sweltering afternoon, speaking beneath the blue and red Juneteenth flag. Nearby, someone had written in chalk, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” a rallying cry that pro-Palestinian activists have characterized as a call for equal rights, but that the Anti-Defamation League says is an antisemitic call for the eradication of Israel.

In brief remarks, Bowman called the television ads attacking him “lies and propaganda.”

“That is big money in politics, right wing, Republican propaganda. They are lying to you. My mother raised me better than that,” he said, adding that the people needed to have their voices heard at the ballot box “not the wealthy people and special interests trying to destroy our democracy.”

Karla Turner, 63, a retired educator in Mount Vernon who is Black, said she can identify with Bowman and is worried about the amount of outside money working to unseat him. She has voted for Latimer in multiple races in the past, but now views him “as a disgraceful opportunist taking this money to run against Bowman,” she said.

Malik Howard, 45, who was selling bottled water and cans of ginger ale at the event, said he would also back Bowman and not because they have the same skin color.

“I feel like he’s more connected to the people that need,” Howard said.

But Ryan Carter, 48, a clerk in Mount Vernon, said he has supported both men in past elections, but in this matchup he was backing Latimer.

“It’s not that I disagree with his politics, I just don’t take him seriously,” Carter said of Bowman, referencing the fire alarm incident.

Carter, who is also Black, dismissed accusations that Latimer is racist.

“To say that he’s racist just because he’s running against Bowman, I need more evidence than just screaming racist,” Carter said. “He’s been a county executive. He has a record.”

Debate a shot to rebut opponents in real time

Biden, Trump are both being prepped by their advisers to avoid traps

BY MICHAEL SCHERER AND MARIANNE LEVINE

Donald Trump’s campaign argues that Joe Biden is a feeble incompetent — disconnected from reality as his aides shuttle him around the world, in the words of one Trump adviser, like the cadaver in the 1989 comedy film “Weekend at Bernie’s.”

Biden’s campaign describes Trump as an “unhinged” extremist with dictatorial designs who “snapped” when he lost the 2020 election, forfeiting the ability to do anything other than focus on growing his own power.

The two caricatures — built on selective editing, blasted out by well-funded electoral machines and amplified through partisans on social media — have come to define the early months of the general election, giving voters on both sides of the spectrum punching bags for their discontent.

But for the population of voters likely to decide the election — a group that dislikes the choice and wants neither man to return to office — the cacophony of recrimination has done little to clarify the choice.

Thursday’s presidential debate in Atlanta will, among other things, offer both men a rare chance to prove their opponents wrong in real time, as they stand together onstage, without edits,

before what promises to be an enormous national audience. Voters who get to make the final call in the voting booth will be offered a 90-minute window into what is real and what is spin about their major-party choices.

Aware of the stakes, advisers to both candidates have been preparing their bosses to avoid traps set by their opponents. Biden’s aides hope to present a vigorous president — in command of the issues, able to take Trump on directly and explain to the American people his own accomplishments in office. Trump’s advisers have been coaching their candidate to focus on the issue advantages in the polls, reaffirming the image of him as a tough businessman ready to disrupt Washington that got him elected in 2016.

“If the former president focuses on those issues that Americans care about, immigration, crime, big pocketbook issues, inflation ... he’s victorious,” said David Urban, a former Trump campaign adviser and ROP strategist. “If he focuses on the past election, personal grievance, I think those things probably won’t serve him as well.”

Others have been even more explicit in their definition of Trump’s goal for the event, which is to downplay the irascible and explosive leader that Biden describes.

“I think what Donald Trump wants to do is make this about issues and why he was a better president than Joe Biden was and will be a better president again,” said Trump’s longtime pollster Jim McLaughlin. “It’s about a vision. He can give a lot of examples and real-life stories about how he

brought peace to the Middle East, brought inflation down, secured the border and kept people safe.”

Kate Bedingfield, a former communications adviser to Biden, agreed that Trump’s most obvious path was to try to avoid the explosive outbursts that tarred him after their first meeting in the 2020 campaign. The Biden operation will be ready for the shift, she said, and can overcome it by Biden appearing aggressive.

“For Biden, the goal is to be on offense and driving Trump to his biggest vulnerabilities,” she said. “There is every expectation that the disciplined Trump shows up, but even if that is the case the opportunity for Biden is huge.”

The stakes have led both campaigns to take extraordinary measures in hopes that their candidate will play against type. Biden’s coterie of advisers have undertaken a deliberate and extensive process at Camp David to prepare the president to overperform expectations, as he did in this year’s State of the Union address, to demonstrate his command of the issues and the office that he holds. Trump advisers, faced with a candidate less interested in debate preparation, have repeatedly tried to emphasize that the former president’s top priority is to highlight his difference with Biden on issues such as inflation and immigration.

The structure of the confrontation could also help determine its outcome. Both Trump and the moderators at CNN have accepted Biden’s terms for the meeting: There will be no studio audience, two commercial breaks and microphones that immediately shut off when a candidate does not have

the floor.

At stake is not just possible movement in the polls, which have shown some slight improvement for Biden since Trump’s felony convictions in New York. Both campaigns also hope to use the event as a chance to engage directly with voters, hoping to yield both campaign donations and, in the case of the Biden campaign, a resurgence in volunteer energy.

The debate will be aired across major broadcast and cable channels, with CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, PBS, Univision channels and other cable news networks planning to take the event live at 9 p.m. Eastern time. The moderators are CNN anchors Jake Tapper and Dana Bash.

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Whatley and co-chair Lara Trump are hosting a watch party and fundraiser the night of the debate, which will include several potential vice-presidential contenders. According to an invitation obtained by The Washington Post, Trump may deliver post-debate remarks.

The Biden campaign on Sunday announced plans for 300 debate watch parties and more than 1,600 events this week across targeted states. Some of those events are organized around the two-year anniversary Monday of the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn the constitutional right to abortion, a move that was made possible by Trump’s three appointments to the court.

The Biden campaign has also increased its spending on television and digital ads in the run-up to the debate, spending more than twice as much in mid-June as it

spent in mid-May, according to AdImpact. Total spending last week was nearly \$9.2 million, according to AdImpact, compared with almost no spending by the Trump campaign.

Biden has sequestered himself since Thursday with nearly all of his senior team at the presidential retreat at Camp David to prepare. Among those present are former White House counsel Bob Bauer, who played Trump in 2020 debate prep sessions, and former chief of staff Ron Klain, who has led Democratic nominee debate prep sessions for decades.

In total, 16 senior White House and campaign officials are expected to join Biden before he departs for the debate Thursday, including current chief of staff Jeff Zients, message and polling guru Mike Donilon, national security adviser Jake Sullivan and campaign chair Jen O’Malley Dillon, Biden advisers said.

Trump has been warming up in public, addressing both a Philadelphia arena rally Saturday and a gathering of Christian conservatives at a conference in Washington.

Trump mocked Biden for taking time to prepare and the moderators he will face. “He’s sleeping now because they want to get him good and strong,” Trump said in Philadelphia. “Think of it. There is no audience. It’s like death.”

Trump also asked supporters at the rally how he should handle Biden, suggesting he may not have fully embraced the advice of his campaign team. “Should I be tough and nasty and just say, ‘You’re the worst president in history,’ or should I be nice and calm

and let him speak?” Trump asked. He laughed when a member of the audience suggested a “50/50” approach, and then answered his own question: “Be tough. Be tough.”

The Trump team in recent weeks has opted for more informal policy sessions with different outside supporters, according to people familiar with the planning. Sens. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) are among those who have helped Trump in preparing. Vance participated in a session about the economy, according to a person familiar with the meeting, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

The approach reflects the challenges Trump advisers have had in past elections trying to get Trump to sit for conventional debate preparations. People involved in the sessions before the first debate of the 2020 cycle have described it as a chaotic environment, with little rehearsal actually taking place. The campaign has adopted the position this year that traditional prep is not needed.

“President Trump takes on numerous tough interviews every single week and delivers lengthy rally speeches while standing, demonstrating elite stamina,” Trump senior adviser Jason Miller said in a statement. “He does not need to be programmed by staff.”

But there are signs that Trump was moving away from the doddering caricature he has long tried to paint about his opponent. In a recent interview on the “All-In” podcast, the former president took a different tone.

“I assume he’s going to be somebody that will be a worthy debater,” Trump said on the podcast. “I don’t want to underestimate him.”

Mask bans proposed in N.C., N.Y. amid pro-Palestinian protests raise covid fears

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the bans are being revived because covid is no longer treated as a public health emergency. Coronavirus levels in wastewater are reaching high levels across much of the Sun Belt and Florida, early indications of a summer covid wave, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Lawmakers eager to reinstate pre-pandemic mask restrictions say legislation would not target medically vulnerable people and others trying to avoid respiratory viruses. But critics say such an approach would be impractical and sets mask wearers up for further ostracization and harassment by police and fellow citizens.

The day after the North Carolina House of Representatives passed its anti-masking bill in June in response to pro-Palestinian protests at the University of North Carolina, Shari Stuart said a man confronted her for wearing a surgical mask when she walked into an auto service center in the Raleigh area to get an oil change. After she tried to explain that she has Stage 4 breast cancer and a weakened immune system, Stuart said, the man called her a “f---ing liberal” and insisted masks were now illegal. He later coughed on her and said he hoped the cancer would kill her.

Stuart, who first shared her experience with a local television station, said she worries this kind of harassment would worsen if mask restrictions became law despite language in the bill permitting the wearing of “a medical or surgical grade mask for the purpose of preventing the spread of contagious disease.”

“People are still going to think you are breaking the law if you’re wearing a mask. They don’t care what’s wrong with you,” Stuart told The Washington Post. “I’ve thought I should wear masks with something printed on it like ‘immune deficient’ or ‘cancer patient.’ But we should not have to do that.”

Others fear people of color will face the brunt of enforcement.

“Anytime you see these kind of laws where we are mandating a certain thing someone can do with their body, who is going to be most affected by that? Black and Brown people,” said Diana Cejas, a Black pediatric neurologist in Chapel Hill, N.C., who masks in part because she faces elevated risk from respiratory illness because of scar tissue around her airways from cancer treatment. “At the same time, I’m not going to let it deter me from trying to keep myself safe and my patients safe.”



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Commuters wait for the subway in New York on June 14. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul says she is considering a ban on face masks in the New York subway, in response to what she described as concerns over people shielding their identities while committing antisemitic acts.

cause she faces elevated risk from respiratory illness because of scar tissue around her airways from cancer treatment. “At the same time, I’m not going to let it deter me from trying to keep myself safe and my patients safe.”

In a statement accompanying his veto, Cooper said the legislation “removes protections and threatens criminal charges for people who want to protect their health by wearing a mask.”

GOP lawmakers have called such concerns overblown because of the bill’s health exception. Republicans have enough votes in their majority to overturn Cooper’s veto.

“Bad actors have been using masks to conceal their identity when they commit crimes and intimidate the innocent,” state Sen. Danny Earl Britt Jr. (R), one of the bill’s sponsors, said in a statement. “Instead of helping put an end to

this threatening behavior, the governor wants to continue encouraging these thugs by giving them more time to hide from the consequences of their actions. I look forward to casting a vote to override this veto and allowing those with actual health concerns to protect themselves and others.”

Opponents of mask restrictions question how a health exception could work if protesters wearing medical-grade masks say they’re trying to stay healthy in a crowd.

“I don’t understand when there’s a political protest exactly how the authorities plan to sort out those who are wearing masks for health purposes versus those who are wearing masks to protect their identity,” said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union who has written about the issue. “It really sets up a situation where we are likely to see selective enforcement

against protesters that the authorities don’t like.”

Sylvie Tudor, one of the protest organizers for the University of North Carolina chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine, said attendees are encouraged to wear masks specifically to limit the spread of communicable disease and called the GOP bill an effort to suppress protest.

“As defenders of Palestinian life, it’s our duty to honor the real danger that infectious disease poses to all people, whether in Chapel Hill or in Palestine,” said Tudor, a doctoral student in sociology.

But Adam Goldstein, a medical professor at the University of North Carolina who supports the legislative efforts to restrict masking, said widespread masking creates an unsettling climate for Jewish faculty, staff and students harassed by people they cannot identify. Goldstein said a protester

covering their face with a kaffiyeh, a scarf commonly worn at pro-Palestinian protests, approached him and shouted “intifada” while he held up a sign calling for the release of Israelis held hostage by Hamas.

He said people who face elevated risk from covid should be able to wear medical-grade masks but does not believe masked demonstrators are motivated by public health because many use ineffective cloth coverings and masking was far less common on campus before the protests.

“You cannot just say you are selectively worried about it only when you are out there protesting,” Goldstein said. “If you are at high risk, you probably shouldn’t do high-risk activities like congregating in large public groups.”

In New York, Democratic leaders say the relaxation of mask rules early in the pandemic has

now hampered police response to crime and antisemitism.

“We will not tolerate individuals using masks to evade responsibility for criminal or threatening behavior,” Hochul said at a news conference this month, adding that she wants to protect “legitimate” reasons to wear masks, including to prevent covid or the flu.

New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) also has signaled support for restrictions.

Yaacov Behrman, a rabbi who favors masking restrictions with exceptions for public health, said he was recently harassed by a group of pro-Palestinian protesters, including some in masks who shouted “Zionists are not welcome here,” while he walked by the Brooklyn Museum wearing a kippah, a head covering worn by some Jewish men.

“They are using masks to harass and intimidate,” said Behrman, founder of the Jewish Future Alliance, a community advocacy group.

New York Mayor Eric Adams (D) has encouraged retail businesses to make customers pull down their masks when they enter to dissuade robberies. “I think now is the time to go back to the way it was pre-covid,” Adams said in a radio interview this month.

But some New Yorkers have embraced masking as a healthy habit in a crowded city of millions to avoid any airborne pathogen that can disrupt life.

Logan Grendel, a 46-year-old Harlem resident, credits regular masking on the subway for his avoiding any respiratory illness since the pandemic started. “The fact I ever didn’t wear a mask on the subway is wild to me,” Grendel said.

Meredith Cann, a telehealth psychotherapist in Manhattan who largely serves immunocompromised and disabled people, said she has prospective clients seeking mental health care because they are terrified after hearing Hochul’s and Adams’s calls to limit masking.

“Average everyday people are going to hear what our governor and mayor are saying: People who wear masks are criminal,” said Cann, who receives weekly injections of an immunosuppressive drug for a chronic condition. “We are afraid for our quality of life and our ability to just exist in public.”



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WikiLeaks founder reaches tentative plea deal with U.S.

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“receive and obtain documents ... connected with the national defense” and “communicate” that information to “persons not entitled to receive” it. Manning, then a young Army intelligence analyst in Iraq, was convicted of violating the Espionage Act and other laws at a court-martial in 2013.

“This period of our lives, I’m confident now, has come to an end,” his wife and attorney Stella Assange said in a video statement filmed last Wednesday and released after the court documents were filed. “Julian will be free.”

Assange, whose snow-white hair became recognizable worldwide, was a polarizing figure. Supporters saw him as a courageous journalist whistleblower of government misdeeds, but his detractors saw a pompous self-promoter interested primarily in fame and oblivious to the harm his leaks might cause.

He burst into the American public consciousness in the 2010s, when WikiLeaks began publishing several bombshell disclosures. They included hundreds of thousands of secret U.S. military documents related to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and hundreds of thousands of confidential diplomatic cables that included candid and sometimes unflattering assessments by U.S. officials of partners overseas — including foreign heads of state whose help was needed to counter terrorism.

He famously in 2016 published emails that Russian government hackers had stolen from Democratic Party servers and that U.S. authorities assessed were leaked by Moscow in an effort to disrupt the presidential election. He was not charged in connection with those documents.

Assange had eluded authorities for years by holing up in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London. He arrived there in 2012 on the run from Swedish authorities, who were investigating him for sexual assault. That case was ultimately dropped, but in 2018 the Trump administration indicted Assange under seal for computer hacking. Ecuador expelled Assange from the embassy the following year, accusing him of violating the terms of his asylum, in part because of his “discourteous and aggressive behavior.”

He was immediately arrested



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A man walks by a mural of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in Melbourne. Assange reached a tentative plea deal on espionage charges.

by British authorities on the U.S. charge.

Extradition efforts began soon after. But Assange’s attorneys argued that he could not get a fair trial in the United States and that his mental health was too fragile to withstand transfer to an American prison, claims that have been debated in British courts for the past five years.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department expanded the case against Assange to include 17 counts of violating the Espionage Act. Those charges, which make it a felony to gather, transmit or communicate without authorization “national defense information” — generally understood to be classified information — immediately raised concerns from press freedom advocates who saw little distinction, at least on the surface, between WikiLeaks publishing leaked documents and traditional media reporting information related to national defense and intelligence.

It marked the first time the U.S. government was seeking to prosecute someone for publishing government secrets, civil liberties advocates say.

Assange’s brash methods differed from norms of the tradition-

rights groups and infuriated national security officials in the Obama administration.

Justice Department officials sought to make a distinction between Assange and traditional reporters, including in charging papers evidence that Assange tried to crack a Defense Department code and associates to hack computers and steal phone records.

“Julian Assange is no journalist,” said John Demers, then the assistant attorney general for national security, when the charges were unsealed in 2019. He said Assange had engaged in “explicit solicitation of classified information.”

But First Amendment advocates fear the charges and guilty plea could open the door to prosecutions of American media companies for their work on national security matters.

“It’s alarming that the Biden administration felt the need to extract a guilty plea for the purported crime of obtaining and

publishing government secrets. That’s what investigative journalists do every day,” Seth Stern of the Freedom of the Press Foundation said in a statement.

Bruce D. Brown, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, noted the plea deal’s convenient compromise — Assange admits he broke the law, without the Justice Department having to prove he did. “The Justice Department argued that the sole act of publishing government secrets violates the Espionage Act,” Brown said, noting his organization would have “vigorously contested that reading of the statute had Assange been put on trial in the U.S. But with this reported plea agreement, a potentially dangerous precedent for national security journalism would be avoided.”

Critics of the tentative plea deal argued against leniency. “Julian Assange rightly admitted he violated the law, putting thousands of American soldiers’ and inform-

Sprawling case touched on vital questions about nature of whistleblowing

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the United States.

Assange’s defenders have for years argued that his First Amendment rights — to publish leaked, embarrassing, newsworthy information about U.S. conduct in overseas wars — were under assault.

Federal prosecutors saw it far differently, presenting an 18-count indictment accusing him of seeking to help hack into classified systems with Chelsea Manning, a former Army intelligence analyst, and violating the Espionage Act by publishing thousands of pages of military and diplomatic cables about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Assange’s lawyers say the charges could have brought him up to 175 years in prison. Attorneys representing the U.S. government told British courts considering his extradition that, if found guilty, he might have served 48 to 63 months.

Assange may be about to win, while also having lost.

A new court filing showed he was preparing to plead guilty to a single felony count of violating the Espionage Act for his role in obtaining and disseminating classified military and diplomatic documents from 2009 to 2011.

With a court hearing scheduled for Wednesday morning in the U.S. territory of the Northern Mariana Islands, Assange has at last left Britain, where he has been since 2010. WikiLeaks posted on X that he left Belmarsh prison on Monday morning, after 1,901 days there, and departed on a plane from Stansted airport in the afternoon.

If his plea deal goes forward, he could be going free back to his home, Australia, for time served.

But he has paid a high price.

Archival photos from the days when he was riding high as the pathbreaking founder of rebel WikiLeaks show a cool, silver-haired hacker-activist-journalist in a leather jacket, his hand raised in a fist. He was going to change the world.

In his last appearances in a London courtroom, appearing behind a glass wall, he was a physically diminished man. He looked unwell, and he barely spoke.

Assange was too sick, too frail, to attend his most recent court hearings in London, his team said.

His medical condition is unknown. His lawyers have said he is battling depression — that a blade was once found in his cell and that, if imprisoned in the United States, he might try to kill himself.

His supporters argue that he was hounded for years by the U.S. security and intelligence establishment.

The Obama administration ultimately declined to bring charges against Assange and commuted Manning’s sentence. But after President Donald Trump took office, Attorney General Jeff Sessions asked prosecutors in Virginia to take another look at the Assange case.

One of the files released by Assange and WikiLeaks in 2010 was a classified U.S. military “gun-sight video” showing a 2007 attack in Baghdad by an Apache helicopter that killed 11 people, including two Reuters journalists.

News outlets around the world, including The Washington Post, used the leaked footage and other WikiLeaks documents to publish their own stories.

Prosecutors said the WikiLeaks exposés put lives at risk by including unredacted names of sources.

The indictment did not address WikiLeaks’ later release of Democrats’ emails, which authorities have alleged were stolen by Russia to disrupt the 2016 presidential election. Russia denied the allegation. Trump, then a presidential candidate, declared at a rally, “I love WikiLeaks.”

In 2010, Swedish police sought a European arrest warrant for Assange, not for his journalism or whistleblowing, but to question him about an accusation of sexual assault in the Nordic country. (The investigation was dropped in 2019.)

After posting bond and losing his appeal against the warrant,



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TOP: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange speaks from the balcony of the Ecuadorian Embassy in London in 2016. ABOVE: Assange gives a peace sign from a police vehicle in 2019 after he was arrested in London. He would spend years in Belmarsh prison.

Assange sought refuge in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London in 2012. He was granted political asylum by Ecuador’s left-leaning government, which said it shared Assange’s fears of political persecution and eventual extradition to the United States.

Assange remained in the embassy for almost seven years, living in a suite of small rooms, never venturing outside except for brief appearances on the balcony to address supporters or the press.

It was there he fell in love with one of his lawyers, Stella Moris,

who would become his partner and later his wife. The couple conceived their two sons while Assange lived in the embassy.

But Ecuador said he was not a good guest — that he abused staff, spread excrement on the walls. He may have also played a role in releasing documents that showed Ecuador’s president had benefited from offshore accounts.

In 2019, he was expelled by his hosts and arrested by London’s Metropolitan Police on U.S. charges.

Video of the arrest showed a gray-bearded Assange being hauled down the embassy’s steps and shoved into a police van. He appeared to be resisting. His hands were secured in front of him, clutching a copy of Gore Vidal’s “History of the National Security State.”

Assange was taken to Belmarsh prison on the outskirts of London, a high-security facility filled with hardened criminals. He would spend five years there while British courts held seemingly endless hearings on whether to shield him from extradition.

ants’ lives at risk,” said Jamil N. Jaffer, executive director of the National Security Institute at George Mason University’s Antonin Scalia Law School. “The fact that he’ll only get time served is a crime in and of itself. He should be serving a life sentence.”

It took nearly a decade from WikiLeaks’ publication of diplomatic and military leaks for the United States to prosecute Assange, amid debates over whether he should be charged with hacking or espionage and disagreement over whether the alleged crimes ran afoul of press freedom protections.

Manning, at her court-martial, expressed a desire to spark a national debate about the nation’s “obsession with killing and capturing people.” She was convicted of violating the Espionage Act, among other charges, and served almost seven years of a 35-year sentence before having her sentence commuted in 2017 by President Barack Obama.

Obama’s administration had passed on the Assange case, seeking to avoid the thorny First Amendment issue, but it never formally closed the investigation.

In negotiating the plea deal, the U.S. government had already agreed that if Assange were convicted at trial in the United States, he could serve his sentence in his home country of Australia — one of several concessions made by the Justice Department in its five-year effort to extradite the WikiLeaks founder.

The United States promised Assange would not face any charges that could trigger the death penalty, that he would not be automatically put in solitary confinement, and that he would receive mental health treatment. But Assange’s attorneys repeatedly argued that those promises were insufficient to prevent him from self-harm were he to be in U.S. custody.

According to two people familiar with the discussions, Justice Department officials have for months been discussing ways Assange could be held accountable without extradition to the United States. One possibility floated was that Assange would plead guilty remotely to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information, while the organization WikiLeaks would plead guilty to one of the felony espionage charges.

The charges have generated a steady stream of criticism from human rights advocates and free press activists.

On the day of one of the last court hearings in London, Timon Gehr, 34, a computer scientist from Switzerland, stood outside and decried Assange’s time in prison as “psychological torture,” and said he doubted that Assange could get a fair hearing in the United States. “It’s clear this is political prosecution,” he said.

The Australian Parliament earlier this year called for Assange to be set free.

The Committee to Protect Journalists and a coalition of press freedom groups warned in a public letter that the prosecution of Assange, under the Espionage Act and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, would allow for the prosecution of journalists “who are simply doing their jobs.”

They called on Attorney General Merrick Garland to drop all charges against Assange.

Salvador Rizzo in New York contributed to this report.

Wax Lincoln is no match for wicked D.C. heat

LINCOLN FROM A1

soon began going viral.

Slumping Abe in heat-induced agony was one interpretation of the meme-makers. Slumping Abe in carnal ecstasy was the suggestion of those hawking more scandalous versions.

No matter how people saw it, there was no ignoring what the heat had wrought.

“I never even thought about it melting, but in hindsight it makes so much sense,” sighed Melissa Krull, 41, who lives nearby and stopped on Monday to take a look at the wax president’s remains. “Even his poor legs are starting to come unglued.”

At one point Lincoln’s head perched so precariously that staffers at CulturalDC, the nonprofit organization that commissioned the work, attempted to straighten it so that it would stay in place. But it was a lost cause, and so early Monday, they took Lincoln’s head away for safekeeping with plans to reattach it on Tuesday. A wire spoke that kept the former president’s head in place was all that remained.

Surprisingly — or perhaps not surprisingly at all — this is the second time the Lincoln statue has melted. The 3,000-pound Lincoln candle — it had 100 wicks meant to be lighted — was installed at the same location in September. Days before it was set to be officially unveiled, someone lighted more than half of the wicks and then left the piece unattended.

Flame 1, wax Lincoln 0. Abe was reduced to a ghastly corpse, and what was left of the gloppy statue was carted away.

For its reincarnation in February, precautions were taken. The number of wicks was reduced to

just 10, and visitors were directed to light them for just a minute or two and then blow them out.

That approach worked well until the sun intervened over the weekend and Lincoln began to ooze. But melting like soft-serve ice cream on a scorching summer day was not something its creator imagined would happen. Williams, a professor of art at the University of Richmond, understood the wax to have a melting point well above highs recorded in the District’s sultriest summers.

“The idea was that the ambient temperature, unless it got to 140 degrees, wouldn’t melt the sculpture,” Williams said. “But yeah, I’m not sure that the company ever tried just putting a block of it outside for days in a hundred plus degree weather.”

While the Lincoln statue’s heat allergies have attracted widespread attention and provided humorous fodder for the social media gods, they have also brought attention to the work itself and the role public art can play in understanding history.

Titled “40 ACRES: Camp Barker,” the statue was placed on Garrison’s grounds because during the Civil War, that was the location of Camp Barker, a refuge for people escaping enslavement in the South and seeking freedom. Lincoln is said to have visited the camp on several occasions. The project is part of Williams’s wax archives series that explores the era during and following the Civil War.

“I’m interested in kind of highlighting Reconstruction-era histories that maybe have been forgotten or, you know, misplaced within the larger narrative arc,” Williams said. “Like, we learned Lincoln freed the slaves, but not necessarily what happened to



A statue by artist Sandy Williams IV, titled “40 ACRES: Camp Barker,” melts at Garrison Elementary School in Washington.

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these new free Black communities.”

Placing Lincoln in a neighborhood far from the National Mall helped to make that connection with people who might not otherwise see it, Williams said.

Kristi Maiselman, executive director and curator of CulturalDC, said the community has embraced the Lincoln statue, and it has prompted discussion about what statements it is making and how it connects people to history.

She added that the statue’s melting during a heat wave provided an opportunity to examine where the world is headed.

“I think personally, it’s a great platform for this work to spark conversations, not only about the historical significance of the site and of Lincoln, but about what’s going on in the world as it relates to climate change,” she said.

Maiselman said the artwork, paid for with a mix of private and public funding, cost a total of \$150,000, which includes the cost of the replacement statue after the first Lincoln burned.

The immediate fate of the heat damaged statue remains uncertain. It was scheduled to remain in its current location until September, and CulturalDC and Williams would like to repair it and keep it there. But they said a final decision will be made in consultation with the school and others in the community.

For now, its remains remain in place, and there is nothing in the city quite like it.

Cait Lowry, who owns the Coffee Bar, a half-block away from wax Lincoln, provided coffee at a ceremony when it was installed and remembers appreciating its uniqueness.

“It was just so cool,” she said. Just not quite cool enough.



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THE WORLD

The Philippines needs rice — but young people don't want to farm it

BY SAMMY WESTFALL
IN NUEVA ECIIJA, PHILIPPINES

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In the Philippines, people say, “Bigas ay buhay”: “Rice is life.” It’s a neutral canvas for every meal. Other foods are often served as “ulam,” the topping or side dish for rice. Rather than unlimited soda, fast-food chains serve “unli-rice.”

It’s boiled into language. There’s tutong (burned rice), bigas (uncooked rice), kanin (cooked rice), palay (unhusked rice), am (rice water) and bahaw (day-old rice). Rice missing from a meal is almost an accusation: You’re committing papak.

Some 2.4 million Filipinos work as rice farmers, toiling on lush paddies that blanket the country, some on ancient terraces that cut through steep hills. But for young people, the grueling, volatile and often impoverished life of a rice farmer holds dwindling appeal. With fewer young people willing to farm, the average age of a Filipino rice farmer is 56 — and climbing.

The shift away from farming could mean food shortages in the Philippines, which already imports more rice than any other country. Policymakers are scrambling: Upon taking office, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. promised to boost the agriculture sector, even appointing himself agriculture secretary, but those efforts have largely stalled. Rice inflation reached a 15-year high in the spring. Last week, Marcos Jr. formalized a cut in tariffs on imported rice from 35 percent to 15 percent — an effort to ensure food security in the country. But farmers said the move was yet another sign of neglect.

“If our farmers die in the next 20 years ... who will feed the Filipinos?” said Jett Subaba of the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization, or PhilMech. “It’s not just something optional to address. ... When we talk about food, we talk about life, right?”

A hard life

In Nueva Ecija, a province north of Manila, rice is everywhere. Neon-green rice paddies line highways. Hulking plow-pulling water buffaloes known as “carabao” plod through traffic. Here, Privado Serrano spends searing afternoons in knee-deep mud, bending to sow seeds in neat rows. It requires endurance, agility and a very good back.

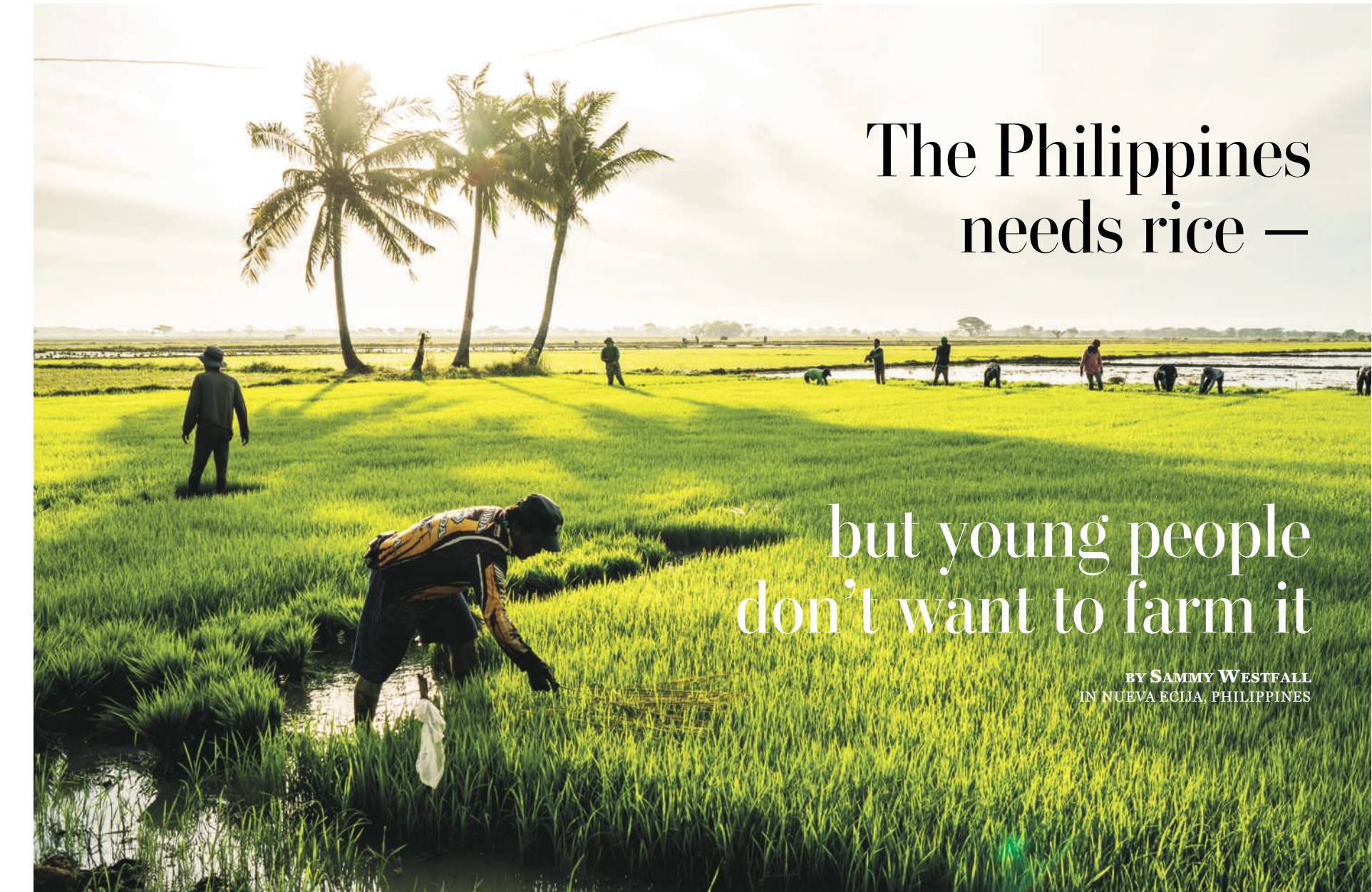
Privado is 66. He has been farming rice since age 10. His father was a rice farmer, as were generations before him. Privado’s two sons are rice farmers. His only daughter married a rice farmer, too.

But Privado’s grandchildren want a different life.

“I just don’t like it,” Arvin, 23, said of rice growing. He doesn’t like the sun, he added, or lifting heavy things. “Sometimes, I feel lazy.”

“At least he’s honest,” his aunt said.

Arvin knew this from a young age, so he studied criminology at a local college and graduated this year — a family first.



For years, he watched his family toil, fall into debt and lose sleep over natural disasters.

“If the rice falls over, wala na — it’s over,” Privado’s son Arturo said, recalling Typhoon Karding, which in 2022 bulldozed the family’s crops only two weeks before harvest.

Rice farmers net an average of \$294 per hectare (about 2½ acres) per biannual crop season, after high upfront production costs. Returns vary because of weather, but also the volatile price of rice. The trade of rice globally is a relatively small proportion of total rice produced, said Nafees Meah, who previously served as Asia director at the Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). “So the margin is tight. ... If you time it wrong, the price rockets.”

‘If there is a machine, we don’t have work’

For many in the Nueva Ecija municipality of Talavera, the Serrano family’s hometown, where 80 percent of the land is agricultural, becoming anything but a farmer is seen as a ticket out.

A shop produces custom metal signboards for proud parents to proclaim it on their homes’ facades: Myla S. Paragas, Registered Nurse.

When Privado’s son first followed him into the paddies, he felt happy. He wanted them to one day inherit his 17-acre plot. Now, knowing the job’s volatility and the gulf between effort and reward, he regrets it. “This time, I’m so sad if I see he’s farming. I feel so bad,” he said.

Andrea, 10, one of his grandchildren, wants to go to medical school. Just standing in the paddies for two minutes, Andrea and Arvin squint and complain.

Privado is quick to say his back doesn’t hurt from decades of rice planting; in fact, it has made him age more gracefully. At his age, his

eyes, now cloudy, are the problem. Andrea administers her grandfather’s eye drops. The Serranos all say she’ll become the family’s first doctor.

The value of farmland plots land in Nueva Ecija is soaring, as private commercial developers scoop up land. Privado bought his first plot two decades ago for about \$5,100, then \$8,600, then his last at \$17,000. He can’t afford to continue expanding.

For the industry’s many contractors, the outlook is bleaker still.

Dotting the pastoral scene with neon colors, Nelia Ipo, 61, and about a dozen mostly elderly farmers wrap shirts around their heads to ward off sunrays. Ipo, who’s been working other people’s fields since age 9, treads backward in the

silky mud. It’s covered in a veneer of flies.

“If there is a machine, we don’t have work, we don’t have money, we don’t have livelihood. We are miserable,” she said.

Marcos Jr. pushed for agricultural modernization, distributing farm equipment and writing off \$1 billion in farmers’ debts. But he has also implemented measures that made the lives of rice farmers far harder, including a price ceiling on rice in a bid to tamp down rising inflation.

Amid soaring food costs, he relinquished his agriculture chief post in November and reversed his decision on a price ceiling, saying at the time: “Agriculture is much, much more complicated than what people understand.”

Quality over quantity

Some bodies want to promote an entrepreneurial view of farming. With government funding, PhilMech promotes using farm machinery.

“If before, farmers’ best friend is a carabao, today it’s machines,” PhilMech’s Subaba said. Farmers can listen to Spotify while driving transplanters, he added. “We’re giving them the image that it’s cooler today.”

There are other ways technology can help. At IRRI’s gene bank, walk-in freezers hold 132,000 varieties and wild species of rice. Scientists are using gene editing to harness an “elite breeding pool” to create rice varieties that can resist drought, floods and the cold, or are enriched with iron and zinc.

While some raise alarm bells at

the younger generations’ retreat from the rice fields, other experts say it isn’t all bad, given economies of scale; the shrinking of the sector is a welcome, even necessary, step. Fewer, more-productive young farmers will carry the torch, they argue.

In the Philippines, most farm holdings are very small, averaging 1.5 hectares (under 4 acres) — part of a legacy of 20th-century land reform that limited holdings. The average size of an Australian farm is over 4,000 hectares (about 10,000 acres).

David Dawe, a former U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization senior economist, said that across countries, as economies grow, the share of the workforce involved in farming declines and food becomes a smaller share of total expenditure. Even as people buy more motorcycles and take more vacations, he said, “our stomachs are finite in size.”

Across the world, diets are diversifying, changing the rate of demand.

“If you’ve got too many people involved in a sector that’s contributing a smaller and smaller percentage of the total economy, then you’re condemning these people to poverty,” Dawe said.

IRRI’s Meah said he’s not so hung up on the number of Filipinos leaving farming. Instead, what bothers him is that “not enough young people see farming as an opportunity to have a fulfilling life.”

Anthropologist Florencia Palis found that two-thirds of farmers in the country did not want their children to pursue rice farming.

When asked about their profession, planters would say, “I am *only* a farmer,” said researchers at the government-attached Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice). So it printed shirts proclaiming, “Anak ako ng magsasaka.”

That translates as: I am a farmer’s child.



TOP: Contract farmers work on a rice field in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. **ABOVE:** The Serrano family at the edge of their rice fields in Nueva Ecija. Privado Serrano, center, has been planting rice since he was 10. His children followed his path, but his grandchildren have other plans.

DIGEST

INDONESIA Hackers compromise national data center

Indonesia’s national data center has been compromised by a hacking group asking for an \$8 million ransom that the government won’t pay, authorities said Monday.

The cyberattack has disrupted the services of more than 200 government agencies at both the national and regional levels since Thursday, said Samuel Abrijani Pangerapan, the director general of informatics applications with the Communications and Informatics Ministry.

Some government services have returned — immigration services at airports and elsewhere are now functional — but efforts to restore others such as investment licensing are

continuing, Pangerapan said.

The attackers have held data hostage and offered a key for access in exchange for the \$8 million ransom, said Herlan Wijanarko, director of network IT solutions at PT Telkom Indonesia. Wijanarko said the company, in collaboration with authorities at home and abroad, is investigating and trying to break the encryption that made data inaccessible.

Communication and Informatics Minister Budi Arie Setiadi told journalists the government wouldn’t pay the ransom. “We have tried our best to carry out recovery while the [National Cyber and Crypto Agency] is currently carrying out forensics,” Setiadi added.

The head of that agency, Hinsu Siburian, said investigators had detected samples of the Lockbit 3.0 ransomware.

— Associated Press

MALAYSIA 8 suspected of links to ISIS are detained

Police in Malaysia have detained eight people with suspected links to the Islamic State militant group and thwarted possible threats against Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, the nation’s king and other dignitaries, the government said Monday.

Six men and two women, ages 25 to 70, were detained without trial in four states during a weekend police operation, Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution said. Their arrests followed several operations carried out in May, he said, adding that the detainees included a former university lecturer, homemakers and a construction worker.

Malaysia has taken tough measures to curb the influence of

militant cells linked to the Islamic State, with hundreds of people suspected of having ties to the group detained in the country before 2020.

Such arrests have been more rare in recent years.

Saifuddin said an inquiry revealed threats to the prime minister and Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar, who holds the country’s rotating monarchy, as well as top police officials and “prominent individuals.”

— Associated Press

NORTH MACEDONIA Greece accuses leader of violating name deal

Greece on Monday accused neighboring North Macedonia’s new center-right government of breaking a historic deal on the country’s name, warning that this could harm its hopes of one

day joining the European Union.

Athens was responding a day after North Macedonia’s Prime Minister Hristijan Mickoski repeatedly used the old name, “Macedonia,” saying he found his country’s new name, under the agreement, “shameful.”

The 2018 deal with Greece, which refers to one of its regions as Macedonia, was signed by the center-left government that Mickoski defeated in May 8 elections. It ended a decades-long quarrel over history and cultural heritage, and stipulated that the country would formally adopt the new name “North Macedonia.” It also allowed the country to join NATO in 2020.

As an E.U. member, Greece can hinder its neighbor’s accession — which another Balkan neighbor and bloc member, Bulgaria, is already doing in a separate dispute over minority issues.

— Associated Press

North Korea resumed launches of balloons likely carrying trash toward South Korea on Monday night, South Korea’s military said, in the latest round of a Cold War-style campaign on the Korean Peninsula. The launches came days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a major defense deal that observers worry could embolden Kim to direct more provocations at South Korea. Starting in late May, North Korea launched more than 1,000 balloons that dropped manure, cigarette butts, scraps of cloth, waste batteries and vinyl in various parts of South Korea. No highly dangerous materials were found. North Korea said its balloon campaign was a tit-for-tat action against South Korean activists who used balloons to fly political leaflets critical of its leadership across the border.

— From news services

After deadly Dagestan attack, Russian officials minimize Islamic State claim

BY FRANCESCA EBEL
AND ROBYN DIXON

Russian lawmakers on Monday quickly blamed external forces, including Ukraine and NATO, for terrorist attacks on Sunday that killed at least 20 people in Dagestan, a predominantly Muslim region of Russia in the North Caucasus that has long been a hotbed of violence by Islamist militants.

The gunfire attacks on Sunday — at a police post, a synagogue and Orthodox churches in the regional capital of Makhachkala and a second city, Derbent — killed at least 17 police officers and an Orthodox priest, authorities said.

Pro-Kremlin media appeared to play down a claim from Al Azaim Media, a Russian-language channel associated with the Islamic State in Khorasan Province, which posted a statement late Sunday that the attack was carried out in response to calls for attacks on behalf of the Islamic State organization, or ISIS.

Dagestan governor Sergei Melikov said six suspects were killed during the operation.

“Our recent call did not keep us waiting long,” the Al Azaim post said. “Our brothers from the Caucasus let us know that they are still strong. They showed what they are capable of.”

Dagestan has experienced some unrest apparently tied to Israel’s war on Hamas in Gaza.

In October, hundreds of people stormed the Makhachkala airport in search of Jewish air passengers arriving on a flight from Tel Aviv.

At the time, Russian Foreign Ministry officials claimed without evidence that Ukraine played “a direct and key role” in the October airport riot, calling it a “provocation” orchestrated from outside Russia.

In March, gunmen with alleged ties to the Islamic State in Khorasan Province attacked the Crocus City Hall concert venue on the outskirts of Moscow, killing 145 people. At the time, Russian security officials also implicated Ukraine, and the Kremlin disputed Washington’s account that U.S. intelligence had shared a specific warning ahead of that attack.

While Russia’s war in Ukraine overshadows virtually all other events in Russia these days, some officials cautioned against seeing Kyiv’s hand in every incident.

If every terrorist attack is “blamed on the intrigues of Ukraine and NATO, this pink fog will lead us to big problems,” Russian senator Dmitry Rogozin said.

On Sunday, gunmen opened fire at several locations in the two cities, including the Church of Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Derbent, where a priest, Nikolai Kotelnikov, 66, was killed. They also attacked the city’s only synagogue, which was apparently empty at the time.

Even before local and national law enforcement had gained control over the violence on Sunday, officials were already blaming the United States and Ukraine.

A local lawmaker, Abdulkarim Gadzhiev, blamed Sunday’s attack on “the special services of Ukraine and NATO countries.” The pro-



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A woman walks past flowers placed by the representative office of Dagestan in Moscow, following terrorist attacks in Dagestan.

Kremlin head of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, Leonid Slutsky, who heads the foreign affairs committee in the State Duma, Russia’s lower house of parliament, blamed “outside forces” aiming to divide Russians and “sow panic.”

Valentina Matviyenko, the head of the Federation Council, the upper chamber, called the attacks “a tragedy” planned outside Russia.

“The tragedy in Dagestan is an absolutely cynical and carefully planned provocation from abroad,” Matviyenko said, adding that Russian security agencies would identify those behind the attacks and swiftly “clean out extremist cells.”

A local official, Magomed Omarov, head of the Sergokala district of Dagestan, was arrested after

two of his sons allegedly took part in the attacks. Both were killed by law enforcement officials.

The head of Russia’s Investigative Committee, Alexander Bastykin, called for a full inquiry into Sunday’s attacks. The Investigative Committee said the assailants have been identified, according to Tass, a state news agency.

More than two dozen others were injured in the attacks, which appeared to be coordinated.

Russia has experienced intermittent attacks by declared affiliates of the Islamic State.

Earlier this month, two prisoners who pledged allegiance to the group took two prison guards hostage at a detention center in Russia’s southern Rostov region. Russian authorities ended the prison siege quickly, killing the hostage-

takers and freeing the captives.

In previous years, thousands of Dagestanis left Russia to fight for the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria — an exodus apparently encouraged by the Kremlin. However, hundreds ultimately were brought back to serve prison sentences after the Islamic State was defeated by a U.S.-led coalition.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Monday rejected a suggestion that Islamic militancy could be surging in Dagestan. “Society is consolidated, and the kind of criminal behavior that we saw yesterday in Dagestan is not supported by society, either in Russia or in Dagestan,” Peskov said.

In a further sign of deep tensions between Moscow and Washington, several Russian officials including the deputy head of the Security Council, former president Dmitry Medvedev, linked the Dagestan attack to a Ukrainian missile strike Sunday on occupied Crimea, which killed four civilians, including two children.

Peskov accused the United States on Monday of being responsible for the attack on Crimea, saying that this “must have consequences.” Russia’s Defense Ministry reported that it shot down five Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missiles supplied to Ukraine by the United States. It said the missiles were fired at Crimea on Sunday.

The ministry said one of the missiles exploded over the city of Sevastopol after deviating from its flight path when it was intercepted by Russian air defenses.

Without providing evidence,

the Defense Ministry claimed that all ATACMS targets are determined by the U.S. military.

Russia’s Foreign Ministry on Monday summoned U.S. Ambassador Lynne Tracy to register a formal complaint about “the targeted Ukrainian missile strike on Sevastopol that caused numerous casualties, including children.”

Peskov described the Crimea attack as “absolutely barbaric” and blamed the United States and Europe. Speaking in his daily conference call with journalists, Peskov did not comment on what actions Russia would take, but pointed to earlier threats from President Vladimir Putin to supply missiles to nations unfriendly to the United States.

Peskov said Russia is revising its nuclear doctrine — which currently states that Russia may use nuclear weapons if its existence is threatened or in retaliation for a nuclear attack — to account for “today’s realities.”

Last week, Putin said Moscow was “thinking about” revising the doctrine. Putin also threatened to supply Russian arms to North Korea in retaliation for Western arms supplies to Ukraine.

The West “supplies weapons to Ukraine, saying: ‘We are not in control here, so the way Ukraine uses them is none of our business,’” Putin said. “Why shouldn’t we adopt the same position and say that we supply something to somebody but have no control over what happens afterward?”

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

Britain’s Princess Anne in hospital with concussion, other head injuries

BY KARLA ADAM

LONDON — Britain’s Princess Anne was hospitalized with a concussion and minor head injuries but was expected to make a full recovery, Buckingham Palace said Monday, after an incident that appeared to have involved a horse.

While the exact cause of the injuries was uncertain, a palace official said that Anne — King Charles III’s sister and Queen

Elizabeth II’s only daughter — had been walking Sunday in an area of her Gatcombe Park estate where there were horses and that the injuries were consistent with an impact from a horse’s head or legs.

Anne remained under observation at a Bristol hospital “as a precautionary measure,” the palace said in a statement, and her planned engagements for the week would be postponed. That means she won’t attend a state banquet with the emperor and

empress of Japan. She had also been scheduled to visit Canada.

“The King has been kept closely informed and joins the whole Royal Family in sending his fondest love and well-wishes to the princess for a speedy recovery,” the palace said.

Anne, 73, takes after her mother in being a keen horsewoman. She competed in the 1976 Olympic Games as a member of the British equestrian team. She was on horseback as recently as June 15,

for the king’s birthday parade, and she was at the Royal Ascot horse races last week.

Anne is also one of the most popular and hardest-working members of her family. Among senior royals, she consistently attends the most events each year. And she has been an especially key player this year, as Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales, pulled back from their public duties while undergoing cancer treatment.

Charles has resumed a lighter-than-usual summer schedule. Catherine made her first public appearance this year during the king’s birthday parade. She said in a statement that she hoped to join “a few public engagements over the summer” but added that “I am not out of the woods yet.”

The palace official said that Anne’s husband, Timothy Laurence, and her two children, Zara Tindall and Peter Phillips, were on the estate at the time of the

incident Sunday. Her husband accompanied her to the hospital. It was not clear who called emergency services.

This might be the second high-profile incident involving royal horses this year. In April, five horses from the king’s mounted bodyguard were startled by construction work and galloped riderless through central London. None of the riders were seriously injured. Two of the horses are still receiving veterinary care.

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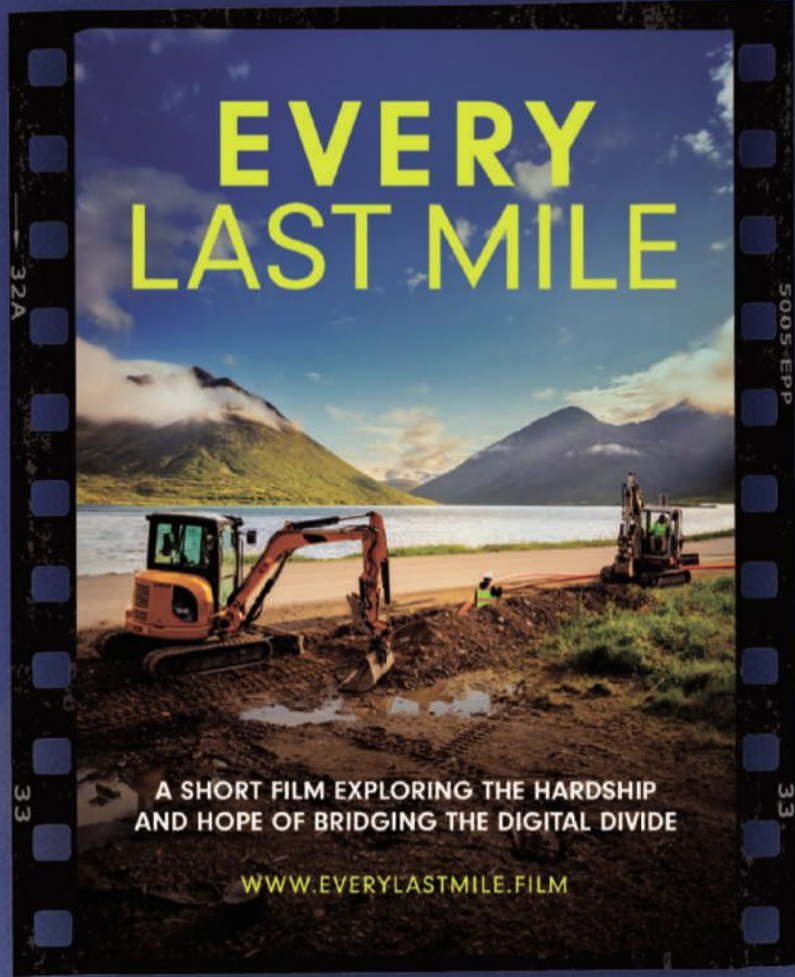
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Hostage families decry apparent Netanyahu rebuff of deal

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to dismiss the cease-fire proposal backed by President Biden, angering the families of Israeli hostages, which accused him of not honoring a key element of the plan: a full Israeli military withdrawal.

In a TV interview Sunday night, Netanyahu said he was open to some aspects of a hostage exchange but not the permanent cease-fire that Biden presented as part of what he described as the proposed Israeli deal last month.

“The intense phase of the war will come to an end very soon,” Netanyahu said. “But that does not mean that the war will be over.” He added: “I am willing to make a partial deal, which will bring some of the people back to us. That is no secret. But we’re committed to continuing the war after the truce.”

Netanyahu’s remarks came as Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant visited Washington, where he is meeting with U.S. officials to describe a new phase in the war in Gaza and escalating tensions in the north with Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. In a meeting with U.S. special envoy Amos Hochstein on Monday, Gallant said that “Phase C” of the war would have consequences on all fronts for Israel, according to a statement from Gallant’s office.

Ahead of his Monday meeting with CIA Director William J. Burns, Gallant said he would discuss securing the return of the hostages, which he called “Israel’s primary commitment.”

He also met with Secretary of State Antony Blinken. According to a State Department readout, Blinken updated Gallant on “diplomatic efforts to advance security, governance, and reconstruction” in a postwar Gaza and “emphasized the importance of that work to Israel’s security.”

The Hostages and Missing Families Forum on Monday condemned Netanyahu’s remarks, calling his apparent rejection of



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Crowds protest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government in Tel Aviv on Saturday and call for a hostage-release deal. Netanyahu has seemed to dismiss a plan backed by President Biden.

the cease-fire and hostage-release proposal “an unprecedented national failure and a departure from the war’s objectives.”

The group said Netanyahu’s plan “abandons” the 120 hostages and “violates the state’s moral obligation to its citizens.” It said that “the responsibility and duty to return all hostages lies with the prime minister.”

The families of the hostages have increasingly clashed with Netanyahu and far-right members of his cabinet over whether it is a priority to reach a deal on the hostages or to continue fighting to destroy Hamas.

In a statement shared Monday on Telegram, Hamas condemned Netanyahu’s remarks and said his aim for a “partial agreement” would result in the continuation of the war after the recovery of prisoners — which clearly violates Biden’s promise.

Hamas said its “insistence that any agreement must include a clear confirmation of a permanent cease-fire and a complete withdrawal from the Gaza Strip”

was a necessary step. While Hamas said it views the proposal “positively,” it has also added conditions that the United States has called unacceptable.

The European Union’s foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, also expressed disappointment with Netanyahu’s comments and their effect on talks to end the conflict. “The last declaration from Prime Minister Netanyahu confirms that, unhappily, this plan is not going to be implemented,” Borrell said in Luxembourg ahead of a meeting of E.U. foreign ministers.

“I am worried, I am much more worried, every day the crises are spilling over,” he added, citing fears that border clashes between Israel and Hezbollah could escalate. “The risk of this war affecting the south of Lebanon and spilling over is also every day bigger.”

The worry in Europe over the war’s expansion was further underscored when German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said at the same event that it was

“absolutely important” that a cease-fire is reached in Gaza. She urged Hamas to “finally agree” to a deal. Baerbock, who described the situation at the Lebanon-Israel border as “more than concerning,” said that she would be traveling to the Middle East and that “a further escalation would be a catastrophe for all people in the region.”

The aid agency Save the Children also joined the chorus of those calling for an end to the war in Gaza, saying Monday that a cease-fire is “desperately” needed.

More than 20,000 children are estimated to be missing in Gaza, according to a report released by the organization on Monday. The report notes that the young are thought to be “lost, disappeared, detained, buried under the rubble or in mass graves.”

At least 17,000 children are believed to be unaccompanied and separated from their families, the report said. It noted that the figure was made worse by Israel’s recent offensive in the

southern Gaza city of Rafah, which “increased the strain” on families and communities inside the enclave.

Conditions in Gaza make it “nearly impossible” to gather and verify information, the report said. But it estimated that around 4,000 children are probably missing under rubble and that an unknown number are in mass graves.

Other children, the report said, have been “forcibly disappeared,” including an unknown number who were allegedly detained and transferred out of Gaza — their whereabouts unknown to their loved ones.

After conducting a situational assessment in Rafah, Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi said the Israeli military is “clearly approaching the point where we can say we have dismantled the Rafah Brigade.” He added that he meant this in the sense that the brigade can “no longer function as a fighting unit,” not in the sense that there are “no more terrorists.”

Here’s what else to know

- At the request of their families, the Hostages and Missing Families Forum publicized video taken by Hamas militants while abducting three hostages on Oct. 7: Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Or Levy and Eliya Cohen. The videos, also published by the IDF, show armed militants putting bloodied hostages in the back of a pickup truck and driving down a road. “The harsh video is a serious indictment of the neglect that has been going on for 262 days,” the forum said. The hostages remain in Hamas captivity.

- The World Health Organization said it helped transfer five children in need of medical care — four cancer patients and one patient with second-degree burns — from al-Ahli Hospital to the Nasser Medical Complex. They will receive care at that hospital in Khan Younis until they can leave Gaza, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a tweet along with a video of the young patients boarding an ambulance. More than 10,000 people need medical evacuations outside Gaza, he said.

- Clashes broke out in Los Angeles on Sunday as pro-Palestinian protesters attempted to block access to a synagogue in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, according to the mayor, Karen Bass. She described the violence as “abhorrent” in a social media post. She has ordered extra police patrols in the area and at other places of worship in the city. “I want to be clear that Los Angeles will not be a harbor for antisemitism and violence,” she wrote.

- Britain’s opposition Labour Party said it would comply with any arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court against Netanyahu if it wins in elections on July 4. David Lammy, the opposition foreign secretary, made the remark in an interview with CNN that aired Sunday. Biden has previously described the ICC warrant applications as “outrageous.”

- Lebanese officials took journalists and ambassadors to Beirut’s international airport in a bid to refute a report claiming that Hezbollah has weapons caches there. Speaking during the two-hour tour of Rafiq al-Hariri International Airport, Public Works Minister Ali Hamiya said Lebanon is considering legal action against Britain’s Telegraph newspaper over the report. The paper published an article over the weekend — without a byline and attributed to anonymous “whistleblowers” — that said Hezbollah stored weapons at the airport, sparking panic in Lebanon that the airport could be targeted by Israel.

- At least 37,598 people have been killed and 86,032 injured in Gaza since the war started, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. It does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but says the majority of the dead are women and children. Israel estimates that about 1,200 people were killed in Hamas’s Oct. 7 attack, including more than 300 soldiers, and it says 314 soldiers have been killed since the start of its military operations in Gaza.

Susannah George contributed to this report.

Biden’s aspirations for cease-fire, increased humanitarian aid in Gaza fade

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In the seven weeks since Israel began its military operation in Rafah, virtually all of the bad things the Biden administration feared would happen have come to pass. Hamas, while debilitated, has not been destroyed. Palestinian civilian death rates have continued to climb. And spring’s hopes of a steady, sustainable flow of humanitarian aid throughout Gaza have disappeared as summer temperatures soar.

More than a million Gazans fleeing the Rafah offensive — most already displaced several times since the war began — have been newly set adrift in a wasteland of rubble and wrecked refugee camps where there is little or no shelter, food, water or medical care.

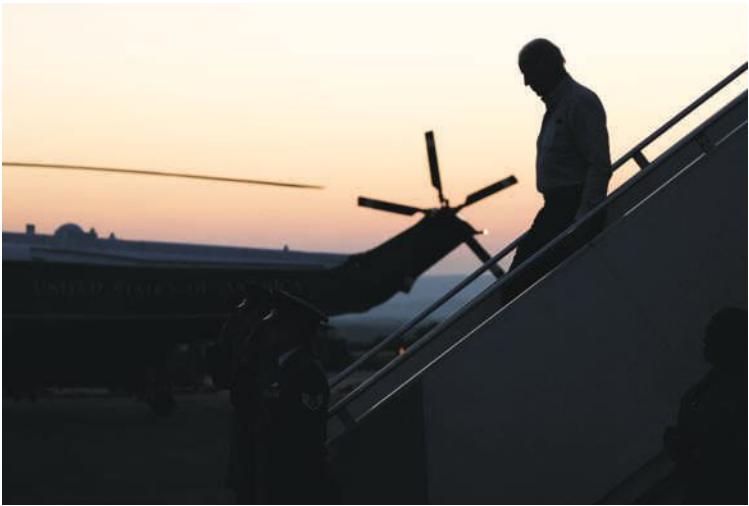
This month, dozens have been killed by Israeli strikes in and around Mawasi, a coastal area north of Rafah where many have sought refuge, according to international aid agencies. In recent days, Israeli forces again launched air and ground attacks in northern Gaza against what they said were Hamas tunnels, weapons depots and headquarters, despite declaring the area largely cleared of militants months ago.

While many hostages are believed to have died in captivity, somewhere between 50 and 100 — including five Americans — remain alive in Hamas hands.

In recent weeks, a pervasive gloom has fallen over the Biden administration as policy initiatives and a cease-fire seem ever more distant. Meanwhile, the prospect of regional war with Iranian proxies in Lebanon and beyond looms larger.

Relations have grown increasingly strained between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — who last week publicly accused the State Department of holding up U.S. arms shipments to Israel — and the administration, which denied the charge and stopped just short of calling the prime minister a liar.

“We knew this was going to be hard” when President Biden flew to Israel in the fall to pledge full U.S. support in response to Hamas’s Oct. 7 attack, a senior international official said. “We had no conception of how hard it was going to be.” Biden counseled a targeted, strategic approach that would shape a lasting peace, said the official, one of



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President Biden, on his way to Camp David, has seen his gamble that he could break a stalemate in Gaza fall short.

several who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive issue.

In some respects, June has been the most difficult month yet. It began on a relative high note, with Biden’s gamble that a public declaration of the U.S.-negotiated terms of the latest cease-fire and hostage-release deal would break a months-long stalemate in indirect negotiations between Israel and Hamas.

Netanyahu acknowledged that his war cabinet “authorized” the proposal, which also calls for the withdrawal of Israeli troops. But he and some members of his government have publicly thrown cold water over any arrangement short of complete Hamas destruction and insist that Israel will retain security control over Gaza.

The Biden administration has put the onus on Hamas, which said it was “positive” about a plan that incorporated many of its previous stipulations, but made further demands, including that Israel put the terms of a withdrawal commitment in writing.

“We’ll continue to work this with urgency, with determination, to see if we can bridge the gap,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken said last Tuesday. “But I can’t tell you with conviction that we will.”

State Department spokesman Matthew Miller on Thursday acknowledged “a wide diversity of opinions” among officials on the likelihood of success. “But we’re going to keep trying” to reach a deal, he said.

“The plan now is to continue the reiteration publicly and pri-

vately [to Israel] that you’ve got to have an end state — something other than a campaign that just goes on and on,” the senior official said. “More likely they will wrap up Rafah in the next two or three weeks ... then back to a situation where there is chaos and lawlessness on the ground.”

Asked whether the end of the Rafah operation would see the increased provision of food and medicine, the official was less than hopeful. “The restraints [on humanitarian aid] will not be Israel, they will be because it isn’t safe on the ground in Gaza. We are essentially at that point today.”

The administration says it is close to an agreement with Persian Gulf nations to provide funds for reconstruction and assist in transitional security in a postwar Gaza. But those nations are likely to balk at a chaotic arrangement where Hamas, Israel or both still wield power in the enclave.

If remnants of Hamas’s formidable army remain, as appears more than likely to the administration and some in the Israeli military, “are you going to get Arab boots on the ground? Shoot Palestinians? I don’t think so,” said David M. Satterfield, who served as Biden’s special envoy for humanitarian issues in Gaza during the first six months of the war.

“And will the Emiratis, will Saudi Arabia, put their dollars, their rials, their dinars into reconstruction in a situation” where they are “the potential target of further Israeli actions” in response to a residual or resurgent Hamas threat? “Again, his-

tory would tell us the answer is unlikely to be yes,” said Satterfield, speaking last week at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Satterfield was at his most somber on the subject of humanitarian assistance. Israeli military operations in northern Gaza during the first months of the war left tens of thousands dead. Those who survived but did not flee south were left without adequate food, water, fuel and medicine because of ongoing combat and Israeli military restrictions.

The situation had begun to slightly improve by late April, after much of the fighting moved to the south and Israel agreed to facilitate more assistance to the north.

Yet amid new displacement from the southern border city of Rafah since the Israeli military operation there began on May 7, aid to central and southern Gaza has been “almost entirely cut off,” said Tess Ingram, a spokeswoman for UNICEF, the U.N. program for children. U.N. agencies warned in early June that more than 1 million Palestinians could face starvation by July as famine looms in the north.

“There was a complete flip of the vulnerability of north-south,” Georgios Petropoulos, head of the Gaza division of the U.N.’s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said in an interview Wednesday.

The north is now “sort of getting what it needs to keep people alive. Not dignified, not safe, not healthy, but at least they’re alive and they’re not rioting,” he said. “But the south is a big problem. ... Anyone that was actually acutely vulnerable kind of moved to the south from the north, including very ill children.”

Most aid to southern Gaza had been delivered through the Rafah crossing with Egypt, the only portal into the enclave not controlled by Israel. That crossing has been closed on the Gaza side by Israeli forces, and Israeli media this week showed images of the terminal burned and gutted.

With Rafah out of commission, aid intended for central and southern Gaza must now enter through the nearby Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel. Once inside Gaza, aid agencies have to deconflict their route with the Israel Defense Forces, navigate restricted zones and dodge ongoing combat and looters increasingly organized into

criminal gangs that feed a black market.

A floating pier constructed in mid-May by the U.S. military on Gaza’s Mediterranean coast to bring aid by sea has been only sporadically operative, as heavy seas have twice forced it to be dismantled.

COGAT, the Israeli military defense arm responsible for movement in and out of Gaza, said the United Nations, which handles most of the aid distribution, is responsible for not keeping up with the pace of entering goods and denies reports of starvation in Gaza.

On Friday, COGAT said that the contents of 1,200 trucks were awaiting collection at Kerem Shalom and published a photo of acres of humanitarian goods piled in a central Gaza holding area after being offloaded from the U.S. pier. The U.N.’s World Food Program, which had agreed to handle distribution logistics from the pier, has said it is too dangerous because of looting and ongoing combat. More than 250 aid workers have been killed during the war, most of them by Israeli fire.

Petropoulos called COGAT’s charges “ridiculous.”

“Leaving things at the doorway of a house on fire is not really helping that house,” he said. “Having a conversation with me about my capacity inside Gaza to warehouse, to move, to distribute, to ship, is also a little bit absurd as far as I’m concerned when you are literally targeting and destroying my warehouses, one by one. I have no fuel. ... You’re killing my staff.”

As desperation and lawlessness have taken hold inside southern and central Gaza — where most of the population is camped on rubble and beaches — the violent looting of aid vehicles that manage to leave Kerem Shalom has intensified over the past six weeks, aid agencies said.

What Petropoulos called “the absence of any kind of civil order and rule of law” has fueled a black market, particularly for cigarettes — purchased in Egypt, hidden inside aid shipments and sold for up to several thousand dollars a carton by “criminals, cartels, smuggling operations and families” who realize “there’s a lot of money to be made.”

Looting trucks and warehouses at gunpoint, the gangs often rifle through and discard hu-

manitarian aid in search of cigarettes.

Israel has also allowed an increasing number of commercial vehicles to enter the enclave, many with their own armed protection that is not allowed under U.N. rules, carrying food for sale in Gazan markets at prices few can pay.

The Rafah escalation has “crippled” health services in central and southern Gaza by forcing clinics to shut down or move, pushing civilians farther from care and cutting off supplies, UNICEF’s Ingram said.

It’s already too late for Haneen al-Zaanin, 6, who died on June 10 from acute malnutrition, according to a death certificate issued by al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in central Gaza, and viewed by The Post.

Reached by phone in a camp in Deir al-Balah, in central Gaza, Haneen’s mother, Waf’a, said the family has relocated six times since leaving the north when the fighting began, most recently fleeing from the Rafah offensive. Sick with fever and diarrhea since the war’s first month, Haneen weighed just 23 pounds when she died.

In another camp in Deir al-Balah, Shireen Abu Qamar, 36, is almost out of cash and options. The former journalist has already run through her savings and last month sold her jewelry as a last resort. Her family of five fled Rafah in May and can barely afford to buy what’s in the market. They subsist on donated humanitarian flour.

She thinks her youngest son, burned during an Israeli strike months ago, has hepatitis A from the unsanitary conditions in the camp. “The suffering we are experiencing here is greater than our suffering in Rafah,” Abu Qamar said.

According to the administration, the only viable plan remains the one Biden publicly put on the table nearly two months ago, and conversations are ongoing “about how to get a cease-fire that protects Israel’s security interests, that alleviates the suffering of the Palestinian people,” Miller said Thursday.

“We very much do think it’s possible to achieve one,” he said. “But as you heard [Blinken] say, just because it’s possible doesn’t mean that we will get there.”

Berger reported from Jerusalem. Hajar Harb in London contributed to this report.

Looming election in France rattles financial markets as debt woes mount

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

French President Emmanuel Macron's decision to call a snap election this month has awakened investors to his nation's chronic financial problems, raising alarms that a new free-spending French government will only make matters worse.

Markets were rattled by Macron's election gamble, which followed an unexpectedly strong showing by the far-right National Rally in June 9 balloting for the European Parliament. The CAC 40 stock market in Paris sank 6 percent within days and French government bonds were sold off, as investors fled to the relative safety of German alternatives.

With Macron's centrist coalition losing public support, the extremes of the far left and far right are poised to shape whatever new government emerges from the parliamentary voting that begins June 30. Both the leftist New Popular Front and Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally support a long list of expensive government programs, despite a yawning budget deficit equal to 5.5 percent of output.

"The problem is there is no obvious path — given the prospective government's plans — to lower this deficit. As long as we stayed in a crisis mode, it made sense to keep spending. But at some point, you have to stop," said Davide Oneglia, director for European and global macro at TS Lombard in London.

On Wednesday, the European Union's executive arm chastised France and six other countries for incurring excessive budget deficits, in violation of the bloc's fiscal rules. The statement begins a formal process that will force the spendthrift nations to negotiate a plan with Brussels to return to sound budgeting.

France's plunge into political and financial uncertainty carries uncomfortable echoes of the European debt crisis that roiled the global economy from 2009 to 2012 and nearly drove debt-ridden countries such as Greece out of the euro zone.

Since the 2008 financial crisis, France has been able to borrow from investors at roughly the same interest rate as Germany, a country with a much lower debt and deficit burden. That now is



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French President Emmanuel Macron and Foreign Minister Stéphane Séjourné in Paris last week. Macron's decision to call a snap election after far-right gains in the European Parliament has some analysts worried a new government would further widen the country's deficit.

changing.

"The market's perception of risk in France has been re-priced because of the election. Whether that re-pricing has been adequate or not, I'm not sure," said Neil Shearing, chief economist for Capital Economics in London. "There's a risk of the financial situation deteriorating quite substantially from an already bad position. But I don't think you end up with the wheels falling off."

The French deficit — the E.U.'s second-largest behind only Italy — swelled after Macron spent heavily to offset the effects of the pandemic and to protect voters from inflation, including by subsidizing energy prices.

France's deficit — at 5.5 percent of output — is smaller than the United States', which hit 6.2 percent in 2023, according to the Congressional Budget Office. But unlike the United States, France does not control its own currency

and thus is more vulnerable to bond-market pressures.

Macron has promised to bring the deficit into compliance with the E.U.'s 3 percent annual target by 2027, when presidential elections are due.

But last month, Standard & Poor's cut its rating of French government credit to AA- from AA, citing the likelihood that wider budget deficits would increase the public debt.

Some analysts worry that a new French government will further widen the budget deficit in defiance of Brussels, putting fresh strains on European politics and finances. Three polls released Thursday showed the National Rally earning the largest vote share, followed by the New Popular Front. Macron's centrist group trailed in each of the surveys.

The National Rally, which roughly doubled the vote share of Macron's party in the European

elections, supports measures that would immediately add more than 12 billion euros to the 154 billion euro deficit, according to the Institut Montaigne, a nonprofit think tank in Paris. The rightists also back pension changes that would add more than 27 billion euros in costs by 2027.

In 2022, Le Pen ran for president on a platform that would have added 102 billion euros to the deficit, the institute said.

The New Popular Front, which includes France's socialist and communist parties, vows to reverse Macron's pension changes by lowering the retirement age to 60 from 64; link salaries to inflation; and, ramp up spending on public services.

On Friday, the left-wing coalition said it would raise taxes to offset a planned increase in public spending over time of 150 billion euros.

No one is sure how many of

these campaign promises would survive the reality of governing. Some investors take solace in the example of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. Though leading a far-right party with neo-fascist roots, Meloni since taking office in 2022 has moderated her rhetoric and policies.

"The only thing we know is that they have long lists of wishes that are very expensive," Oneglia said.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire has warned that France could suffer a "debt crisis" if the spending plans of either political extreme were enacted. The budget-busting programs would result in the country being placed under an austerity program supervised by the International Monetary Fund, he warned.

IMF officials already are raising concerns. The French government will need "substantial additional efforts" starting this year to strengthen its public finances, ac-

cording to fund economists who visited Paris last month as part of a routine annual review.

The IMF team projects the budget deficit will decline only modestly to 4.5 percent of gross domestic product in 2027, leaving it well above E.U. limits.

France has the world's fourth-largest bond market, giving it a vital role in Europe's fragmented financial landscape. French banks and businesses use government bonds as collateral in overnight "repo" or repurchase transactions, a key source of the routine short-term funding that supports daily commerce.

Since Macron gambled on snap elections, investors have demanded a higher return before buying French bonds. The yield or interest rate on France's benchmark 10-year government security at the end of last year was around 2.4 percent. Now it hovers near 3.2 percent.

Though markets continue to function smoothly, trading is likely to remain volatile through the conclusion of the second round of parliamentary voting on July 7.

"It doesn't mean France is the new Greece," said Jacob Kirkegaard, an economist with the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

European Central Bank Chief Economist Philip Lane told Reuters this month there was no immediate need for central bank intervention, as market movements were not "disorderly."

If a new government does upend markets by opening the spigot on spending, monetary authorities would probably be prepared to intervene.

The ECB is better prepared today to respond to a bond-market crisis than it was when Greece disclosed its hidden financial problems in 2010. Two years ago, the central bank approved a new mechanism that would allow it to purchase an unlimited amount of bonds from a government in distress.

Such purchases would be designed to prevent a speculative run that could drive up a government's borrowing costs to punishing levels. To be eligible, a country is supposed to be in compliance with the E.U.'s fiscal rules. But in practice, the ECB has discretion about how to implement its own requirements.

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Pneumatic tube operator, a now-outdated job, was among the positions on a list Social Security officials used to weigh disability claims.

Social Security drops obsolete jobs data

Agency’s reliance on decades-old list of occupations led to the denial of thousands of disability claims

BY LISA REIN

For decades, the Social Security Administration has denied thousands of people disability benefits by claiming they could find jobs that have all but vanished from the U.S. economy — such occupations as nut sorter, pneumatic tube operator and microfilm processor.

On Monday, the agency eliminated all but a handful of those unskilled jobs from a long-outdated database used to decide who gets benefits and who is denied, ending a practice that advocates have long decried as unfair and inaccurate.

Commissioner Martin O’Malley’s decision to jettison federal labor market data, some of which was last updated 47 years ago, follows a Washington Post investigation in December 2022 that revealed how the antiquated list of jobs was blocking many claimants who could not work from receiving vital monthly disability checks.

“These were notorious examples of our failure to stay up to date,” O’Malley said in an interview. A reliance on outdated jobs “undermines trust in the rest of the process” of applying for disability benefits.

With many benefits decisions hinging on whether claimants can still work, the jobs list was a crucial element for administrative law judges considering appeals. “Industrial economies change, and jobs fade away. We had not removed these,” O’Malley said.

The change will be an immediate improvement to an already-difficult process, attorneys and advocates said.

“This will be a really big deal for disability claimants,” said Kevin Liebkemann, a disability attorney in New Jersey who has written extensively on Social Se-

curity’s use of vocational data and in recent months worked with colleagues to submit proposals to O’Malley to change the system, including by eliminating obsolete jobs from consideration.

“I could tell you stories about the psychological impact it has on disability claimants when they learn they lost their claim that they waited years on, because somebody said they could do a job that doesn’t exist,” Liebkemann said.

The list of jobs has been used for decades as part of Social Security’s process for assessing the work capacity of disability benefit applicants. As they review claims, officials have to judge whether there is a job that exists “in significant numbers” that an applicant could still do.

The agency has long relied on a vast publication known as the Dictionary of Occupational Titles for this assessment — but many of its 12,700 entries on skilled and unskilled jobs were last updated in 1977. That database has landed on the high-risk list of government programs compiled by the Government Accountability Office, which highlights programs and operations that are vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement, or in need of transformation.

The Department of Labor, which originally compiled the index, abandoned it 33 years ago in a sign of the economy’s shift from blue-collar manufacturing to information and services. But Social Security’s vocational experts routinely cited 137 unskilled, sedentary jobs from the list, including reptile farmer, banking pin adjuster and barrel assembler, to deny benefit claims. The roles mostly moved overseas long ago or have been replaced by machines.

In 2012, Social Security hired

the Bureau of Labor Statistics to come up with an updated list of modern-day occupations and their characteristics. The project has cost about \$300 million in continuing annual payments of \$30 million. While the data is public, the agency still is not using it.

Social Security on Monday eliminated from use 114 occupations in the old database. Now, officials will not cite such jobs as log scaler or watch repairer.

An additional 13 job titles whose use led Social Security to lose numerous cases in federal court will now require rigorous justification to be cited as options for a claimant to work.

While the occupations now off the table were the most frequently cited to deny benefits, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles includes a total of 3,127 unskilled jobs, including many that are not sedentary and that are likely to stay in use for the near future, advocates for the disabled said.

O’Malley also said Social Security will not yet make the switch to the state-of-the-art system compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as many advocates have called for, because it requires further study.

“That’s the direction we’re moving in,” he said.

Members of Congress, particularly Republicans, have pressed him to “look for more cost-effective ways” to keep the survey of occupations “at a reasonable cost,” O’Malley said. He could not say when the agency will begin using the new system, which will require a lengthy regulatory process and staff training.

The jobs data has long proved politically sensitive for a program that has drawn criticism that the government is either too generous or not generous enough in awarding benefits.

Disability advocates have said that the switch to an updated list of occupations is likely to lead to higher rates of approvals for claims. But conservatives, including former Trump administration officials who pushed unsuccessfully for the disability program to begin using the updated job list, have argued that many disabled people can do a range of modern computer work that would actually lead to more benefits being denied.

Some advocates cautioned that the changes announced Monday are too incremental to fix a long-broken process.

“Simply striking occupations from the [Dictionary of Occupational Titles] is a political solution to a technical problem,” said David Weaver, a former Social Security associate commissioner who helped lead the early effort to modernize. Weaver said there are many pending cases in federal courts in which Social Security “has denied thousands upon thousands of disability applicants using occupations it plans to strike.”

It was not immediately clear how Social Security would address such cases that relied on the outdated jobs data.

The agency continued to face questions about the costly new Bureau of Labor Statistics system as recently as last week from Republican senators on the Senate Finance Committee.

“It’s essential for Social Security’s [use of outdated occupational data] to be removed from our high-risk list,” Sen. Mike Crapo (Idaho), the ranking Republican on the Finance Committee, said at a hearing on work and disability benefits, referring to the GAO’s list.

“If they are able to use the modern data, they could get better results for recipients and save money in the process.”

E.U. says Apple violates new competition rules

Regulators accuse firm of limiting app makers’ ability to ‘steer’ buyers

BY AARON GREGG AND EVA DOU

Apple became the first company accused of violating the European Union’s stringent new competition rules, with regulators alleging Monday that the tech giant makes it overly difficult for app developers to steer consumers to competing services.

The Digital Markets Act is the first anti-monopoly law drafted specifically as oversight for Big Tech firms in a major economy. Among other rules, it requires that app developers be allowed to inform users of cheaper alternatives outside an app store — a practice known as “steering.” In preliminary findings issued Monday, the European Commission said fees and restrictions prevent developers from communicating with consumers in the distribution channel of their choice.

“Steering is key to ensuring app developers are less dependent on gatekeepers’ app stores and for consumers to be aware of better offers,” wrote Margrethe Vestager, E.U. executive vice president in charge of competition policy.

The E.U. will make its final determination on the case by March, with the option to fine Apple as much as 10 percent of its worldwide revenue. Apple, which booked \$383.3 billion in revenue in fiscal 2023, said it would continue to listen and engage with the European Commission.

The allegations represent the latest in a string of regulatory challenges facing Apple, as governments worldwide scrutinize its use of its huge market power.

In March, the Justice Department and the attorneys general of 15 states and the District of Columbia sued Apple, accusing the firm of breaking federal antitrust law. Because the case revolves around similar issues, antitrust experts say, the E.U. regulators’ findings against Apple could bolster the U.S. prosecutors’ case.

Separately in March, the E.U. fined Apple nearly \$2 billion for “abusing” its control over music streaming services by quashing competition through its app store, in response to an antitrust complaint filed by rival Spotify.

Apple has been neck-and-neck with AI chipmaker Nvidia and Microsoft in the ranks of the world’s most valuable companies, with the three all rotating

through the top spot in recent weeks. On Monday, Apple’s market cap hovered near \$3.2 trillion.

Experts said the accusation from the European Commission signals that regulators are serious about forcing Apple to open up its app store to meaningful competition. Apple’s current fee structure won’t be enough to satisfy regulators, said Gene Kimmelman, who served as the Justice Department’s deputy associate attorney general in the early part of the Biden administration.

“European regulators have made it clear that Apple must totally revamp and possibly eliminate most of the fees imposed on developers and those seeking to open competitive app stores,” Kimmelman said.

The E.U. took issue with several policies that Apple applies to app developers, such as preventing them from providing pricing information within its app or promoting certain offers. It also flagged rules applied to linking customers to other apps, as well as certain fees Apple charges.

The accusations came four months after the E.U. opened an inquiry that focused on steering rules by Apple and Alphabet.

Apple said in a statement that it has made a number of changes in recent months after feedback from developers and European regulators. The company said all developers doing business in the E.U. on the app store can use new capabilities from the firm, including the ability to direct users to the web at a competitive rate.

“We are confident our plan complies with the law, and estimate more than 99% of developers would pay the same or less in fees to Apple under the new business terms we created,” the company said in a statement.

Rebecca Haw Allensworth, a professor at Vanderbilt Law School, said Monday’s announcement reflects E.U. regulators figuring out the details of how the Digital Markets Act will be interpreted and applied. “This period now is where we’ll be figuring out exactly what it means,” she said. “There has to be some interpretive back-and-forth.”

The E.U. also said it opened a new probe into Apple’s contractual terms with developers. Specifically, it is looking into a fee of half a euro (about 54 cents) that developers must pay for each installed app, and an Apple membership program for developers. It is also probing the “multistep user journey” required to download and install an alternative app store on iPhones.

Shira Ovide contributed to this report.



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Margrethe Vestager, the E.U.’s executive vice president in charge of competition policy, discusses the Digital Markets Act in March.

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STOCK MARKET

Most stocks rise, but Nvidia tumbles again

Another slide for Wall Street heavyweight Nvidia kept U.S. indexes mixed Monday, even as the majority of stocks rallied.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.3 percent to pull further from its record set last week. The drops for Nvidia and other winners of Wall Street’s artificial intelligence boom pulled the Nasdaq composite index down 1.1 percent, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 260 points, or 0.7 percent.

Stocks of oil-and-gas companies were among the market’s strongest, as seven out of every 10 stocks in the S&P 500 rose. Financial companies were also strong.

But declines for a handful of

high-profile stocks offset all of those gains, and the spotlight shone brightest on Nvidia’s 6.7 percent tumble. It was a third straight drop for the chip company, which had rocketed 1,000 percent higher since autumn 2022.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

New investments seek to boost supply

The Biden administration is announcing new steps to increase access to affordable housing as still-high prices of groceries and other necessities, and high interest rates have dramatically pushed up the cost of living in the years since the pandemic started.

The investments include providing \$100 million through a new fund over the next three

years to support affordable housing financing, boosting the Federal Financing Bank’s financing of affordable housing, and other measures.

The increased attention to home prices comes as the housing crunch becomes a growing issue in this year’s general election campaign.

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PHARMACEUTICALS

\$4.1B plant to help supply obesity drugs

Obesity drugmaker Novo Nordisk will spend \$4.1 billion to build a U.S. facility to fill injection pens for its hugely popular weight-loss treatment Wegovy and diabetes drug Ozempic, it said Monday.

Construction of the plant at Novo’s main U.S. manufacturing site in Clayton, N.C., will be

completed between 2027 and 2029, and will add 1,000 workers to the 2,500 already employed there, the Danish company said. Novo opened the site 31 years ago.

Booming demand for Wegovy in the United States and the 10 other markets where it has been launched has left Novo facing shortages and forced to limit the number of patients taking the once-weekly injection.

Boosting output of Wegovy has become more urgent since rival Eli Lilly launched its own obesity drug, Zepbound, in the United States in December. Neither company can produce enough to meet demand.

Meanwhile, Teva Pharmaceuticals said Monday that it had launched a generic version of Novo Victoza to treat patients with type 2 diabetes, making it the first generic GLP-1 drug in the United States.

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

A federal rule finalized

Monday aims to ensure first responders can find out what hazardous chemicals are on a train almost immediately after a derailment so they can respond appropriately. Too often in past disasters, including last year’s fiery Norfolk Southern derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, firefighters risked their lives trying to extinguish a blaze without knowing the right way to respond. The local fire chief in charge of the response said it took him 45 minutes to learn exactly what was in the 11 burning tank cars on the train, but some firefighters from neighboring departments that came to help said they didn’t know what they were dealing with until two hours after the Feb. 3, 2023, crash. Knowing

which materials are on a train allows first responders to ensure they have the right protective gear and firefighting tools, and access how big of an evacuation zone might be required.

A U.S. appeals court on

Monday tossed out a proposed class action claiming Uber Technologies’ policy of terminating drivers with low passenger ratings is racially discriminatory. The San Francisco-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit said Thomas Liu, a driver who filed the 2020 lawsuit, had not provided any evidence showing that Uber kicked non-White drivers off its app at a higher rate than White drivers with low passenger ratings. Uber did not respond to a request for comment.

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Justices to review transgender care ban

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court filing. Major American medical organizations are in agreement that gender-affirming care is safe, effective and can be medically necessary.

The justices' decision to wade into the issue comes as Republican state lawmakers nationwide have introduced a record number of measures targeting gay and transgender Americans, including bills to regulate which bathrooms transgender people can use and whether Pride flags can be raised in public buildings.

Transgender young people, their families and medical providers asked the court last fall to reverse a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit that allowed the Tennessee law to take effect. The law bars transgender minors in the state from accessing puberty blockers and hormones.

Civil rights advocates say it violates the constitutional right to equal protection, and urged to justices to overturn it. "It's crucial to recognize that for trans youth and their families, this isn't about politics — it's about the fundamental freedom to access vital, life-saving healthcare," Lucas Cameron-Vaughn, a staff attorney at the ACLU of Tennessee, said in a statement.

Skrmetti vowed to continue to defend the law, which he said is aimed at "protecting kids from irreversible gender treatments."

"This case will bring much-



A transgender teen takes prescription medicine, which includes hormone therapy drugs, before school on March 6, 2020, in St. Louis. A contested Tennessee law bans transition care for minors.

needed clarity to whether the Constitution contains special protections for gender identity," Skrmetti said in a statement on X.

The court is expected to hear oral argument in the case during its next term, which begins in October. The justices are racing to finish their work for the current term, with 10 high-profile rulings still to come this week or next. Those cases will determine whether and when Donald Trump can be prosecuted for his actions around

the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, access to emergency abortion care, the future of free speech on social media platforms and more.

Legal experts have long thought the Supreme Court would eventually have to rule on whether state bans on gender-affirming care violate the Constitution, but the court has great flexibility in deciding when and how to take cases.

The Tennessee case, along with a separate one from Kentucky, had

been on and off the Supreme Court's list of cases for consideration at its private conference for several months before the announcement Monday. The delay suggested that the justices were debating behind closed doors how the high court should handle the issue.

In a separate action in April, the high court allowed Idaho to broadly enforce its ban on gender-affirming medical care for minors while litigation continues before

the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. The Supreme Court's brief order, which said the Idaho ban could not immediately apply to the two transgender teens who sued the state, did not address the overall constitutionality of prohibiting care. The court's three liberal justices objected to the timing of the court's intervention. The 9th Circuit is scheduled to hear the case in August.

Historically, the Supreme Court has taken cases when the issue at hand is of great significance and lower courts have issued contradictory rulings.

Last June, federal district courts blocked bans in both Tennessee and Kentucky, just a few months after the laws were enacted. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit reversed those injunctions, finding that the state bans did not violate the equal protection clause or the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

In a divided decision, Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton said courts should not second-guess state lawmakers in this instance.

"This is a relatively new diagnosis with ever-shifting approaches to care over the last decade or two. Under these circumstances, it is difficult for anyone to be sure about predicting the long-term consequences of abandoning age limits of any sort for these treatments," wrote Sutton, who was joined by Judge Amul Thapar.

"That is precisely the kind of situation in which life-tenured judges construing a difficult-to-amend Constitution should be humble and careful about announcing new substantive due process or equal protection rights that limit accountable elected offi-

cials from sorting out these medical, social, and policy challenges."

Also last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta ruled that an Alabama ban could take effect. In February, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Illinois temporarily allowed Indiana's ban to take effect while litigation continues.

In urging the Supreme Court to take up the issue, the Biden administration said the Tennessee law discriminates based on transgender status, prohibiting care only for transgender individuals suffering from gender dysphoria while permitting the exact same treatments when prescribed for any other purpose.

States cannot justify a ban on care that is "consistent with the medical consensus and that the affected adolescents, their parents, and their doctors have concluded is appropriate and essential to their well-being," Prelogar said in court filings.

The Supreme Court has handed several wins to transgender rights activists in recent years. In 2020, in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, the court ruled 6-3 that federal employment law protections apply to millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender workers. The court has also declined to review a number of cases where the lower courts had decided in favor of trans rights at school, in prisons and in disability protections.

Last year, it also denied West Virginia's request to allow its law barring transgender girls from playing on girls' sports teams at public schools to go into effect while legal challenges to it play out.

Tobi Raji contributed to this report.

Law enforcement surveils thousands of pieces of U.S. mail yearly, records show

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according to the data. Postal inspectors recorded more than 312,000 letters and packages between 2015 and 2023, the records show.

The surveillance technique, known as the mail covers program, has long been used by postal inspectors to help track down suspects or evidence. The practice is legal, and the inspectors said they share only what they can see on the outside of the mail; the Fourth Amendment requires them to get a warrant to peek inside.

But the Postal Service's law enforcement arm, the U.S. Postal

Inspection Service, has traditionally declined to say how often it facilitates such requests, saying in a 2015 audit that such details would decrease the program's effectiveness by "alerting criminals" to how the technique works.

For that audit, the agency said it had approved more than 158,000 requests from postal inspectors and law enforcement officials over the previous four years. The IRS, FBI and the Department of Homeland Security were among the top requesters.

In a letter in May 2023, a group of eight senators, including Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), urged the agency to re-

quire a federal judge to approve the requests and to share more details on the program, saying officials there had chosen to "provide this surveillance service and to keep postal customers in the dark about the fact they have been subjected to monitoring."

In a response earlier this month, the chief postal inspector, Gary Barksdale, declined to change the policy but provided nearly a decade's worth of data showing that postal inspectors, federal agencies, and state and local police forces made an average of about 6,700 requests a year, and that inspectors additionally recorded data from about another 35,000 pieces of mail a year,

on average.

Barksdale said in a letter to the senators in June 2023 that the program was not a "large-scale surveillance apparatus" and was focused only on mail that could help police and national security agencies "carry out their missions and protect the American public."

The practice, he added, had been legally authorized since 1879, a year after the Supreme Court ruled that government officials needed a warrant before opening any sealed letter.

"There is no reasonable expectation of privacy with respect to information contained on the outside of mail matter," Barksdale wrote.

Wyden said in a statement, "These new statistics show that thousands of Americans are subjected to warrantless surveillance each year, and that the Postal Inspection Service rubber stamps practically all of the requests they receive." He also criticized the agency for "refusing to raise its standards and require law enforcement agencies monitoring the outside of Americans' mail to get a court order, which is already required to monitor emails and texts."

Anxieties over postal surveillance are classically American. In 1798, Vice President Thomas Jefferson wrote in a letter that his fears of having his private com-

munications exposed by the "infiltrations of the post office" had stopped him from "writing fully & freely."

In their letter last year, the senators said that even the exteriors of mail could be deeply revealing for many Americans, giving clues about the people they talk to, the bills they pay, the churches they attend, the political views they subscribe to and the social causes they support.

In 1978, a circuit court judge said the mail covers could expose someone's personal life "in a manner unobtainable even through surveillance of his movements," rendering "the subject's life an open book."

Special counsel falters in bid to limit Trump's attacks on FBI agents

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FORT PIERCE, FLA. — Federal prosecutors struggled to present a compelling case Monday for new restrictions on Donald Trump that would bar him from publicly attacking law enforcement officials, even as an attorney working for special counsel Jack Smith argued that the former president's claims are false, inflammatory, and invite violence against FBI agents.

U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon did not immediately rule on the motion to add a new condition to Trump's bail on his pending trial for allegedly mishandling classified documents. Her approach suggested a decision is unlikely to come before Thursday's scheduled debate between Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, and President Biden, his Democratic rival.

The hearing, which lasted about an hour and a half, came in response to Smith's request that Trump's bail be modified to prevent statements that would cause an imminent danger to law enforcement agents who have worked on the documents case.

Smith made the request last month after Trump suggested on social media that FBI agents were authorized or hoping to use deadly force when they searched his Florida home for classified documents in 2022. In that message, Trump posted that Biden's Justice Department had "AUTHORIZED THE FBI TO USE DEADLY (LETHAL) FORCE. NOW WE KNOW FOR SURE, THAT JOE BIDEN IS A SERIOUS THREAT TO DEMOCRACY." The message also called Biden mentally unfit.

Trump's accusation — one echoed and amplified by many of his supporters — was based on a standard description of the limits on the use of force by federal agents involved in the Mar-a-Lago search. That same legal lan-

guage has been used for countless other FBI operations, including a voluntary search of Biden's home in a different classified documents investigation.

Trump is already subject to gag orders in two of his other criminal cases, and while Smith's latest request is not technically seeking a gag order, it would function in similar ways. The main difference is that any potential violations of his bail conditions could more quickly subject him to jail time.

Prosecutor David Harbach argued that Trump's statements about FBI agents involved in the classified documents case "are dangerous" to the investigators who may testify against the former president, who faces 40 counts of willfully retaining classified information after leaving the White House and obstructing government efforts to retrieve them.

Harbach's presentation was an uneven one, and the judge reacted sternly to his complaint at one point that he wasn't being allowed to fully describe his reasoning. "Mr. Harbach, I don't appreciate your tone," Cannon said, adding that she expected decorum "at all times." Harbach later apologized to the judge.

Whatever line may exist between a person's free speech rights and a criminal defendant's restrictions on talking about his case, Harbach argued, Trump's statements "are nowhere close to the line."

The prosecutor called Trump's social media following "a peculiarly potent tool" that he brags about, well aware of how his followers will respond. "He knows it, he knows it," Harbach insisted, waving his hand for emphasis. "Saying something like this is beyond irresponsible — it is dangerous."

Cannon repeatedly suggested that a new restriction was unnecessary when she had already agreed to redact the names of FBI agents from public court filings.



This image, contained in the indictment against Donald Trump, shows records stored at the Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla.

Harbach responded that some names were public on the internet and that Cannon shouldn't wait for something terrible to happen before she enacts the restrictions.

Trump lawyer Todd Blanche argued that while the prosecutor kept insisting it was obvious Trump's comments were dangerous, in reality the line the special counsel sought to draw was not clear to anyone outside the special counsel's office. He said it was unfair to blame the presidential candidate for the actions of a handful of people who may be disturbed.

"Of course President Trump has absolutely no desire for anything bad to happen to law enforcement," Blanche said. "It is a critique of President Biden and his Justice Department and it is completely fair and protected political speech."

Cannon said she would give the parties until Wednesday to file additional evidence to support their arguments on the case docket. The hearing came after a morning session in which Trump's lawyers argued Attorney General Merrick Garland had misused the Justice Department's special counsel regulation to pursue Trump.

Similar arguments from other defendants who have been charged by special counsels have not succeeded. Cannon showed a particular interest in how much special counsel appointments cost the government, at one point calling it a "significant" amount of money, even though the totals

represent a drop in the bucket of Justice Department spending.

The most expensive special counsel investigation in recent years, conducted by Robert S. Mueller III and focused on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 election, cost about \$32 million over several years. The Justice Department's annual budget is more than \$35 billion — meaning that Mueller's work cost significantly less than 0.1 percent of the agency's spending.

Trump lawyer Emil Bove argued that the Justice Department had fundamentally erred by running a stand-alone special counsel investigation without sufficient oversight.

"Our position is that more oversight from the Congress is required ... for the extraordinary things going on" like the gag order request, Bove said. "Who authorized that? Was it the attorney general?"

In a hearing Friday on the constitutionality of the special counsel appointment, Bove argued that Smith had too much independence and said his appointment should have been approved by the Senate.

Cannon has shown an eagerness to delve into a host of legal issues raised by the defense, including some that are more commonly raised on appeal in other cases. Before becoming a judge, Cannon was a prosecutor who worked on appellate issues, and long stretches of Monday morning's hearing sounded more like an argument before an appeals court than a trial court.

Record companies sue two AI music generators

Suits claim Suno, Udio used copyrighted songs to train their algorithms

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK

SAN FRANCISCO — The biggest players in the music recording industry sued two fast-growing artificial intelligence music start-ups Monday, alleging that they used copyrighted songs to train their tools, adding to the pile of lawsuits the AI industry is facing.

A group of record companies, including Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Warner Records, brought two suits, one against Suno and the other against Uncharted Labs, the developer of Udio. Both companies let people generate songs with simple text prompts.

"Unlicensed services like Suno and Udio that claim it's 'fair' to copy an artist's life's work and exploit it for their own profit without consent or pay set back the promise of genuinely innovative AI for us all," said Mitch Glazier, CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America, the industry group that Sony, UMG and Warner are all members of.

Generative AI tools such as chatbots, image generators and song generators are built by ingesting huge amounts of human-created content. The record companies allege that Suno and Udio used songs they didn't have the rights to when they trained their AI algorithms. Spokespeople for Udio and Suno did not respond to requests for comment.

As interest in AI exploded over the past year, authors, artists, graphic designers, musicians and journalists have begun pushing back against the AI industry's use of their work to train its tech. Lawsuits have been filed against AI companies such as OpenAI by authors, comedians and newspapers.

AI leaders generally say the use of books, news articles and art to train AI falls under "fair use," a concept in copyright law that allows the re-use of copyrighted content if it is substantially changed. But many creators disagree, saying that their work is being stolen to train tools that could be used to replace them.

Suno and Udio allow users to generate full songs by typing in a description that might include the desired genre, lyrics and the kinds of instruments being used. Suno blocks requests asking it to generate a song mimicking a specific artist. Asking it to create a song "in the style of Dolly Parton" leads to an error message saying it's not possible to generate something with a prompt that mentions an artist's name, according to tests done by The Washington Post. Udio doesn't appear to have the same restriction, readily generating a mournful country song with lyrics sung by a voice that sounds similar to Parton's when given the same prompt.

Some musicians have asked for new laws specifically protecting their likeness or the style of their music. In Tennessee, home to the Nashville music industry, legislators updated a law earlier this year to ban mimicking a musician's voice without their permission. A bipartisan group of federal senators proposed a similar national law last year.

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ADAM LASHINSKY

Apple is late to the party again. It still might clean up.

The most reasonable reaction to Apple's recent announcement that it plans to attack the market for artificial intelligence might have been: What took it so long?

Apple has been notably short on and defensive about its AI chops for going on a decade now. So, when it unveiled on June 10 its new Apple Intelligence software, as well as its plan to connect users with OpenAI's groundbreaking ChatGPT bot, there was every reason to be skeptical.

After all, despite jumping to an early lead in 2011 with its AI phone assistant, Siri, Apple had fallen badly behind the competition. As the Financial Times tartly noted, it has to be humbling for the great Apple to issue products so obviously derivative of those already on the market from the likes of Google, Meta and Microsoft. The last of these surely would have made Steve Jobs turn in his proverbial grave, given his well-known disdain for the PC software maker against which he competed for so long.

Worse, Apple's new AI entries aren't even ready yet. The company said to expect them by the fall.

For all that, though, Apple's critics still went gaga over the company's news. In the two weeks since the beginning of Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference, where it demonstrated its new features, the company has added more than \$300 billion to its \$3 trillion market capitalization.

What do the markets see here that so many cannot? A hardware and software giant with a long history of being exceedingly good at playing catch-up.

Apple has done an outstanding job over the years of telling customers the story of its constant innovation. But the firm's true genius is its ability to capitalize on the ideas, as well as the early product offerings, of others. This goes back to Apple's earliest days, when a youthful Jobs toured the labs of Xerox PARC in Palo Alto and came away with the idea for a "mouse" that controlled an on-screen graphical user interface. This eventually led to the Macintosh and a worldwide consumer and cultural revolution. Xerox, which had the idea in the first place, never commercialized it.

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It's tough, in fact, to name a single product category that Apple came up with first. But it's a snap to rattle off those that Apple redefined as its own. Amazon's Kindle and Microsoft's Tablet PC predated the iPad, which then dominated the tablet market. Spotify debuted before Apple Music, now part of Apple's online services empire. Samsung brought a smartwatch to market before the Apple Watch, which has become a market-making fashion statement, status symbol and fitness tool.

None of this means Apple's entry into AI will be a slam dunk. The field has numerous well-funded competitors that are far ahead: Microsoft shrewdly invested \$13 billion in OpenAI and then "acquired" an AI pioneer named Mustafa Suleyman (who sold a previous start-up, DeepMind, to Google) to run its consumer AI efforts. Amazon and Google have invested billions in another AI start-up, Anthropic, considered a potent competitor to OpenAI. Meta has some of the best AI talent in the industry and has been rapidly integrating AI into its products.

Until recently, no one has been quite sure what Apple had up its AI sleeve, in part because the company is so secretive — it shies away from publishing academic papers for fear of giving away its intentions — and because it has had so little to show. And what it put on display at its developers' conference was a bunch of stuff the competition already is doing: nifty photo editing, clever plumbing of emails and contacts, traffic-mapping suggestions and the like.

Even its embrace of OpenAI is limited. Apple plans merely to refer users to OpenAI, but in a way that shields their data from the start-up. It's a shocking acknowledgment that Apple doesn't have technology to match ChatGPT.

The enthusiasm around Apple's new strategy, then, comes down to three factors, none of which include its demonstration so far of what the tech industry calls a killer app.

First is Apple's record of playing the imitation game. If Apple can harness what it sees in the marketplace with what its creative engineers can cook up, good things will happen. Second is scale: Did I mention those 2.2 billion devices? Apple directs its technology to its iPhones and other products and sometimes blocks competitors from those same gadgets. (This is why the federal government has brought antitrust charges against the company.)

Finally, there's the intentional piece: Apple isn't playing coy anymore. It has acknowledged that AI is more than a bright, shiny object and instead is the next product category that cannot be ignored. Until now, and with a few exceptions, when Apple has applied all its focus to a new technology, the marketplace has changed forever, and usually for the better.



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A moose that the writer and his family spotted in Denali National Park in Alaska.

JIM GERAGHTY

The moose did not eat my family

DENALI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA

There are hundreds of moose, grizzly bears and black bears in Denali National Park, but given that the park covers 9,492 square miles, the likelihood of encountering a moose or bear is pretty low, according to the National Park Service. The sparse distribution isn't a result of hunting or disease; it just takes a lot of land to provide enough food and habitat for such massive mammals.

I'm with my family on a summer vacation, including a roughly 40-mile bus tour into Denali National Park. The scenery is spectacular, and, as our guide suggests, maybe it's just as well not to get our hopes up about seeing a moose or bear, because our visit has coincided with the time of year those animals are typically in an aggressive mood.

Apparently, the bears like to eat moose calves, and right around early June, the surviving calves become fast enough to evade the bears, leaving the bears hangry. Moose mothers, having lost a significant portion of their young, can also be bad-tempered by the time June rolls around.

Moose aren't carnivorous, but they'll charge at, kick or stomp anything they deem a threat. If you encounter a bear (a real one, not just an internet meme), you have several self-preservation options — try to make yourself as big as possible, create a lot of noise or play dead. With a threatening moose, the advice from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is "run and get behind something solid, like a tree." Our guide says that, just the week before, she and her dog encountered an agitated, massive moose — they can weigh well over 1,000 pounds — and eventually had to hide in a neighbor's greenhouse.

Believe it or not, the fish and game department warns that more people in the state are injured by moose than by bears each year. In Alaska, moose outnumber bears 3 to 1, and they injure between five and 10 people annually, mostly in vehicle accidents. That's more than grizzly bear and black bear attacks combined; thankfully, most people have the good sense to keep away from bears.

On the bus tour, we technically see Dall sheep and a golden eagle. I say "technically" because to the naked eye, they're specks in the far distance, although our guide has a video camera with an impressive magnifying lens. We also see a fox, but big deal — in our neighborhood in Fairfax County,



A sign at Denali National Park.

foxes are so commonplace that they snatch hot dogs off under-supervised backyard grills.

My wife and two teenagers are itching to get out and experience stretches of Denali on foot, so we get off the bus. We're about two-thirds of the way up the Mount Healy Overlook Trail when my younger teenager announces he needs to pee. I figure I'd better not let him get out of sight — not a matter of precognition so much as thinking it's best to keep an eye on anyone who goes off a trail in the wild. The ground is soft and spongy, because of the permafrost, absorbing the sound of footsteps.

And then, a few moments after my son begins his business, I see it, about 40 feet away and moseying in our direction: a moose. Or, as some people apparently call it, a "murder horse." It has no antlers, so it looks like the Black Stallion on a rigorous steroid regimen.

We're no more than 20 feet off the trail, have been off it for barely a minute and, despite the long odds,

have just run into wildlife that absolutely dwarfs me, and I'm 6-foot-2. I can't tell whether this is a female moose (I guess the absence of antlers means it is), and thus more likely to be dangerous at this time of year. It doesn't seem agitated or angry, but I'm not a moose psychologist.

Now, before our guide's moose-awareness talk, I would have been more fascinated than worried, and probably cracking Bullwinkle jokes. But now I know my family and I are having a close encounter with an animal that our guide — someone who has also run into grizzly bears several times — seemed genuinely worried about.

I call out to my family, my voice about one octave higher than usual. It's less primal fear than a sudden, intense realization that I cannot control what happens next, and the odds of an angry-moose incident are suddenly greater than zero.

My son and I retreat to the trail. Our massive moose friend comes out, too, and then turns down the trail, headed toward the four of us. It doesn't seem angry, but it is clearly aware — and not the least bit intimidated.

My older teenager, who went through a burst of Bear Grylls worship a few years ago, urges everyone to back away slowly and quietly. I regret to inform you that I am less than great at the "slow" and "quiet" parts. We retreat a bit more, and the moose advances a bit more. Remembering the hide-behind-a-tree advice, we retreat into the woods. The mosquitoes are thrilled at the arrival of a four-person blood buffet. We peek out.

The moose is still there, still moving slowly in our direction. Down at the visitor center, large signs had warned, "WARNING: MOOSE ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. DO NOT APPROACH." They didn't say anything about what to do if the moose keeps following you, like the party guest you're trying to avoid. We retreat deeper into the woods, standing back to back, in case some other massive animal in the woods is approaching simultaneously.

After a few minutes of the mosquitoes dining like kings, our hearts pounding and adrenaline pumping, the moose loses interest and wanders off. We return to the trail, encountering some hikers coming down the way we were headed.

Excited, we say, "Did you guys see the moose?" "What moose?"

Good thing I took a photo; otherwise, no one would believe us.

MEGAN MCDARLE

What any economist will tell you (but no real estate agent will)

It is fashionable to say that the United States' best days are behind us, that we are too divided and dysfunctional to fix things that are broken, or to do anything worthwhile. I think America is still great, capable of both advancing onward to greater things and rectifying our past mistakes. As it happens, this is the perfect political moment to fix one mistake in particular: ending the mortgage interest tax deduction once and for all.

Maybe that's not at the top of your list of America's problems. And it's nowhere near the worst sins our nation has committed. But the mortgage interest tax deduction is terrible policy, as any wonk who is not working for a real estate lobby will tell you (volubly, at great length, and very possibly punctuated with explosive profanity).

The deduction is regressive, benefiting only the small minority of taxpayers (under 10 percent as of 2020) who have enough income to bother itemizing their deductions. Since someone has to make up the lost tax revenue, it's a transfer to the upper class from the middle class; to homeowners in expensive markets from those living in modestly priced locales; and to people who buy the biggest home they can, and mortgage it to the absolute hilt, from those who save for a sizable down payment, buy a sensible amount of house and pay down their loan as quickly as possible. "Tax the middle class more heavily so that successful professionals can buy bigger houses in pricier cities" obviously is not good public policy, though of course it might sound appealing if you happen to be a successful professional living in a pricey urban area

like, oh, say, Washington, D.C.

[Writer looks at her mortgage statement, swallows hard, squares her shoulders and soldiers on.]

Perhaps these infelicities could be tolerated if they increased the rate of homeownership, benefiting families and their communities. Unfortunately, many studies suggest that the boost to homeownership is marginal at best — unsurprising given that, as mentioned, the tax break mostly benefits people who could afford (somewhat smaller) homes without it. Australia's 66 percent homeownership rate, which doesn't have a mortgage interest tax deduction for owner-occupied housing, is almost indistinguishable from America's 65.6 percent rate.

Whatever tiny benefit it might create is incredibly costly. Thanks to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which limited the value of the deduction by reducing the maximum qualifying loan value from \$1 million to \$750,000 for a married couple filing jointly, and by increasing the size of the standard deduction, this regressive subsidy costs the treasury "only" tens of billions of dollars a year. But with the TCJA set to expire next year, more taxpayers will likely be itemizing their deductions, for bigger loans, which will cost the treasury an estimated \$100 billion a year by 2030.

Which is the main reason *now* is the moment to get rid of the thing once and for all.

According to the Tax Policy Center, in 2017, 31 percent of all taxpayers itemized. By 2020, that figure had fallen to 9 percent. It is obviously easier to take something away from 9 percent of the population than from 31 percent. Moreover, Congress is going to

be looking for new revenue sources because, with the TCJA expiring, we're set for a big legislative fight over the tax code. And gone are the days of zero-percent interest rates when (as congressional staffers kept giddily informing me) deficit spending was literally free.

What's happening to interest rates is the second reason this is the perfect moment to go after the mortgage interest deduction. Right now, most American homeowners are still sitting on ultralow rates. So while the average interest rate on new mortgages more than doubled between September 2021 and September 2023, the average rate on all outstanding mortgages increased by only a few tenths of a percent.

Of course, things won't stay that way forever. As the TCJA expires, more taxpayers probably start itemizing again and the average interest rate on existing mortgages rises, it will become more and more difficult to slay this monstrosity. Moreover, if legislators strike now, they will have an additional cheat code to help them: The National Association of Realtors, our nation's most powerful lobby on matters of residential real estate, has recently been beset by internal strife, external legal issues and a civil settlement that threatens to capsize the whole financial model of the industry.

Congress should move now, while rates are low, itemizers are few and the NAR is distracted. I can't promise they'll have an easy time of it. But I can promise that there will never be a better time to do the right thing.

OPINION

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

A backed-up Pentagon tries something new: competition

SCRATCH ONE flattop. The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis checked into Newport News in May 2021 for a scheduled overhaul and refueling stint, work that normally takes four years to complete. Last week, tucked into budget documents sent to Capitol Hill, came the news: The carrier needs an additional 14 months out of service. Now, the Stennis won't be ready for duty until October 2026 — more than five years after it slipped into port.

Delay has been the Pentagon's dance partner all spring. Program after weapons program has fallen behind its production schedule, which means cascading costs for taxpayers and declining readiness for the military. The problem stems from choosing systems that are too complicated, too exquisite and too costly to maintain — and relying on just a handful of prime contractors, most of which face little or no competition. On June 17, the Government Accountability Office, in its annual survey of 76 leading procurement programs, described the Pentagon as “alarmingly slow” in fielding weapons for every service.

Consider these alarms: In an uncommonly public report in April, Carlos Del Toro, the Navy secretary, announced that *nine* Navy ship programs were between one and three years behind schedule. The ships include the new Columbia-

class submarine (12 to 16 months late); a new aircraft carrier (18 to 26 months late); and the first Constellation-class frigate (three years late). Del Toro called out dilatory contractors by name — General Dynamics Electric Boat, Huntington Ingalls Industries and Fincantieri Marinette Marine — and went so far as to suggest that the United States should consider building some of its warships overseas.

The delays are just as rampant at the Air Force. The first flight of its new ICBM, dubbed the Sentinel, is already two years behind schedule, while its price tag, once touted at \$100 billion, has jumped by an additional 37 percent. That news triggered a little-used Reagan-era law that requires Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to certify that the program is worth pursuing. Meanwhile, a new Air Force trainer is more than two years behind schedule, and the service has halved its purchase of the jet in 2025 in part to help its manufacturer, Boeing, catch up.

Deliveries of Boeing's new KC-46 Pegasus tanker were briefly halted earlier this year due to issues with its refueling boom, one of several delays that have beset an aircraft vital to U.S. force projection around the world. And dozens of F-35 fighters are parked at Lockheed Martin's facilities waiting for long-delayed software upgrades.

Breaking the hammerlock that a handful of

prime contractors has on Pentagon budgets and timetables won't be easy. Del Toro is right to push Congress to buy more ships and their subsystems from faster-moving foreign manufacturers. Lawmakers such as Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) are right to press the Navy to move some portion of

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ship construction away from the overworked yards on the coasts and instead tap smaller, civilian facilities along the Great Lakes, where skilled labor shortages are less severe.

Inside the Pentagon, there are distinct signs that the prime contractor gravy train might be slowing. In April, the Air Force ended a 50-year arrange-

ment with Boeing and instead asked a Reno-based firm, Sierra Nevada Corporation, to build the next-generation command and control “Doomsday” plane. Pentagon officials like to talk about “off the shelf” equipment, but Sierra Nevada did better than that; it bought five *used* Korean Air 747s and is now refitting them for the mission.

Secretary of the Army Christine E. Wormuth and Chief of Staff Gen. Randy A. George deserve praise for canceling a new reconnaissance helicopter program in February, and the service gets extra credit for noting that the aircraft's mission could “be more affordably and effectively achieved” by relying on unmanned and space-based sensors. In May, the Space Force canceled its contract with RTX (once known as Raytheon) for a missile-warning satellite because of delays and cost overruns. And it was encouraging this month to see two Pentagon agencies tap four smaller companies to build a new armed drone that can fly 500 miles using commercially available systems. “Widening the aperture to include more nontraditional aerospace companies offers the best chance at accomplishing our cost-per-unit goals, project timeline and production quantity goals,” a Pentagon official said.

Thinking beyond the prime contractors is overdue and welcome, but it remains the exception rather than the rule at the Pentagon, now on track to spend nearly \$1 trillion next year on defense.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scientific journals have a credibility problem. Here's how to fix it.

Regarding Adam Marcus and Ivan Oransky's June 17 op-ed, “An epidemic of scientific fakery threatens publishers”:

What we see here is a crisis caused by bad incentives. Publishers charge anywhere from \$1,000 to \$12,000 for publishing a single open-access article. Every time the publisher rejects a submission, they lose potential revenue. This creates a strong economic incentive to lower the quality standards — a temptation that many publishers cannot resist. At the same time, the most important “productivity metrics” that advance the careers of scientists are the number of articles they publish and the citations those articles get. The peer-review process that is supposed to filter for quality relies on the pro-bono work of other busy scientists who have little to gain by being thorough and often lack access to the data and code necessary to check the authors' claims. Add the rise of artificial intelligence and the lack of incentives for scientists to replicate the publications of others, and we have the conditions for a perfect storm aimed straight at the legitimacy of the scientific enterprise.

Cosmetic changes, such as checklists by journals or ethics declarations, are not sufficient to overcome these fundamental problems. Instead, we must rethink how science is being incentivized, funded, practiced and shared with the public from first principles. The stakes couldn't be higher: If we can't trust science, how else are we going to make progress?

Philipp Koellinger, Baech, Switzerland

Yes, “science must fight back” against fraud in scientific papers, as Adam Marcus and Ivan Oransky suggest in their recent op-ed. But it must somehow do so without crippling the open access effort to make those publications freely available to all. For three centuries, the international science enterprise evolved based largely on well-curated paper publications. Eventually, the burden of subscription costs to the ever-increasing number of published journals effectively sequestered the reports of science's progress in well-funded university libraries. For many within and outside science, that meant unacceptably — undemocratically — closed access.

That's why it's deeply problematic to contemplate retiring “the pay-for-play business model that, by charging researchers to publish their work, has the effect of putting the veneer of legitimacy up for sale.” The problem is that model figures centrally in the effort to achieve open access. That's why the op-ed stipulated that retiring the author-pays model would be “painful.” Open access and the fight against fakery are intertwined information-age challenges for science. Defeating this fakery epidemic is crucial. So is maintaining open access.

H. Frederick Dylla, Lewes, Del.

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Adam Marcus and Ivan Oransky raise important concerns in their recent op-ed, but it's worth discussing one crucial reason the “paper mill” scientific journals have been able to thrive.

The advent of the open-access movement in science publishing in the past 20 years was meant to make the results of scientific work more widely accessible, and to a substantial degree that goal has been achieved. But many funding agencies, particularly in Europe, made the mistake of requiring that research funded by their grants be published in “gold” open-access journals — or in free journals that charge neither subscription nor publication fees but, understandably, remain quite rare. That decision gave the veneer of respectability to the paper mills that present themselves as gold open-access journals, but for all practical purposes operate as profit-oriented self-publishing venues. The only realistic way to counter this destructive trend is for the funding agencies to change course and start promoting



“green” open-access alternatives such as open-access preprint servers such as arxiv.org, and various open-access institutional repositories. Scientific papers get posted on these forums in their final accepted form before appearing in a journal, but the typesetting and pagination might be different from what the journal eventually uses. For most readers such differences are minor to the point of being immaterial. The free availability of a paper is what really matters. At the same time, the funding agencies should require attestation that none of the articles resulted from their grants were published using the payment of publication charges. Even for “respectable” publishers, the use of such charges should be viewed as a form of self-publishing and eventually phased out. Instead, the publishers should be encouraged to shorten the copyright embargo period as much as possible.

Ilya Kapovich, New York

The writer served as chair of the committee on publications of the American Mathematical Society from 2018 to 2019.

Publishers agree that paper mills, which try to subvert editorial practices to trick publishers into publishing fake science, are a real challenge to our community. But we would argue that we are far from being overwhelmed. At Springer Nature, we are absolutely dedicated to keeping this content out of our (digital) pages and to removing any content that has tricked its way through to publication. We have

invested millions of dollars in developing artificial intelligence technology to identify problematic content, including two newly announced AI tools looking out for signals such as AI-generated content or duplicated images. Through technology, people power and collaboration with sleuths, we have identified and are tracking different mills around the world and ensuring their submissions cannot make it through our systems. In 2023, our research integrity unit identified and prevented publication of over 8,000 submitted papers with major integrity problems.

In addition to our own in-house work, we are committed to working with other publishers via the STM Integrity Hub, a community initiative to facilitate knowledge and data exchange and develop shared technology tools to help publishers overcome the challenges of paper mills and unethical practices.

Publishers are working hard to address these issues, but we cannot work in a vacuum. Real efforts need to be made to address perverse incentives to publish fake research and to training researchers in appropriate standards in research practices. We are committed to working together to that end, including by providing free online integrity training, and hope that the wider scientific community will agree that collaboration, rather than criticism, is the best way forward.

Chris Graf, London

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Space to breathe

Regarding The Post's June 3 article “CDC's 6-foot distancing rule during pandemic had little scientific basis”:

Anthony S. Fauci's recent appearance before Congress and The Post's coverage made clear that “What were the failures of early pandemic management?” is a contested question. Our collective answers to this question carry profound implications for ongoing and future emergencies.

Distancing guidelines were based on the preliminary understanding that large droplets were the main route of covid-19 infection. Given the efficacy of such protocols for other diseases, it made sense to recommend distancing while more research was underway.

Though today we know that covid is primarily airborne and transmitted through inhalation, distancing still lowers the risk of inhaling an infectious dose of the virus.

It's worth examining what the experiences of agricultural and food workers, who were disproportionately harmed during the pandemic, reveal about how precautions and distancing were not universal and were often denied. On Maryland's Eastern Shore, where our team focuses our research, living quarters at employer-controlled camps such as Westover in Somerset County are overcrowded and lack proper ventilation or air conditioning. Workers who live off-site are often packed into employer-approved motel rooms.

In the early months of the pandemic, at food sites across the country, employers concealed outbreaks, forced sick employees to return to work and denied them access to personal protective equipment — and these were just a few of the ways in which they prioritized profits over public health. Honoring regulatory mandates, following health guidelines, and conferring the same protection, dignity and care offered to people not labeled “essential” would have saved lives and lessened the unequal harm these communities faced.

As lawmakers fight to control the pandemic narrative, we are drawing the wrong conclusions. Of course it's necessary to reflect on the past to prepare for the next, inevitable pandemic. But rather than obsessing about whether 3, 6 or 10 feet of distance is optimal depending on the pathogen and its transmission method, we should remember that the more significant harm came from the way our society chose to respond and who was deemed sacrificial, not just technical considerations. If we decide that the major problems of pandemic management were costs to businesses or mental health for those who could isolate themselves at home, while ignoring the massive toll (physical, mental, financial and communal) demanded from frontline workers, we risk repeating past harms when faced with a new virus.

Avian flu is currently infecting dairy workers. We can't waste time on the wrong questions.

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OPINIONS

I went to Yale and to trade school. What’s more useful?

BY DARNELL EPPS

Last month, I had the honor of walking the commencement stage at Yale Law School with my two children, ages 1 and 6 — a huge achievement for someone raised in New York City public housing. Equally important to me, however, was my *other* graduation, several months earlier, from Lincoln Technical Institute, a vocational school in East Windsor, Conn.

While several of my peers at Yale pursued joint JD/MBA degrees, I decided to wed my Doctor of Law with a diploma in manufacturing technology and machining.

I made that crazy decision in April 2022. The economy was rebounding from the pandemic and, surprisingly, though demand for manufacturing and goods had skyrocketed, millions of well-paid manufacturing and construction jobs remained unfilled. At some point during my studies, I stumbled on a report by the National Association of Manufacturers indicating that U.S. manufacturing alone — excluding the construction trades — was employing more than 12 million people in jobs with an average annual compensation of \$85,000, yet a labor shortage persisted.

I was confused. Why was the nation experiencing such a shortage? I was attending law school in a city with a 26 percent poverty rate and a median household income of \$42,000. Throughout the greater New Haven, Conn., area, tens of thousands of skilled jobs remained open, but employers simply could not find enough talent to fill them. None of these jobs required a college degree, and for workers looking to continue their education, many came with opportunities for tuition reimbursement and on-the-job training.

Yet almost everyone I talked with in New Haven knew very little about the career opportunities in advanced manufacturing, or how to acquire the skills employers were looking for.

At the time, I was working as an entrepreneur-in-residence with a venture capital firm and exploring ways to use software to provide well-paid jobs to people in low-income neighborhoods. I believed that many Americans struggling in the labor market could benefit from well-paid jobs that didn’t require a college degree. Determined to understand the skills employers were seeking, I decided to enroll at Lincoln Tech myself.

On my very first day, I faced a sobering reality: There was just one other student in my machining class. By comparison, I had more than 50 peers in my Yale Law torts class. My graduating class at Yale seemed poised to produce dozens of “Big Law” attorneys, while Lincoln Tech would graduate just two machinists. I was stunned. Although I love the law, both as a profession and as a tool for social change, I also know that lawyers are better at billing clients than building and maintaining our nation’s critical infrastructure.

My journey from the hallowed halls of Yale Law to operating multi-axis CNC machines has been a testament to the manifold nature of learning and growth. These machines are hardly the punch-tape devices of the 1940s and ’50s. They come equipped with preprogrammed computer software that controls the movement of tools and complex machinery that processes metal parts for crucial industries, including the aerospace and automotive industries. The job of a machinist is to maintain and operate these machines, while creating tools and assembly parts through various machining methods, such as drilling, grinding and milling. The job requires a great deal of precision, as machinists often need to make cuts to metal stock at one-thousandth of an inch or less.

In typical lawyer fashion, for my first project at Lincoln Tech I machined ... a metal gavel. I recall giving it to my 5-year-old son, whom I then had to prevent from putting it through the drywall in our home. I was incredibly proud after machining that first item, and I left class that day with a newfound respect for the craftsmanship and work of machinists. This was not only well-paid work, I realized, but also a form of art.

My Yale-to-Lincoln Tech path has reaffirmed my belief in the untapped potential of skilled trades. It has shown me that the future of American prosperity depends not only on lawyers and executives but also on machinists, welders and all skilled tradespeople who are the backbone of our economy. But we must reshape the narrative around skilled trades and foster a cultural appreciation for these essential careers. Government initiatives such as President Biden’s American Jobs Plan, which included \$300 billion in manufacturing expenditures, are doomed if they do not do this. There is real concern that many of the new factories developed as part of Biden’s “manufacturing renaissance” will become white elephants because of an under-skilled U.S. workforce and a lack of awareness about the benefits of careers in advanced industry.

You may be wondering what exactly I plan to do with my own two diplomas. I plan to build a software-driven recruitment company that helps people find good careers in the skilled trades and advanced industry. I want to pave the way for a new generation of workers who can thrive in the advanced manufacturing renaissance, driving innovation and growth for decades to come.

But I also like to finish what I start — quite like that gavel I machined at Lincoln Tech — so I will take the New York bar exam in 2025. You never know when some legal expertise — or that gavel — might come in handy.

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VLADIMIR KARA-MURZA

Putin’s ‘foreign agent’ law would make Stalin jealous

PRISON COLONY NO. 6, OMSK, RUSSIA

Solitary confinement in a maximum-security prison in Siberia is not particularly eventful. Among the few distractions (and welcome opportunities to leave my cell) I get here are my regular court appearances by video link from the prison office. One may reasonably ask what court appearances there can be for someone who has already been sentenced to 25 years in prison. But it appears the Russian state is not done with me yet.

Every month, I get a visit from a couple of polite officials from Roskommadzor, the Russian government’s censorship agency, who present me with administrative court summons for violating Russia’s “foreign agent” law. All messages that I pass by correspondence from prison and that are posted by my colleagues on my social media are supposed to carry an all-caps disclaimer that they have been “produced by a foreign agent,” they tell me. And I respond, invariably and just as politely, that I am a Russian politician and not a “foreign agent” — and that I have no intention of engaging in self-slander. I tell exactly the same thing to the (aptly named) Soviet district court that obligingly issues my administrative convictions. On June 11, it handed me the third one, opening the way for the authorities to initiate a new criminal case against me for “noncompliance with the foreign agent law.”

Trying to defame political opponents as “agents of foreign influence” is an old Soviet tactic — one of many adopted by Vladimir Putin’s regime. During the mass state terror under Stalin, millions were sent to the Gulag or to their deaths with this label. (This includes my great-grandfather and great-great-uncle, who were executed as “Latvian agents.” Both were fully rehabilitated and, posthumously, exonerated of all charges.) In the post-Stalin era, Soviet state propaganda went to great lengths to paint dissidents — including such notable figures as Andrei Sakharov and Alexander Solzhenitsyn — as Western stooges.

Under Putin, this practice was revived after the mass pro-democracy protests of 2011 and 2012 with the passage of the first “foreign agent” law. The Kremlin claimed it was merely following the example of the U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act, but the analogy was patently false from the beginning. Unlike the U.S. law, which focuses on political lobbying “at the order, request, or under the direction or control, of a foreign principal,” Putin’s measure targeted anyone who has engaged in vaguely defined “political activity” — and, importantly, did not link foreign funding to any specific actions. (The concept of a “foreign principal” was absent altogether.) Moreover, the definition of “foreign funding” included



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Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza at a court hearing near Moscow in 2022. He has been jailed for more than two years.

pretty much anything: Opposition activists and groups have been labeled as “foreign agents” for taxi payments, airline mile transfers and even using Western online pay systems such as PayPal.

After the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Putin signed a new law that dispensed with the funding formality altogether: The Justice Ministry could now place the “foreign agent” label on anyone it deemed to be “under foreign influence” — meaning, in practice, on any public figure who spoke out against the Kremlin. I was designated a “foreign agent” in April 2022 (simultaneously with my arrest) for opposing the war in Ukraine and for calling Putin a war criminal — this was the official justification produced by the Justice Ministry when I challenged the designation in court. The Russian government’s “foreign agent registry” now includes more than 800 organizations and individuals — including Russia’s most accomplished living novelists, Ludmila Ulitskaya and Boris Akunin; legendary rock musicians Andrei Makarevich and Boris Grebenshikov; renowned poet and literary critic Dmitry Bykov; and Nobel Peace laureate Dmitry Muratov.

Frankly, it reads more like an honor roll than any kind of blacklist. But the blacklisting is very real: Individuals designated as “foreign agents” are prohibited from engaging in a wide variety of activities, including teaching, organizing public events, con-

ducting anti-corruption audits, monitoring elections, advertising on social media and so on — not to mention informal bans such as the one on books by “foreign agents” in bookstores and libraries.

Amendments signed by Putin last month prohibit “foreign agents” from participating in elections and holding elected office at any level. Traditional authoritarian techniques such as election fraud have become redundant in Russia: The government can now remove any opponent from the ballot or from the legislature instantaneously simply by labeling them as “foreign agents.” Among the first to be stripped of his seat under this law will be Boris Vishnevsky, a longtime member of the St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly and deputy leader of the liberal Yabloko party, who was recently blacklisted for his antiwar stance.

But perhaps the most insulting requirement of the “foreign agent” law is that people have to label themselves with public disclaimers — something even the Soviet KGB hadn’t come up with. Those who refuse are faced with administrative and then criminal prosecution — hence my regular rendezvous with the Soviet district court. My criminal trial here in Omsk will likely start in the fall — and the outcome, of course, is well known. It seems that my current 25-year sentence will not be the limit. But, on the upside, I will get more welcome opportunities to leave my prison cell.

RAMESH PONNURU

Democrats should needle Trump on his school vaccination policies

Donald Trump and his campaign are at odds over what he believes about school vaccination policies.

The former president has frequently said he will cut off federal funding for any school that mandates vaccinations. His campaign said in March that the policy would apply only to mandatory coronavirus vaccinations, but Trump has repeatedly declaimed against vaccine mandates without mentioning covid. “I will not give one penny to any school that has a vaccine mandate or a mask mandate,” he said at a May rally. He said it again this month.

The campaign’s instinct to backtrack is sound. If voters were to take Trump at his repeated word, this reckless policy could become a serious political vulnerability.

Every state in the country, along with D.C., requires childhood vaccinations as a condition of schooling. Most colleges have vaccination requirements, too, and Trump has sometimes included them in his promise to withhold federal dollars. The possible outcomes of Trump’s stated policy, then, would range from a radical reduction in federal support for K-12 and higher education to major changes in the policies of governments and educational institutions throughout the country.

And those changes would be senseless. We can debate how many and which vaccinations should be required, or the proper extent of religious exemptions. But the basic case for vaccine mandates is obvious: It’s about stopping contagions.

The Supreme Court explained this rationale with respect to smallpox in

1905: “Upon the principle of self-defense, of paramount necessity, a community has the right to protect itself against an epidemic of disease which threatens the safety of its members.” That’s why, when Trump was president, he ditched his earlier crackpottery about the supposed link between vaccination and autism and, instead, urged Americans to get inoculated against measles.

The saving grace of Trump’s proposal is that it probably would not happen. Executive branch attorneys, in administrations of both parties, are creative in finding new powers hidden in old statutes for their bosses. But even top-notch lawyers are not going to find a way for presidents to make unilateral decisions about the vaccination policies of states and private institutions. While his campaign has talked about strengthening the president’s power to ignore Congress on spending questions, the courts seem unlikely to go along.

Trump is not shy about making unkeepable promises at his rallies, such as his pledge to grant police “immunity from prosecution” for allegations of misconduct. His vaccine policy might be another of these.

But Democrats are under no obligation to minimize the threat of Trump’s stated policy. They would be within their rights to say that it’s what he wants to do and blast him for it. If they decide to do so, they would have several lines of attack at hand.

One would be to highlight the impact on public health. Many suburban parents who are unhappy with President Biden because of inflation also make sure their kids are up to date on their shots and would rather not have an

outbreak of meningitis on their schools’ campuses.

The prospect of funding cuts for education might also repel some swing voters. Even before he made his vaccine comments, Trump was promising to abolish the Education Department, as he did in the 2016 campaign. That would not be as consequential as it sounds, since ending the department — as Republican legislators have often proposed over the years — would not terminate the programs it oversees. But the idea is politically risky enough that many Republicans have backed away from it. The GOP platform has not explicitly called for it since 1996.

Abolishing the agency didn’t really become an issue when Trump advocated it in 2016 because Hillary Clinton was denouncing him on so many other grounds. But removing federal funding from schools would be a more disruptive change than getting rid of the department. Most parents remain satisfied with their local school — suburban parents have often invested serious money to live near good schools, since that is the form of school choice most widely practiced in the United States — and are wary of threats to it.

One can only speculate why Trump is taking this politically risky position. Maybe he thinks he needs to make up ground among vaccine opponents who are disappointed by his record as president, when he sped up the production of coronavirus vaccines. Maybe he just likes having another surefire applause line at his rallies. Whatever his motive, though, he has made a mistake. Democrats will make their own if they don’t make him pay for it.

EUGENE ROBINSON

Of shark bites and sound bites

In entertainment, “jumping the shark” is when a show runs out of ideas and flails, embarrassingly, for continued relevance. In politics, no one has ever jumped the shark quite like Donald Trump.

The phrase was coined during the 1980s about an episode of the popular sitcom “Happy Days” in which a main character, Fonzie, goes water skiing in California and vaults over a live shark. Today, “jumping the shark” is used figuratively. In Trump’s case, though, it is uncomfortably literal — and deeply troubling.

Remember that bizarre story he told a couple of weeks ago about boats, sharks and electrocution? Trump obviously remembers how people made fun of it, to the point where he told the story again on Saturday, insisting it was “actually not crazy” and “sort of a smart story.”

But what’s striking, and sad, is how defensive Trump is. After saying something that made no earthly sense, and getting ridiculed for it, he couldn’t just move on and hope everyone forgets. He can’t stand being laughed at. After I wrote about the shark thing two weeks ago — a column that, by the way, consisted mostly of Trump’s own words — he singled me out on Truth Social as one of the “fools and stupid people” working here at The Post.

So, once again, here is a transcript of what Trump said about sharks this past weekend. You be the judge:

“Now they’ll say all these stories are terrible. Well, these stories have, you know, you heard my story in the boat with the shark, right? I got killed on that. They thought I was rambling. I’m not rambling. ...

The former president’s shark story shows that his insistence on his own infallibility is getting worse.

We can’t get the boat to float. The battery is so heavy. So then I start talking about asking questions. You know, I have an, I had an uncle who was a great professor at MIT for many years, long, I think the longest tenure ever. Very smart, had three different degrees and, you know, so I have an aptitude for things. You know, there is such a thing as an aptitude.

“I said, ‘Well, what would happen if this boat is so heavy and started to sink and you’re on the top of the boat. Do you get electrocuted or not?’ In other words, the boat is going down and you’re on the top, will the electric currents flow through the water and wipe you out?”

“And let’s say there’s a shark about 10 yards over there. Would I have to immediately abandon, or could I ride the electric down? And he said, ‘Sir, nobody’s ever asked us that question. But sir, I don’t know.’ I said, ‘Well, I want to know, because I guarantee you one thing, I don’t care what happens. I’m staying with the electric, I’m not getting over with it.’

“So I tell that story. And the fake news they go, ‘he told this crazy story with electric.’ It’s actually not crazy. It’s sort of a smart story, right? Sort of like, you know, it’s like the snake, it’s a smart when you, you figure what you’re leaving in, right? You’re bringing it in the, you know, the snake, right? The snake and the snake. I tell that and they do the same thing.”

We witnessed this flaw in Trump’s temperament throughout his four years as president — his inability to say “I misspoke” or “I was wrong” — but the shark story shows that his insistence on his own infallibility is getting worse. It sounds to me as though he really believes having had an uncle who taught at MIT gives him “an aptitude” to rewrite the laws of physics.

Trump’s apologists will say that this is just stick to entertain his audience. (These same apologists keep telling us that Trump’s rants should be taken “seriously, not literally,” but whatever.) If we’re supposed to judge him on his chops as a Borscht Belt comedian, Don Rickles was funnier.

Equally alarming is his disordered, elliptical syntax. Sentences take off in one direction and change course mid-flight. Pronouns lack antecedents. I suppose Trump could expect his audience at Saturday’s event to follow him when he said “it’s like the snake” — a reference to the lyrics of a song he often quotes to demonize immigrants.

But if an elderly relative told you “it’s a smart when you, you figure what you’re leaving in, right,” you’d ask whether he needed to lie down.

A verbatim transcript of even the most eloquent speaker’s words is likely to reveal a flub or two. But repeatedly telling a nonsensical story, and in a chopped salad of words, is different — and hair-raising when the speaker is a candidate for president.

Somewhere, out there, a hurdled shark swims in Trump’s wake.



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Md. couple dies during pilgrimage to Mecca

Two are among over 1,300 fatalities in Saudi Arabia's extreme heat

BY LATESHIA BEACHUM, JASMINE HILTON AND KATIE SHEPHERD

For weeks, Alhaji Aliou Dausy Wurie and his wife, Haja Isatu Wurie, prepared for the Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, the holiest city for Muslims.

The couple walked two to three miles a day in their neighborhood of Bowie, Md., to get ready for the trip they had always wanted to take together, said their daughter, Saïda Wurie. They bought insoles for their shoes. They purchased liquid IVs. They prayed.

But, ultimately, that preparation would not be enough to make sure they made it home safely.

Aliou Wurie, 71, and Isatu Wurie, 65, were among the more than 1,300 people who died in extreme heat this year in Mecca, the birthplace of the prophet Muhammad. Their family says they were failed repeatedly by the Maryland-based tourism company they hired.

Saudi authorities said about 1.8 million people made the journey this year to the holy city where the prophet Muhammad is believed to have recited the first revelations of the Quran. Making a trek to the city is among the pillars of Islam.

But in weather as hot as 110 degrees, proper resources are necessary for a safe journey. Saïda Wurie said the trip for her parents, who were part of a group of between 80 and 100 people traveling with the tourism company, was rocky from the start. They were not provided with Hajj credentials, leaving them confined to a hotel for days, and the company lacked sufficient transportation. The couple had paid the company \$11,500 per person for an all-inclusive hotel, flight and transportation package.

"I think it was a totality of the circumstances," Saïda Wurie said. "The fact that they didn't have the proper credentials, the proper transportation, they had to walk so long."

She said that she wants to make sure the tourism company is not able to do that to anyone else: "Our family has to grieve in this way. In our religion, they do believe that if you die in the Holy Land, it's a beautiful thing, but

SEE **HAJJ** ON **B2**



CRAIG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Good-McGuire primary too close to call, AP says

Results must be certified by Virginia before an expected recount

BY LAURA VOZZELLA
IN RICHMOND

The Republican primary race between House Freedom Caucus Chairman Bob Good and state Sen. John J. McGuire III in Virginia's 5th Congressional District is officially too close to call, the Associated Press declared Monday, nearly a week after voters went to the polls.

Local elections officials in the deep-red central Virginia district were wrapping up their canvass of the results of the June 18 primary, finding that McGuire and Good were neck and neck, with McGuire leading by just 373 votes. The results now head to the state for certification, a step needed before an expected recount can proceed.

The contest between the two ultraconservatives was a heated one, with former president Donald Trump and establishment forces who had sought to oust the hard-right incumbent

backing McGuire. While McGuire claimed victory about four hours after polls closed on June 18, Good did not concede that night and soon began raising concerns about the integrity of the election.

The race had already been expected to go to a recount, which state law allows the apparent loser to request 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. McGuire's unofficial 373-vote lead is out of 62,741 votes cast, putting the margin at 0.59 percent. The recount process would not begin until state officials certify the results.

McGuire again claimed victory in a written statement issued shortly before 5:30 p.m. Monday. "I'm so honored that you've chosen me as

SEE **5TH DISTRICT** ON **B3**

Van Lewis casts a ballot June 18 at Bedford Hills Elementary School in Lynchburg, Va.

Activists rally on Dobbs ruling's 2nd anniversary

In D.C., those on both sides of abortion fight have heated exchanges

BY CLARENCE WILLIAMS

Two years after the Supreme Court's landmark decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, hundreds of Americans again gathered on Capitol Hill to rally for and against legal access to abortion.

Monday afternoon's demonstrations were smaller than in the days after the Supreme Court announced its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which ended the constitutional right to abortion. Those who joined calls from activist organizations fiercely shouted their positions outside the high court. "My body, my choice!" one group of women shouted.

"Not your body, not your choice!" another group of demonstrators shouted simultaneously.

President Biden and fellow Democrats staged events across



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Antiabortion activists, center and right, protest at an abortion rights rally Monday outside the AFL-CIO headquarters in D.C.

the country Monday as they sought to leverage the second anniversary of *Dobbs*. Democrats say that reproductive rights will be an issue that helps them up and down the ballot in November. Former president Donald Trump has said states, not the federal government, should decide on any limits on the procedure and has resisted calls for a federal

limit on abortion, warning Republicans that they face significant political peril if they do not handle the issue properly.

Earlier Monday, small groups of demonstrators at Black Lives Matter Plaza shouted each other down in a prelude to an afternoon of competing messaging.

Throughout the day, officers intervened as individual argu-

ments escalated, but no violence or arrests were reported immediately. Officers from the Supreme Court Police and Capitol Police erected barricades to separate nearly 200 abortion rights demonstrators from a few dozen counterprotesters.

Rainbow logos mingled with the purple of the National Organization for Women, which provided "Keep Abortion Legal" signs and a program of speakers from a dais. Tamika Middleton, managing director of the Women's March, led the crowd in chants of "We won't go back" after she argued that forces are arrayed against reproductive freedoms for women.

"We are up against not only religious conservatives attempting to take away our reproductive freedoms, but against a powerful conglomeration of individuals and organizations moving an authoritarian agenda through courts and legislations across the country," Middleton said.

Christian-based Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust brought a group of "campers" who had been training in D.C. for the past 10

SEE **PROTEST** ON **B3**

Ship that toppled bridge leaves Baltimore for Va.

BY MICHAEL LARIS

The Dali container ship departed Baltimore with a mostly new crew and eased under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge on Monday, sailing on its own power toward Norfolk three months after it veered off course and left a path of destruction that will take years to recover from.

Only four of the 21 crew members who were on the ship when it struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26 joined the Dali's replacement crew Monday as it headed for the Port of Virginia, according to Darrell Wilson, a spokesman for the ship's operator, Synergy Marine.

Eight other members of the original crew — who had remained aboard the stranded ship for months — arrived back in their home country of India in recent days, with two others on their way, Wilson said. Other crew members recently departed the Dali for temporary lodging in Baltimore, Wilson added, saying they have to remain there for now

in connection with ongoing litigation.

The National Transportation Safety Board said in an investigative update Monday that it had finished its in-person interviews with crew members and onboard testing of electrical systems.

On the day of the crash, the NTSB said Monday, two electrical breakers "unexpectedly opened when the vessel was three ship lengths from the Key Bridge, causing the first blackout (loss of electrical power) to all shipboard lighting and most equipment."

In a highly technical update, the NTSB investigators said they found an "interruption" in a circuit for part of one of the ship's electrical breakers. They also removed an insulated component that connects wires, called a terminal block, for testing in their materials lab.

The investigators emphasized that no conclusions should yet be drawn about the probable cause of the crash and that they are continuing to look at the design

SEE **DALI** ON **B2**

Ship that destroyed bridge leaves Baltimore; investigative update is issued

DALI FROM B1

and operation of the Dali's power distribution system and "all aspects of the accident."

On Monday, the Dali was escorted by four commercial tugboats.

A Coast Guard cutter, the Sailfish, enforced a 500-yard "safety zone" so other vessels wouldn't get too close.

With memories of the accident that killed six construction workers still raw, authorities temporarily blocked traffic on the Bay Bridge late Monday morning "out of an abundance of caution" as the Dali approached, according to the Maryland Transportation Authority.

Towering stacks of red, yellow and white containers were kept on board to help weigh down the Dali so it would sit low enough in the water to pass safely beneath the Bay Bridge, the Coast Guard said.

Video released by the Maryland Transportation Authority showed the ship passing under the Bay Bridge without incident.

The NTSB, Coast Guard and FBI continue to investigate the crash, which sent vast amounts of mangled steel and other debris into the Patapsco River and disrupted operations at the Port of Baltimore.

The disaster cost the Baltimore region's economy about \$1.2 billion, according to Sage Policy



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ABOVE: Vehicles wait at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge after traffic was temporarily halted as the container ship Dali traveled under the bridge in Stevensville, Md. RIGHT: A man at Matapeake beach watches the ship passes under the bridge Monday.

Group, a Baltimore-based consulting firm.

Port officials said they expect it will take until 2025 for business to fully return. Shippers say transportation headaches could worsen as trade bounces back without the Key Bridge, which state officials hope to reopen in 2028.

The crash raised questions about whether federal authorities are keeping up with rising threats to bridges from ever-larger ships, spurring a nationwide inquiry by the Coast Guard.

The firms that own and operate the Dali have come under

scrutiny, with FBI investigators investigating whether major problems were known before the ship left the port. The Coast Guard is also investigating the crash.

Lawyers representing Synergy and the ship's owner, Grace Ocean Private Ltd., said in legal filings that they had been advised that "the U.S. Coast Guard will permit certain crew members to return to their home countries but has requested that other crew members remain in the United States."

Wilson said Synergy is "extremely happy that we were able



to get 10 of our valued crew members back to their families and loved ones. We hope to get the other 11 home just as soon as possible."

A spokesman for the city of Baltimore, which sued Grace Ocean and Synergy, alleging negligence, did not respond to a request for comment.

The vessel-tracking site Marine Traffic predicted the Dali

would arrive at the Port of Virginia in less than a day.

It will first stop at Virginia International Gateway, a major terminal, to offload about 1,500 containers, according to the Coast Guard. It will then head to Norfolk International Terminals for repairs.

Salvage work on the Dali is still not done, authorities said. Large sections of roadway and other

heavy debris crashed onto the ship's deck after it lost power and slammed into the bridge.

The salvage vessel Interceptor, from the emergency response firm Resolve Marine, followed the Dali from Baltimore, and some salvage work is scheduled to continue, the Coast Guard said.

Steve Thompson contributed to this report.

DNA match from discarded water bottle helps police find suspect in 2001 killing

COLD CASE FROM B1

head injuries to the sharp edges of baseboard molding of the house, leading them to believe that Preer's head was "battered onto the foyer floor."

There is no indication from the affidavit that Gligor was close to being arrested after the killing. But the document does reveal that on Jan. 30, 2002 — nearly nine months after the homicide — a tipster reported concerns about him to police.

After court on Monday, Montgomery State's Attorney John McCarthy said that Gligor and Preer's daughter were no longer dating at the time of the killing. McCarthy also spoke about the moment in the case when detectives were watching Gligor at Dulles.

"They watched him drink a bottle of water," McCarthy said. "After he abandoned that bottle of water, they seized the bottle. They swabbed it for DNA at the top."

The charging documents describe the case from its opening moments.

About 10 a.m. on May 2, 2001, after Preer didn't show up to her job at an advertising production



FAMILY PHOTO

The killing of Leslie J. Preer, at right in left photo, had gone unsolved until police matched DNA at the scene with Eugene T. Gligor, right.

company, a co-worker grew concerned and called her family. A short time later, the co-worker and Preer's husband, Carl, who'd left for his own job at about 7:30 a.m., walked into the house, according to the court filing.

They saw dried blood, a knocked-over table, a moved rug.

"Carl Preer called out her name and looked throughout the house but could not find Leslie," detective Tara Augustin wrote in

the affidavit.

The co-worker called 911 and was told they should exit the house.

Officers arrived and found Leslie Preer's body upstairs. Investigators studying the blood stains concluded that whoever had killed Preer had tried to cover their tracks.

In those opening days of the case, investigators collected DNA evidence from the home and



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from under Preer's fingernails — the latter a sign she'd tried to fight off her attacker. But they could not match the DNA to anyone — including men who knew Preer and who were asked to provide DNA samples. "All these samples were compared and eliminated, excluding them as suspects," police wrote.

The case went cold. In 2022, investigators sought to use genetic genealogical analysis, a

relatively new technique in which an unknown suspect's DNA from a crime scene can be compared to millions of DNA samples that customers submit to ancestor research companies. This can lead investigators to possible family-tree connections to the suspect's DNA. From there, detectives look for someone linked to the family who might otherwise be connected to the crime — having lived in the

area at the time it was committed, for example. These connections are often made through a relative who doesn't actually know the suspect and lives far from them.

In the Preer case, the genetic genealogical analysis yielded the surname "Gligor" as having possible links to the DNA thought to have been left by the assailant.

Then on June 4, 2024, as Augustin was going through case records, she found the tip submitted in 2002 about Eugene Gligor.

Still, the investigators didn't have his DNA.

That is why, according to the new records, they put him under surveillance at Dulles and why they grabbed his used water bottle. (Investigators and crime labs can extract DNA from objects touched by suspects or from their saliva.)

After matching the water bottle DNA with the crime scene DNA, according to police, they got a warrant charging Gligor with first-degree murder. He was arrested in D.C. on June 18 by a U.S. Marshals Service task force. He was brought to the Montgomery County jail on Friday, according to court records.

Couple spent weeks preparing for Hajj pilgrimage, then died in extreme heat

HAJJ FROM B1

there are several things that could have been avoided, so I'm just hoping they don't operate again."

Ehajj and Umrah Tours, a Silver Spring-based company established in 2022, is not in good standing with the state after failing to file required annual reports to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, according to public records.

The tourism company is registered to an address at an apartment complex in Silver Spring. That apartment unit has also been subject to five complaints for failure to pay rent since February 2023, with the latest complaint filed in May.

Mohamed Bah, the registered agent for the tourism company and defendant in the rent cases, is also listed as the registered agent for a second company called Embese for Hajj and Umrah, which was created in 2017 and is also not in good standing. Bah did not immediately respond to inquiries on Monday.

A Facebook page and website for the tourism company have been taken down, but a cached version of the website shows the company offered visa processing services for customers looking to travel to Saudi Arabia, and two travel packages for pilgrimages to religious sites in Mecca and

Medina.

A State Department official told The Washington Post: "We offer our sincerest condolences to the family on their loss. Our team in Saudi Arabia is working around-the-clock to respond to U.S. citizen concerns and provide assistance to the families of those who have died."

The couple were pillars in their Prince George's County community, remembered for their civic engagement, family values and fight for social equity. To their family, they were the easygoing, cool dad and strong, energetic mother, instilling faith and values in their home.

Saida Wurie said her family communicated with her parents through a group chat, where they sent photos of their smiling faces. Back in the United States, she said, her family was looking up flights for the couple to return home because of the difficulties, but her parents persisted by faith.

"They're like, 'No, maybe this is just a struggle that God wants us to go through in order to make it,'" she said. "Let's be patient" is what my father would say."

The couple left for the pilgrimage on June 5, and the trip was planned to last until June 23, with visits to Jeddah, Mecca and Medina. Saida Wurie said the family received word on June 16 that her parents were possibly missing.



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Saida Wurie holds up a calendar page featuring her parents. The two were pillars of their Prince George's County community.

For the next two days, the family contacted the U.S. Consulate General's Office, were in touch with people on the ground and called local hospitals. The family heard from the U.S. Embassy, which confirmed Aliou Wurie's and Isatu Wurie's names and passports were among a list of deceased people, Saida Wurie said. They had died on June 15.

The report says "natural cause of death," Saida Wurie said, and the family has been advised by officials that this could mean heat

stroke or heat exhaustion.

Saida Wurie said that on the day her parents died, she had last heard from them that they had been waiting three to four hours for transportation to Mount Arafat, symbolizing the successful completion of the Hajj, and ultimately decided to walk with a group up to the mountain to offer their prayers.

The last text from her mother read: "Sorry my love We have been walking since the last time you called Over 2 hrs!! smh."

The memory of the spiritually yoked couple and the impact they had for Sierra Leoneans will never be forgotten, friends and politicians told The Washington Post in interviews.

Wala Blegay (D-District 6), one of the three current Prince George's County Council members who are of African immigrant ancestry, met Isatu Wurie as she was trying to connect with the Sierra Leonean community. Isatu Wurie acted as a maternal conduit for one of the rising populations in Prince George's County, guiding Blegay on what to wear at masjid, when to bow and where to be seated among women. Isatu Wurie was always eager to find ways to connect those among the African and Islamic diaspora to matters within the county, Blegay said.

Isatu Wurie and Aliou Wurie both came from well-known families with names attached to great achievements in education and business in Sierra Leone, said Imam Teslim Alghali of Sierra Leone Muslim Jamaat, located in Prince George's County.

The hole that the couple leaves behind will be difficult to fill, but Alghali said it's some consolation in knowing that they died in service to God despite the sadness many are feeling.

"The most important thing was the intention to say, 'I want to do

this for the sake of Allah because he instructed me to do so,'" he said, adding that there is belief they are both in heaven. "They were together a long time with beautiful children, happy family, but this happened to them. There's belief that there's love to eternity. This is a good example. They will continue that to eternity by the will of Allah."

For as long as Saida Wurie could remember, her parents were involved in civic engagement, attending local campaign meetings and canvassing during elections. The Sierra Leonean couple met through their mothers, who were best friends. Aliou Wurie moved to the United States in the '80s, and Isatu Wurie joined him after finishing nursing school in London. Both attended universities, and Isatu Wurie retired as a registered nurse and Aliou Wurie owned his own nursing agency. They have three children — Saida, who is 33 and an attorney, and her two older brothers. The couple also had four granddaughters.

Saida Wurie said the family hopes they can retrieve her parents' belongings, the two fanny packs they left with, and locate their burial site. They had a prayer service at their home in Bowie and will hold a memorial in July.

Razzan Nakhlawi contributed to this report.



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VIRGINIA

Democrats cast abortion rights as central issue for election victories

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

RICHMOND — Virginia Democrats rallied Monday on a hill overlooking the state Capitol to highlight abortion rights as central to their strategy for this fall's elections, with actress Ashley Judd lending star power to political leaders on the second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

"Today is a solemn day," Rep. Jennifer McClellan (D-Va.) told a gathering of roughly 200 people, who wore white in what Democrats say is a symbol of the fight for reproductive rights. "Today is the second anniversary of when I became the first generation of my family to lose a constitutional right in my lifetime."

Organized by the Virginia Biden-Harris presidential campaign, the event showcased several of the state's most powerful female leaders. State Sen. L. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth), the first Black woman to serve as president pro tempore of the state Senate, drew cheers when she used a crude term to describe her battles with Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

"Now, you all know why I walk with this cane," Lucas said. "I had total knee surgery for keeping my foot up Glenn Youngkin's a-- all the time."

Youngkin's gubernatorial win in 2021 marked a resurgence of Republican strength in a state that had seemed to be trending blue. Since then, Democrats have regained some momentum, flipping control of the House of Delegates and preserving control of the state Senate in last year's elections.

Part of that new blue strength



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Rep. Jennifer McClellan (D-Va.) addresses Democrats at an abortion rights rally in Richmond. "Today is the second anniversary of when I became the first generation of my family to lose a constitutional right in my lifetime," she said, referencing *Roe v. Wade* being overturned.

has been connected to the abortion issue. Last year, Youngkin campaigned for Republican candidates with a pledge to seek a 15-week ban on abortions, with exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. Voters signaled strongly that they favor keeping Virginia's law as it is, allowing abortions through the second trimester — roughly 26

weeks — and in the third trimester if three doctors agree it's necessary to save the life or health of the pregnant person.

Going into this fall's presidential and congressional races, though, some polls have shown surprising strength for former president Donald Trump, who lost Virginia to President Biden by 10 percentage points in 2020.

Trump will campaign in Virginia on Friday in the city of Chesapeake, and Youngkin will join him for their first joint appearance.

With at least three congressional seats also locked in competitive contests this year and Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) seeking a third term, Democrats say the issue of abortion is going to be a

central part of their effort to motivate their voters to turn out.

"As we see attacks on abortion rights, on contraception, on IVF, these are attacks on the rights and the freedoms of our fellow citizens," Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.), who is running for next year's Democratic nomination for governor, told the crowd Monday.

The *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision touched off "two years of organizing and action and of focus," she said. "This November is our chance to once again at the ballot box say, this is unacceptable. You cannot attack our freedoms, you cannot roll back our rights."

Youngkin's office did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

Also timed for the *Dobbs* anniversary, Kaine released an abortion-related ad Monday targeting his Republican opponent, Hung Cao. Calling him "too extreme for Virginia," the ad charges that Cao supports a national law outlawing abortion and that he compared women seeking abortions to Nazis.

"No matter what Tim Kaine and his flunkies say, I will not vote for any federal ban on abortion," Cao said in a statement responding to a question about the ad. "And likewise, Tim Kaine will never secure our border or deport the illegal immigrants that should have never been in this country. I will. I spent twenty-five years fighting for this country, and I'm not done."

Monday's event also highlighted that the Biden campaign is not taking Virginia for granted, given the president's anemic approval ratings in the state. While two recent polls showed Trump and Biden running neck-and-neck in Virginia, most pundits still rate the state as a long shot for the Republican because of shifting demographics and a suburban population that has turned out increasingly for Democrats in recent years — particularly since the *Dobbs* decision.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM GOINES, 87

Blazed a classified trail as first Black member of modern-era Navy SEALs

BY BRIAN MURPHY

William Goines, who as a child learned to swim in a creek near Cincinnati after being blocked from the local Whites-only public pool and later passed a grueling Navy training regime to become the first Black member of the modern-era SEALs in the early 1960s, died June 10 at a hospital in Virginia Beach. He was 87.

The cause was a heart attack, said his wife, Marie Goines.

During a 32-year Navy career — and scores of classified missions with SEAL teams and their precursor unit — Mr. Goines saw combat during three tours in Vietnam and was deployed for a possible invasion of Cuba in October 1962 during the Cuban missile crisis, one of the Cold War's most dramatic showdowns.

With Cuba blockaded by U.S. warships, Mr. Goines and others were on a boat ready to mount amphibious attacks if the Soviet Union did not back down on plans to keep nuclear missiles on the island. In the end, Washington and Moscow pulled back to avert a potential superpower clash.

"It was so secret back then," he said of his early missions, "they wouldn't even tell us what we were going to do." Mr. Goines retired from the Navy in 1987 as a master chief petty officer.

The U.S. military started to desegregate its forces after World War II, but the ranks of leadership and elite teams remained nearly all White in 1955 when Mr. Goines enlisted after graduating from high school. At the time, the path for many Black newcomers in the Navy was often steward roles such as cooking and serving in the officers' mess.

Someone in Mr. Goines's hometown of Lockland, Ohio, advised him to avoid that route if he wanted to advance in the Navy. "Whatever you do don't accept a school for stewards," he recalled being told, "because all you're going to be is a servant for officers."

Mr. Goines had already faced segregation while growing up. Authorities in Lockland enforced a strict segregation code at the public swimming pool. "When integration came to the area, the way I understand it, they filled the pool in with rocks and gravel so nobody could swim in it," he said.

He taught himself to swim in a creek near his home. Sometimes, he went to nearby Hartwell,



STEVE EARLEY/VIRGINIAN-PILOT/AP

ABOVE: Retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer William Goines, seen at Norfolk State University in 2010, saw combat during three tours in Vietnam and was deployed for a possible invasion of Cuba in October 1962. When President John F. Kennedy formed the original two Navy SEAL teams, Mr. Goines was among 40 personnel, and the only Black frogman, picked for SEAL Team Two, based near Virginia Beach. RIGHT: Mr. Goines in an undated Navy portrait.

where the town pool allowed Black people from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. "They would blow a whistle and we'd have to get out," Mr. Goines told The Washington Post. "They would drain the pool to get it ready for the Whites."

In the Navy, Mr. Goines insisted he wanted to be part of active operations. Eventually, he was accepted in a training program for the Navy's underwater demolition team, then known as frogmen, whose missions in World War II included valuable reconnaissance of Normandy beaches and German defenses before the D-Day landings in 1944. (Mr. Goines said he was inspired to join the Navy by the 1951 movie "The Frogmen.")

He was sent to Malta. There, he began nearly a year of drills and rigorous instruction such as close-hand combat, martial arts, parachute drops and survival skills. In Mr. Goines's class were Navy officers, enlisted personnel, Army Rangers and naval officers from various countries. Only 14 men, including Mr. Goines, successfully completed the training in 1957.

Mr. Goines was not the first Black member of the underwater demolition team. During the Korean War, a Black frogman, Fred Morrison, was part of missions

that including helping rescue five Marines on a beach under heavy gunfire. Morrison was awarded a Bronze Star and a Navy Unit Commendation. In early 1962, President John F. Kennedy formed the original two Navy SEAL teams — standing for Sea, Air and Land — to boost American special-operations capabilities.

Mr. Goines was among 40 personnel, and the only Black frogman, picked for SEAL Team Two, based near Virginia Beach. Team One was set up on the West Coast.

Even with his SEAL status, Mr. Goines said racism remained a fact of life in the South. At a bar in Norfolk, he was initially refused entrance. He was eventually allowed in — but only after other SEALs threatened to leave and bad-mouth the bar.

Once, during a trip with Navy personnel, Mr. Goines was denied service at a restaurant. "Our officer told everybody to just stop what they were doing and to get back on the bus," he recalled. He drove down the road and got takeout sandwiches.

"I helped integrate a lot of places — not on purpose," Mr. Goines told the Virginian-Pilot in 2018.

Parachute team



U.S. NAVY

William Harvey Goines was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Sept. 10, 1936, and moved to Lockland as a child with his family. His father, who passed for White, worked in an automotive plant and was co-owner of a gas station; his mother was a homemaker.

His father lost a few jobs, however, when employers discovered his background. "Not because they thought he was Black," Mr. Goines recalled, "but because he was married to a Black woman."

After the Vietnam War, Mr. Goines joined the Navy's parachute exhibition team, the Chuting Stars, and performed more than 600 precision jumps over five years. His only serious injury was tearing cartilage in his knees when he landed hard during an event in Pennsylvania.

He later served as a recruiter, encouraging Black personnel to consider SEAL training. He also headed security for the school system in Portsmouth, Va.

His awards include a Bronze Star and a Navy Commendation Medal. In 2023, the U.S. Navy Memorial presented him with the

Lone Sailor Award, given to veterans for distinction in their naval careers or after their service.

When curators of the National Museum of African American History and Culture were looking to build their collection, Mr. Goines donated his retirement memento. Under SEAL tradition, those stepping down from service get a display with a host of weapons including a knife, bullets and a deactivated grenade. The array is called "Tools of the Trade."

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, the former Marie Davis.

Mr. Goines's trailblazing service came close to never even beginning. He had lost the tip of his right index finger in a wood shop accident in high school. The officers evaluating candidates for underwater demolition team training questioned whether he was fit because of damage to his trigger finger.

"I said, 'No, I'm left-handed,'" he recalled in an interview with NBC News.

"Were you?" the interviewer asked

"Not really," he said, smiling.

"It was so secret back then, they wouldn't even tell us what we were going to do."

Mr. Goines, describing his early missions with the Navy SEALs

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BEVERLY

LILLIAN K. BEVERLY
Passed on June 12, 2024.

Survivors are her son, George S. Beverly, Jr.; Nieces Stephanie Stewart, Stacey Johnson, Shelly Kelly; nephew Inman S. Johnson, Jr.

The funeral is at the 1st Baptist Church of North Brentwood, 4000 Wallace Road, North Brentwood, MD. The Viewing is at 10 a.m. and the Service is at 11 a.m.

BUCHANAN

ANNICK KERVOELEN BUCHANAN (Age 95)
Annick Kervoelen Buchanan, a longtime resident of Alexandria, Virginia, died peacefully at home on May 25, 2024. She was 95. A native of Brittany, France, she emigrated to America in the early 1950s. Annick was the first woman to be hired in the college of Georgetown University in 1959 where she taught French language and literature for 40 years. Annick is survived by her daughters, Joelle and Barbara, and their husbands, Tim Gunter and Kirk Hampton. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

GRAHAM

DAVID JONATHAN GRAHAM SR. (12/31/49 - 6/3/24)
Entered eternal rest. He is preceded in death by his father (Walter, Jr.) and brother (Samuel, Sr.). He is survived by his mother (Katherine), brothers (Walter III, Daniel), two sons, five grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family. Graveside services at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland at 1 p.m. on June 27, 2024.

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DEATH NOTICE

PETER ERNEST HOLMES
Peter Ernest Holmes of Southern Pines, NC, passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving wife and children, on June 21, 2024.

Peter was born on April 7, 1939, in Orrville, Ohio to Carl and Emilie Taylor Holmes. Following the death of his father when Peter was six months old, his mother raised Peter and his brothers, William and James. Emilie, an elementary school teacher and principal, was Peter's greatest influence and guiding light.

After graduating from Orrville High School, Peter attended Northwestern University, where he served as President of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. In 1961, Peter graduated with degrees in political science and international relations. He continued his education with graduate studies in international relations at the American University in Washington, DC.

Peter began his 38-year career on Capitol Hill as a writer and editor for the weekly newsmagazine Congressional Quarterly. He then served as Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Robert Griffin of Michigan and, later, as Administrative Assistant to the Republican U.S. Senate WHIP.

He spent six years with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights. From 1973-75, Peter served as director, dismantling segregation in the school systems of 17 Southern and Border

DEATH NOTICE

JONES

ROBERT LEE JONES
Entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Resident of Hyattsville, MD. He is survived by his wife, Annette Jones; three children, Cathy Murray (Kenny), Ronald Jones, and Kelley Toppin (Michael); five grandchildren, Michael, Jeremiah, Lailah, Xavier, and Harper; sisters, Ozetta Castleberry, Eloise Anders, Diane Conley, Vanessa Harris, and Bernadean James; brothers, Elder Marcus Jones, Superintendent James Jones (predeceased) and Robert Specks; two goddaughters, and a host of other relatives and friends. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at Mount Jezreel Baptist Church, 420 University Blvd. E, Silver Spring, MD. Interment on Monday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

MANN

BRIAN PARKER MANN
On Friday, June 21, 2024 of Potomac, MD. Born May 2, 1954 in Washington, DC to the late Natalie Kaplan and David Mann. Beloved husband of 48 years to Jessie Mann; devoted father of Lauren Natalie Mann and Alexander Parker Mann (wife, Anne); loving brother of Conrad Mann (wife, Sondra) and Evan Mann (wife, Claire).

Funeral service will be held at PUMPHREY'S COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Parklawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Heart Association (www.heart.org)

For full obituary and to view the family guest book, please visit:
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HOLMES
States and developing the regulatory and enforcement program for the historic and newly enacted in 1972 Title IX program. In 1974, President Nixon named Peter as a U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Conference held in Ohrid, Yugoslavia.

Upon leaving the Federal Government, Peter served as a Washington Representative for General Electric in its Corporate Government Relations operation. Following his time at GE, Peter worked with a law firm in DC, becoming Executive Director of the Puerto Rico-USA Foundation, a coalition of financial, pharmaceutical, electronic and manufacturing companies operating in Puerto Rico.

In 1998, Peter retired to the Pinehurst area with his beloved wife Anne, spending time entertaining with friends and family, particularly their grandchildren. Peter also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, and served as Board member and fundraiser for Pinehurst's Givens Memorial Library and Tutts Archives, a Board member of the Ruth Paulley Lecture Series, and held a seminar at the Sandhills Community College. He was an avid golfer and member of Pinehurst Country Club, where he served on the Board of the Tin Whistles organization. Peter and Anne attended Pinehurst's Village Chapel and Southern Pines' Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Peter was preceded in death by his father, Carl; his mother, Emilie; and his two brothers, William and James. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Anne; his three sons: James (Shannon), Robert and Michael (Erica); his four step-children: Lamnot (Kellen), Bill (Martina), Ridgely (Tom) and Stuart; and his 13 grandchildren: Re-Pete and Willy Holmes; Ryan and Kaelyn Holmes; Ben, Sam and Ady Holmes; Jackson and Reese; duPont; Teagan Sweeney; and Emily, Charlie and Abby Benjamin.

Services will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, NC, on July 14th at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Peter wanted loved ones to donate to The Tin Whistle Scholarship Foundation (<https://thetinwhistles.org/twsl>).

Online condolences may be made at www.bolesfuneralhome.com. Service arrangements are entrusted to Boles Funeral Home.

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DEATH NOTICE

REINER

DR. BARBARA REINER (Age 95)
Dr. Barbara Reiner passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Alvin Reiner; devoted mother of Andrew Reiner (Priscilla Soto), Matthew (Julie) Reiner, Leah Chava Reiner (Jared Alden Wolf), Tracy Stith and Laura McCarthy; cherished grandmother of Eden (Madeline) Soto-Reiner, Daniel (Laura) Reiner, Katherine Reiner, Benjamin Soto-Reiner, and Mark Reiner; and loving great grandmother of James Nicholas Reiner, Samuel Thomas Reiner, and Abigail Elizabeth Reiner. Barbara was born in Harrisburg, PA on October 30, 1928 to Louis and Ida (Marcus) Schiffman.

A graduate of Penn State University, she went on to earn her Masters and Ph.D. in Speech Pathology from the University of Maryland, while raising her family and working full-time. She had a long career as a teacher, medical researcher, and speech pathologist in private practice at Speech Works Associates. She will be remembered as a mother, teacher, and friend.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024 at Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD. Interment will be at Judean Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Riderwood Benevolent Care Fund.

SCHECTER

LEONA PROTAS SCHECTER
On Sunday, June 23, 2024, LEONA PROTAS SCHECTER of Washington, DC. Beloved wife of the late Jerrold L. Schecter. Devoted mother of Evelind (Michael Shafer), Steven, Kate (Ari Roth), Doveen and Barnett (Vanessa Adler) Schecter. Loving grandmother of Belle (Zoran Svetlicic), Beth, Jeong Hwan and Paul Shafer, Ben and Sarah Schecter, Isabel (Christopher Walker) and Sophie Roth, Zev Rueschendorf and Geo Schecter. Dear great-grandmother of Iva, Ella and Luna. She was predeceased by her siblings, Norma, Evelyn and Arthur. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 28, 2024, 11 a.m. at The New Mt. Zion Section of Hillside Cemetery, Lyndhurst, NJ. Shiva will be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to Warm Heart Worldwide, <https://warmheartworldwide.org> or to World Neighbors, <https://www.wn.org>. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

DEATH NOTICE

MARCENE GALKIN
Marcene Elenor Galkin, affectionately known as Aunt Marcene, Marcie, Mom, Grandma and GG, was a remarkable person who touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Born on a humble farm in the heart of the South Dakota, she learned the values of hard work, compassion, and community from an early age. At 18, with dreams as vast as the open sky, she left the familiar farm behind and embarked on a journey that eventually took her all the way to Washington, DC. In the city, Marcie's heart expanded even further. She became a beacon of kindness, always ready to lend a hand or offer a listening ear. Whether it was volunteering at the local shelter, organizing food drives, or simply sharing a smile with a stranger, Marcie poured her heart into making the world a better place. Her unwavering commitment to helping others knew no bounds. Friends, family and neighbors remember her warm presence—the way she'd bring homemade soup to a sick neighbor, or sit patiently with a troubled neighbor while offering sage advice. She was a hospice volunteer for Queen Annes county. She has helped, healed and nurtured numerous people who also became her children. She always smiled at strangers and always said, "I love you". Marcie believed

KRIESBERG

SIMEON M. KRIESBERG
Simeon M. Kriesberg died suddenly on Friday, June 21, 2024. Simeon was born in Washington, DC on June 4, 1951 to Harriet and Martin Kriesberg and grew up as the oldest son in a large, loving family in Bethesda. Simeon married Martha L. Kahn, the love of his life, in 1994. They raised two children together, Micah and Skye. His family was the center of his life. He is also survived by his siblings, Maida (Barry) Lerman, Ellis (Stephanie) Kriesberg, Caleb Kriesberg, and Josh (Jane Lichty) Kriesberg. Simeon's wisdom, kindness, good judgment, wide-ranging knowledge, and wit were appreciated by all who knew him. Simeon

was dedicated to his family and to community service. He had a particular passion for fostering interfaith understanding. Simeon served on the board of the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington for 35 years. He also served in leadership roles with the American Jewish Committee, the Edleich D.C. Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, and Washington Hebrew Congregation. He received numerous awards for his service. Simeon practiced law for 40 years focusing on international trade. His pro bono service included: drafting a constitution for the Kingdom of Nepal; persuading the United States Government to rescind sanctions regulations that barred Iranian dissidents from publishing in the United States; and gaining asylum for a Saudi woman, on the novel grounds that her Muslim beliefs were being oppressed by her abusive husband. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 10 a.m. at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. Burial to follow at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, 14321 Comus Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871. Family will be observing Shiva on Wednesday and Thursday, 6 p.m., with Minyan services at 7:30 p.m. at the late residence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington (ifcmw.org). Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care. SagelBloomfield.com

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SCHULDER

ELLIOTT SCHULDER
Monday, June 24, 2024, ELLIOTT SCHULDER of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved husband of Barbara Schuldner. Devoted father of Marc Schuldner, Jenny (Douglas) Brant, Daniel (Hana) Schuldner, Lili Schuldner, Andrew (Stephanie) Schuldner, Elsheva Schuldner. Dear brother of William (Esther) Schuldner, Lynette (the late Jerry) Gruenhut, and Michael Schuldner. Cherished grandfather of Ian and Sidney Brant, Serina, Penn and Eitan Schuldner. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 11 a.m. at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park Chapel, 14321 Comus Rd., Clarksburg, MD with interment following. Shiva will be observed at the late residence. Memorial contributions may be made to Hatzalah.org. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001

DEATH NOTICE

LEE

SONYA FRANCHESCIA LEE
On Thursday, June 13, 2024, Sonya Franchescia Lee of Lanham, Maryland entered into eternal life. Loving wife of Herman T. Lee; devoted mother of Bonita Harrison, Donna C. Anthony and Edward (Lisa) Anthony. Also survived her grandchildren Natatia, Shakira, Ricardo, Tori, Nya, Breahna, and Stacey; great grandchildren Demarco, Egypt, Mileah, Leo, Chance, Mckayle, Mckayla, Ezra, Massiah; sisters Robin (Wilbur) Mouzon and Yvonne Abdullah, one brother Scott Britt; nieces and nephews Shaqum Maricka, Dominic, Che, Asha, many other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends on Thursday, June 27, from 2 p.m. until the Service of Remembrance at 3 p.m. at Wiseman Funeral Home, 451 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Maryland. Interment private. www.wisemanfuneralhome.net

GALKIN

that love was a verb, and she lived it every day. Her legacy is woven into the fabric of our family and her friends, a testament to the power of selflessness. Born on August 19, 1934 in Parker, SD, she was the daughter of the late Chris H. Hovaldt and Lillian E. Jensen. Marcie is survived by her loving children, Kathy Angert and her husband, Michael, of Germantown, Robert Galkin and his wife, Arlene, of North Potomac, Laura Vanzandt and her husband, Scott, of Murfreesboro, TN, Mercedes Kline and her husband, Paul, of Delaware, MD; 17 grandchildren, Eric Haden, Joey and Andria Terrones, Jason Terrones, Joshua and Mallory Angert, Evan Angert, Trevor Angert, Kyle and Kristin Galkin, Nicholas Galkin, Justin and Ade-na Cohen, Jonathan Cohen, Allison Cohen, Coral Stanton and Jonathan Shaul, Gil Kline, Maayan Kline, Chloe Vanzandt, and Curtis and Hannah Vanzandt; 12 great grandchildren, David Sacrey, Alivia Terrones, Amelia Terrones, Adalyn Terrones, Ellie Vanzandt, Malkiel Cohen, Shalom Cohen, Bentzion Cohen, Yehuda Cohen, Aliyah Cohen, Levi Angert, and Quinn Stanton-Shaul; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. Marcie was preceded in death by her loving husband Stanley Galkin, her late adored son Edward Terrones, and Marcie's six siblings. Marcie was a human resource director and a talented knitter. Her green thumb was legendary. The garden in her backyard was bursting with vibrant blooms just like the family she grew up on. As the sun sets on Marcie's journey, we celebrate a life well-lived. Her memory will forever bloom in our hearts, reminding us to be kind, to love fiercely, and to sow seeds of compassion wherever we go. Farewell, dear Marcie—you've left footprints on our souls, and the world is richer for it. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, at King David Memorial Gardens, 7482 Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA 22042. Shiva will be held at 2 p.m. at Mercedes and Paul Kline's home. In lieu of flowers, please perform a random act of kindness in Marcie's honor. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care. www.sagelbloomfield.com

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Sunny, with low humidity



Skies will be mostly sunny, yet again. Humidity should remain rather low for the time of year, while temperatures should rise a degree or two compared with Monday. Highs in the low 90s will dominate locally, but look for a range of about 89 to 93 across the broader area. Winds will probably blow from the south and southwest around 10 mph.

Today
Partly sunny



93° 77°

FEELS*: 95°
CHNCE PRECIP: 0%
WIND: SSW 7-14 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate

Wednesday
Heavy t-storms



100° 74°

FEELS: 106°
P: 75%
W: WSW 8-16 mph
H: Very High

Thursday
Partly sunny



90° 72°

FEELS: 93°
P: 5%
W: NNW 7-14 mph
H: High

Friday
Mostly sunny



89° 74°

FEELS: 93°
P: 10%
W: ESE 7-14 mph
H: High

Saturday
Mostly cloudy



93° 78°

FEELS: 98°
P: 25%
W: NW 7-14 mph
H: Very High

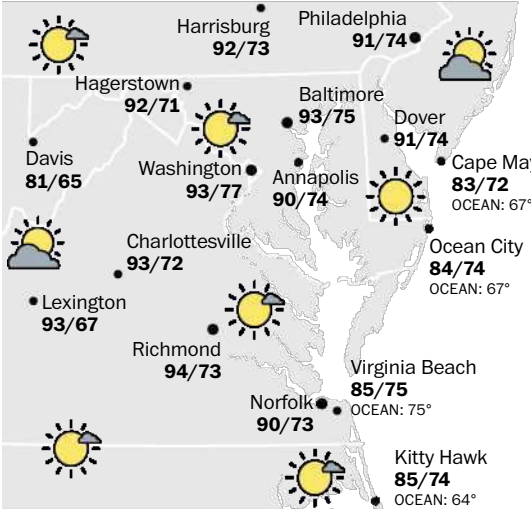
Sunday
T-storm



95° 70°

FEELS: 101°
P: 50%
W: SW 7-14 mph
H: Very High

REGION



Pollen: Low
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Extreme
11 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, sunny; hot in northern parts. High 73 to 81. Winds south-southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 66 to 70. Winds west-southwest 7-14 mph.

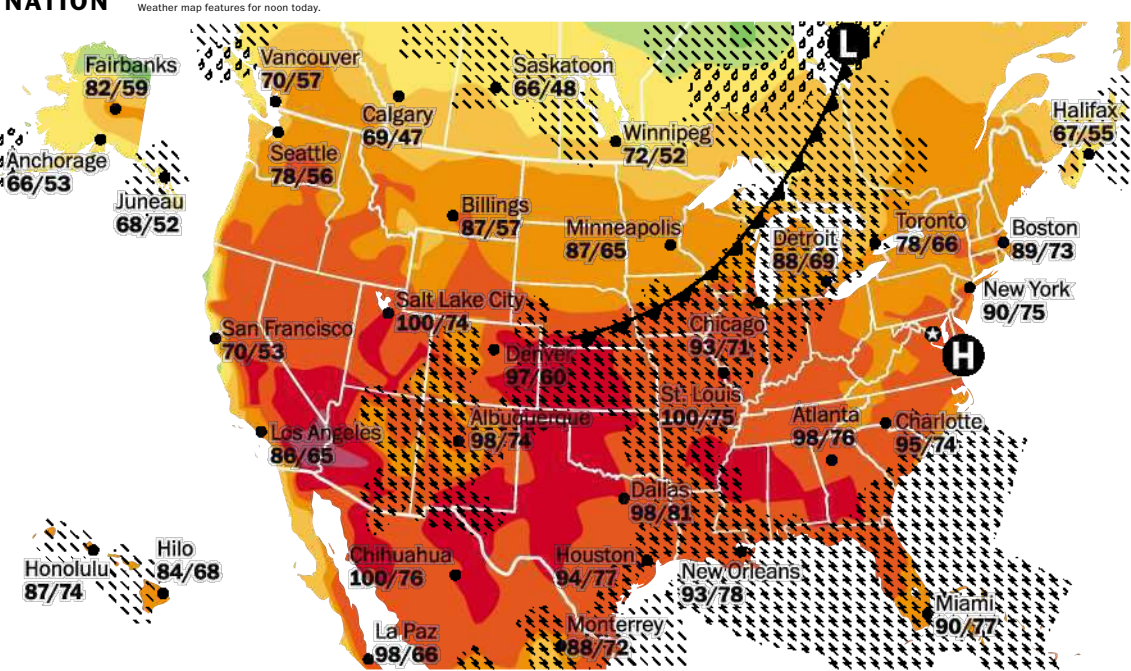
Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly sunny; less humid in the south. High 83 to 90. Winds southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, patchy clouds; humid. Low 72 to 76. Winds south-southwest 8-16 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny. Hotter in the south; humid elsewhere.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River:* Today, sunny. Wind southwest 6-12 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear to the horizon. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, sunny. Wind south 6-12 knots. Waves 2 feet or less on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.80 feet today, falling to 2.70 Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides

	(High tides in Bold)		
Washington	5:52 a.m.	11:06 a.m.	6:35 p.m. 11:46 p.m.
Annapolis	1:47 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	3:18 p.m. 8:54 p.m.
Ocean City	4:56 a.m.	10:49 a.m.	4:50 p.m. 11:15 p.m.
Norfolk	12:22 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	12:52 p.m. 6:52 p.m.
Point Lookout	4:24 a.m.	11:41 a.m.	4:54 p.m. 10:49 p.m.

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Tstorms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

Yesterday's National High: Needles, CA 112° Low: Fairplay, CO 35° for the 48 contiguous states

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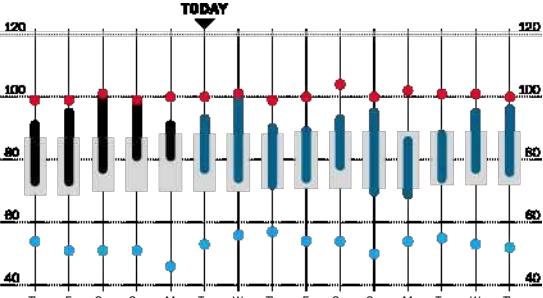
	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	90/69/pc	87/64/t
Albuquerque	98/74/t	93/70/pc
Anchorage	66/53/pc	69/51/s
Atlanta	98/76/c	98/75/s
Austin	95/76/pc	97/76/s
Baltimore	93/75/s	97/73/t
Billings, MT	87/57/s	89/63/s
Birmingham	100/72/pc	99/73/t
Bismarck, ND	86/54/s	77/61/s
Boise	98/73/s	93/60/s
Boston	89/73/pc	92/68/t
Buffalo	83/70/pc	81/59/t
Burlington, VT	89/69/pc	85/59/t
Charleston, SC	93/77/t	94/79/t
Charleston, WV	91/69/s	91/69/t
Charlotte	95/74/s	96/76/pc
Cheyenne, WY	92/58/s	85/63/t
Chicago	93/71/t	86/59/pc
Cincinnati	91/72/t	82/62/t
Cleveland	87/71/t	81/63/t
Dallas	98/81/pc	99/80/pc
Denver	97/60/s	91/66/t

	Today	Tomorrow
Des Moines	93/69/t	87/63/s
Detroit	88/69/t	78/58/c
El Paso	107/85/t	103/81/pc
Fairbanks, AK	82/59/pc	89/60/c
Fargo, ND	90/58/pc	76/56/pc
Hartford, CT	92/72/pc	95/66/t
Honolulu	87/74/sh	86/77/sh
Houston	94/77/t	94/78/t
Indianapolis	91/72/t	81/63/t
Jackson, MS	99/78/t	93/74/t
Jacksonville, FL	96/75/t	95/75/t
Kansas City, MO	93/72/t	88/67/s
Las Vegas	108/88/s	109/86/s
Little Rock	100/79/t	93/75/t
Los Angeles	86/65/s	85/64/s
Louisville	95/75/t	87/66/t
Memphis	98/78/c	88/74/t
Miami	90/77/t	90/77/t
Milwaukee	92/68/t	80/60/pc
Minneapolis	87/65/s	78/59/s
Nashville	98/74/pc	93/72/t
New Orleans	93/78/t	93/78/t
New York City	90/75/pc	91/70/t
Norfolk	90/73/s	97/79/c

	Today	Tomorrow
Oklaoma City	99/76/pc	100/74/s
Omaha	95/69/t	88/65/s
Orlando	93/75/t	91/75/t
Philadelphia	91/74/pc	95/72/t
Phoenix	111/92/pc	112/90/c
Pittsburgh	88/71/pc	87/62/t
Portland, ME	86/66/c	88/64/sh
Portland, OR	86/59/s	73/58/c
Providence, RI	88/69/pc	88/66/t
Raleigh, NC	95/74/pc	102/75/pc
Reno, NV	93/66/pc	92/60/s
Richmond	94/73/s	99/74/pc
Sacramento	93/60/pc	91/57/s
St. Louis	100/75/t	89/68/t
St. Thomas, VI	92/82/t	91/82/pc
Salt Lake City	100/74/s	96/69/c
San Diego	76/67/s	75/65/s
San Francisco	70/53/pc	68/53/pc
San Juan, PR	92/81/t	92/80/t
Seattle	78/56/pc	68/53/c
Spokane, WA	86/61/s	84/56/c
Syracuse	88/72/pc	84/63/t
Tampa	90/79/t	90/80/t
Wichita	101/74/t	92/73/s

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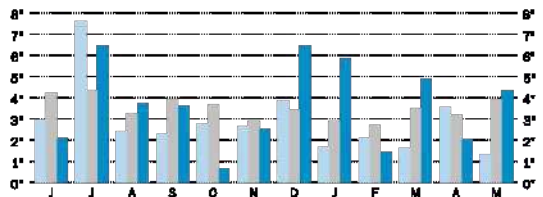
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	National	Dulles	BWI
High	91° 3:18 p.m.	89° 2:50 p.m.	90° 2:44 p.m.
Low	81° 6:00 a.m.	76° 6:00 a.m.	80° 6:00 a.m.
Normal	88°/70°	86°/64°	87°/65°
Record high	100° 2010	97° 2010	100° 2010
Record low	46° 1902	46° 1979	50° 1972

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: +3.5° yr. to date: +3.1°

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	Trace	Trace
Total this month	0.48"	0.28"	0.42"
Normal	3.30"	3.45"	3.21"
Total this year	19.02"	17.58"	20.71"
Normal	19.53"	20.79"	20.55"

Moon Phases



Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:44 a.m.	8:37 p.m.
Moon	11:49 p.m.	9:24 a.m.
Venus	6:09 a.m.	9:03 p.m.
Mars	2:40 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Jupiter	3:58 a.m.	6:27 p.m.
Saturn	12:32 a.m.	11:59 a.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Islamabad	107/83/s	107/86/s
Istanbul	87/71/s	86/70/s
Jerusalem	91/68/s	91/68/s
Johannesburg	66/39/s	64/41/s
Kabul	89/66/pc	91/70/s
Kingston, Jam.	90/81/pc	90/80/t
Kolkata	95/83/c	92/81/t
Kyiv	78/60/s	80/64/c
Lagos	85/76/t	84/76/t
Lima	66/60/c	66/61/pc
Lisbon	75/60/pc	73/61/pc
London	83/62/s	83/63/s
Madrid	92/69/s	88/66/pc
Manila	92/81/t	92/81/t
Mexico City	72/57/sh	74/57/sh
Montreal	84/68/s	79/57/t
Moscow	73/56/r	73/57/c
Mumbai	91/82/r	91/82/r
Nairobi	74/51/pc	73/53/pc
New Delhi	102/87/s	100/84/s
Oslo	75/57/pc	79/57/pc
Ottawa	82/64/s	74/54/t
Paris	86/64/s	88/68/pc
Prague	80/59/pc	81/61/t

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‘You look great! Are you on Ozempic?’

According to Barbra Streisand, all she was trying to say was that Melissa McCarthy looked “fantastic!”

In April, McCarthy had taken to Instagram to share a photo of herself with her friend, director Adam Shankman, at a gala event in Los Angeles wearing matching pastel outfits. “Give him my regards,” Streisand replied in the comments, before adding, “did you take Ozempic?”

Those final four words triggered an online brouhaha — one Reddit discussion amassed nearly 600 responses, ranging from “100% this is how boomers and above communicate on social media” to “Babs what are you doing!?!” Even Richard Simmons chimed in: “What a question,” the fitness guru wrote on Facebook.

Streisand deleted the comment and posted an explanation on X: “She looked fantastic! I just wanted

Conversations about weight-loss drugs can be riddled with bias and misinformation — and a startling lack of sensitivity

BY ANNE BRANIGIN
AND SAMANTHA CHERY

to pay her a compliment,” she said. “I forgot the world is reading!”

McCarthy, for her part, took Streisand’s faux pas in stride — at least, publicly: “The takeaway, Barbra Streisand knows I exist,” McCarthy said in a follow-up video. “She reached out to me, and she thought I looked good! I win the day.”

The original photo she posted, however, was deleted.

Americans have long considered discussions of appearance — of our bodies, in particular — taboo in “polite” conversation. But social media is a not-polite place, and this taboo has rarely been upheld at school lunch tables, grocery stores and family reunions. In actuality, overweight people are often not extended the common courtesies that thinner people may take for granted.

SEE OZEMPIC ON C3

Artwork shaped by a strong sense of nostalgia

Ceramicist draws inspiration from eateries, hangouts

BY KYRA BRESLIN

NEW YORK — Whiteboards with to-do lists (“June MUST start painting pots”) and misshapen ceramic vases litter the otherwise stark interior of Jake Clark’s Brooklyn studio. The Australian-born artist is busy preparing for a show in East Hampton, N.Y., as his black standard poodle Prince lounges nearby. Perfect in their hand-coiled imperfections, the vessels still need to be painted with the insignia of some of the East End’s most iconic haunts: bagels from Goldberg’s, ice cream at Bridgehampton Candy Kitchen and live music at Stephen Talkhouse, to name a few.

“Have you ever been to Keens?” Clark suddenly asks, peering over an unfinished Sant Ambroeus piece. He is always thinking about food, in this case the venerable Manhattan chophouse, even as his hands pay tribute to an Italian cafe in East Hampton.

Despite the price tags of Clark’s works — ranging from an \$8,000 ashtray to a \$25,000 vase standing about 30 inches — nearly a third of the current collection has already sold before the show’s opening this past Saturday, largely due to the

cult following that Clark, 39, has amassed in just a few short years.

Like matchbooks, vintage ashtrays and surreptitiously pocketed memorabilia, Clark’s work provides a tangible memory from what might be a first date with a lover, a milestone birthday celebration or perhaps just a really good meal.

His first collection, made in Melbourne, Australia, during the pandemic, paid homage to the legendary Los Angeles spots he so sorely missed — Dan Tana’s, Madeo, the Beverly Hills Hotel — as a means of artistic teleportation. Clark, who lived in L.A. just before and right after the pandemic, shared the finished works on Instagram.

“People started seeing them, and they’re like, ‘Oh my God, I resonate with this place so much. I’ve been going here since I was a little kid. And oh, this is like my favorite place,’” Clark says. “I was doing places that I just longed for.”

His work gained traction almost immediately, and L.A.’s Kantor Gallery eventually gave Clark his first solo exhibit in October 2020. To draw prospective buyers, Kantor placed a series of L.A.-themed vases outside their respective establish-

SEE CERAMICS ON C2



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Jake Clark, pictured at his Brooklyn studio, had his first solo exhibit in 2020.

I AM: CELINE DION ★★☆☆

A vulnerable glimpse at a global star

BY CHRIS KELLY

Calling Céline Dion one in a million undersells the unlikeliness of her career. What are the odds that the skinny girl with the crooked smile, the youngest of 14 children from a tiny town outside Montreal, would become world-renowned for her powerhouse vocals, breaking records and bringing audiences to tears with some of the century’s most memorable ballads?

These days, after more than three decades in the spotlight, Dion is grappling with less fortunate one-in-a-million odds: In 2022, she announced that she had been diagnosed with stiff-person syndrome, a rare neurological disease that causes muscular rigidity, chronic pain and — in Dion’s case — an inability to sing at the level she once did.

Dion’s struggles with the disorder and her attempts to recover, rehabilitate and return to the stage are the focus of “I Am: Celine Dion,” a documentary by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Irene Taylor that serves as a revealing portrait of an artist who can no longer use the instrument that once brought her and millions around the world so much joy.

SEE DION ON C4

Favorite haunts shape ceramicist’s creations

CERAMICS FROM C1

ments and photographed them for what would be Clark’s first book, “Pico & Glendon.” Songwriter Benny Blanco picked up three, two of which can be seen in his recent Architectural Digest home tour, as did Emma Roberts, Seth Rogen, Pete Davidson and Rebel Wilson.

“As an outsider to the U.S., we often glamorize a lot of famous U.S. places, and I liked that Jake’s work encapsulates the sentimentality held toward a lot of these places,” says Wilson, who owns several works, including a Hotel Bel-Air vase, where she and her partner had their first date.

Like Wilson, Davidson cherishes his Campania Coal Fired Pizza ashtray, his favorite Staten Island joint, calling it a “staple” in his house.

In a way, Clark’s art is the product of American food marketing, with its colorful logos designed to stand out on supermarket shelves. Growing up, his health-conscious mother never kept sugar-rush-inducing snacks in their Melbourne home. But that wasn’t always the case at his friends’ houses, where he gravitated toward the bubble writing of Lucky Charms cereal and Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups.

“It just taps into all of your happy memories and nostalgia. It’s why they’re so collectible.”

Maria Bell, an avid art collector

“I was just obsessed,” Clark says. “I used to keep the wrappers if someone brought it back [and] draw it. So what I’m doing now is not too far off [from] what I was doing as a kid, right?”

Inspired by a wall of quirky ceramics at his grandparents’ house, Clark began painting his beloved eateries’ logos onto ceramics he made by hand shortly after dropping out of art school. By 2022, Clark moved his wife and daughter to New York City, arguably the epicenter of the art world, and set up his Brooklyn studio.

“I think he’s sort of in the tradition of pop artists, but he’s a very personal pop artist,” says Maria Bell, the former chairwoman of MOCA Los Angeles and an avid art collector who owns several of Clark’s pieces.

Bell described a friend’s birthday party themed after the now-defunct Beverly Hills restaurant Trader Vic’s. The focal point of the fete: A Trader Vic’s vase made by Clark that was displayed in the party’s entryway. It was a gift from Bell to her friend; the pair frequented the tiki haunt together in the ‘80s.

“It just taps into all of your happy memories and nostalgia,” says Bell, who added that there wasn’t a single person who didn’t stop to gawk at Clark’s art at the party. “It’s why they’re so collectible,” she adds.

Following the success of his first show, Clark continued to do a series of shows in New York, Tokyo, Paris, London and Palm Beach, Fla., all giving nods to the tried-and-true hangouts of those places.

With the buzz surrounding Clark’s work, restaurateurs began inquiring about pieces.

Will Makris, owner of the Italian hot spot Cucina Alba in New York and the private members club Zero Bond, purchased a Cucina



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At top, Jake Clark works on a vase in his Brooklyn studio. He began painting his beloved eateries’ logos onto ceramics he made by hand shortly after dropping out of art school. His vases and ashtrays, pictured above, can sell for as much as \$25,000.



ina Alba-inspired vase for his home and a Zero Bond vase that’s currently displayed on the club’s floor. Philippe Chow owns two vases inspired by his namesake restaurant, Mr. Chow, and Michele Tognozzi, owner of New York’s Bar Pitti, has a Bar Pitti ashtray.

Tognozzi understands the fixation people have with the places they frequent. She has collected branded plates and spends thousands on matchboxes to leave for her diners. Some of her die-hard customers have even gotten inked with the red rose featured on Bar Pitti’s napkins. “Four people have walked in and lifted up their shirt. They’re like, ‘Look, I got the tattoo,’” Tognozzi says.

Clark’s work allows people to pay tribute to spots that have stood the test of time and seen them through the ups and downs of life.

“There’s something sweet about it,” says gallerist Adam Cohen, who is behind the East Hampton show. “Jake’s got a core group of collectors, which consistently buy from him, which is, I think, extremely telling,” he adds. “For whatever reason, Jake gets into people’s psyches.”

I Know What You Did Last Summer runs through July 22 at Adam Cohen’s A Hug From the Art World pop-up at 87 Newtown Lane in East Hampton, N.Y. 347-573-2814.

Can’t husband return if his sick mom is better?



Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Hi, Carolyn: My husband and I both live far away from our families, though he has to travel much farther than I — overnight flight to another country. His mom had emergency surgery a week ago, and we decided he should go for a couple of weeks to help out. This leaves me with two kids under 10, a full-time job and managing the house alone while he is gone, but of course we can all make it work so he can help his mom.

Two days in, his mom is so much better she probably won’t need him by early next week. When I suggested maybe he could come home early, he said he also wanted to see friends while there, but could come home if I’m really struggling.

I told him I didn’t want him to

put it on me, since I thought the long trip was for his mom’s recovery. It feels weird to me that he gets to relax while I am handling everything at home.

BUT he sacrificed life in his country to be with me in mine, and rarely gets back.

So, should I just suck it up and not tell him how hard this is for me? We generally have very good communication, but I worry my loneliness and overwhelm are getting the best of me. I’m also upset he didn’t seem to get right away that it would be a big help for him to return early.

— *Feeling Weird*

Feeling Weird: 1. Give him his two weeks, guilt free.

2. Prove to yourself you can do this and not unravel (major payoffs in that, which I’ll get to).

3. Recognize that asking him to “get right away” what you wanted is a both a big mind-reading ask and a huge discounting of the value of home



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to him.

So, those benefits/payoffs: Obviously, the one with the getaway enjoys the benefits of rest, a scenery change, fewer pressures and a reacquaintance with Self. These are so important to build into life with young children, if possible.

But the one holding down the family fort also benefits. It can

boost your confidence as a parent. It can teach your kids to step up, as soon as they’re old enough. What extra, even tiny jobs can they do to help you help their dad help his mom? It’s about family buy-in and resourcefulness, such great things to teach. Give them this experience when your husband is in charge, too.

Nobody’s guaranteed two parents. Stuff happens. Knowing you can Do This, whatever “This” is, is worth the hassle you’re going through now. I swear.

Re: Traveling: Maybe this could also free him to spend some time with his mom, not “helping” but just enjoying her as an adult?

— *Anonymous*

Anonymous: Of course, missed that, yes. So much of the big travel is saved for emergencies and endings, at the expense of sharing good times. This is a great chance for good times.

Other readers’ thoughts:

- Get helpers in! Call in your troops (friends, family) to lighten your load, and hire sitters whenever possible. Model to the kiddos that it is not always necessary to martyr yourself when you have a community to support you. I say this as a volunteer on the Crisis Text Line (988) who hears from people in pain coping with a go-it-alone mentality having internalized that asking for help is weak or useless.
- And the parent who has to take care of the children for two weeks will have a newfound respect for people who are single parents 24/7/365.

Write to Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com. Get her column delivered to your inbox each morning at wapo.st/gethax.

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Weighing in on their weight loss

OZEMPIC FROM CI

Enter Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro and other new medications that can lower blood-sugar levels and help reduce hunger.

We can't stop talking about these meds, some originally developed to treat diabetes but now increasingly prescribed to manage and lose weight. We speculate about who's on them and why. We ask where to get them and how it feels to be on them. We offer advice — not always solicited. On internet forums and social media comment sections, there is endless back and forth about whether these meds are being used appropriately.

These conversations, even when well-intended, can be riddled with bias and misinformation — and a startling lack of sensitivity. It seems that as a topic of conversation, Ozempic is just the newest vehicle for all the muddled issues we have with our bodies.

Abigail Morrison, 27, a higher education professional at the City College of New York, believes it's inappropriate to comment on or question someone's weight, even if you're Barbra Streisand.

Morrison put on weight while on birth control, and gained even more when she had a baby and experienced postpartum depression. As she struggled to lose weight with diet and exercise, her prediabetic aunt confided in her that she was taking Wegovy. It encouraged Morrison to ask her doctor for weight-loss medication last October.

At first, Morrison told only her aunt and her fiancé about her decision, fearing social retribution for taking Ozempic since she's not diabetic.

But once Morrison's weight-loss journey was well underway, she started sharing her experience on TikTok, with a following that has swelled to more than 150,000. She already offered product recommendations and her experience as a parent. So when one viewer asked how she lost almost 30 pounds in six months, she knew she had to get real about her jour-



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ney on Ozempic.

Her commenter's question — which essentially asked for advice — came off more sincere than the famous singer's, she said.

Others, however, can be rude. "There are some people like, 'Why can't you go to the gym?'" said Morrison. "I'm trying to get healthy, but because I'm using medication, [I'm considered] lazy, and I hate that."

Candice Toney, a 44-year-old health-care professional, said the media's depiction of the medications — such as implying that patients are stealing the medicine from diabetics — has contributed to the stigma. Despite Toney's efforts to educate by sharing her experience on Wegovy, and later Zepbound, on social media, some commenters still judged her for being on "the skinny drug."

So, is there a polite way to ask someone if they're taking Ozempic?

Carolyn Hax, advice columnist for The Washington Post, believes that for the most part, only two people should be involved in discussions about these kinds of drugs: the individual taking them and the doctor prescribing them.

Someone interested in losing weight might ask a friend who has dropped pounds to share advice, but no one is required to share their weight-loss hacks, she said. Weight-loss medication patients might want to tell their spouses for practi-



COURTESY OF ABIGAIL MORRISON

Abigail Morrison says some social media comments about her use of Ozempic were rude.

cal reasons, such as deciding what meals to cook or food to buy. Otherwise, Hax says, unsolicited advice or commentary is ineffective.

"I always approach those questions with the understanding that anybody who's in that position has been thoroughly pre-shamed already and really does not need somebody else's input at all on anything," she said. "Unless you're handing them a lamp that they can rub for the genie that's going to make them whatever body size they want to be instantly, everything else is useless."

A reality of being fat is that



COURTESY OF A.J. ROBLEDO

A.J. Robledo had trouble finding people at his gym to spot him when lifting weights.

you're constantly reminded of your weight, even in the most bizarre situations.

"My uncle is on his deathbed, and he's like, 'I cannot believe how big your stomach got.' Like, 'You're going to die,'" recalled Samhita Mukhopadhyay, an author and former executive editor of Teen Vogue who has written about her experiences on Mounjaro. "And I'm just like ... 'So are you! You are on your deathbed. Maybe these shouldn't be the last words you say to me.'"

When it came to talking about weight in her family, "there was

definitely no etiquette," she said.

Certain subcultures can be particularly judgmental of weight-loss interventions.

There's a saying in the fitness and bodybuilding communities that A.J. Robledo will sometimes encounter: "Your size is a measure of your discipline."

Robledo has long struggled with his size, despite going on diets and working out. In 2023, at 550 pounds, Robledo was prescribed Wegovy. He lost 90 pounds before his weight loss plateaued. In May, he underwent bariatric surgery; he's now down to 397, but his progress has elicited mixed reactions from fitness aficionados.

"There's a population in the gym community who I would say [are] very purist in the ways they recommend weight loss," said the 22-year-old college graduate. Their choice of methods may vary, but one thing they have in common, Robledo says, is a disdain for surgical and medical intervention.

"I had a few people comment saying things like, I took the easy way out with surgery."

But there was nothing "easy" about the process, Robledo noted. To qualify for the surgery, he spent months on a calorie-restricted diet and was required to do a two-week liquid diet before and after the procedure.

And the gym — the "right" way to lose weight — wasn't exactly a welcoming place. When Robledo was bigger, he would struggle to find a spotter: people would pretend they couldn't see him or purposely rush away after their set. "I would have to just figure out how to do it without a spotter, or do it without any help."

Since he's lost weight, it's been easier to find assistance, Robledo said.

Many who have taken weight-loss drugs can testify to how much nicer strangers get when you're smaller. Doors are held open for you; service workers are more attentive; fast-food cashiers don't roll their eyes at your order. Robledo recalls people at the grocery store advising him, unsolicited, what food he should or should not eat.

For internet personality Samantha Jo, the surge of positive attention she's gotten since going on Mounjaro in the fall doesn't always feel good.

Overall, life has gotten much better, she says. Her "food noise" is gone: "I thought everybody woke up and thought about food 24/7

and I was just weaker. Like I wasn't emotionally strong enough to handle that," Jo said. Now that the noise has dulled, "It's just so peaceful."

She feels comfortable joining her friends on walks now, can hop on the rides at theme parks, can reach down to strap on her sandals. She is 25 and actually feels it, Jo says. Her family, friends and followers have been "super-supportive."

But Jo is shocked about how differently she's treated now. Brands that didn't want to work with her before are now game to, engagement on her posts have gone up and people fawn over how great she looks.

"It just gives me the ick a little bit — like, I wasn't good enough for you then. And the only thing that has changed about me now is my weight," Jo said. "I never thought I was ugly, I never thought I was worthless. I've always been confident in myself, regardless of my size."

"I don't see how your weight should indicate how you're treated or, like, if you're worthy of respect."

Mukhopadhyay is no longer on Mounjaro — her insurance doesn't cover it and it's simply too expensive otherwise. (A Reuters report recently found that most patients using these drugs to treat obesity stopped within a year for various reasons, ranging from severe side effects to being unable to keep up with their high costs.)

She knows firsthand how awful the side effects can feel, but also how much positive reinforcement the world coats you with when you get smaller.

Still, the way we talk about these medications has devolved into a "weird witch hunt" about which celebrity is taking it, to the point where we think about Ozempic primarily as a weight-loss medication, not as a groundbreaking diabetes treatment, Mukhopadhyay says: "I feel like it's being commodified as a [kind of] Botox."

Scientists have also speculated that these treatments may help those suffering from addiction; because of the possible link between ADHD and obesity, some believe that Ozempic may have mental health benefits, too.

Instead, Mukhopadhyay said, we've reinforced arbitrary boundaries of who should be able to lose weight and how: "We just came up with more tools to judge each other with."

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By Amie Walker

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64 Crunchy picnic dish

65 Birth announcement abbr.

66 Vein rich with ore deposits

DOWN

1 Temporary housing-cost regulation

2 Iowa college town

3 Tax prep pro

4 "What's with the dad jokes all of a sudden?"

5 Record speeds, for short

6 Stretch of history

7 Streamlined date?

8 Set of interactive virtual spaces

9 Small bills

10 "Shoo!"

11 Dress edge

12 Old TV knob

14 __ butter: skin care ingredient

15 Green gem

19 Brooch

22 Ad with an educational message

23 Clairvoyant

26 Concealer specification

28 Post-workout water therapy option, or a description of the ends of 1-, 4-, and 7-Down

29 Fútbol cheer

30 This second

32 "All better!"

35 "Yikes"

36 Be sorry about

38 Hardships

43 Approximate fig.

46 Bother relentlessly

48 Tea party attendees, often

49 Friend

51 Trace of smoke

54 "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" singer lves

55 Field of study

56 Great Basin people

57 Open up to, with "with"

58 "Dynamite"

59 PC port letters

61 __ Fighters: "Learn to Fly" rock band

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6/25/24

MONDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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TELEVISION									
6/25/24	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
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5.1 WTTG (Fox)	• Fox 5	• TMZ	• Beat Shazam		• The Quiz With Balls		• Fox 5 at 10		• Fox 5
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	• Wheel	• Jeopardy!	• CMA Fest						• News
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	• InsideEd.	• ET	• FBI		• FBI: International		• FBI: Most Wanted		• 9 News
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	• Rosa		• Fútbol	• CONMEBOL Copa Chile vs. Argentina (Live)				• Noticias	
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	• FamFeud	• FamFeud	• Fox 5 News		• FamFeud	• FamFeud	• FamFeud	• Puzzler	• Chi. Fire
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	• Farm	• Outdoors	• Finding Your Roots		• Disco: Soundtrack		• Jodie Foster		• Amanp..
26.1 WETA (PBS)	• PBS News Hour		• Finding Your Roots		• Disco: Soundtrack		• Becoming		• Amanp..
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	• At Howard		• America ReFramed				• Dynamic Planet		• Untamed
50.1 WDCW (CW)	• Neighbor	• Neighbor	• Police 24/7 (SF)				• DC News Now		• Seinfeld
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AMC	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King ★★★ (2003) Humans and creatures unite to battle Sauron and his army.								
Animal Planet	Lone Star Law		Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens		Wardens
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Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	American
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Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyShow
Discovery	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Sin City Tow		Sin City Tow		Catch
Disney	Big City	Big City	Movie: Raya & the Last Dragon (2...			(:50) Ladybug		Ladybug	Raven
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	E! News
ESPN	TBA	NBA Draft (Live)	Special	SC Featured	To Be Announced		The Ultimate Fighter		SportsC. (Live)
ESPN2	The Ulti Team Grasso vs. Team Shevchenko		The Ultimate Fighter Victory or Valhalla		The Ultimate Fighter Fly the Flag		NBA Draft Special		NFL Live
Food Network	Chopped		Chopped		Supermark. Stakeout		Supermark. Stakeout		Chopped
Fox News	Ingraham (Live)		Jesse Watters (Live)		Hannity (Live)		Gutfeld!		Fox News
Freeform	(5:00) Movie: The Parent Trap (1998)		Movie: Cruella ★★ (2021) A grifter embraces her wicked side to become Cruella.						The 700 Club
FX	(5:30) Movie: Night School ★★ (2018)		Movie: Old School ★★ (2003) Three men relive their wild past by starting a fraternity.				Movie: Old School ★★ (2003)		
Hallmark	Movie: Groundswell (2022) A chef meets a handsome surf instructor in Hawaii.				Movie: Autumn Dreams (2015) A couple is forced to reunite to annul their marriage.				Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: Christmas at Grand Valley (2018)				Movie: Hope at Christmas (2018)				Murder ...
HBO	(:10) Movie: Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit ★★ (2014)		One South: Portrait of a Psych Unit (P)				(:20) House of the Dragon		
HGTV	Love It or List It		Farmhouse		Farmhouse Fixer		Hunt Intl		Hunt Intl
History	Skinwalker Ranch		Skinwalker Ranch		Skinwalker Ranch		(:05) Beyond		Skinwalker
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MASN	(6:30) MLB Baseball				O's Xtra		Ballgame	MMA	Fight Sp.
Monumental	WNBA Basketball				Beltway Football		Major League Rugby		
MSNBC	The ReidOut (Live)		All In With (Live)		Wagner (Live)		Last Word (Live)		11th Hour
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Help! I'm In		Help! I'm In		Help!
Nat'l Geographic	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Life Below
Nickelodeon	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
NWSN	On Balance (Live)		Cuomo (Live)		Dan Abrams (Live)		Banfield (Live)		Cuomo
Paramount	Two and a Half Men		Movie: The Hangover ★★ (2009) Three pals must find a missing groom after a wild bash.				Movie: The Hangover Part II ★★ (2011)		
Paramount+Sho	(5:55) Movie: Dog Day Afternoon (1975)		Fellow Travelers		Thriller 40		The Chi		
Syfy	(6:00) Movie: Pacific Rim Uprising ★★ (2018)			Movie: The Dark Tower ★★ (2017)					Movie: Twister ★★ (1996)
TBS	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets (Live)				MLBClose		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
TCM	(5:45) Movie: The Caine Mutiny (1954)		Movie: State Fair ★★ (1933) A family trip to the state fair has romantic rewards.				Movie: The Model and the Marriage Broker ★★ (1952)		
TLC	Doubling Down		Doubling Down		OutDaughtered		7 Little Johnstons		Unexpect..
TNT	(5:30) Movie: Godzilla vs. Kong ★★ (2021)		Spacey Unmasked		(:15) Spacey Unmasked		Movie: Godzilla: King of the Monsters (2019)		
Travel	A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting
TruTV	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Movie: Men in Black II (2002)		
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USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		WWE NXT (Live)				(:10) Movie: Fast & Furious (2009)		
VH1	(5:00) Movie: Diverge...		Movie: The Divergent Series: Insurgent ★★ (2015)					Movie	
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Documentary captures Celine Dion at her most vulnerable

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“I Am” is also a reminder of just how significant an artist Dion was at the peak of her career, from the versatility and power of her three-octave range to the cultural impact she had on pop music and culture at large. And in the age of tightly controlled music documentaries that capture pop stars at their zeniths, Dion is again paving the way by trading the practiced precision of her performances for glimpses of her most vulnerable moments.

When it was first announced in 2021, the film that would become “I Am” was billed as the “definitive feature” about Dion, covering her life story and career accomplishments. In the film’s final form, that story is told with a broad-strokes approach that keeps the film grounded in Dion’s fraught present.

Much of the documentary takes place at Dion’s gated mansion outside Las Vegas. This is where the singer lives with her twin sons, rarely leaving while she deals with the effects of her condition. Her home is a gilded cage: ornate and elegant but lived-in, full of designer labels, antiques and priceless art, but with medical equipment on view and stacks of pills amid her skin care products.

It is this home from which she reveals, in full-frame close-ups,

what she has been dealing with, mostly in secret, for 17 years. At first, her condition manifested as random vocal spasms, reducing the elasticity of her voice, like Play-Doh left out on the counter. A disease of the muscles, tendons and nerves, Dion’s illness progressed, affecting her balance and her ability to walk. But it is her inability to sing that draws her tears: Since she was a girl, her dream — as shared in an early interview — was to be able to sing all of her life. Her dream is now imperiled.

“I Am” reveals what Dion’s life is now, from quotidian moments such as parenting her twins and caring for pets to receiving medical treatment and physical therapies. Her journey to the present is shown through clips drawn from home movies and her decades of concert and TV appearances — memories of her loving but sometimes impoverished family life, singing at her brother’s wedding when she was 5 years old, her rise to international superstar, giving birth to her first son in 2001 — the passage of time marked by the growth of her kids.

At one point, Dion takes the camera crew to a warehouse where material collected from her life, onstage and off, is archived: every designer dress and pair of shoes, road cases and luggage, bins of her children’s toys and



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“I Am: Celine Dion” reflects on the singer’s upbringing, career and battle with stiff-person syndrome.

artwork. She says it will all “live on” with the same air of melancholy that informs confessions such as, “I think I was very good; I had some stuff that was amazing.” At times, as in this museum to the self, Dion eulogizes herself while still alive.

The film documents how Dion has remained a pop culture fixture in the past decade, from appearances on late night shows to a music video with Deadpool. She

also appeared as a fictional version of herself in a 2023 rom-com, “Love Again,” which revolves around a young woman who looks for love after the death of her fiancé.

As Dion is dubbing the “Love Again” dialogue into French, her on-screen counterpart mentions the 2016 death of her husband, manager René Angélil, and she is visibly affected. The film cuts together footage of Angélil’s funeral

with a stirring performance of Dion’s now-more-relevant ballad “All By Myself.” (Controversy over the couple’s 26-year age gap, and the fact that Angélil discovered Dion when she was 12, is not covered in the film).

While grieving her husband, Dion spent the past several years grappling with the loss of her vocal abilities. She confesses to having used Valium and other drugs to help her function; she doesn’t

sound dramatic, as she fears, when she says she “could have died” during this period, evoking memories of everyone from Elvis to Michael Jackson. She explains how she used tricks to sidestep her issues at concerts, but attributing cancellations to various ailments wasn’t cutting it anymore: “The lie is too heavy now.”

The film climaxes and concludes with Dion’s attempt to record the title track on the “Love Again” soundtrack. After an unsuccessful attempt, she’s able to capture some of that old magic. But the session proves to be a “battering ram” to her nervous system, and a physical therapy session quickly escalates into a medical emergency of spasms and a seizure as Dion groans through a rictus grin. Taylor’s unflinching camera captures the bracing scene, and Dion’s choice to leave the cameras on and include the incident demonstrate a level of vulnerability that pop stars at her level rarely express.

After she recovers from the attack, her physical therapist tells her that this is not the end of her journey. Dion still has hope that she will dance and sing again one day. “If I can’t walk, I’ll crawl, but I won’t stop,” she says, defiant. The odds of that might be one-in-a-million, but that’s nothing new to Céline Dion.

PG. Available June 25 on Prime Video. Contains medical trauma, thematic material and brief smoking images. 1 hour, 42 minutes.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:30-12:30-2:10-5:00-7:50-9:40

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 12:10-3:20

The Exorcism (R) CC: 11:30-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:15

Pearl (R) CC: 7:00

If (PG) CC: 3:30

The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 1:40-4:10-9:15

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:40-3:10-4:40-8:10

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:10-7:30-9:40

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 4:00

Tuesday (R) CC: 1:15

Robot Dreams CC: 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20

The Bikeriders (R) CC: 12:00-1:45-4:30-7:20-10:10

Origin (PG-13) CC: 6:30

Thelma (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:45

Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 6:10

The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 6:40

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 9:30

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE

Minions (PG) 11:30AM

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 3:30-4:15-5:15-7:00-8:30-9:15-10:15-10:45

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The Garfield Movie (PG) 2:15

Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00

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The Bikeriders (R) 11:45-3:00-6:15-8:00-9:45

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:00

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 3:00

Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00-1:00-2:00-4:00-5:00-6:45-10:15

Paris Is Burning (R) 7:00

Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15

The Bikeriders (R) 1:10-3:45-6:30

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:50-4:30

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

Ghostlight (R) 2:00-4:45-7:30

National Theatre Live: Nye 10:30AM

Thelma (PG-13) 12:00-2:15-8:00

Landmark
Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
801 V Street Northwest

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 4:30-6:25-7:25

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 4:10-7:10

Challengers (R) 3:45

Inside Out 2 (PG) 4:45-5:30-6:15-7:00-7:45-10:40

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest

But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 4:05-7:15

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 7:25

Inside Out 2 (PG) 3:00-7:30

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 4:10

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 2:25

MARYLAND

AFJ Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Calverville Road

The 400 Blows (Les quatre cents coups) 7:00

The Thing (R) 9:30

Girls Town (NR) 2:30

The Bikeriders (R) CC: 2:00

Household Saints 4:30

Stolen Kisses (Baisers volés) (R) 12:30

The Bikeriders (R) 11:40-4:20-6:45-9:15

Hit Man (R) 8:50

Flipside 12:40-2:40-4:40-6:50

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:15-8:00-10:00-10:40

The Exorcism (R) CC: 1:00-3:30-5:00-8:20-10:45

The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 1:40-4:10-7:20-9:45

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:15-2:00-3:45-7:00-9:30

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:10-7:20-9:50

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:10-10:30

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-6:15-8:45

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 10:25-11:45-1:20-2:40-4:20-5:25-7:40-8:45-10:30

The Exorcism (R) CC: 12:45-3:10-5:30-8:00-10:45

Pearl (R) CC: 7:00

If (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15

The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 10:10-1:05-3:40-6:10

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 10:00-1:10-4:10-7:20-10:25

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 8:15-10:35

Tuesday (R) CC: 10:55

The Bikeriders (R) CC: 11:20-2:15-5:00-7:45-9:45

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:00-6:00

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:00-10:30-10:40-11:00-12:25-1:30-2:50-3:40-4:00-5:15-6:30-8:30-9:00-10:20

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 12:45-2:15-3:45-5:15-6:45-8:15-10:30

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:30-2:00-3:00-3:40-4:00-6:00-8:45-9:45-10:15

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 1:00-1:10-4:10-7:20-10:25

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:30-2:00-3:00-3:40-4:00-6:00-8:45-9:45-10:15

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:15-7:45-9:45

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 12:30-9:00

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 2:30-4:30-5:00-7:30-9:30

Inside Out 2 (PG) 5:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:00-1:00-2:00-3:40-5:00-5:00-7:00-8:00-10:00

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) CC: 11:20-4:00-6:00-9:20

The Exorcism (R) CC: 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:35

If (PG) CC: 11:30-2:15-4:50

The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:35-7:10-9:45

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 1:00-4:30-8:00-10:00

The Exorcism (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30

Pearl (R) CC: 7:00

If (PG) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:15-7:50-9:15

The Garfield Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:35

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:45-6:00-9:45

The Watchers (PG-13) CC: 1:45-10:30

Tuesday (R) CC: 12:45

The Bikeriders (R) CC: 12:10-4:30-7:30-10:30

Origin (PG-13) CC: 6:30

The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R) CC: 10:20

HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle (PG-13) 3:45-6:20

Ghostlight (R) CC: 8:45-10:30

Thelma (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:00-7:00-9:45

Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15

Ninjas 3:10-4:30-7:30

The Bikeriders (R) CC: 1:30-2:00-4:30-7:30

Thelma (PG-13) CC: 4:30

Greenbelt Cinema
121 Centaway

Tuesday (R) 7:15

I Saw the TV Glow (PG-13) 5:15

Thelma (PG-13) 7:30

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:40-4:30-7:10

The Fall Guy (PG-13) 1:10-6:50

Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30-12:45

1:15-2:40-4:50-6:30-4:15-5:05-6:00-6:45-7:30

The Bikeriders (R) 3:20-6:30

Thelma (PG-13) 1:30-4:20

Treasure (R) 1:35-6:35-4:10

The Fall Guy (PG-13) 4:10

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 1:30-7:30

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 2:35-3:55-5:15-7:50

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R) 12:25-3:00-6:40

The Garfield Movie (PG) 12:05

Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:15-1:00

1:45-2:30-3:15-4:00-4:45-5:30-6:15-7:00-7:45

The Bikeriders (R) 12:00-2:40-5:10-7:40

Ghostlight (R) 1:10-3:50-7:05

Thelma (PG-13) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:30-1:25-2:30-3:30-5:30-6:45-8:30-9:30

Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00-12:45-1:00-1:30-3:15-4:00-4:45-5:30-6:30-8:00-9:30

The Watchers (PG-13) 1:30-4:00-6:35-9:15

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 1:30-4:00-6:35-9:15

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 2D & IMAX
300 Elmhurst Drive

Despicable Me 3 (PG) 11:00AM

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:10-1:35-6:10-8:10-9:10

The Bikeriders (R) 10:55-1:55

Thelma (PG-13) 9:05-11:40

Face Off 7: One Wish 9:50

GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now 7:15

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) 9:55-1:35-4:30-9:40

Maharaja 12:30-7:10

Inside Out 2 (PG) 9:15-9:25

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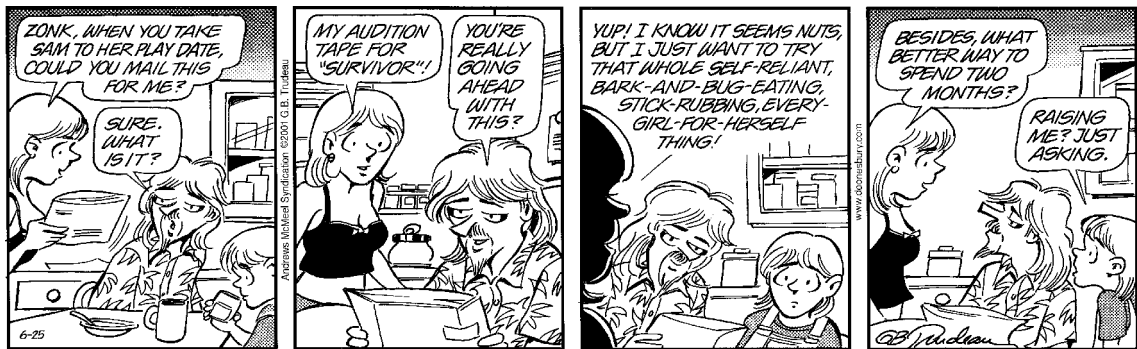
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622 Center Point Way

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 1:30-2:30-4:30-5:30-7:30-8:30

The Exorcism (R) 2:00-5:00-7:45

The Garfield Movie (PG) 12:45-3:4

CLASSIC DOONESBURY



PICKLES



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH

♠ A 4 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 5
♣ K 10 9 8 6 3

WEST

♠ 10 9 8 7 6
♥ J 8 7 6
♦ 7 6
♣ 7 4

EAST

♠ Q 5
♥ Q 10 4
♦ Q J 9 8 3
♣ A J 5

SOUTH (D)

♠ K J 3
♥ A K 3 2
♦ A K 4 2
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 10

“Do you like poetry?” a club player asked me. “Emily Dickinson,” I said, “or maybe Heinrich Heine, whose poems Schubert set to music.” “Robert Frost?” “Sure.” “Well, my husband should have taken the road less traveled by in this deal. He still insists he knew where he was going.”

At 3NT, my friend’s husband took the king of spades and started down a familiar road when he led the queen of clubs.

“East played low,” I heard, “and my husband led a club to dummy’s 10. When East’s jack won, my husband couldn’t set up and cash dummy’s clubs. He took only eight tricks.”

I can understand why South’s play got a frosty reception. At Trick Two, South should lead his deuce of clubs to dummy’s 10. If East takes the jack, South wins any return and overtakes his queen of clubs with the king to set up the clubs. The ace of spades is an entry.

If East ducks the 10 of clubs, dummy leads a low club next. South is sure of two clubs and nine tricks in all.

DAILY QUESTION

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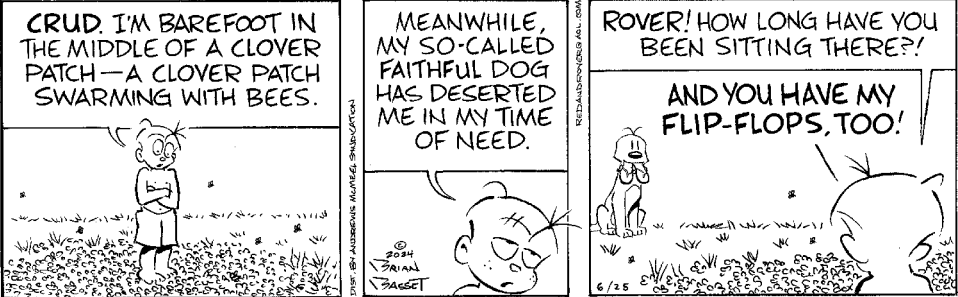
♠ Q 5 ♥ Q 10 4
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Your partner opens one spade, you respond two diamonds, he bids two hearts and you try 2NT. Partner then bids three spades. The opponents pass. What do you say?

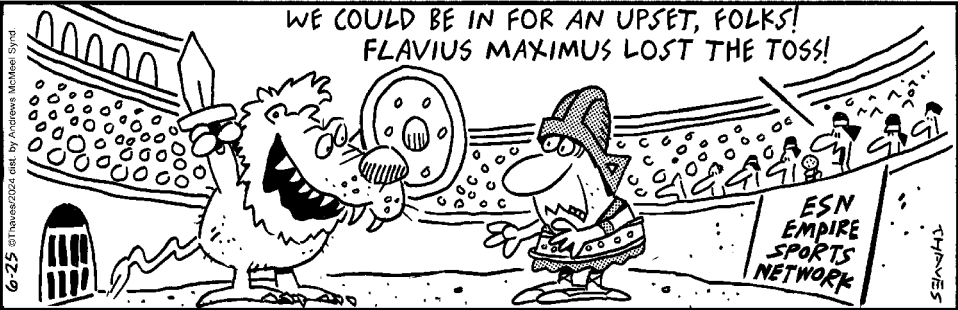
ANSWER: Partner’s auction suggests six spades, four hearts and extra strength. With a minimum 6-4 hand, most players would have rebid two spades to limit the strength. I would treat his three spades as forcing. Bid 3NT or four spades.

— Frank Stewart
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RED AND ROVER



FRANK AND ERNEST



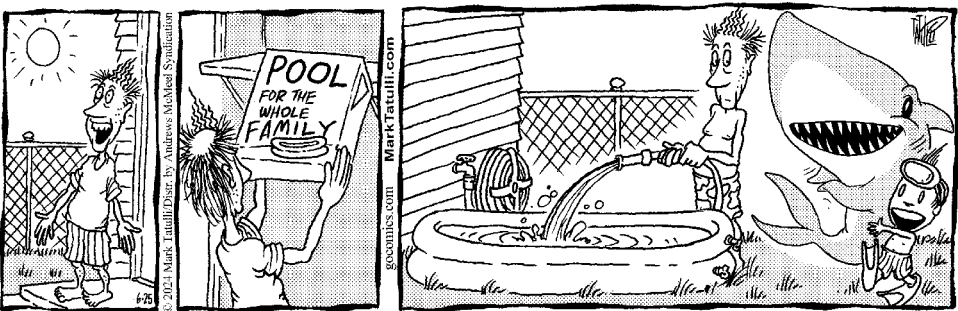
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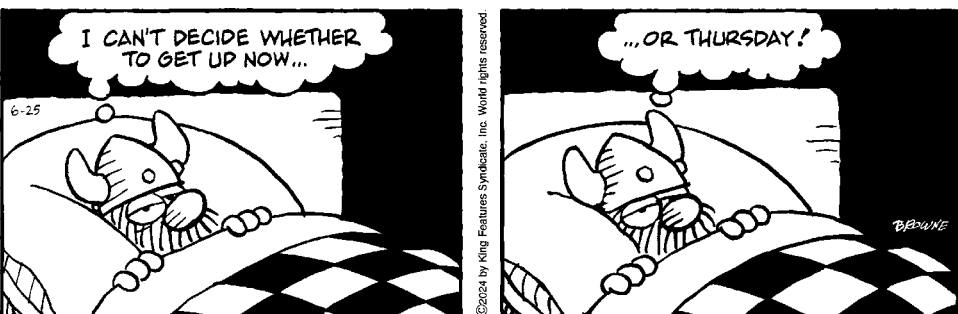
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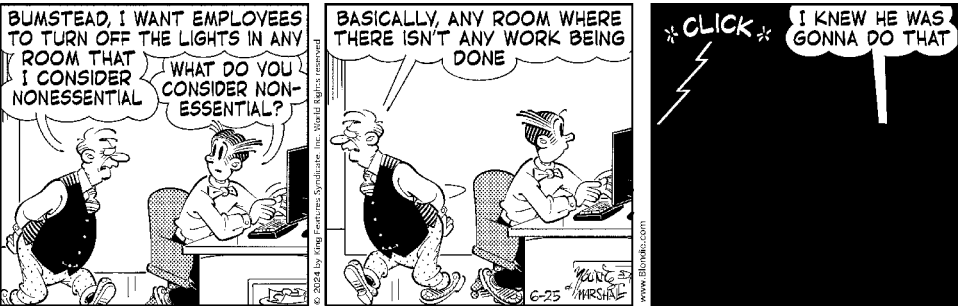
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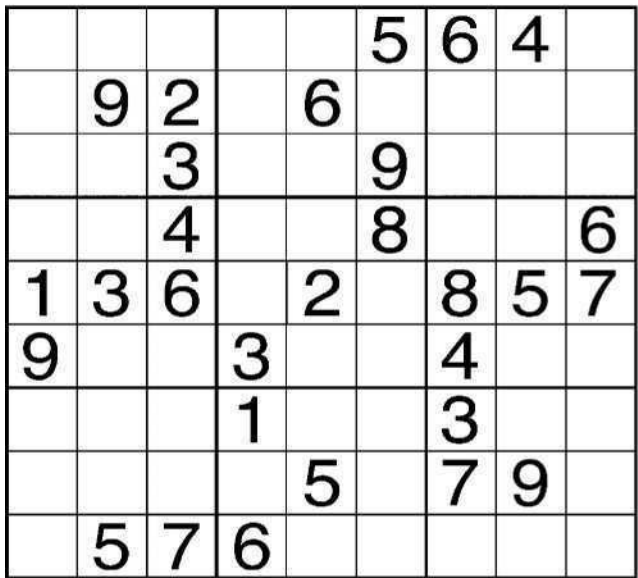


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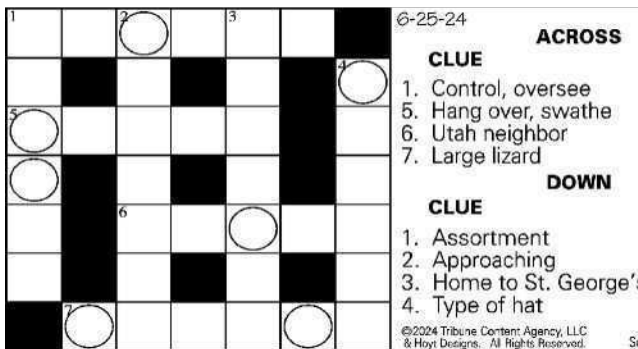


SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



ACROSS

1. Control, oversee
6. Hang over, swathe
6. Utah neighbor
7. Large lizard

DOWN

1. Assortment
2. Approaching
3. Home to St. George's
4. Type of hat

ANSWER

MEAGAN
EPRAD
DIHOA
AUGANI

ANSWER

LYEDME
NNRGAIE
NAAREGD
RDEFAO

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS by David L. Hoyt

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: This country consistently ranks at the top of the UN's annual World Happiness Report.

ANSWERS: 1A-Manage 5A-Prize 6A-Ignite 7A-Guinea 10-Melody 20-Naming 30-Gratitude 40-Isadora 6-Britland

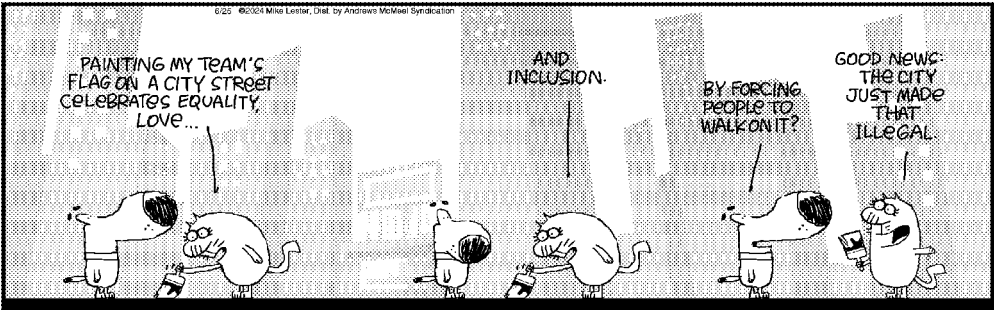
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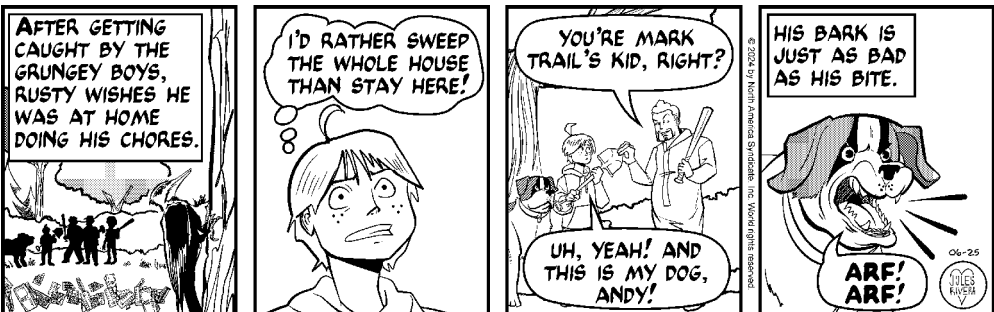
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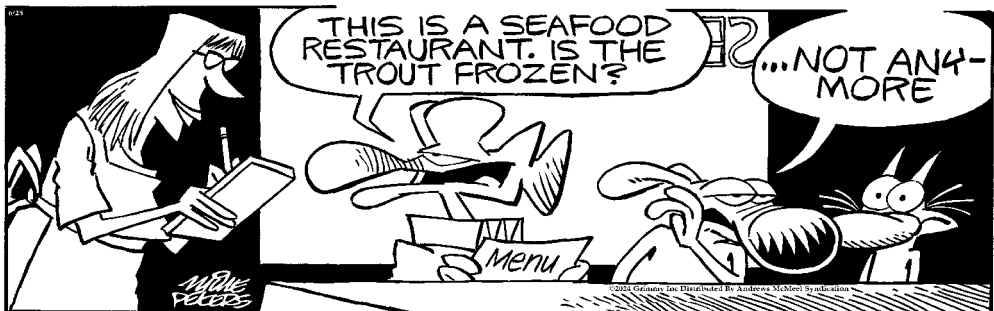
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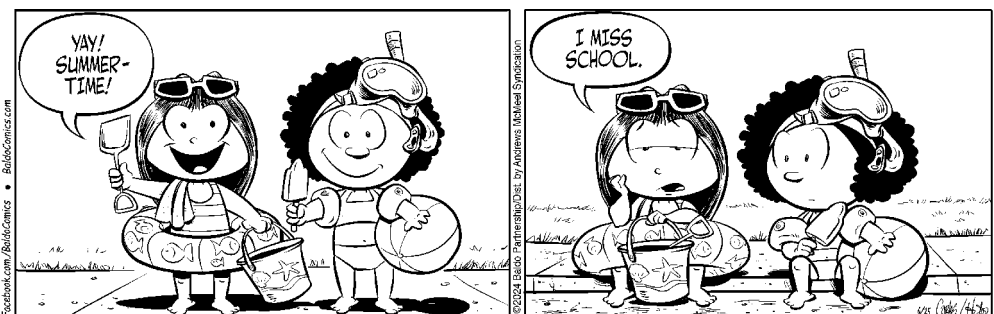
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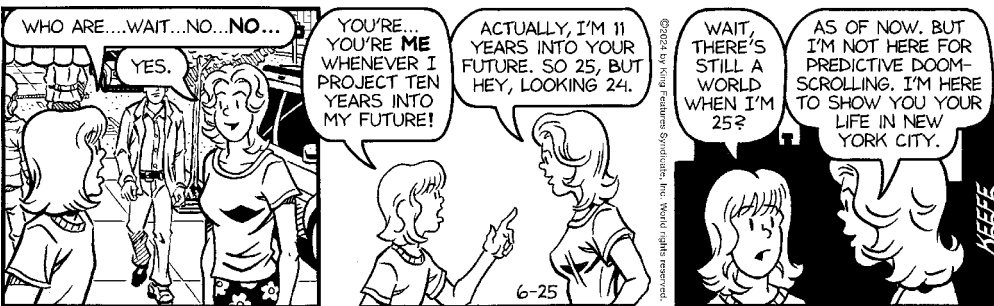
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



BALDO



SALLY FORTH



SHERMAN'S LAGOON



CURTIS



BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!



MUTTS

PATRICK McDONNELL

ZITS

JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JUNE 25

You're very sensitive, but you are also highly creative. (Sometimes this combination is exhausting.) You're a good team player because you're aware of the needs of others. This is a lovely year to socialize! Take time to enjoy life. Find opportunities to express your creativity. Nurture your talents!

HEART OF THE CITY

STEENZ

JUDGE PARKER

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY

MOON ALERT

Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 6 p.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Aquarius into Pisces.

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).

A friend might surprise you today. Or perhaps you're surprised by a member of a group or their plans or their mandate. Possibly, you are introduced to someone who is unusual or avant-garde in some way.

FRAZZ

JEFF MALLET

CANDORVILLE

DARRIN BELL

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20).

This is a tricky day, because relations with parents, bosses and authority figures (including the police) are unpredictable today. Yes, this is the classic day to be busted about something. Or perhaps your boss or an authority figure will surprise you in some way with a demand or a suggestion.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20).

Travel plans might be interrupted today. They could be canceled, delayed or changed in some way. Alternatively, you might suddenly have to travel when you least expected to do so.

GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS

BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22).

Double-check issues related to banking, shared property and anything that you own jointly with someone else. Something unexpected could impact these areas. It also might be a surprise related to taxes, debt or insurance matters.

DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER

FLASH GORDON

DAN SCHKADE

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22).

A partner or close friend might throw you a curveball today. They might say something, ask you something or make a new demand. Whatever the case, someone close to you will surprise you.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).

Something related to your job will catch you off guard today or create delays. It might be related to technology, computer glitches, staff shortages or power outages.

PRICKLY CITY

SCOTT STANTIS

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).

Parents should be vigilant today to avoid accidents with their kids. Know where they are at all times, especially toddlers. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change today.

NON SEQUITUR

WILEY

BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).

Your home routine will change today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might drop by. To be on the safe side, stock the fridge so you are ready for anything.

BIG NATE

LINCOLN PEIRCE

ON THE FASTTRACK

BILL HOLBROOK

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).

Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. Meanwhile, you might meet someone new and unusual. Or possibly a sibling, relative or neighbor has some surprising news.

BEETLE BAILEY

GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

STEPHAN PASTIS

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).

Keep an eye on your possessions, because something unexpected could impact your wealth and your assets today. It could be major; it could be minor. You might find money; you might lose money.

PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

5	6	8	3	1	9	4	2	7
2	3	7	4	5	8	1	9	6
1	4	9	7	2	6	8	3	5
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8	2	6	5	9	4	7	1	3
9	1	5	2	3	7	6	8	4

PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

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N	O	I	L	F	Y		

RSACK 1 = 59
RACK 2 = 63
RACK 3 = 95
RACK 4 = 12
TOTAL 229

SPEED BUMP

DAVE COVERLY

DENNIS THE MENACE

H. KETCHAM

FAMILY CIRCUS

BIL KEANE

REPLY ALL LITE

DONNA A. LEWIS

Wilson falls short in bid to qualify in the 400

Bullis star still could be chosen for relay pool for the Paris Olympics

BY ADAM KILGORE

EUGENE, ORE. — The tears formed and fell less than 13 minutes apart. They welled out of pride in the eyes of a grown man leaning against a fence inside a white tent. They rolled down the face of an anguished woman on a track inside a stunned stadium. Tears emerged out of memories that would last a lifetime, out of shock that would last always, out of a wait that would take four years, out of joy and pain that would linger forever.

Joe Lee, the track and field coach at Bullis School in Potomac, had just finished extolling the character of 16-year-old phenom Quincy Wilson through pauses to gather his emotions and a break to wipe away tears. Out on the Hayward Field track, Athing Mu was just starting her race in the 800-meter final, a steppingstone in her defense of a gold medal and another moment to heal her fractured relationship with a sport she once conquered with ease.

The U.S. Olympic track and field trials are a cruel spectacle. It does not matter if you are a 16-year-old wunderkind whom America is starting to fall in love with — there are grown men with livelihoods on the line who want to leave you in the dust. It does not matter if you appear on magazine covers or your face rings Hayward Field in an ad campaign — if you trip on someone's leg a quarter into your race, you must wait four years to prove you're still the best in the world.

Wilson, at 16, managed to finish in sixth place in the 400-meter final, a remarkable feat that capped a week in which he twice broke a high school record that had lasted 42 years. Mu, the graceful and shaken queen of American middle distance running, tripped and fell less than halfway through her first lap while running amid a dense pack of limbs and spikes. In the stands, her family members stood and screamed, "No!" Mu rose from the track, sprinted at a pack of runners that had moved 50 meters ahead and began to grapple with a shocking reality.

Mu continued running all the way to line. She crossed in 2:19.69.

SEE TRACK ON D10

U.S. track and field trials

Thursday, 8 p.m., NBC;
9 p.m., USA Network



JOEL AUERBACH/GETTY IMAGES

PANTHERS 2, OILERS 1: Aleksander Barkov hoists the Stanley Cup in celebration after his team avoided a historic finals meltdown by winning its first title.

Florida, man

After blowing a 3-0 series lead, Panthers secure their first Stanley Cup title in a Game 7 thriller

BY BAILEY JOHNSON

SUNRISE, FLA. — Paul Maurice knew these Florida Panthers were different the moment he hung up the phone. Two years ago, General Manager Bill Zito called Maurice, then six months into something of a sabbatical after stepping down from coaching the Winnipeg Jets, about taking over behind the bench in Florida.

After Maurice accepted, he called each of the players, and he had a sense that his new group was special. In his first season, he led Florida to the Stanley Cup finals, but his worn-down, banged-up roster lost to the Vegas Golden Knights in five

games. In his second season, the Panthers became the first team since the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2009 to return to the finals after losing the previous year. This time, they won.

With a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers in Game 7 at Amerant Bank Arena on Monday night, Maurice's long-held feeling that this group was special was proved true. The Panthers had to rebound in the final game of the season after losing three straight to the Oilers, who became the first team since 1945 to drop the first three games of the finals and come back to force a Game 7.

Sam Reinhart scored the game-winner, his 10th goal of the playoffs, late in

the second period. Sergei Bobrovsky made 23 saves for Florida. Stuart Skinner stopped 19 shots for the Oilers.

When Maurice was hired, he wanted to instill "a style of game that you can play in the playoffs." He turned a freewheeling, offensive juggernaut into the best defensive team in the NHL; the Panthers allowed just 2.41 goals per game in the regular season, tied for the fewest in the league.

"Playoff hockey is different. We talk about this in training camp, and it's hard," Maurice said after Game 2, a 4-1 win. "... I believe for our veteran core over the last two years, this is Game 204, and

SEE STANLEY CUP ON D10

Clark and Reese are achieving something remarkable together



Sally Jenkins

Caitlin Clark, whichever order you prefer, or maybe just call them "Crease" or "Caingel," a nickname appropriate for a super couple, which is what they're becoming. Look at the arc of their performances — especially against each other — and it's evident that the WNBA has entered a protean new state. It's growing wings.

As Clark said, "You can just feel it pulling up in the bus."

All the tropes and taunts around Reese and Clark tend to obscure the fact that they share a couple of essential qualities: pure basketball magnetism and joint ambition. They differ merely in style. Clark is kestrel-like, all equivoque and sudden predatory darting, while Reese is

the more voluble, physical, claw hammer of a player.

"I'm a dog. You can't teach that," Reese said Sunday after she led the Chicago Sky's 88-87 victory over Clark's Indiana Fever.

They both are. And she's right: You can't teach it. It's born from living up to pressure.

Large viewerships have flirted with women's sports before, only to switch them off between Olympics or World Cups. The question for the WNBA always has been, could it attract viewers to a routine midseason game between a couple of middling teams on a work night in the Midwest? Well, it has happened. There you were on a waning summer Sunday, casually scrolling the clicker and thinking you would check the score between the Sky and the Fever, when Reese and Clark made you sit bolt upright and spit out your lemonade.

That was a hell of a one-point finish Sunday, and though it

SEE JENKINS ON D2

PRO BASKETBALL

The Wizards hire former Pistons general manager Troy Weaver, a D.C. native, as a senior adviser. D2

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Tennessee knocks off Texas A&M, 6-5, to claim the first baseball national title in school history. D2

New combination unlocks the Nats' pitching staff

Hurlers praise Hickey's old-school wisdom, Doolittle's focus on data for helping them improve

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM



RAFAEL SUANES/USA TODAY SPORTS

Pitching coach Jim Hickey, right, has worked closely with ex-Nationals closer Sean Doolittle in 2024.

DENVER — In the shaded dugout of Coors Field, Jim Hickey and Sean Doolittle found spots a few feet apart on the bench. Hickey noshed on a doughnut and cracked a joke about his colleague's slow walk down the steps. En route Doolittle asked, facetiously, whether the group interview setting meant that they were in trouble.

They make for an atypical pairing, born 25 years apart, each with his own quirks. But midway through their first season as a tandem, they seem inseparable.

"I've enjoyed learning from him," said Doolittle, who noted invaluable lessons about the craft of pitching as well as the way the veteran coach teaches and interacts with players. "He's got a really impressive track record and a long time in this game of

SEE NATIONALS ON D4

Last night's Nationals game in San Diego ended too late

Scan the code with your phone's camera app to find the latest results or visit us at wapo.st/nats



Nationals at Padres

9:30 p.m., MASN2

THE DAY IN SPORTS

PRO BASKETBALL

Former Pistons GM Weaver joins Wizards

Troy Weaver, a longtime NBA executive who spent the past four years as the Detroit Pistons’ general manager, is jumping from one rebuilding organization to another. Weaver will join the Washington Wizards’ front office as a senior adviser, multiple people with knowledge of the situation confirmed Monday.

Weaver’s hiring, which was first reported by ESPN, is a homecoming in more ways than one. The 56-year-old worked with Monumental Basketball President **Michael Winger** and Wizards General Manager **Will Dawkins** on the Oklahoma City Thunder, with which Weaver spent more than a decade. He built a reputation there as one of the league’s elite talent evaluators, advocating strongly for the franchise to draft **Russell Westbrook** in 2008.

Weaver is also a Washington native who attended high school at Archbishop Carroll and began his coaching career with famed AAU program D.C. Assault.

—Ava Wallace

Kenny Atkinson, a Golden State Warriors assistant who helped the Brooklyn Nets rebuild before a puzzling departure, will be the Cleveland Cavaliers’ new coach, a person familiar with decision told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity. ...

Scottie Barnes and the Toronto Raptors agreed to terms on a max extension, one that will be worth about \$225 million over five years and could reach about \$270 million if he meets supermax criteria, a person with knowledge of the deal said.

SOCCER

Defending champ Italy advances with late goal

Substitute **Mattia Zaccagni** scored in the last minute of stoppage time to help Italy advance to the knockout stage of the European Championship after a 1-1 draw with Croatia.

Luka Modric’s second-half strike looked as if it might send Croatia through as the Group B runner-up, but Zaccagni swept a brilliant shot inside the far post in the eighth minute of added time to cap a furious finale from the defending champion.

Italy needed a point to progress, while Croatia realistically needed a win to stay in the tournament. The Croatians have two points from their three games and are at the mercy of other results to see whether they can scrape through as one of the best third-place finishers.

Modric, at 38 years 289 days, became the oldest goal scorer ever at the tournament, breaking the record held by **Ivica Vastic** from Euro 2008.

Meanwhile in Düsseldorf, Germany, Spain changed almost its entire lineup and still kept up its victorious start to Euro 2024 with a 1-0 win over Albania, which was eliminated. ...

SPOTLIGHT: COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FINALS



PETER AIKEN/GETTY IMAGES

Dylan Dreiling, here hitting a sacrifice fly, also homered and doubled Monday, and he was named most outstanding player.

Volunteers earn first baseball championship

BY ERIC OLSON

OMAHA — Christian Moore hit a leadoff homer and Dylan Dreiling went deep for the third time in three games as Tennessee won its first national championship in baseball with a 6-5 victory over Texas A&M in Game 3 of the College World Series finals.

The Volunteers bounced back from a Game 1 loss to win two straight and become the first No. 1 national seed in the NCAA tournament to win the title since Miami in 1999.

Tennessee (60-13) held an Aggies offense averaging 8.5 runs per game for the season to six runs over the last 20 innings of the finals, with Zander Sechrist and Nate Snead doing the heavy lifting Monday before the Aggies came back to score four runs and get the tying run at the plate in the ninth.

TENNESSEE 6, TEXAS A&M 5

Team is first top national seed to win NCAA title in 25 years

Aaron Combs struck out Hayden Schott and Ted Burton to end the game and set off a Tennessee celebration behind the pitcher’s mound.

The Vols are the eighth SEC school to win a national title in baseball. Those eight have combined for 16 titles. The SEC

has won five in a row, all by different schools, and 10 of the past 15.

Texas A&M threatened to cut into a 3-1 deficit in the sixth and seventh innings, but Snead got the Vols out of trouble both times.

Dreiling, the CWS most outstanding player, connected for his 23rd homer of the season and Hunter Ensley evaded Jackson Appel’s tag at the plate as he scored on Kavares Tears’s double to make it 6-1 going to the eighth. Since the CWS best-of-three finals began in 2003, Dreiling is the only player to homer in three games.

The Vols’ two homers Monday moved them into a tie with the 1998 LSU team for the most in an NCAA tournament (37).

—Associated Press

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

6:30 p.m. **Cleveland at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSNB (630 AM)
7 p.m. **New York Yankees at New York Mets** » TBS
9:30 p.m. **Washington at San Diego** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)
9:45 p.m. **Chicago Cubs at San Francisco** » MLB Network

SOCCER

Noon **European Championship, Group D: France vs. Poland** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
Noon **European Championship, Group D: Netherlands vs. Austria** » Fox Sports 1
3 p.m. **European Championship, Group C: England vs. Slovenia** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
3 p.m. **European Championship, Group C: Denmark vs. Serbia** » Fox Sports 1

6 p.m. **Copa América, Group C: Peru vs. Canada** » Fox Sports 1
9 p.m. **Copa América, Group A: Chile vs. Argentina** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

6 a.m. **ATP/WTA: Eastbourne International, early rounds; ATP: Mallorca Championships, early rounds; WTA: Bad Homburg Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

PROFESSIONAL SOFTBALL

6:30 p.m. **Athletes Unlimited: Team Mazon vs. Team Nickles** » ESPN2
9 p.m. **Athletes Unlimited: Team Alo vs. Team Nickles** » ESPN2

SALLY JENKINS

Don’t miss — or misinterpret — the burgeoning rivalry between Clark and Reese

JENKINS FROM D1

didn’t mean very much, somehow it felt as if it did.

“I think that the women’s basketball game as a whole took a big jump today,” the Fever’s Kelsey Mitchell said afterward.

By the time Reese and Clark finished swapping career highs — Reese with her skyjacking 25 points and 16 rebounds and Clark with her sleights of hand for a franchise-record 13 assists to go with 17 points — here was the takeaway: They had made the midseason mesmerizing, and that was new and significant for the WNBA.

Mind you, the Fever is just 7-11, and the Sky is 6-9. Which is precisely the point. Despite those middling records, their meetings are drawing more than 2 million television viewers. Sunday’s game in Chicago was the most expensive ticket on record for the WNBA, with an average price of \$358. In the stands were Lil Durk, Chance the Rapper, Jason Sudeikis and Jalen Brunson, while Ja Morant was calling it straight fire on X.

“People are talking about women’s basketball who you’d never think would be talking about women’s basketball,” Reese pointed out recently. What’s drawing such

numbers? More than merely the personal rivalry. Viewers are smart enough to know the catfighting heroine-villainess narrative is false, and so is the race-baiting one; both players are equally good teammates, mighty talents and teasing trash-talkers. What’s really gripping the audience is the fact that these women somehow *keep meeting the moment*.

Time after time, they just keep playing bigger despite the weight of public expectations — some of which are imposed by the performances of the other. They’ve been vying for preeminence since the 2023 NCAA championship game, when Reese wagged a ring finger at Clark after LSU’s victory over Iowa. Think about it. When is the last time either Clark or Reese failed to show out when she knew eyes were on her?

Every head in the arena swivels back and forth between them — because everyone knows that they are liable to do something explosive when it matters most, even when they’re at the very periphery of the play.

“I think it’s the lack of fear of failure that people are attracted to,” Clark’s former coach at Iowa, Lisa Bluder, said recently.

That’s it exactly. The fearlessness is what’s so



EMILEE CHINN/GETTY IMAGES

Caitlin Clark had a franchise-record 13 assists Sunday, and Angel Reese had 25 points and 16 rebounds.

compelling. It suggests that under the physicality is something even more substantial: emotional strength. It startles to think how young

they are: Clark has played just 18 professional games, Reese just 15.

“Reality is coming,” Diana Taurasi notoriously predicted in

the preseason, suggesting that Clark would have some struggles as a rookie — and by extension Reese, too. “There’s levels to this thing, and that’s just life. ... You

Brazil missed a string of chances and was left to rue a lack of quality in the final third after it was held to 0-0 by Costa Rica in their Copa América Group D opener in Los Angeles.

In Houston, **James Rodriguez** set up both goals in Colombia’s 2-1 win over Paraguay. ...

The San Jose Earthquakes fired coach **Luchi Gonzalez** after the MLS team won only three of its first 19 games this season. ...

The San Diego Wave dismissed coach **Casey Stoney** amid the NWSL club’s seven-game winless streak.

PRO FOOTBALL

Chiefs release Buggs after second arrest

The Kansas City Chiefs released defensive lineman **Isaiah Buggs** after two recent arrests in Alabama.

The 27-year-old Buggs, who signed a \$1.3 million contract for the upcoming season, turned himself in May 30 after he was charged with two misdemeanor counts of second-degree animal cruelty. On June 16, he was arrested on a charge of domestic violence/burglary and released on a \$5,000 bond, according to records from the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff’s Office. ...

Green Bay Packers chief operating officer **Ed Policy** will take over as team president and CEO next year following the retirement of **Mark Murphy**.

MISC.

Ex-pro surfer Perry killed in shark attack

A Hawaii lifeguard who was killed in a shark attack while surfing off Oahu’s North Shore was a former professional surfer with acting credits to his name, including a role as a buccaneer in one of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” movies.

Tamayo Perry, 49, was killed Sunday near Goat Island, the Honolulu Emergency Services Department said. ...

Matt Strome scored 1:06 into overtime to lift the Hershey Bears past the Coachella Valley Firebirds, 5-4, in Game 6 of the Calder Cup finals and give the Washington Capitals’ American Hockey League affiliate back-to-back championships.

Pierrick Dubé had a hat trick for the Bears in Hershey, Pa. ...

Dearica Hamby will replace injured Los Angeles Sparks teammate **Cameron Brink** on the U.S. three-on-three Olympic basketball team. Brink tore the ACL in her left knee last week. ...

Texas parted ways with baseball coach **David Pierce** after eight seasons. ...

The Supreme Court rejected a challenge from Republican-controlled states to a horse racing safety law that has led to national medication and anti-doping rules. The justices left in place an appeals court ruling that upheld the law and rejected claims that Congress gave too much power to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority.

—From news services and staff reports

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10 STR
Philadelphia	52	26	.667	—	6-4 W-3
Atlanta	43	33	.566	8 7-3	L-1
x-Washington	38	39	.494	13½ 6-4	W-1
New York	37	39	.487	14 8-2	W-1
Miami	27	51	.346	25 4-6	L-1

NL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Ohtani, LA	.....	321
Profar, SD	.....	319
Arraez, SD	.....	315
Ozuna, Atl	.....	314
Betts, LA	.....	304
Bohm, Phi	.....	304
Winn, StL	.....	299
Freeman, LA	.....	298
Harper, Phi	.....	297

HOME RUNS

Ohtani, LA	.....	23
Ozuna, Atl	.....	21
Harper, Phi	.....	18
Hernández, LA	.....	18
Schwarber, Phi	.....	17
Walker, Ari	.....	17
Gorman, StL	.....	16
Alonso, NY	.....	16

RBI

Ozuna, Atl	.....	64
Bohm, Phi	.....	61
Ohtani, LA	.....	57
Adames, Mil	.....	54
Hernández, LA	.....	54
Harper, Phi	.....	51
Walker, Ari	.....	50
Schwarber, Phi	.....	49
Cronenworth, SD	.....	49
Contreras, Mil	.....	49

STOLEN BASES

De La Cruz, Cin	.....	37
Turang, Mil	.....	26
Doyle, Col	.....	18
Stott, Phi	.....	18
Thomas, Was	.....	17
Young, Was	.....	17
Acuña, Atl	.....	16
Ohtani, LA	.....	16
Kim, SD	.....	15
Yelich, Mil	.....	15

SLUGGING PCT.

Ohtani, LA	.....	.632
Ozuna, Atl	.....	.596
Harper, Phi	.....	.558
Freeman, LA	.....	.498
Marte, Ari	.....	.497
Abrams, Was	.....	.496
Candelario, Cin	.....	.496
Hernández, LA	.....	.492
Betts, LA	.....	.488
Bohm, Phi	.....	.488

ERA

Suárez, Phi	.....	1.76
Sánchez, Phi	.....	2.67
Wheeler, Phi	.....	2.73
Gray, StL	.....	2.81
Glasnow, LA	.....	2.88
Sale, Atl	.....	2.91
Imanaga, Chi	.....	2.96
Fried, Atl	.....	3.00
Stone, LA	.....	3.04
Assad, Chi	.....	3.04

WINS

Suárez, Phi	.....	10-1
Sale, Atl	.....	10-2
Gray, StL	.....	9-4
Wheeler, Phi	.....	9-4
Stone, LA	.....	8-2
Lodolo, Cin	.....	8-3
Nola, Phi	.....	8-3
Keller, Pit	.....	8-4
Glasnow, LA	.....	8-5

SAVES

Helsley, StL	.....	26
Finnegan, Was	.....	22
Iglesias, Atl	.....	20
Suarez, SD	.....	19
Diaz, Cin	.....	17
Bednar, Pit	.....	16
Megill, Mil	.....	15
Doval, SF	.....	13
Alvarado, Phi	.....	12
Phillips, LA	.....	12

STRIKEOUTS

Glasnow, LA	.....	135
Cease, SD	.....	116
King, SD	.....	109
Sale, Atl	.....	107
Wheeler, Phi	.....	107
Peralta, Mil	.....	106
Gray, StL	.....	103
Gore, Was	.....	98
Greene, Cin	.....	98

AL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Witt, KC	.....	311
Soto, NY	.....	305
Correa, Min	.....	304
Smith, Tex	.....	303
Rutschman, Bal	.....	302
Judge, NY	.....	300
Altuve, Hou	.....	299
Alvarez, Hou	.....	288
Duran, Bos	.....	288

HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	.....	28
Henderson, Bal	.....	24
Naylor, Cle	.....	20
Santander, Bal	.....	20
Tucker, Hou	.....	19
Ramírez, Cle	.....	19
Stanton, NY	.....	18
Soto, NY	.....	18
Alvarez, Hou	.....	16

RBI

Judge, NY	.....	70
Ramírez, Cle	.....	67
Naylor, Cle	.....	58
Soto, NY	.....	56
Henderson, Bal	.....	53
Rutschman, Bal	.....	53
Witt, KC	.....	53
Santander, Bal	.....	51
Pasquantino, KC	.....	46

STOLEN BASES

Caballero, TB	.....	24
Hamilton, Bos	.....	21
Witt, KC	.....	21
Duran, Bos	.....	20
Rengifo, LA	.....	20
García, KC	.....	17
Mullins, Bal	.....	16
Rodriguez, Sea	.....	16
Volpe, NY	.....	15

SLUGGING PCT.

Judge, NY	.....	.686
Henderson, Bal	.....	.597
Tucker, Hou	.....	.584
Soto, NY	.....	.563
Witt, KC	.....	.531
Devers, Bos	.....	.528
Ramírez, Cle	.....	.526
Alvarez, Hou	.....	.517
Westburg, Bal	.....	.513

ERA

Houck, Bos	.....	2.14
Blanco, Hou	.....	2.34
Burnes, Bal	.....	2.35
Lugo, KC	.....	2.42
Anderson, LA	.....	2.48
Skubal, Det	.....	2.50
Gilbert, Sea	.....	2.71
Gil, NY	.....	2.77

WINS

Lugo, KC	.....	10-2
Gil, NY	.....	9-2
Rodón, NY	.....	9-4
Blanco, Hou	.....	8-2
Allen, Cle	.....	8-3
Burnes, Bal	.....	8-3
Rodriguez, Bal	.....	8-3
Skubal, Det	.....	8-3

SAVES

Clase, Cle	.....	24
Holmes, NY	.....	19
Kimbrel, Bal	.....	16
Jansen, Bos	.....	15
Estévez, LA	.....	14
Miller, Oak	.....	14
Foley, Det	.....	13
Muñoz, Sea	.....	13
McArthur, KC	.....	12
Duran, Min	.....	11
Fairbanks, TB	.....	11
Hader, Hou	.....	11
Yates, Tex	.....	11

STRIKEOUTS

Crochet, Chi	.....	124
Ragans, KC	.....	109
Flaherty, Det	.....	108
Skubal, Det	.....	105
López, Min	.....	101
Bibee, Cle	.....	99
Gilbert, Sea	.....	99
Gil, NY	.....	97

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10 STR
New York	52	28	.650	—	3-7 L-1
Baltimore	49	29	.628	2 4-6	L-4
Boston	43	36	.544	8½ 8-2	W-3
Tampa Bay	39	40	.494	12½ 6-4	W-2
Toronto	35	43	.449	16 2-8	L-7

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10 STR
Cleveland	50	26	.658	—	7-3 W-6
Minnesota	43	35	.551	8 7-3	W-2
Kansas City	43	37	.538	9 3-7	W-1
Detroit	36	42	.462	15 3-7	L-1
Chicago	21	59	.263	31 3-7	L-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10 STR
Seattle	45	36	.556	—	5-5 L-2
Houston	38	40	.487	5½ 7-3	W-5
Texas	37	41	.474	6½ 4-6	L-1
x-Los Angeles	30	46	.395	12½ 5-5	L-1
x-Oakland	29	51	.363	15½ 3-7	L-2

x-Late game

x-Late game



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Green day at Fenway

Jayson Tatum of the NBA champion Boston Celtics throws out the first pitch before Monday's game between the Red Sox and Blue Jays.

O's lose fourth in row for worst skid of year

GUARDIANS 3, ORIOLES 2

BY MATT WEYRICH

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles were never more than a run behind, but the clutch hit they needed to pull ahead of the Cleveland Guardians on Monday ultimately proved too elusive as they lost, 3-2, in the series opener at Camden Yards.

Coming off a sweep by the Houston Astros, the Orioles have lost a season-high four games in a row.

Baltimore (49-28) exchanged a few early blows with the Guardians, who joined the New York Yankees as the only teams in the American League with more wins than the Orioles, before a go-ahead home run by José Ramírez off Cade Povich in the sixth inning turned out to be the difference.

Heston Kjerstad collected hits in each of his first two at-bats in his return from the minor leagues, and Ryan O'Hearn and Anthony Santander each drove in a run, but Baltimore's offense was held in check otherwise.

Povich racked up his pitch count early. He got ahead in the count against both of the first two batters he faced but allowed them to reach on a single and a walk. Ramírez took advantage by hitting an RBI single up the middle, and Cleveland scored again the following frame on back-to-back doubles by Gabriel Arias and Bo Naylor. By the time the second inning ended, Povich was up to 46 pitches.

The left-hander then retired 10 of the next 11 batters he faced, with the lone hit a one-out triple by Daniel Schneemann in the fourth. The next hit Povich allowed didn't arrive until the sixth when Ramírez hit his 20th home run of the season with a solo blast to center field to put the Guardians in front.

— Baltimore Sun

Editor's note

Because of transmission issues by the Associated Press, Monday's box scores were not available at press time.

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NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Angels: LHP Patrick Sandoval has a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his elbow and needs season-ending surgery.

Dodgers: Pitcher Clayton Kershaw was shut down for a week with lingering soreness in his comeback from left shoulder surgery. Kershaw, 36, had an MRI exam that "showed no new incidents," Manager Dave Roberts said.

Mets: Closer Edwin Díaz was suspended for 10 games after his ejection from a 5-2 win over the Cubs for having a foreign substance on his hand.

Orioles: Recalled OF prospect Heston Kjerstad before the start of a series with Cleveland. He went 2 for 14 in seven games with the Orioles earlier this season.

Padres: Star RF Fernando Tatis Jr. was placed on the 10-day IL with a stress reaction in his right thigh bone.

TODAY

NL games

NATIONALS AT PADRES, 9:40				
	W-L	ERA	TEAM	
Gore (L)	6-6	3.49	7-8	
TBD	----	----	----	
PIRATES AT REDS, 7:10				
Keller (R)	8-4	3.11	10-5	
Greene (R)	5-2	3.35	5-10	
BRAVES AT CARDINALS, 7:45				
López (R)	5-2	1.57	9-4	
Gibson (R)	5-2	3.44	7-7	
CUBS AT GIANTS, 9:45				
Hendricks (R)	1-4	7.46	3-5	
TBD	----	----	----	

NL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 2, at Colorado 1
at Philadelphia 4, Arizona 1
at St. Louis 5, San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 6, at San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 5, at Chicago Cubs 2

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Washington at San Diego, late
at Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 5
at St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, late

AL games

GUARDIANS AT ORIOLES, 6:35				
	W-L	ERA	TEAM	
Allen (L)	8-3	5.23	9-6	
Irvin (L)	6-3	3.45	9-3	
MARINERS AT RAYS, 6:50				
Castillo (R)	6-8	3.62	8-8	
Littell (R)	2-5	4.20	7-8	
BLUE JAYS AT RED SOX, 7:10				
Gausman (R)	5-6	4.24	7-8	
Bello (R)	7-4	4.83	8-5	
ATHLETICS AT ANGELS, 9:38				
Spence (R)	4-3	3.86	1-6	
Anderson (L)	6-7	2.48	7-8	

AL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Houston 8, Baltimore 1
at Detroit 11, Chicago White Sox 2
at Texas 4, Kansas City 0
at Cleveland 6, Toronto 5
Minnesota 3, at Oakland 0

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Cleveland 3, at Baltimore 2
at Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 3
at Boston 7, Toronto 6
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

Interleague games

PHILLIES AT TIGERS, 6:40				
	W-L	ERA	TEAM	
Suárez (L)	10-1	1.76	13-2	
Skubal (L)	8-3	2.50	10-5	
YANKEES AT METS, 7:10				
Cole (R)	0-0	4.50	0-1	
Peterson (L)	3-0	3.97	3-1	
ROCKIES AT ASTROS, 8:10				
Gomber (L)	1-4	4.36	5-9	
Brown (R)	4-5	4.72	5-9	
DODGERS AT WHITE SOX, 8:10				
Miller (R)	1-1	6.00	1-3	
Flexen (R)	2-6	5.03	2-12	
MARLINS AT ROYALS, 8:10				
Chirinos (R)	0-0	3.60	1-0	
Lugo (R)	10-2	2.42	11-5	

RANGERS AT BREWERS, 8:10				
Heaney (L)	2-8	4.21	3-11	
Wilson (R)	4-3	4.24	4-5	

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Heaney (L)	2-8	4.21	3-11
Wilson (R)	4-3	4.24	4-5



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“I’ve enjoyed learning from him,” pitching strategist Sean Doolittle said of pitching coach Jim Hickey.

Doolittle, Hickey quite a duo

NATIONALS FROM D1

doing this.”

Hickey has been the Washington Nationals’ pitching coach since the 2021 season. Doolittle retired from an 11-year major league career in relief last September, then took a job as pitching strategist (a gussied-up phrase for assistant pitching coach) in January. Together, they have shepherded MacKenzie Gore, Jake Irvin, Mitchell Parker and Trevor Williams to breakout seasons and guided a deep bullpen, a revelation that has kept Washington, against all projections, in the postseason hunt.

Entering Monday, the pitching staff has improved its ERA from 5.02 to 3.86, a bigger jump than any team other than the Kansas City Royals. The Nationals had cut their walk rate by more than any team except the Oakland Athletics. They went from conceding the most home runs in the majors to the fourth fewest. They did so without adding any starters in free agency and with their lone 2023 all-star, righty Josiah Gray, on the injured list since early April. It’s the same cast as last year, save for a few middle-inning relievers and two previously unheralded left-handed rookies.

And, well, Doolittle.

“Well, you get the mix,” closer Kyle Finnegan said. “You know, Hickey has been around forever. He’s worked with some legendary pitching staffs. So he’s got like this — I wouldn’t call it old school; he’s very analytical, and he knows everything. But he can kind of filter it down to a way that’s clear and concise and it comes out in simple terms, but you know that there’s lots of thought behind it. And then Doolittle is great with the video and the metrics and the TrackMan data. Doolittle played with some of us, so he knows what we do when we’re going well. And he’s still like a player, so he has that verbiage just like you’re talking to your buddy. So it’s like they’re yin and yang.”

Last year, the Nationals went the entire season without an assistant pitching coach. General Manager Mike Rizzo wanted to remedy that. In the offseason, the team laid out a framework: Doolittle, using his background as a player and aptitude with analytics, would assist Hickey in interpreting and presenting information to players.

These days, it would be hard to imagine a world without them together, trolling through information or popping around to different players with thoughts on a pitch grip. When pitchers are asked about a mechanical tweak, a game plan or an overarching philosophy, rarely do you hear one coach’s name without the others.

As the pair sit down for an interview, they chuckle when asked whether Hickey’s job is any easier now.

“I don’t know if I would use the word ‘easier,’” Hickey said. His responsibilities and workload haven’t changed. “But I absolutely, positively feel like there’s a lot more support. Nothing is going to

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go unnoticed, or nothing’s going to fall through the cracks.”

That is, perhaps, the simplest place to start.

Doolittle and Hickey explain it like this: Every player learns differently. There are also, conveniently, multiple ways to teach most things. Some pitchers like to see cold, hard numbers. Others like things explained by feel. That’s why there are two of them. In spring training, Doolittle began by trying to relay an objective piece of data — one or two numbers per pitcher — that explained why each was unique and why it made him effective. For Irvin, for instance, it was his extension, the approach angle on his four-seamer and the horizontal break on his breaking ball. Or with Parker, it was the induced vertical break on his fastball coupled with his approach angle.

“And so we start to say, ‘This isn’t just us hyping you up,’” Doolittle said. “‘This is what makes you effective. This is why you should have confidence to attack the zone and throw strikes because there’s not a lot of guys that are giving the hitters these kinds of looks.’”

In one interview after another, pitchers attested that they felt more prepared and less predictable this season. Reports before starts and between innings, they said, have been more detailed. Frequently, Finnegan said, he has been able to remember their cues when he finds himself in a tough spot. “All of a sudden,” he said, “you just feel another burst of confidence, and you feel like you got a chance to get them out.”

The examples seem endless. Finnegan didn’t grasp how much better his fastball played up in the zone — and why — until Doolittle worked him through the data this past offseason. Doolittle sat with lefty reliever Robert Garcia and explained that his slider was a huge swing-and-miss pitch when it had negative vertical break and wasn’t that when it had positive vertical break. Irvin’s backup cutter went from an afterthought to an asset once Doolittle tweaked his release. This month, he repaired Jacob Barnes’s rotation toward the plate, which helped

the right-handed reliever out of a command-related funk.

“That is awesome to hear as a player, that you know a coach is going above and beyond,” Garcia said when asked about Doolittle. “On off days, he’s watching eight hours of video. He does not stop working. You ask him questions, and he knows the answer to them. He finds it right away.”

As for Hickey: A multitude of pitchers described the coach’s knowledge of opposing hitters, his ability to read mechanics and body language, as uncanny. In mound visits, Hickey has been a stabilizing force that has kept a bad pitch from spiraling into a bad outing. His superpower is simplifying, translating the thousands of data points in his mind to a message that the pitcher can execute on.

“Doolittle might like looking at video a little bit more and getting into that. Hickey might like more of the aggressive approach of first-pitch strikes or trying to get early outs,” Barnes said. “They both have things they like, and I think it blends well because they both can do both of the routes. But I think they’re like, ‘Well, he likes doing that, so we’ll let him kind of focus on that, and I’ll focus on this, and we’re both able to get the information in the right way.’”

When it comes to their success, perhaps the most concise way to explain it boils down to “throwing more strikes.” That is a credit to Hickey, who has prioritized it incessantly since the start of spring training. When you’re behind, Irvin recounted Hickey saying, it’s like facing Barry Bonds; when you’re ahead, it’s like facing the worst hitter in the majors. That stuck.

But it’s more nuanced than that. Most publicly available evaluations rank the Nationals’ stuff — the movement and velocity on their pitches — in the bottom half of MLB. Having the confidence to live in the strike zone works only if pitchers know what plays well in the zone, and for Washington’s staff, that’s a more limited selection.

This year, they know their stuff, they know how to sequence it, and they trust it. Nine times out of 10, Hickey estimated, throwing strikes is about intent rather than mechanics. Throwing strikes, they have begun to say, is contagious. There was the game in early June when Gore said the rest of the staff was trying to “go out there and be like Mitch and Jake,” who have located in the zone more than almost any starters in MLB. To see other members of the staff limit their walks — and to see it pay off — is reaffirming.

It’s in moments such as these that Hickey and Doolittle like to deflect credit, and understandably so, to the pitchers: They are the ones putting in the work and executing. But it’s a two-way street. And there are now two people on the other side of it.

“They’re both super smart guys, and they have their own style,” Finnegan said. “But when they’re together, it works well.”

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

AVANCHE 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 5, 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 6, at Boston 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

STARS ELIMINATED AVANCHE, 4-2

Game 1: Colorado 4, at Dallas 3 (OT)
Game 2: 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 3, 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 5, Florida 1 (OT)
Game 3: N.Y. Rangers 5, at Florida 1 (OT)
Game 4: at Florida 3, N.Y. Rangers 2 (OT)
Game 5: Florida 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
Game 6: at Florida 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OILERS ELIMINATED STARS, 4-2

Game 1: Edmonton 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Game 2: Dallas 3, Edmonton 1
Game 3: Dallas 5, at Edmonton 3
Game 4: at Edmonton 5, Dallas 2
Game 5: at Dallas 1, Dallas 1
Game 6: at Edmonton 2, Dallas 1

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Best of seven; all games on ABC

PANTHERS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-3

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
Game 6: at Edmonton 5, Florida 1
Game 7: Florida 2, Edmonton 1

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Baltimore Orioles: Designated SS Nick Maton for assignment. Recalled OF Heston Kjerstad from Norfolk (IL).
Boston Red Sox: Placed C Connor Wong on the paternity list. Optioned RHP Brad Keller to Worcester (IL). Recalled RHP Isaiah Campbell from Worcester. Recalled C Tyler Heineman from Worcester. Recalled RHP Josh Winkowski from Worcester. Optioned LHP Cam Booser to Worcester.

Cleveland Guardians: Activated SS Gabriel Arias. Optioned RHP Darren McCaughy to Columbus (IL). Recalled RHP Xzavien Curry from Columbus. Optioned SS Angel Martinez to Columbus.

Kansas City Royals: Designated LHP Jake Brentz for assignment. Placed 2B Adam Frazier on the 10-day IL to June 22. Reinstated 2B Michael Massey from the 10-day IL. Selected the contract of 3B CJ Alexander from Omaha (IL). Optioned OF Nelson Velazquez to Omaha.

Los Angeles Angels: Sent LHP Jose Suarez outright to Salt Lake (PCL).

New York Yankees: Sent RHP JT Brubaker on a rehab assignment to FCL Yankees. Optioned SS Oswald Peraza to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

Seattle Mariners: Reinstated SS Jorge Polanco from the 10-day IL. Optioned 3B Tyler Lockett to Tacoma (PCL).

St. Louis Cardinals: Reinstated RHP Nick Robertson from the 15-day IL. Reinstated C Willson Contreras from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Nick Robertson to Memphis (IL). Optioned C Nick Raposo to Memphis.

NFL

Green Bay Packers: Elected Edward R. Policy as the organization’s next chairman of the board, president, and CEO, a position he will formally assume in July 2025. Claimed K James Turner off waivers from Detroit.

Kansas City Chiefs: Released DB Tiahug Bugs.

New York Jets: Released QB Tai Hayes.

NHL

Los Angeles Kings: Signed LW Samuel Fagemo to a one-year, two-way contract.

New Jersey Devils: Re-signed D Nick DeSimone to a one-year, one-way contract.

MLS

Austin FC: Reached an agreement to acquire Ukrainian D Oleksandr Svatoch via transfer from SC Dnipro-1 (Ukrainian Premier League).

Orlando City SC: Loaned D Abdi Salim to Detroit City FC (USL Championship).

San Jose Earthquakes: Fired coach Luchi Gonzalez. Named Ian Russell interim coach.

NWSL

Orlando Pride: Agreed with D Brianna Martinez on a two-year contract.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
New York.....	15	3	.833	—
Connecticut.....	13	3	.813	—
Atlanta.....	6	9	.400	7½
Chicago.....	6	9	.400	7½
Indiana.....	7	11	.389	8
Washington.....	4	13	.235	10½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota.....	13	3	.813	—
Seattle.....	10	6	.625	3
Las Vegas.....	8	6	.571	4
Phoenix.....	8	8	.500	5
Los Angeles.....	4	13	.235	9½
Dallas.....	3	13	.188	10

SUNDAY’S RESULTS

at Washington 92, Dallas 84
New York 96, at Atlanta 75
at Seattle 72, Connecticut 61
at Chicago 88, Indiana 87

MONDAY’S RESULTS

No games scheduled.

TUESDAY’S GAME

Minnesota at New York, 8 (2024 Commissioner’s Cup final)

THURSDAY’S GAMES

Connecticut at Washington, 7
Minnesota at Dallas, 1
Las Vegas at Chicago, 7
Indiana at Seattle, 10

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

College World Series

At Charles Schwab Field, in Omaha

Double elimination

BRACKET 1

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Game 1: North Carolina 3, Virginia 2
Game 2: Tennessee 12, Florida State 11

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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, JUNE 15

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 9, Kentucky 6 (Kentucky eliminated)
Game 6: Texas A&M 6, Florida 0 (Florida eliminated)

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Best of three

TENNESSEE ELIMINATED TEXAS A&M, 2-1

Game 1: Texas A&M 9, Tennessee 5
Game 2: Tennessee 4, Texas A&M 1
Game 3: Tennessee 6, Texas A&M 5

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL

At Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club; in Eastbourne, Great Britain
Purse: \$794,454
Surface: Grass

MEN’S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Billy Harris, Britain, def. Jacob Fearnley, Britain, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7); Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, def. Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, 6-2, 6-4; Max Purcell, Australia, def. Laslo Djere, Serbia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Junheng Shang, China, def. Tomas Martin Etcheverry (7), Argentina, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4); Marcos Giron, United States, def. Francisco Cerundolo (5), Argentina, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-4).

WOMEN’S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Anhelina Kalinina, Ukraine, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-3, 6-2; Magda Linette, Poland, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (8), Russia, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; Harriet Dart, Britain, def. Marie Bouzkova, Czechia, 7-5, 6-7 (9-7), 6-4; Jelena Ostapenko (5), Latvia, def. Greet Minnen, Belgium, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1; Yuan Yue, China, def. Anastasia Potapova, Russia, 6-3, 6-6, ret.

MEN’S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Sebastian Baez and Mariano Navone, Argentina, def. Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, and Victor Vlad Cornea, Romania, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Lloyd Glasspool, Britain, def. Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zieliński, Poland, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 17-15; Harri Heliövaara, Finland, and Henry Patten, Britain, def. Guido Andreozzi, Argentina, and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, 6-3, 6-1.

WOMEN’S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Xinyu Jiang and HanYu Guo, China, def. Desirae Krawczyk and Caroline Dolehide, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5); Asia Muhammad, United States, and Aldila Sutjiadi, Indonesia, def. Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini (4), Italy, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9; Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Erin Routliffe (1), New Zealand, def. Miriam Kolodziejova and Anna Siskova, Czechia, 6-3, 6-2.

ATP

MALLORCA CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Santa Ponca; in Mallorca, Spain
Purse: \$1,000,558
Surface: Grass

MEN’S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Rinky Hijikata, Australia, def. Luca Nardi, Italy, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Gijs Brouwer, Netherlands, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5); Alexander Shevchenko, Russia, def. Constant Leshtienne, France, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5); Luciano Darderi (5), Italy, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 7-5, 7-5; Sebastian Ofner, Austria, def. Jaume Munar, Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); Gael Monfils (7), France, def. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

MEN’S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Yuki Bhambri, India, and Albano Olivetti, France, def. N. Sriram Balaji, India, and Luke Johnson, Britain, 6-4, 6-3; Julian Cash, Britain, and Robert Galloway, United States, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Andres Molteni (4), Argentina, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 10-7; Dustin Brown, Jamaica, and Daniel Masur, Germany, def. Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen (2), Belgium, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

WTA

BAD HOMBURG OPEN

At Bad Homburg Tennis Club; in Hamburg, Germany
Purse: \$861,125
Surface: Grass

WOMEN’S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Linda Noskova, Czechia, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 7-5, 6-1; Liudmila Samsonova (2), Russia, def. Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, 6-3, 6-1; Jule Niemeier, Germany, def. Maria Sakrari (1), Greece, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Katerina Siniakova, Czechia, def. Clara Burel, France, 6-3, 6-7 (9-7), 6-1; Beatriz Haddad Mala (4), Brazil, def. Tamara K

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July 2, 2024
Public Hearings
2:00 p.m.

1. **Proffer Amendment #REZ2024-00043, Robert Trent Jones PRA:** This is a request to amend the proffers associated with #PLN2002-00130, Robert Trent Jones Golf Club to allow temporary lodging on any portion of the golf course only in association with such tournaments as set forth in the Proffer Statement proposed with this Proffer Amendment. The temporary lodging will last for no longer than a 30-day period. The subject property is located approximately 1,310 feet south of intersection of Lee Highway (Route 29) and Baltusrol Boulevard and addressed as 14420, 14701, 14901, 14301, and 14555 Turtle Point Drive, identified as GPINS 7296-86-8347, 7296-98-6730, 7296-97-0295, 7296-77-8731, and 7296-97-6740, respectively. The 241.96-acre property is zoned RPC, Residential Planned Community Mixed Residential and Non-Residential, and is designated RPC, Residential Planned Community with a tract of 3, in the Comprehensive Plan, Brentsville Magisterial District.

2. **Zoning Text Amendment #DPA2023-00006, Industrial Parking:** This is an amendment to Article 1 Terms Definition 1000 Definitions and ARTICLE IV Part 400 General Regulations to the Prince William County Zoning Ordinance to expand options for off-site parking associated with a primary use in industrial zoning districts by adding a new definition and use. **Countywide**

3. **Zoning Text Amendment #DPA2017-00025, Minor Changes to Written Determinations:** Zoning: This is an amendment to ARTICLE IX, Board of Zoning Appeals to incorporate state mandated changes. The amendments include amending language related to the Board of Zoning Appeals. **Countywide**

For additional information regarding the Board meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (703) 792-6600. All meeting materials are posted online when the agenda is published, and at that time, a copy of all staff reports, proposed resolutions and ordinances, and other documentation will be available for review by the public in the office of the Clerk of the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, 22192.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY**
1702 Brentwood Road, NE
Washington, DC 20018
Lot 0004 in Square 4137

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated August 15, 2022 and recorded on June 5, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023046705 from ActuarialEstate LLC (also known of record as Actuarial Estate PLLC and ActuarialEstate LLC), a District of Columbia limited liability company, as grantor, to Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated August 15, 2022 in the principal amount of \$57,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JULY 9, 2024 AT 2:10 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1702 Brentwood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20018, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same - except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Without limitation, the property will be sold subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated August 15, 2022 and recorded on June 5, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023046704 from ActuarialEstate LLC (also known of record as Actuarial Estate PLLC and ActuarialEstate LLC), a District of Columbia limited liability company, as grantor, to Russell S. Drazin, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated August 15, 2022 in the principal amount of \$1,188,000.00.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$130,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. **TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER.** Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Trustee in connection with such default.

If Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Trustee reserves the right, in Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Trustee

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY**
431 Atlantic Street, SE
Washington, DC 20032
Lot 0802 in Square 6166

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated April 20, 2022 and recorded on April 28, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022046905 from Native Washingtonian Limited Liability Company (also known of record as Native Washingtonian LLC), a District of Columbia limited liability company, as grantor, to Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated April 20, 2022 in the principal amount of \$41,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JULY 9, 2024 AT 2:05 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 431 Atlantic Street, SE, Washington, DC 20032, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same - except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Without limitation, the property will be sold subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated April 20, 2022 and recorded on April 28, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022046904 from Native Washingtonian Limited Liability Company (also known of record as Native Washingtonian LLC), a District of Columbia limited liability company, as grantor, to Russell S. Drazin, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated April 20, 2022 in the principal amount of \$701,250.00.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$60,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. **TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER.** Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY**
1228 Pleasant Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
Lot 0802 in Square 5791

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated April 28, 2022 and recorded on May 19, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022054971 from Native Washingtonian Limited Liability Company (also known of record as Native Washingtonian LLC), a District of Columbia limited liability company, as grantor, to Russell S. Drazin, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated April 28, 2022 in the principal amount of \$594,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JULY 9, 2024 AT 2:40 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1228 Pleasant Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. **TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER.** Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
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325 Parkland Place, SE
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Lot 0068 in Square 5988

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated September 16, 2022 and recorded on January 4, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023000790 from Native Washingtonian Limited Liability Company (also known of record as Native Washingtonian LLC), a District of Columbia limited liability company, as grantor, to Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated September 16, 2022 in the principal amount of \$682,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JULY 9, 2024 AT 2:35 PM

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The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same - except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. **TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER.** Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement.

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If Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Trustee reserves the right, in Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE
RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

5115 BRENTFORD DRIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Mortgage executed by Alloysius Ocheni and Charity Ocheni, dated November 17, 2004, and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, at Liber 29583, folio 344 (the "Mortgage"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage being Vimla Jashnani (the "Holder"), default having occurred under the terms of the Mortgage, the Holder will offer for sale at public auction to the highest qualified bidder at the steps of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850, on:

Friday, July 12, 2024 at 3:59 p.m.

ALL OF THAT real property being situate in Montgomery County, Maryland, and the improvements thereon (collectively, the "Property"), in fee simple, being more particularly described in the Mortgage, and generally known as 5115 Brentford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Pursuant to that certain Order of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, in the case entitled Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for ABFC 2005-HE2 Trust ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE2 v. Jashnani, et al., Case No. C-15-CV-21-000602, the Mortgage is subordinate under that certain deed of trust lien recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland at Liber 29911, folio 373 (the "WF Deed of Trust"), but only up to a maximum amount of \$285,000.00. Accordingly, the sale of the Property in accordance herewith is subject to the WF Deed of Trust up to the maximum amount of \$285,000.00.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), in the form of certified check or cashier's check at the time of sale will be required of all purchasers other than the Holder or its affiliate. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within two (2) business days, and delivered to the office of the Trustee in the same form as the initial deposit. The balance of the purchase price shall be due in cash or by certified check with interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase price at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of sale to and including the date of settlement. In the event the Holder, or an affiliate thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. Taxes, water rent, ground rent, if any, and all other municipal charges and liens owed against the Property shall be the responsibility of the purchaser(s) and shall be paid by the purchaser(s) at settlement. In addition, all other charges, expenses and liens owed against the Property including, but not limited to, all condominium fees and expenses and public charges and assessments owed against the Property and payable on an annual basis, such as sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if any, shall also be the responsibility of the purchaser(s) and shall be paid by the purchaser(s) at settlement. The Holder reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to extend the time for settlement, if applicable. In the event taxes or other municipal charges owing on or with respect to the Property have been prepaid they shall be adjusted at settlement between the Holder and the purchaser(s) to the date of the foreclosure sale.

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the nature, condition or description of the improvements. In addition, the Property will also be sold subject to all existing housing, building and zoning code violations, subject to all critical area and wetland violations, subject to all environmental problems and violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property, and subject to all matters and restrictions of record affecting the same, if any. The purchaser(s) at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the above-referenced Property immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser(s)' responsibility to obtain possession of the Property following ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.

The Property will be sold subject to all of the following that are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale: all easements, conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, ground rents, ground leases, such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

The purchaser(s) shall pay all documentary stamps, state and local transfer taxes, recordation taxes and fees, title examination costs, attorneys' fees, conveyance fees and all other incidental settlement costs. The purchaser(s) shall settle and comply with the sale terms within ten (10) days following the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, unless said period is extended by the Holder for good cause shown. Time is of the essence.

In the event the purchaser(s) fails to go to settlement as required, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available, the Holder may, without further order of the court, declare the aforementioned deposit forfeited and resell the Property at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser(s) shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, reasonable attorneys' fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms of sale and the conduct of the sale shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

If the Holder is unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser(s)' sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser(s), the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser(s) shall have no further claim against the Holder.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer and the Holder do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Vimla Jashnani,
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SECURED CREDITOR'S SALE
of One Share of Capital Stock of the
Montgomery Mutual, Inc.
in the cooperative housing apartment development
of the Cooperative, located at

3516 CHISWICK COURT, UNIT #37-A
SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Pursuant to a Financing Statement and Recognition Agreement June 24, 2011, default occurred thereunder, the undersigned Attorney for the Secured Creditor will sell at public auction at the at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

JULY 12, 2024 AT 3:52 PM

One (1) share of Capital Stock of Montgomery Mutual, Inc. as referenced in the Cooperative Unit Loan Security Agreement, proprietary lease, occupancy agreement or ownership contract appurtenant thereto dated June 24, 2011, and all supplements thereto. The right to possess and use the Cooperative, 3516 Chiswick Court, #37-A, Silver Spring, MD 20906 Recognition Agreement subject to the terms, provisions and conditions contained in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws Occupancy Agreement and House Rules of the Montgomery Mutual, Inc. The proprietary documents will be sold subject to Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, Mutual Ownership Contract and house rules and regulations of Montgomery Mutual, Inc. Also subject to monthly cooperative fees in the amounts to be announced at the time of sale. The membership shares will be sold subject to their proportionate share of certain purchase money mortgages recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County. It shall be the Purchaser's sole responsibility to obtain the approval by Montgomery Mutual, Inc. of the purchaser as an active member. If the Purchaser is not approved, then the Purchaser shall be deemed in default of this contract, the deposit forfeited and property re sold without further order of the Court. Purchaser will be subject to use and occupancy restrictions and other provisions of the Cooperative's governing documents thereafter. The proprietary documents will be sold subject to underlying liens on the real property, the exact amount of which will be announced at the time and place of the sale. 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 \$6,000.00 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 4% per annum from the date of sale to the date the Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Secured Creditor receives the balance of the purchase price. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Settlement is due within ten (10) days of the attorneys for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Secured Creditor providing closing instructions in writing to the Purchaser. 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 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. Should the Purchaser default under the terms of sale, the Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Secured Creditor may avail itself of any legal or equitable remedies available. 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. The assignment/transfer of the right to possess and use of unit shall be subject to approval of the Cooperative, and it shall be the Purchaser's obligation to obtain said approval prior to expiration of the settlement period provided for herein. Any purchase shall be subject to all By-Laws and Regulations of the Cooperative Association, which may include a requirement that the unit be owner-occupied. Should U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Secured Creditor in its sole discretion determine that it is unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest, at which time the sale shall be void and of no effect, and Purchaser shall have no further claim against U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Secured Creditor, its agents, attorneys and assigns. 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, or any right of redemption if applicable by the Cooperative Association or party which may redeem the collateral. 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. Patricia M. Beam otherwise known as the debtor is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness and the charge, if any for the accounting. U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Secured Creditor makes no representation or warranty whatsoever concerning the physical condition of the unit being sold.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY
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2887 SCHOOLHOUSE CIRCLE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20902

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 23, 2003, recorded in Liber 26109, Folio 282 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$267,750.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JULY 12, 2024 AT 3:54 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery 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 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. 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. 367161-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

54 STONEGATE DRIVE A/R/T/A 54 STONGATE DRIVE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20905

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Myron D. Welton and Terrelle D. Welton, dated November 12, 2007 and recorded in Liber 35269, folio 518 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JULY 12, 2024 AT 3:47 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling. The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for \$47,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #19-602369).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON
10014 FOREST VIEW PLACE
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 22, 2021, recorded in Liber 62036, Folio 374 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$179,400.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 28, 2024 AT 3:41 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer 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. 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. 368199-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

14122 CHELMSFORD ROAD
ROCKVILLE, MD 20853

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Arturo Diego Rivera and Joanna Starosta Rivera dated November 4, 2005 and recorded in Liber 31726, folio 192 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JULY 12, 2024 AT 3:42 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-01373312.

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 \$50,000 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 Montgomery 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 22-002141-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
11408 SENECA FOREST CIRCLE
GERMANTOWN, MD 20876

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Aminata Kone and Mbéti Dusso, dated June 15, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32611, folio 284 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 28, 2024 AT 3:48 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for \$38,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #19-603612).

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated October 2, 2007, and recorded in Liber 35037, folio 555, of the land records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of \$188,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

JUNE 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 09-01794177

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article AS§11-110 and AS§11B-117.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of \$15,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.000% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (18-238179)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
10224 GREEN FOREST DRIVE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2009, and recorded in Liber 38005, folio 329, of the land records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of \$266,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

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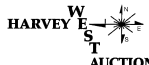
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 05-00309732

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article A§11-110 and A§11B-117.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of \$21,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.500% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-064834)

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK
"MEMBERSHIP SHARES" OF THE
Greenbelt Homes Inc.
A cooperative housing corporation, entitling the owner
thereof to possession of a dwelling unit
KNOWN AS
4 Southway, Unit F
Greenbelt, MD 20770

SALE ON
July 11, 2024 at 2:30 pm

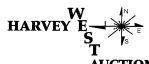
By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain Security Agreement from Gregory Carter, Debtor to PNC Mortgage, dated February 17, 2017, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the secured creditor, by its undersigned attorney will sell at Public Auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST., DUVAL WING ENTRANCE, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772.

All the membership shares described in said Security Agreement being shares of of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., allocated to 4 Southway, Unit F, greenbelt MD 20070, together with all rights, duties and obligations under the terms of a certain Occupancy Agreement/ Proprietary Lease dated February 17, 2017 between Gregory Carter, and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Subject to the terms, provisions and conditions contained in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Occupancy Agreement, Recognition Agreement and Proprietary Lease and Mutual Ownership Contract of Greenbelt Homes Inc.

The membership shares will be sold subject to their proportionate share of certain underlying purchase money mortgages, the exact amount due thereon will be announced at time of sale if available and subject to all conditions, liens restrictions and agreements of record affecting same, and subject to any assessments.

TERMS OF SALE: A cash deposit, certified check or cashier's check in the amount of \$20,000.00 will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale, except that the Secured Party will not be required to give a deposit. Balance to be paid in cash 30 days following sale. Interest to be charged at the rate of 4.375 per annum on the unpaid purchase price from date of sale to date of settlement. All costs incident to the transfer of membership shares shall be borne by the purchaser. All adjustments of cooperative fees and assessments will be made as to date of sale, and to be assumed by thereafter by the purchaser. In the event that the purchaser fails to go to settlement as required, the property shall be re-sold at purchaser's risk and expense and the deposit is forfeited. If secured convey, purchaser's sole remedy is return of the deposit. Additional Sale terms announced at the sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from OMAR S. ESPY, dated July 14, 2021 and recorded in book 46074, page 147 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-16-CV-23-004186; Tax ID No. 15-1740869) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

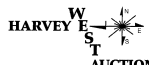
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ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

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 of \$ 25,000.00 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S 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 five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. 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 is 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 # 23-001359-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
3560 65th Avenue Unit 7D
Hyattsville, MD 20784

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to RICHARD T. CREGGER, Trustee(s), dated February 13, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 27235, folio 702, 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,

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ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

UNIT NUMBERED 3560-7D IN BUILDING NUMBERED SEVEN (7) IN THE CONDOMINIUM KNOWN AS "PHASE 14, THE OAKS AT SIXTY-FIFTH CONDOMINIUM", AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK REP 203 AT PLATS NUMBERED 33 AND 34 AND DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND BY-LAWS RECORDED IN LIBER 15647 AT FOLIO 391 AS AMENDED IN LIBER 17351 AT FOLIO 533 FOR PHASE 7; ALL AS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND; BEING IN THE 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID COUNTY.

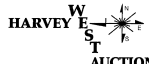
THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE. IF AVAILABLE THE AMOUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE SALE

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 \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 9.88% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (81692)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from LILLIAN E. ATWATER, dated July 23, 2008 and recorded in book 30092, page 122 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-16-CV-24-000004; Tax ID No. 12-1253640) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

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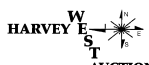
Property is subject to a IRS Right of Redemption.

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S 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 of \$ 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S 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 mnds at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. 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 is 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 # 23-001821-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from LINDA D. ROHRBACK, dated October 16, 2017 and recorded in Liber 31495, folio 361 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD**, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-22-001356; Tax ID No.05-749-04951800) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

JULY 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM

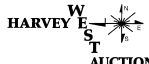
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

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 \$10,000.00 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 ANNE ARUNDEL 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 # 22-000970)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
7634 Bayside Road
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY FRANCES DAY, dated February 24, 2006 and recorded in book 02704, page 591 among the Land Records of CALVERT COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-04-CV-23-000406; Tax ID No. 03-049132) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CALVERT COUNTY courthouse located at 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 .

JULY 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM

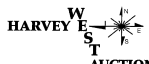
THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT 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 of \$ 21,000.00 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 CALVERT 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 five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. 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 is 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 # 23-000843-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
11889 Cygnet Drive
Waldorf, MD 20601

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from LUCIUS BAKER AND CELESTINE BAKER, dated May 30, 2006 and recorded in book 05880, page 0424 among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-08-CV-22-000716; Tax ID No. 06-210740) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CHARLES COUNTY courthouse located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 .

JULY 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM

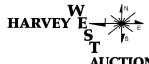
Property is subject to a prior mortgage.

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES 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 of \$ 21,000.00 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 CHARLES 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 five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. 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 is 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 # 55978.0036)

NICOLE LIPINSKI, MARC L. MEDEL,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
9478 Vess Ct
Waldorf, MD 20603

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ANDREW VALENTINE, ESQ. , Trustee(s), dated November 20, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 6164, folio 485, 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 CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JULY 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 13, IN SECTION 5, IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "CHARLES CROSSING", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 55 AT PLAT 455 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE. IF AVAILABLE THE AMOUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE SALE

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 \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.5% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
**7810 Bel Alton Newtown Rd
La Plata, MD 20646**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to WILLIAM J. PETRINA, Trustee(s), dated July 1, 2014, and recorded among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 8613, folio 0258, 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 CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JULY 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

IN THE COUNTY OF CHARLES, STATE OF MARYLAND: LOT NUMBER ONE (1) IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS NEWTON VILLAG AS SHOWN ON A PLAT MADE BY D. H. STEFFENS, SURVEYORS, ON APRIL 25, 1996, DULY RECORDED AMONG THE PLAT RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK 10 FOLIO 85, CONTAINING 20,949 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. TAX ID: 01-020447

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 \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 8.49% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (87709)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
**317 S Market Street
Frederick, MD 21701**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LAWYERS TITLE SERVICES INC, Trustee(s), dated June 21, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 5396, folio 74, MODIFIED AUGUST 28, 2020 IN BOOK 14570, PAGE 471, 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 FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

JUNE 26, 2024 at 9:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH MARKET STREET AND KNOWN AS PART OF LOT 5, ON THE PLAT OF "MARKELL'S ADDITION TO FREDERICK COUNTY", PER PLAT BOOK E.S. 10 AT PLAT 139, AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS 317 SOUTH MARKET STREET. TAX ID# 02-018551

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 \$44,500.00 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 FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.5 % 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. (20-01267)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**812 KAPLON COURT
BRUNSWICK, MD 21716**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2022, recorded in Liber 15934, Folio 287 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$785,083.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JULY 12, 2024 AT 12:52 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick 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 \$77,000 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. 369333-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**13 MOON MAIDEN COURT
WALKERSVILLE, MD 21793**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 24, 2022, recorded in Liber 15868, Folio 24 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$127,187.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JULY 5, 2024 AT 10:50 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick 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 \$12,000 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. 368650-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**234 KNOXVILLE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, MD 21758**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 10, 2012, recorded in Liber 9129, Folio 187 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$232,427.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JUNE 28, 2024 AT 12:50 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366190-1)

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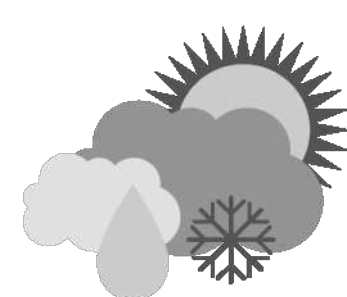


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Panthers top Oilers to capture Stanley Cup for the first time

STANLEY CUP FROM D1

we’ve been working really, really hard for 204 games to get to this.”

Game 7 was the core’s 209th game together under Maurice. It was the final one it needed to achieve its goal. The Panthers had to do it the hard way, overcoming the Oilers’ furious comeback to even the series, but this group was prepared by Maurice to do things the hard way.

“It’s not a dream anymore,” Panthers forward Matthew Tkachuk said on the ABC broadcast after the game. “It’s not a dream; it’s reality. I can’t believe it. ... I can’t believe how good these two years have been. I’m so grateful for this group of guys. ... It’s something really special here with what we have.”

The tight-checking, grinding victory summed up exactly what Maurice came to Florida to teach. It denied the Oilers their first title since 1990 and kept the Stanley Cup from a Canadian team again; the Montreal Canadiens in 1993 remain the last Canadian club to hoist it.

Early in the first period, for the first time since Game 3, the Panthers took the lead; Edmonton had scored first in Games 4, 5 and 6. Carter Verhaeghe deflected a shot by Evan Rodrigues past Skinner’s glove just 4:27 in, soothing the tension of the anxious home crowd.

But the Oilers, who found success on the breakaway against Bobrovsky earlier in the series, needed barely more than two minutes to respond. A pass from Cody Ceci sprung Mattias Janmark, and Janmark needed no further invitation to tuck the puck past Bobrovsky and tie the score at 6:44.

With the score level, the tension ratcheted up for the rest of the first period and into the second. The teams traded sequences of pressure, with neither able to break through the other’s defense. Both teams were committed to defending the middle of the ice and holding their opposition to the perimeter. Every inch of space on the ice had to be battled for; nothing was given.

The Oilers opened up the Panthers off the rush in Games 4,



Connor McDavid, left, was named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as the playoff MVP, but Sergei Bobrovsky, top, was the star of Game 7, making 23 saves for the Panthers.

5 and 6 with stretch passes and speed through the neutral zone. The Panthers returned to their identity in Game 7, defending with much tighter gaps and keeping firmer control over the flow of the game. Even when Edmonton built momentum and applied pressure, Florida never panicked — the steady calm evoked the first three games of the series, when the Panthers clamped down on the Oilers and

gave them little room to breathe. Edmonton found an opening with a shot by Warren Foegele that trickled into the crease with 5:01 left in the second period, and the puck evaded Bobrovsky as it slid into the blue paint. But Panthers defenseman Dmitry Kulikov swept the puck out of danger away from the goal line, and just seconds later, Sam Reinhart picked his spot off the rush to put the Panthers back into the

lead at 15:11.

The tensest moment for Florida in the third period came with just over seven minutes remaining, when a loose puck around the net landed in the vicinity of superstar Connor McDavid for a would-be tying goal. But McDavid — who was named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as the playoff MVP — couldn’t corral the puck, Zach Hyman’s frantic backhand attempt didn’t get

through, and Eetu Luostarinen fell in behind Bobrovsky to block the opening and end the threat.

After a shaky previous three games, Bobrovsky returned to form at the most critical moment. Even when things occasionally turned chaotic around his crease, the puck never found its way in, whether Bobrovsky made the stop or it was blocked by a skater in front of him.

The Panthers were under

heavy pressure in the final minutes, but after two years of the team being prepared to win games with defense and relentless commitment to each other, hanging on in the last minutes of Game 7 to win the franchise’s first Stanley Cup was fitting.

Florida did it the hard way, just as Maurice designed.

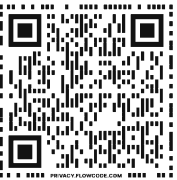
“Now I’m about to lift the Stanley Cup,” Tkachuk said. “I don’t know what to say.”

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Wilson falls short, still could go to Paris

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more than 22 seconds behind champion Nia Akins, more than 20 seconds behind podium finishers Allie Wilson and Juliette Whitaker. Mu is used to crossing the line finish alone after 800 meters. She could not fathom doing it like this. Her face contorted into a tormented frown, and she buried her face in her hands.

Wilson’s history-making, joy-inducing bid to claim an automatic Olympic berth at the trials came to an end Monday. But he would not bow out without a fight. Wilson, the phenom who finished his sophomore year at Bullis a few weeks ago, passed three sprinters in the homestretch and finished sixth at his first Olympic trials in 44.94 seconds, at an age when friends are busy trying to get a driver’s license. Quincy Hall was a surprise winner in 44.17 seconds, followed by Michael Norman and Chris Bailey.

As Lee considered what Wilson had shown the world, he walked away and removed his sunglasses. Once he returned, emotion still choked his words.

“He showed his character, his fight, his determination,” Lee said. “He’s a great kid, man. He’s a great kid.”

In Friday’s opening round, Wilson broke a national high school record that had stood for 42 years, winning his heat in 44.66 seconds. In the face of doubt he could maintain his stamina throughout the trials’ grueling rounds, Wilson reset the record to 44.59 in Sunday’s semifinals, zooming from fifth to third over the final 100 meters to qualify for the final.

Though his run at an individual spot ended Monday night, Wilson could still become a Paris Olympian. USA Track & Field can choose two additional 400-meter sprinters for its 4x400 relay pool, with all U.S. trials entrants eligible. Based solely on performance over the past four days, Wilson has built a compelling case. The roster submission deadline is July 7.

“I don’t know if my season is over yet,” Wilson said. “I don’t want to go out and eat some ice cream too soon. I could be getting that call.”

If chosen, Wilson would become the youngest American man to compete in track and field at the Olympics. He would break a mark held since 1900 by Arthur Newton, who ran the 2,500-meter steeplechase at 17 years 166 days.



Quincy Wilson finished sixth in the men’s 400-meter final Monday. A top-three time would have sent the 16-year-old to the Olympics.

Lee knew Wilson had exceeded any imaginable expectation by finishing sixth in the country. He knew and hoped USATF would choose him for its relay pool and send Wilson to Paris, an option that brims with possibility. He knew Wilson wanted to make the Olympics, but he was not crying for the result. He was crying over the way he felt about Wilson.

“Yeah,” Lee said. His voice caught again, and he tapped the fence to gather himself. “I know that he wanted it. You’re happy, too. They’re happy tears because you know he’s making history. He’s got the pressure of the world on him. We’ll be back.”

All Mu had was the result. She arrived at the trials with an irksome hamstring and a relationship with her sport that had been shaken since her Olympic starburst three years ago. Mu had not raced all year, forced to make her 2024 debut with an Olympic spot at stake. Her path back to the trials, after taking them by the throat three years ago, was even harder.

Mu remains one of the most magnetic runners on the planet and a face of U.S. track and field. She adorns the latest cover of Sports Illustrated. Giant photos of her and Sha’Carri Richardson in a Nike ad campaign ring Hayward Field. It would have surprised no one if she downed Britain’s Keely Hodgkinson and Kenya’s Mary Moraa, the rivals who surpassed her at the world championships last year, in Paris.

Her ascension once felt ordained. She obliterated the 800-meter field at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. She wore a beret

stamped with the word “confident” and declared she would break the world record. On a dream 4x400 relay foursome, Mu won another gold with Allyson Felix, Sydney McLaughlin and Dalilah Muhammad. Teamed with the all-time U.S. leader in track and field medals and two women who broke the 400-meter hurdles world record, Mu ran the anchor leg.

When Mu paused to take a breath, she felt overwhelmed. She struggled to adjust to the pressure of professional track and field. She still dominated, still controlled races with her elegant stride, but the weightlessness she operated with away from the track started to vanish. “I was just happy it was over,” Mu said after she edged Hodgkinson to win the 2022 world title. “Today was kind of a rough day for me.”

The burden she felt only intensified. Mu considered skipping the world championships last summer. At the last minute, she decided she would defend her title. In the last 300 meters, two rivals passed her. She still won bronze, but for the first time on a world stage, Mu had been beat.

“There’s so much pressure overall,” she told reporters in Budapest afterward. “You’re overthinking. The past few years have been a lot.”

Mu remained atop the 800 in this country, but she had work to do to reclaim global superiority. Mu injured her hamstring in April, which prevented her from racing and cost her precious training time. She still won her semifinal heat. But then came the unthinkable. The came the cruelty of the trials. Then came the tears.

ENVIRONMENT

Botanists find clues to future of Earth in dead flowers

BY DINO GRANDONI AND KATE MEDLEY

DURHAM, N.C. — A wildflower bloomed in the low pine woods along North Carolina’s Tar River nearly nine decades ago. The blossom, called a pink lady’s slipper, was plucked on May 16, 1936, and stored away.

A pair of pink lady’s slippers, picked roughly three decades later, in 1962, were in full bloom a few days earlier, on May 12.

Three other pink lady’s slippers, from 1997, had blossomed by mid-April, a full month earlier than their counterpart 60 years before.

By poring over nearly 200 of these pressed orchids, collected by botanists between 1886 and 2022 and stored in drawers at Duke University’s herbarium and elsewhere, scientists found that the flowers are now blooming 12 days earlier on average than they did 150 years ago. At this rate, the orchids may eventually bloom before bees are fully out and about, cutting the chances that pollen catches a ride to other pink lady’s slippers and that plants procreate.

“The pink lady’s slipper is one of those iconic spring flowers that once you see it, you never forget it,” said Kathleen Pryer, the Duke biology professor who runs the herbarium. “It makes you happy each time you bump into it.”

These sorts of dried plant specimens are one of the few ways to track the speed and scope of how humans are transforming the planet for plant life.

In the midst of a worldwide biodiversity crisis, one that could wipe out up to a million species of plants and animals, herbaria captured the plant world before the onslaught of climate change, habitat loss and other human activity was fully apparent. Understanding how plant species’ ranges and physical characteristics have changed over time offers insights into what lies ahead for plants — and for humans.

The Duke Herbarium is one of the

SEE PLANTS ON E2

During a heat wave, these little things make a big difference

BY AMUDALAT AJASA AND KASHA PATEL

As the summer sun beats down, many people may grab a frozen margarita or blast the fan. But, in some cases, those attempts at relief may not help.

Some activities that you think provide relief may end up making you feel hotter. Overheated individuals can experience issues as relatively minor as heat cramps to more severe situations like heatstroke, which can be fatal.

Although often preventable, extreme heat is the No. 1 weather-related killer in the United States.

The first major heat wave of the summer strengthened over the eastern United States last week. And, heat alerts were in effect Monday for about 60 million people in the Lower 48, most of them in the central part of the country.

In the face of intense heat, experts say small daily actions — from the food, drinks or medications we ingest to how we attempt to cool down — could affect how our bodies dissipate heat.

Following are some risks to be aware of, and tips that may help you stay cool during an extreme heat wave.

SEE HEAT ON E4

MEDICAL MYSTERIES

Pain overwhelms a new mother



The strange lower-back pain that followed birth baffled her doctors, upended her life and made it nearly impossible to care for her baby

BY SANDRA G. BOODMAN

Aimee Lucido had hoped the worst was over. Ten weeks after her daughter, Lyra, was born in July 2023, Lucido, then 32 and a resident of Berkeley, Calif., developed pain in her lower back that quickly escalated from mild to incapacitating.

Her parents flew in from North Carolina to help. Their 10-day stay freed Lucido from the frequent bending and lifting that is a mainstay of infant care and had increasingly fallen to Lucido after her husband returned to work.

SEE MEDICAL MYSTERY ON E4

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WELL+BEING

What the latest science says about Lyme disease



Ask A Doctor

TRISHA PASRICHA

Q: I’ve heard so many conflicting things about Lyme disease and what it can do in the long run. What do we really know? What should I do if I get it?

A: Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that spreads through tick bites. It may cause flu-like symptoms and a bull’s-eye-shaped rash. Most people fully recover after a few weeks of antibiotic treatment.

The hard part is what may follow: Among those who do get antibiotics, anywhere between 10 and 25 percent develop long-term symptoms — such as fatigue, brain fog or dizziness. Scientists refer to these patients as suffering from “post-treatment Lyme disease” or “post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome,” also known as PTLDS. In 2020, it was estimated that nearly 2 million people suffered from PTLDS.

There are evidence-backed treatments that can help. For example, drugs in a class called neuromodulators, such as nortriptyline, can help with brain fog or pain often seen in PTLDS. But these treatments can take time to have an effect and may involve a bit of trial and error.

“The issue is that there’s probably not one, unifying mechanism — it may be a heterogeneous disorder,” said Paul Auwaerter, a professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and former president of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. “It’s been devilishly difficult to figure out.”

It’s also important not to miss any other important medical conditions that could account for your symptoms. Auwaerter, who has been studying Lyme disease for two decades, said that people have had delays in diagnosis for cancer,

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CETOLOGY

Gray whales in the Pacific Northwest appear to be getting smaller, a study found. E2

AGING

Weightlifting that builds leg strength offers health benefits for older people. E3

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A study of political speech shows evidence of heat’s effects on language complexity. E3

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A new mother uses art to navigate her feelings after an emergency C-section. E5



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A specimen from Duke University’s herbarium, one of the largest collections of plant, fungi and algae specimens in the country. Earlier this year, Duke announced plans to close the herbarium, citing the high cost of maintaining the roughly 850,000-specimen collection.

Old plants reveal planet’s past, future

PLANTS FROM E1

biggest in the country, stretching back more than a century and covering the southeastern United States, a biodiversity hot spot where many species are disappearing. The collection sheds light on the past lives of an unusually large number of species, allowing scientists armed with new genetic and computing tools to compare them with their descendants growing today.

Now the collection’s future is uncertain. Earlier this year, Duke announced plans to shut down the world-renowned herbarium, citing the high cost of maintaining the roughly 850,000-specimen collection of plants, fungi and algae. University administrators say they intend to keep the collection intact and find a new home for it within the next three years, though critics worry that there are few institutions able to absorb a collection of its size.

Susan Alberts, Duke’s dean of natural sciences and one of the university administrators who decided to move the herbarium, acknowledged that the collection is “an incredibly valuable and precious resource,” but said it is time for Duke to find it a new home and invest university resources elsewhere.

“It’s a zero-sum game,” Alberts said. “Nobody has infinite resources.”

The pending closure has led to outcry from plant curators around the world, who say the loss threatens scientists’ knowledge of biodiversity. “Having a premier, prestige university like Duke de-committing to this resource — it’s just shocking, honestly,” said Charles Davis, a biology professor who curates vascular plants at Harvard University’s herbaria.

For Kathleen Pryer, the loss is personal. As director of the Duke Herbarium and steward of this botanical treasure trove, she has spent most of her life tending to plants collected over a century around the world — flowers fastened to paper, mosses tucked in tiny envelopes, cacti stored in tiny cardboard boxes. This is where she has sought to inspire generations of budding botanists, and even where she met her husband. Duke’s herbarium will be the largest closed or relocated in U.S. history.

“This is killing me,” she said.

Plant trove

These dead-plant libraries can feel like a relic of an old way of doing science — akin to tromping through the wilderness to hunt animals for taxidermy. The first herbaria sprouted up in Europe during the Renaissance to train medical students and catalogue the unfamiliar plants explorers brought back from their travels.

Today, there are some 3,600 registered herbaria worldwide, and that number is growing. But many are smaller than Duke’s, said Barbara Thiers, a former director of the New York Botanical Garden’s herbarium, and most of that growth is happening abroad. The creation of new plant collections does not compensate for the loss of old ones with records stretching back more than a century, which allow researchers to see if a species’ range and blooming patterns are changing over the years.

Some prominent U.S. universities, such as Stanford and

Princeton, have ditched natural history collections as scientists were increasingly studying the inner workings of cells under microscopes rather than focusing on the whole organism. In 2017, the University of Louisiana at Monroe moved its plant and fish collections to make room for sports facilities.

Today, plant curators say, technological advances mean herbaria are going through a renaissance of their own. Advances that have drastically lowered the cost of computing and genetic sequencing have opened up opportunities that are not available with other plant records, like field notes and illustrations. Researchers are trying to discover new species by writing AI programs to scan plant libraries and probe the secrets of evolution by extracting DNA from decades-old specimens.

One fern, for example, was part of a DNA study in which Pryer and her colleagues uncovered a bizarre example of plants performing genetic engineering on themselves by acquiring a light-detecting gene from a distantly related plant called a hornwort that may have allowed them to thrive in dark forests.

Another fern was part of one of Pryer’s DNA studies showing how two plants separated by 60 million years of evolution were able to interbreed — a feat akin to an elephant mating with a manatee or a human hybridizing with a lemur.

The research revamped scientists’ understanding of how long two species could be separated but still mate.

“There are whole new series of very sophisticated, highly sensitive scientific techniques that are now amenable to applying to herbarium records in ways that we’d never previously imagined,” Davis said.

Some of the most powerful work done at herbaria involves uncovering so-called “dark extinctions” — that is, the loss of species scientists didn’t even know existed.

Decades can pass between when botanists bring a plant to a herbarium and when it is determined to be a new species. The only way researchers know some extinct plants once existed is through the careful detective work of herbarium curators.

“It’s the kind of thing that I lose sleep about at night,” Davis said.

Plants and people

Pryer, born in Quebec, went to college at McGill University in Montreal to study animal behavior. “I wanted to be the next Jane

Goodall,” she says. But after taking a botany class, she flipped to plants. “That switch went on and it was like, ‘These are my people, this is my thing,’ and I never looked back.”

She came to Duke to pursue her doctorate in large part because of its herbarium. Aside from a six-year stint at Chicago’s Field Museum, Pryer has been here ever since. She teaches an undergraduate class about the importance of plants in society, called “Plants and People,” with her husband, Michael Windham.

“We disclose it to students now when we teach,” Pryer said during a tour of the herbarium. “We may act like an old married couple. . . .” “...because we are!” said Windham, who curates the herbarium’s flowers, ferns and other vascular plants.

The pair said that many of their students are pre-med. “Even though we say doctors used to be botanists first, because they had to know their plants to be able to cure, they’re like, ‘Yeah, whatever,’” Pryer said.

Recently, Pryer had some luck getting a young mind interested in plants. Kylie Dumaw, a Raleigh-area high school student, had read some of her research on genetics and reached out about helping at the herbarium.

As a ballerina, Dumaw was drawn to the pink lady’s slipper. Along with Pryer and Windham, she is one of the researchers who pieced together the flower’s blooming history.

“In high school, you hear the word ‘research,’ but I had no idea what that would entail,” said Dumaw, who is planning to present her findings about the orchid at a botany conference in June.

“This herbarium can be used by so many different people for so many different purposes,” she added. “I wouldn’t have been able to do any of this if it weren’t for the herbarium.”

Where to root a plant collection

Alberts, the Duke dean behind the decision to transfer the collection, said she knows how important Duke’s plant collection is — both in and outside the university — to understanding nature’s diversity. “It’s really important that we think about it as relocating rather than closing,” said Alberts, who researches baboons. “We see this as an incredibly valuable and precious resource.”

But there are several reasons to relocate the herbarium now, according to Alberts.

Several of its scientists, including Pryer, are near retirement. One of the buildings housing the

collection is old and needs repairs, so a big portion will need to be put in storage somewhere else. “That creates a huge problem for hiring any faculty to study the herbarium in the short term,” Alberts said.

It would take a \$25 million endowment for Duke to keep the herbarium, she added. Alberts said she did not know yet what Duke will do with the 9,500 square feet of office space on campus it now occupies. She thinks these sort of plant collections are better kept by museums rather than academic departments.

“That’s what natural history museums are for,” she said. “This is not a debate about the value of the herbarium.”

Pryer, who was in the middle of discussions with a Duke alum interested in donating \$1 million to the herbarium when she learned of the university’s plans, said there is “no substantiation” to that \$25 million price tag. To boot, she and other critics note, Duke could afford it with its large endowment. Getting rid of the collection “makes Duke look like it doesn’t want to be a leader in biodiversity research and climate change research,” Pryer added.

In response, Alberts said Duke’s commitment to climate research is “unchanged.” But when it comes to the herbarium, she added, “there is no way back from this decision.”

Botanists across the country have protested the decision, penning op-eds, journal articles and an online petition endorsed by six science societies that drew more than 19,000 signatures.

“We’re not just keeping these around because they’re quaint and pretty,” said Thiers, who tracks herbaria and used to run the country’s largest. “We’re just barely scratching the surface of what we can do.”

Alberts and other university administrators are committed to keeping the collection together.

But advocates for the Duke Herbarium say a collection as big as Duke’s may have to sit in storage while a new facility is being prepared, risking damage to delicate plants from insects or fungi. A relocation of this size is also prone to having specimens misplaced and lost forever, endangering future research on how plants are adapting to human-driven climate change.

None of the institutions capable of taking on Duke’s collection have yet stepped forward.

“I can’t think of any that have just moved into some new facility where they could just easily incorporate that many specimens,” Thiers said.

Ever since the closure announcement, Pryer has fielded hundreds of emails from researchers, with some asking for specimens. Granting those requests would mean splitting up the collection.

“That would be really the most horrific thing that could happen,” Pryer said.

If Duke goes through with its decision, the task of packing up the specimens for their new home would fall to her and her staff. She knows how important it is to preserve the collection but can’t bring herself to send away her life’s work.

“I did not get up to my golden years here to be packing up specimens and destroying a legacy. ... I won’t be part of that.”

Dinosaur that roamed Montana 78 million years ago had horns like the Norse god Loki’s blades

BY WILL DUNHAM

About 78 million years ago in what was then a subtropical coastal plain — now the badlands of northern Montana — lived a four-legged plant-eating dinosaur built a bit like a rhinoceros with a fabulously ornate set of horns on its head.

This newly identified dinosaur, called *Lokiceratops rangiformis*, was about 22 feet long, weighed around 5.5 tons and used a powerful beak at the front of its mouth to browse on low-growing vegetation such as ferns and flowering plants, scientists said last Thursday.

Lokiceratops had two curving horns more than 16 inches long above its eyes, small horns on its cheeks, and blades and spikes along its extended head shield. On this frill, it had at least 20 horns including an asymmetrical pair of curved blade-shaped ones, each about two feet long. Those are the largest frill horns ever observed on a dinosaur.

These blade-like horns, evocative of weaponry wielded by the trickster god Loki in Norse mythology, helped inspire its scientific name, which also recognizes the permanent home of the fossils at the Museum of Evolution in Denmark.

The name means “Loki’s horned face” and “formed like a caribou,” referring to the fact that its frill displays horns of different lengths on each side, like caribou antlers.

It was one of numerous species of horned dinosaurs, called ceratopsians, that roamed western North America during the Cretaceous Period at a time when a large inland sea split the continent in half.

Lokiceratops pushes the envelope on bizarre headgear for ceratopsians, according to paleontologist Joe Sertich of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and Colorado State University, co-lead author of the study published in the journal PeerJ.

“The horns and frill were most likely used for display in Lokiceratops and other horned dinosaurs. These displays could have been used to intimidate rivals, attract mates or recognize members of the same species,” Sertich said.

The lack of a nose horn, present in many ceratopsians, lessens the likelihood that Lokiceratops used its horns to defend against predators, according to

paleontologist and study co-lead author Mark Loewen of the University of Utah and the Natural History Museum of Utah.

The Lokiceratops fossils were unearthed at a Montana site about two miles south of the U.S. border with Canada. Lokiceratops inhabited a coastal plain featuring forests, lakes and swamps along the eastern coast of Laramidia, the landmass that comprised western North America.

The ceratopsian family tree has two main groups: chasmosaurines, including the largest of the horned dinosaurs Torosaurus and Triceratops, and centrosaurines, like Lokiceratops.

Dinosaurs in these two groups may have fed differently, minimizing their competition for resources.

Ceratopsian dinosaurs had mouths containing more than 200 teeth that could shear vegetation.

Surprisingly, Lokiceratops was one of five horned dinosaur species sharing the same ecosystem. Four of them were centrosaurines, including two close relatives of Lokiceratops in Medusaceratops and Albertaceratops.

“Really, this is like finding five species of elephants living on the same savanna in Kenya,” Loewen said.

The presence of all of these animals together indicates there was a rapid evolution of new centrosaurine species occurring in a limited geographical region, Sertich said.

Other dinosaurs in this ecosystem included the herbivorous duckbilled dinosaur Probrachylophosaurus and a large carnivorous dinosaur, known only from tooth fossils and not yet given a name, from the same lineage as the later T. rex. Lokiceratops was the most massive plant-eater in the ecosystem.

“This is the first time five ceratopsians have been recognized from the same ecosystem. For over a century, it was believed that no more than two could co-exist in the same ecosystem, but emerging evidence here in Montana, and elsewhere in southern Laramidia, is revealing unexpected richness,” Sertich said.

“This parallels a pattern seen in mammalian evolution that is still on display in east and south Africa with bovids -antelope and buffalo,” Sertich added.

— Reuters

SCIENCE SCAN

CETOLOGY

Gray whales in the Pacific Northwest are getting shorter, according to study using drone imagery

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Pacific gray whales have become smaller this century, a recent analysis suggests.

Published in Global Change Biology, the study relied on drone imagery collected off the coast of central Oregon between 2016 and 2022. Researchers identified individual whales, comparing them with photographs and using previous research to figure out their probable sex and age when possible. Overall, the researchers analyzed 827 images of 130 individual gray whales.

The researchers combined the information with environmental data about factors that affect the whales’ foraging grounds, including the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, a fluctuation in sea temperatures that waxes and wanes about every 20 to 30 years in the Pacific Ocean. Current- and oscillation-driven upwelling is thought to push nutrient-rich phytoplankton into the whales’ foraging grounds, a process likely to be affected by climate change.

Though the whales’ lengths varied, the analysis found that overall they undergo a rapid growth phase between age 10 and 15, with growth slowing afterward. They typically grow to between 38 and 41 feet long at maturity.

But whales born after 2000 were significantly shorter than those born during the 20th century, the researchers found, with a whale born after 2000 likely to reach a maximum length about

Modeling individual growth reveals decreasing gray whale body length and correlations with ocean climate indices at multiple scales

Global Change Biology

five feet, four inches shorter than that of a whale born before 2000. The decline has been greater in females, which are now comparable in length to males.

The length differences do not appear to be inherited, suggesting an environmental cause, the researchers said. However, the exact mechanism driving the shift is unclear.

“In general, size is critical for animals,” Enrico Pirotta, lead author of the study and a researcher at the University of St Andrews, said in a news release. “It affects their behavior, their physiology, their life history, and it has cascading effects for the animals and for the community they’re a part of.” The whales’ reproductive success and ability to adjust to environmental changes could be affected, the researchers noted.

Overall, they concluded, the study is more evidence that large marine predators are becoming smaller over time. Future research should test the potential effects of different climate conditions and see declining average size as a possible warning sign for other problems such as population declines and issues within the whales’ food chain, they added.

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BIG NUMBER

17 percent Nearly 17 percent (16.9) of U.S. adults practiced yoga in 2022, according to a new report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The report, which was compiled by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, used data from the 2022 National Health Interview Survey. The researchers analyzed the percentage of adults 18 and older who practiced yoga, looking at their motivation and how it differed across demographics. The researchers found that yoga practice varied by sex, age, race and Hispanic origin, as well as family income. The data showed that women were twice as likely as men to practice yoga. About 23 percent of women in the sample practiced yoga, compared with 10.3 percent of men. At about 21 percent, adults 18 through 44 did yoga more than other age groups in the sample. Additionally, Asian non-Hispanic adults were more likely to practice yoga than other races. Socioeconomics also played a role in yoga practice. Adults with incomes of at least 400 percent of the federal poverty line were more likely to practice yoga than other income levels. People were also asked about why they practiced yoga, and 80 percent of them said they did so to restore overall health, 57.4 percent engaged in meditation as part of yoga, and 28.8 percent practiced yoga to treat or manage pain. But the percentage of adults who practiced yoga to treat or manage pain decreased as family income increased. Yoga practice among U.S. adults has increased substantially in the United States since 2002, when 5 percent of Americans said they used it, the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health reported this year. Yoga can help to promote physical and mental well-being, the CDC says.

— Hannah Docter-Loeb

HEALTH NEWS

Eating seasonally and relying on local produce yield both health and environmental benefits

By Albert Stumm

As peak summer approaches in Sicily, Anna Fiannaca prefers the peppers, eggplants and zucchini her brothers grow over the packaged food in the supermarket.

The 89-year-old cooks everything from scratch and eats mostly vegetarian. But she attributes much of her continued good health to adjusting her diet to what is most available throughout the year.

“It was just the way of life in Sicily, taking whatever the seasons will give you,” said Fiannaca, who lives near Agrigento.

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables is one of many aspects that makes the Mediterranean diet healthy. It also includes an abundance of nuts, legumes, beans and healthy fat from olive oil and fish.

But nutrition experts say no matter where you are, buying in-season produce is an easy step toward better eating habits.

“Seasonal eating is kind of a pathway to build a broader diet variety,” said Sharon Gray, a registered dietitian who supervises the University of Connecticut’s community nutrition program.

Why is seasonal eating better for you?

Consuming a high variety of fruits and vegetables is an important part of good nutrition, lowering the risk of heart disease, obesity and other ailments.

Choosing whatever is most abundant in the market each month is a good way to start, said Gray, who offers healthy cooking workshops to low-income Hart-

ford residents. In New England, the summer’s tomatoes, berries and peaches give way to autumn’s pumpkins, squash and cranberries. All are high in antioxidants and fiber, and provide a wide range of vitamins, minerals and complex carbohydrates.

It helps that in-season produce tastes better.

Eating seasonally often also means eating locally, said Julia Zumpano, a registered dietitian at the Cleveland Clinic, specializing in disease prevention and management. Besides the environmental benefits, local produce generally has more nutrients because it has naturally ripened and is consumed soon after being picked.

“You’re going to maximize your vitamins and minerals in there, the polyphenols and antioxidants that are the foundations of how we decrease the risk of disease,” Zumpano said.

How do you get started?

Changing your diet requires a bit of an open mind, said Sean Heffron, cardiologist at the Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease at NYU Langone Heart. He counsels patients to look beyond the vegetables available year-round.

Experts caution that eating seasonally isn’t a cure-all, and some studies have found people in colder climates suffer from nutritional deficiency in winter. That means you should still buy leafy greens and other vegetables all year.

“We need seven to nine servings of fruits and vegetables every day,” Zumpano said. “Ninety percent of us don’t eat enough of them.”

— Associated Press

HEALTH SCAN

COGNITION

Hot weather associated with reduced language complexity in review of political speeches

By Erin Blakemore

An analysis of more than 7 million speeches by lawmakers suggests that politicians use simpler language on high-temperature days, which researchers say may point to a potential effect of a warming climate on cognition.

The study, published in iScience, looked at 7.4 million speeches given by over 28,500 legislators in eight countries in an attempt to learn whether extreme temperatures might affect cognitive performance — even indoors. Extreme heat and cold are expected to become more frequent and intense as climate change progresses, with extreme temperatures linked to a variety of health problems.

The researchers analyzed the texts of speeches given in D.C.; London; Vienna; Amsterdam; Wellington, New Zealand; Copenhagen; Madrid; Bonn, Germany; and Berlin between 1950 and 2019, linking temperature data from the day of the speech to the language used by legislators.

The analysis showed that language proficiency among politicians decreased on high-temperature days, but not on cold days, with heat decreasing the language complexity score equivalent to “approximately a half month of lower educational attainment.” Speeches given on hot days had 3.3 percent shorter word lengths, though sentence lengths stayed the same.

When the researchers analyzed a subset of the data from Germany, they found that for legislators over age 57, the effects of heat began at 69.8 to 75.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

The effect of temperature on language complexity: Evidence from seven million parliamentary speeches

iScience

Language complexity during hot periods differed between men and women but not to a statistical significance. The effects carried over to indoor speeches, the researchers said, theorizing that lawmakers’ brief exposure to outdoor heat on their way to give speeches could have an impact and noting that “extreme temperatures can also disrupt sleep.”

“The simplification of political discourse has mixed implications; while simpler language can enhance public understanding and engagement, it might also signal reduced cognitive performance due to heat,” Tobias Widmann, an assistant professor of political science at Aarhus University in Denmark and a co-author of the study, said in a news release. “This could have negative consequences for the productivity of parliament members, affecting legislative decision-making, citizen representation and budget planning.”

The study did not test specific mechanisms behind drops in language complexity, and the researchers note that many political speeches are written well before they are given. They recommend that future research include more advanced measures of language and more demographic data on the speakers. Nevertheless, they write, extreme temperatures could “have far-reaching negative implications for society as a whole.”

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

How to carry heavy items more easily

By Michele Stanten

Are you finding it a little more difficult to lift grocery bags out of the car or carry cooking pots from the stove to the sink? It’s not uncommon as the years pass.

A study of nearly 5,000 adults, published in the journal Work in 2013, found that people in their 40s were able to comfortably hoist 17 percent more weight than those in their 60s. “As we get older, we tend to lose muscle mass, which relates to decreases in strength,” says Jennifer Brach, a professor of physical therapy at the University of Pittsburgh. “If you have less strength, it can be harder to carry something heavy.”

Cardio capacity declines with age, too, so you may tire faster than you used to when carrying a heavy item, says Todd Manini, co-director of the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Joint, muscle, nerve and flexibility issues can also make tasks like moving furniture and placing luggage into overhead bins more difficult. Here’s how to make this all easier and ensure that you don’t fall or otherwise injure yourself.

Set yourself up for success

Regular exercise can counteract some declines that make lifting and carrying harder. “As people become more sedentary, they become weaker,” says Manini. Aim for at least 150 minutes of aerobic activity like brisk walking, cycling or swimming weekly. Strength-train at least twice a week to keep your muscles strong. Stretch regularly for flexibility.

At home, place heavy items you use often in easily accessible spots on shelves or cabinets — not high up or low down. Ensure the area is well lit and free of trip hazards. For the same reason, wear well-fitting, supportive shoes that stay securely on your feet when you’re lifting something heavy — no slippers.

Whether at home or out, break up loads so that each one is lighter, even if you have to make multiple trips. That may mean fewer items in each grocery bag or a



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Loss of muscle mass makes it harder to lift things later in life, but there are ways to counteract that.

smaller laundry basket. “Think of it as exercise,” says Brach. “The more trips you make, the more steps you’re getting.”

Lift and carry the right way

Prepare your body. Five minutes of walking or marching in place, squats and shoulder rolls will loosen joints and warm up muscles so that they’re ready to work.

Get close. Slide or pull the item you plan to lift toward you — ideally, it should be no more than a few inches away from your body. “The farther away the object is, the more force it puts on muscles and joints,” Manini says.

Stand with feet shoulder width apart. A wide base of support provides stability for lifting. Tighten your abs, too, to help protect your back.

Use your legs, not your back. That means bending your knees and squatting to pick up an object that’s below you (say, on the floor). “Your legs are bigger muscles,” says Manini. “They were designed to do this.” Don’t bend at the waist, because it may strain your back.

Lift with care. Keep your head up and your shoulders back, and hold the object at waist height, close to your body. Then straighten your legs. As you carry the item, stand straight, make sure it’s not obscuring your vision and take small steps. To set it back down, tighten your stomach muscles and squat slowly.

Helpful tools to try

An inexpensive grabber tool extends your reach by up to three feet, which is helpful if you have trouble bending down or getting items on high shelves without a stool. These are useful for lighter items like a can of soup. If you need to use a step stool to reach objects above you from time to time, choose a two-step model with a wide base and a handle to hold onto.

For furniture and other weighty objects, you can slip round disks called sliders underneath them to slide them across a floor. And if you must climb stairs to do laundry, a bag is a safer alternative to a basket. You can pull it while holding on to the stair railing, and it won’t obstruct

your vision.

A cart with wheels offers a trouble-free way to move heavy items like multiple full shopping bags when you’re out and about. Many are foldable, so they can be kept conveniently in your car.

A car organizer (these typically have bins, nets or straps) keeps objects from sliding deep into your trunk, where they can be hard to reach. At home or out, if you’re carrying items like books or a laptop, consider a backpack. This evenly distributes the weight and keeps the objects close to your body, which is more comfortable than a bag that you hold at your side or carry on your shoulder.



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Preserve leg strength for years to come in your 60s

By Leo Sands

It’s never too late to start lifting weights — and now there are more signs it can provide enduring health benefits for older people.

Researchers at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark found that regularly lifting weights for a year in your mid-60s can preserve the strength of your leg muscles for years to come. Here are the key findings:

- Retirement-age people who underwent a 12-month weightlifting training regimen had noticeably stronger leg muscles three years after finishing the program than those who did more moderate strengthening exercises or none at all, the study found.
- The weightlifting training group visited a commercial gym three times a week for a year and repeatedly lifted what was considered a heavy load: 70 to 85 percent of the maximum weight a person can physically lift at one time.
- Although the supervised program lasted only a year, scientists followed up three years later. Individuals in the “heavy” weightlifting cohort were the only participants to have maintained, on average, the leg strength they had before they began the training program.

Notably, leg strength is a critical indicator of wider health and mobility among older people. The findings add to a growing body of evidence suggesting that weightlifting can help older people stave off frailty and stay healthy as they age.

“Leg strength is really important,” Mads Bloch-Ibenfeldt, a medical researcher at the University of Copenhagen who co-wrote the study, said in a phone interview last Wednesday. “We use the legs in a lot of everyday tasks, like getting up and down from a chair. So it’s important for reducing the risk of falls, and for a lot of everyday tasks we do.”

The weightlifting workout

As part of the study, scientists at a university hospital in Copenhagen divided 451 people at retirement age into three randomized groups, each tasked with completing a different one-year exercise regimen.

The “heavy” weightlifting training group visited a commercial gym three times a week for a supervised program of full-body strength training.

Participants determined the



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Older adults who took part in a weightlifting program had stronger legs longer than those who did more moderate strength training.

most weight they could lift at one time using typical weight machines found in gyms. Then they calculated 70 to 85 percent of their one-rep maximum and used that weight in their training. So if the most they could lift at one time was 100 pounds, they used 70- to 85-pound weights in their training.

They trained three times a week, doing three sets of every exercise. Each set included 6 to 12 repetitions.

The routine included a mixture of nine upper- and lower-body exercises: leg press, knee extension, leg curl, ankle plantar flexion exercises, hip abduction, low rowing, chest press, abdominal crunches and lower-back exercises.

Although the scientists described the regimen as “heavy” weightlifting compared to two other groups in the study, the weight training program may be similar to many standard weight training routines.

Heavy weight training vs. moderate resistance

The second group underwent a year-long moderate-intensity training regimen using body weight and resistance bands three times a week. The resistance bands were less challenging than the heavy group’s weights — about 50 to 60 percent of the maximum weight a person can lift at one time.

The third cohort was a control group that did less than one hour of strenuous exercise a week.

Over four years, scientists observed participants’ physical strength, including leg strength, handgrip strength and lean leg mass. Researchers measured participants’ strength at the begin-

ning of the supervised 12-month training regimen, then again after it ended. They followed up again one year after it finished, and three years after it ended.

After three years, researchers noted that a small minority of exercise participants had continued with the same program of their own accord, yet the benefits of the heavy training workout were maintained.

“We found that if you did one year of resistance training with heavy weights, you were able to maintain the strength in your legs that you had when you began the study,” Bloch-Ibenfeldt said.

The other groups were found to have lost strength from their baselines. Four years after the start of the study, leg strength performance decreased on average among those in the moderate-intensity training cohort and the non-exercising control group — although more significantly among the latter. Those who did the moderate program initially benefited from increased leg strength at the end of the one-year regimen, but those benefits did not endure: After four years, their strength was less than it had been at baseline.

The scientists observed that all three groups, including those lifting the heaviest weights, exhibited diminished handgrip strength and a lower lean leg mass after four years.

But the fact that the heavy lifting group had maintained their baseline leg strength while losing lean leg mass was notable, the authors observed, underscoring some of the potential neuromuscular benefits of weight training beyond building muscle.

“Neural adaptations influence the response to resistance train-

ing,” they wrote. “In conclusion, we showed that in a group of well-functioning older adults around retirement age, one year of (heavy resistance training) may induce long-lasting beneficial effects by preserving muscle function.”

At the end of the study, the average age of the 369 remaining participants was 71 years old and included 61 percent women.

The researchers noted that the participants were likely to be healthier and more active than the average aging population, given that they averaged almost 10,000 daily steps as a sample group. They noted that this group was not necessarily a representative sample of the wider population.

Also, the one-year training regimen was supervised, with people’s technique and load monitored and adjusted, meaning it might be difficult for people to replicate on their own.

Why leg strength matters as we age

According to research by the National Institute on Aging, age-related loss of muscle mass and strength — known as sarcopenia — is a significant contributor to limited mobility in older age, which in turn can threaten a person’s physical independence. Older people with limited mobility can have difficulty walking, ascending stairs and getting out of chairs.

Leg strength in particular — which is crucial for balance and mobility — is associated with better health outcomes for older adults. Research suggests that people older than 50 with lower levels of leg power are more likely to also experience chronic health conditions, although more research is needed.

Federal guidelines suggest adults older than 65 should do muscle-strengthening activities every week, as well as regular aerobic activity and exercises to improve balance.

“In addition to aerobic activity, older adults need to do things to strengthen muscles at least 2 days a week. Do muscle-strengthening activities to the point where it’s hard to do another repetition without help,” the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance states. According to the CDC, this could include lifting weights, working with resistance bands or doing body-weight activities like sit-ups.

Ferocious back pain followed her daughter’s birth

MEDICAL MYSTERY FROM E1

“I felt so much better,” recalled the children’s book author who also devises crossword puzzles for the New Yorker and the New York Times.

Her relief proved to be short-lived.

Several days after her parents’ departure Lucido stumbled into the bathroom early one morning and unintentionally sat down hard on the toilet. Instantly she felt a sickening shudder in her lower back followed by the sensation of an electric current shooting up her spine. Intense nausea came next. Worried she might pass out from the pain, Lucido lay on the bathroom floor. Then she woke her husband to tell him she needed to go to the ER, where she was given medication to treat back spasms.

It would take a second trip to the ER, consultations with several specialists and a fortuitous online search to unearth the little-known cause of the intense pain that left Lucido temporarily dependent on a walker and nearly unable to take a shower, dress herself or care for her baby.

The condition has upended her life, prompting an unplanned cross-country move to help facilitate her recovery, a process expected to take months.

“I really want people to know about this disease because lack of awareness is the reason it often becomes so debilitating,” she said. Had she known what was wrong earlier, Lucido could have taken simple steps to reduce her risk and minimize the damage.

Slip and fall

Before and during her trouble-free pregnancy, Lucido ran, lifted weights and bicycled. She wasn’t concerned when she developed mild back pain.

Her friends who’d had babies had dealt with a variety of ailments and Lucido was no stranger to back problems. In July 2021 she had slipped and fallen at home, smacking her back on the edge of a wooden stair. An X-ray revealed a compression fracture of a vertebrae in her spine.

Lucido wore a back brace while she recovered. After three months, she said, “it was like the injury had almost never happened.”

But at the urging of her parents, both of whom had been diagnosed with osteoporosis before their late 50s, Lucido convinced

reluctant doctors to order a DEXA scan to assess her bone density. The noninvasive scan, which uses an enhanced form of X-ray, revealed a score of -3.3, unusually low particularly for a young adult, and an indicator of osteoporosis, a condition that causes bones to become weak, brittle and to break more easily.

The endocrinologist Lucido consulted in 2022, who knew she was trying to conceive, advised her to consume sufficient amounts of calcium and vitamin D and return for a consultation when she was finished having children. (Osteoporosis drugs are not advisable during pregnancy.) Because of her low bone density, he offhandedly suggested she might consider limiting breastfeeding to about six months.

A year and a half later, after her first visit to the ER, Lucido sought to determine whether breastfeeding might be related to her worsening back pain. The response from a second endocrinologist, a primary care physician assistant, a physical medicine doctor and several lactation consultants was a resounding no.

They told her they had never heard of such a connection and suspected that something as yet unidentified was causing her pain.

Unable to schedule an appointment with the endocrinologist she had seen previously, Lucido saw a second endocrinologist. The doctor told Lucido she suspected she had wrenched a muscle.

“She said, ‘I wouldn’t want to deprive you of breastfeeding just because you have osteoporosis,’ ” Lucido remembers.

By mid-November, a few weeks after her ER visit, walking had become difficult. Lucido was popping copious quantities of anti-inflammatory pills and muscle relaxants and spending much of her day on the couch. Her sister arrived from the East Coast to help.

An X-ray and an MRI ordered by the PA she saw for primary care revealed something unexpected: two new mild fractures of her lower spine along with herniated disks, which are usually caused by age-related degeneration or an injury. It wasn’t clear what caused them, although they might have been the result of the toilet episode.

What alarmed Lucido was that no one seemed interested in investigating. She recalls feeling increasingly apprehensive about what might happen next.



COURTESY OF AIMEE LUCIDO

Aimee Lucido with her daughter, Lyra. Lucido’s back pain developed 10 weeks after Lyra was born.

Spilled milk

One morning in early December 2023 while brushing her teeth, Lucido felt an odd ache in her lower back “as if my spine was made of two sharp pencils balancing point to point.”

She gingerly inched her way downstairs, pulled milk out of the refrigerator and, fearing she had missed the counter, twisted and lunged to prevent the carton from crashing to the floor. Within seconds it felt as if her lower back was on fire. Lucido dropped to the floor screaming in pain.

Her husband and sister raced into the room to find her curled in a fetal position and called 911. Paramedics, who gave her a strong anti-inflammatory drug, suggested she might have sciatica, nerve pain that starts in the lower back and is sometimes caused by a disk problem.

At the ER, the doctor seemed perplexed. After Lucido told him that Valium and lidocaine had helped control her pain previously he ordered them. But he declined Lucido’s request for an X-ray and without explanation told her he couldn’t get her a back brace or a walker.

Lucido said he seemed increasingly impatient. He knew back spasms could be “uncomfortable,” she remembers him saying, but his shift was ending in a few hours and he couldn’t leave until she did. He offered her a cane and said that if she was unable to walk she could go to “assisted living.”

Finally, she said, after a second round of injections a walker was

found and she hobbled out of the hospital.

Lucido decided she had to wean her daughter, who was 4 months old. Breastfeeding, she said, “was just getting too hard” and required painful contortions to accommodate a squirming baby while protecting her damaged back.

She and her family also began scouring the internet for information and urgently attempting to snag scarce appointments with the few Bay Area endocrinologists who specialize in treating bone disorders.

As Lucido reduced and then stopped breastfeeding, her pain receded. But one night in late December she stretched in her sleep and felt something pop near her tailbone. An X-ray revealed two new spinal fractures.

‘The clouds parted’

Their search paid off. Lucido’s mother found a press release describing a condition that sounded uncannily familiar. In 2018 Columbia University’s Irving Medical Center had launched a program headed by endocrinologist Adi Cohen to recruit, study and treat women with a rare condition called pregnancy- and lactation-associated osteoporosis (PLO).

A severe form of early-onset osteoporosis — osteoporosis that occurs before age 50 — PLO can occur in the late stages of pregnancy or during breastfeeding when the loss of maternal calcium leads to a temporary decrease in

bone mineral density. Unlike postmenopausal osteoporosis, which is common and affects about 10 million Americans, PLO is rare, although no one knows how rare.

Little is known about the condition, which was described more than 70 years ago. Misdiagnosis is common and many doctors have never seen a case.

Calcium loss is reversed after breastfeeding stops and does not appear to affect the risk of developing osteoporosis later in life. But in women who have PLO, calcium depletion can result in fragility fractures — breaks not caused by a fall or other trauma — resulting in severe back pain. Some of these women may be at higher risk of developing postmenopausal osteoporosis.

The first step is to stop breastfeeding. A 2023 survey by Cohen and her colleagues of 177 women with PLO found that their average age was about 32, and that most fractures occurred during first pregnancies and while breastfeeding. Nearly half reported five or more fractures, usually of the spine.

Recovery varies. A spontaneous rebound of bone density can occur within a year of giving birth, but some women may benefit from osteoporosis medication.

“It was as though the clouds parted,” Lucido remembers when she read about the diagnosis.

Lucido exchanged emails with Cohen. With the help of her physical medicine doctor she managed

to secure an expedited appointment with Muriel Babey, an endocrinologist specializing in bone diseases at the University of California at San Francisco.

Babey diagnosed Lucido with PLO and said she suspects her case involves genetic factors, including a family history of osteoporosis. A second DEXA scan taken shortly after she stopped breastfeeding showed that Lucido’s bone density had decreased to -4.2. During the four months she breastfed, she suffered eight fractures.

Because few women of child-bearing age have undergone DEXA scans (they are typically recommended starting at 65), most would be unlikely to discover they had low bone density until they broke a bone.

“If you’re starting at a very low level of bone mineral density you’re putting yourself at risk for complications,” Babey noted. She recommended that Lucido take an injectable osteoporosis drug in the hope of strengthening her bones.

“I am much, much better,” Lucido said in May, after returning from a two-week trip to New York City that involved lots of walking, something she couldn’t have envisioned in January.

“I feel hopeful,” she said. “For a while it was, ‘Am I ever going to be able to walk again?’ ”

Her diagnosis prompted a major life change. Because they needed more help immediately, Lucido and her husband sold their house in Berkeley in March and temporarily moved in with Lucido’s parents in North Carolina. They plan to relocate to a New York City suburb in August.

“We realized we couldn’t be so far away,” said Lucido, who recently became Cohen’s patient and is enrolled in a research study at Columbia.

Although she is now largely pain-free and has had no fractures since she stopped breastfeeding, Lucido’s long-term prognosis is unclear. Had she known she was at risk of PLO, she says she would never have breastfed. She worries about falling and takes precautions to avoid it. She stopped running, is careful about bending and doesn’t lift heavy objects.

What Lucido found most frightening and infuriating, she said, was skepticism about the severity of her pain coupled with an apparent disinterest in its cause at a time she felt particularly vulnerable.

“I couldn’t bathe myself or put my pants on or get out of bed,” Lucido said. “I remember thinking ‘Is nobody curious about how a healthy 33-year-old has spontaneous fractures?’ ”

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Small actions affect how our bodies manage heat

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1. Drinking alcohol can be risky in the heat

The hiss-crack-pop of an ice-cold seltzer accompanied by the glass clinks of chilled beers may sound like the perfect solution to a sweltering evening with friends, but the punishing effects from summer’s heat could be amplified by your favorite alcoholic beverage, experts say.

Alcohol opens the blood vessels in your skin, allowing the blood to be more susceptible to external temperatures. As the blood rushes to the surface, it is pulled away from your core, where it is warmed by the outside temperatures. The warmed blood is then brought back to your core where it increases your overall body temperature, said Chris Ziebell, medical director of Houston Methodist’s emergency department. In extreme heat, this can increase the risk of heat illness — heat cramps, heat exhaustion and, in severe cases, heatstroke.

“It opens up the arteries in the skin, which allows more direct contact of the blood with whatever the outside temperature is . . . both in terms of heat and in terms of cold,” Ziebell said.

Alcohol is also a diuretic, which leads to increased urination and potentially dehydration.

Ziebell explained that alcohol exacerbates fluid loss, which makes it harder to sweat. The inability to sweat can be the difference between milder heat exhaustion and a more fatal heatstroke.

“You sweat until you run out of sweat. Then you’ve lost your last bit of capacity to cool down,” Ziebell said. “And that’s what makes the temperatures go way, way up.”

2. It helps to turn to hydrating foods

As the heat is beating down, it’s important to watch what and how much we eat. Our eating habits can make us feel hotter.

Experts suggest avoiding big meals or fatty foods and fried foods because they can be harder to digest. Digesting such food can be difficult for the body to break down and can create heat, which is the last thing our bodies need to experience during a heat wave.

Instead, experts say to eat lighter meals and more frequently. They also recommend eating hydrating foods that are easy to digest such as fruits and vegetables.

The vast majority of our hydration comes from our food, said Leigh Frame, director of integrative medicine at George Washington University. In the summer, our bodies are naturally drawn to foods high in water content — like watermelon and cucumbers.

Another tip: Think about whether you’ve hydrated enough.

“Because most of our hydration comes from our food. Our body actually sends a hunger signal if we are dehydrated. So if you’re feeling hungry, you may actually be dehydrated,” Frame said.

But experts say be wary of changing your diet drastically all at once. If you start eating fruits or vegetables your body isn’t used to, your body could react poorly and it could cause gastrointestinal issues.

3. Make sure your fan is working for you

In any intense heat wave, a preferred solution is to stay in a cool or air-conditioned place. But if you’re outside or away from your air conditioner, fans are an excellent choice for cooling down — but only if it’s not too hot and humid.



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Ethan Hickman, right, uses a towel to wipe off sweat while working with Wyatt Seymore to sort boxes of fireworks inside a trailer at Powder Monkey Fireworks in Weldon Spring, Mo., on June 17.

Electric fans can play an important role in reducing our body temperature. When people are feeling hot, our bodies primarily cool themselves by sweating. As water evaporates from our skin, the surface of our skin cools. Electric fans promote sweating by moving cooler air over our skin, aiding evaporation.

But fans start to become inefficient when the air is very humid (above 50 percent, for instance) and the temperature is in the triple digits.

“If someone is outside and it’s incredibly hot and humid, sitting in the shade running an electric fan might not help,” said Luke Parsons, a climate scientist at the Nature Conservancy, who has published research on safe use of fans. “If it’s too hot and humid, sitting in front of a fan outside could in fact make you hotter.”

The World Health Organization and researchers said electric fans should only be used when temperatures are below 104 degrees Fahrenheit (40 degrees Cel-

sus) for young, healthy adults. At this temperature, the fan would be pushing around air that is much hotter than our core body temperatures and heating us. (Older adults, especially those on sweat-inhibiting medications, may find fans are less effective for them a few degrees lower.)

Parsons said to use other cooling options to maintain a stable core body temperature, like moving inside to air conditioning, sitting in a cool water bath or visiting a cooling center. An energy-efficiency tip: If you move inside, keep in mind your fan can also be combined with your indoor air conditioner at a higher temperature to reduce your energy use as well.

4. When excess caffeine can make you feel worse

You might want to rethink that second energy drink or iced coffee in extreme heat, too.

Drinks with high levels of caffeine stimulate movement which warms up the body and can dehy-

drate the body through increased urination. According to Geoffrey Comp, an emergency medicine physician at Valleywise Health medical center in Phoenix, the jittery feeling some get from drinking high levels of caffeine, and the increased movement as a result, generates more heat.

“Too much caffeine without having enough water or electrolyte replacement, plus exertion outside, can increase the amount of heat generation,” Comp said.

5. Be mindful of how medications affect your response to heat

Of course, medical professionals urge patients to continue taking their daily prescribed medications. But as temperatures soar, the side effect of different medications can affect your body heat.

Different medicines ranging from over-the-counter medicines to prescription medications can impact your body heat by either “preventing your body from getting rid of heat [or] producing

heat, [and] both of these side effects can result in a higher body temperature,” Comp said.

Antihistamines, like Benadryl and other allergy-relief medicines, cause some tightening of the blood vessels near our skin, which can limit the way the body dissipates heat. Over-the-counter weight loss supplements increase heat production in the body. Laxatives increase the amount of water leaving your body through waste, leaving less water reserves for sweating and cooling, Comp said.

Beta blockers, used by people with heart conditions, decrease the heart rate, which blocks the ability for heat exchange at the skin’s surface, keeping core temperatures warm. Some prescription amphetamines, like Ritalin and Adderall, increase heat production as it stimulates the body.

“Yes, some of these medications can change how our body manages heat. But in the long term, it’s still much more important to be taking your medications on a daily basis as prescribed than to maybe hold off because you’re concerned that it’s a hot day today,” Comp said.

Diuretic medicines, used for high blood pressure or other heart conditions, work by helping people get rid of excess fluid. The medicines are basically water pills, said Ziebell. But increased urination and loss of fluid during extreme heat can more rapidly lead to dehydration.

“If you’re peeing out excess fluid, and then you’re also sweating out excess fluid, eventually you run out of excess fluid,” Ziebell said.

Some people can become hypothermic due to side effects of a medicine, Ziebell said. Some psychiatric medicines make the muscles quiver, causing the muscles to generate heat.

“These people come in [with] really dangerously high body temperatures, and we have to cool them off aggressively,” Ziebell said.

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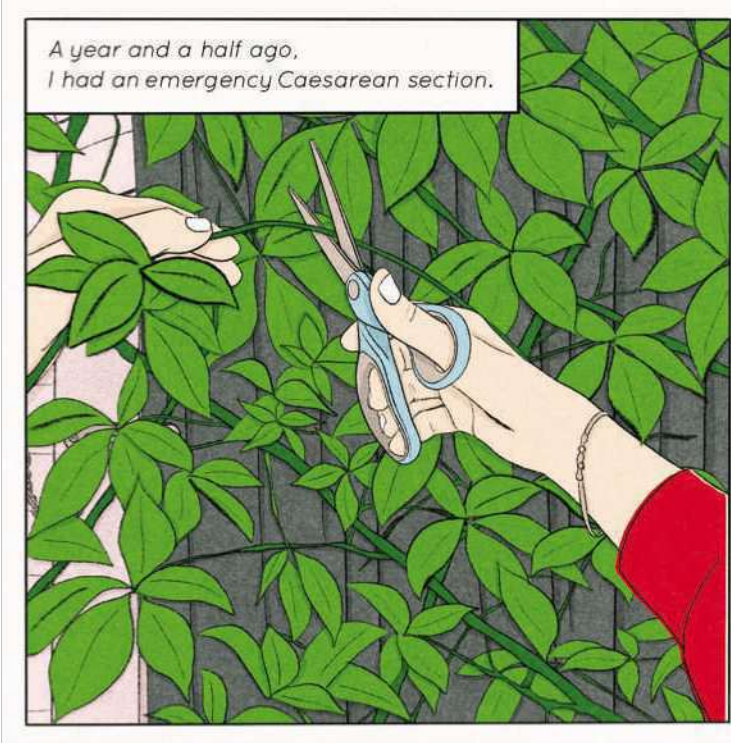
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Making art helped me heal after my emergency C-section

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My baby wasn't born in the way that I'd expected, and I'd struggled to accept it. But art therapy helped me navigate this major transition in a new way. Making art about my experience brought me closer to my son and changed the way I view my work.

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ASK A DOCTOR

Scientists have learned a lot about Lyme disease in the past five years

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ALS and other conditions that had been misdiagnosed as Lyme. At the same time, he said, doctors should think more about tick-borne diseases and how they can relate to symptoms years down the line. The key is finding a physician you can develop a long-term relationship with. "It's really important to find someone who takes the time, starts from scratch, does a thorough history and exam, and reviews your prior tests," Auwaerter said. "Then over a series of visits, you work together to find the best diagnosis that can direct care."

What do we really know about Lyme disease? We've learned so much about Lyme disease over the last five years. We know that in untreated Lyme disease, the bacteria can spread to other parts of the body, leading to complications like carditis or arthritis. But if the condition is treated, the bacteria generally do *not* evade antibiotics. For example, in one study of 252 patients, in only two patients, or 0.8 percent, did the antibiotics not work; in another study of 225 patients, antibiotics worked in every single case. But in some patients,

scientists now suspect there may be an autoimmune reaction triggered by the initial infection. (Diseases like inflammatory bowel disease or multiple sclerosis may also be triggered by infection.) In other patients, inflammation triggered by that initial, even if cleared, infection never quite dampens — perhaps because of antigens left behind by the bacteria. Recent studies have found that PTLDS patients had elevated levels of certain autoantibodies and inflammatory mediators. Patients who had high levels of these markers after antibiotic treatment had a greater than 12-fold risk of developing PTLDS. PTLDS also may be associated with other conditions, including postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), which causes your heart to beat faster than normal when you transition from sitting or lying down. We by no means have PTLDS all figured out, but we're getting closer to improving our approach to prevention and treatment. I'm optimistic about the Phase 2 results of a new three-dose Lyme disease vaccine that were recently published in the Lancet Infectious Diseases. The Phase 2 study found that the vaccine was safe, had few side effects and effectively helped the



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body create antibodies against the bacteria. Phase 3 clinical trials are underway, and Auwaerter, who is helping lead the trial, expects those results will be available by 2025 or 2026. Other researchers are building biorepositories of patients who are infected with Lyme disease, tracking blood and urine over time to help understand the mechanisms of why some people develop long-term consequences. **Why is Lyme disease so controversial?** In the past, the ill-defined

Delays in treatment are common, especially among Black patients and people of color, who do not always get a stereotypical bull's-eye rash.

constellation of symptoms long after infection was called "chronic Lyme disease." But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and others now discourage using the term. Earlier pushback against the name was based on its definition: a persistent microbial infection after antibiotics — which experts argued didn't exist. This morphed into the idea that the symptoms "didn't exist" either — and this is where, in the history of medicine, things got ugly. We've seen a similar pattern in the story of long covid — or,

before the pandemic, of Epstein-Barr virus — as validated research races to catch up to what patients are feeling. And as in these other cases, people suffering from PTLDS have been long stigmatized. So let's remember this: We may debate the cause of an illness and need more research to understand it — after all, that's the very basis of good science. But someone's suffering is not imagined. **What treatments don't work for Lyme disease?** We have fairly sufficient evidence about many therapies that do *not* work for PTLDS. For example, repeated courses of antibiotics are no better than a placebo, an important lesson learned from multiple randomized-controlled trials. This data did not surprise many in the medical community, as none of these trials found evidence of residual infection in the first place. Auwaerter also cautioned against alternative therapies that may be potentially harmful — such as hyperbaric oxygen, chelation or coffee enemas. **What I want my patients to know** Cases of Lyme disease continue to rise with climate change and are spreading geographically. Recent studies estimate that around half a million people in the United States are diagnosed and treated for it every year. That number misses the people who don't get treatment — and delays in treatment are common, especially among Black patients and people of color, who do not always get a stereotypical bull's-eye rash.

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Two patients share their experience on how Inova’s collaborative team-based multidisciplinary care delivered lifesaving results

This spring, Apryl Binder will celebrate the five-year anniversary of her successful heart transplant.

To mark the occasion, Binder likes to think of all she has to look forward to. The Virginia resident and mother of three is pursuing a degree in psychology, and this May, she’ll watch her youngest daughter graduate from high school.

Thanks to the cardiovascular experts at Inova Schar Heart and Vascular, Binder can experience these special moments and achievements without concerns of illness weighing her down.

“I was very sick before I had the heart transplant,” Binder recalls. “When your heart’s not working well, you experience all-over body fatigue. Now, I feel good. I feel normal. I’ve gotten my life back.”

The heart is arguably one of the most vital organs in the human body – and one of the most complex. For this reason, Inova Schar Heart and Vascular involves the perspective of multiple medical specialties to deliver comprehensive care of cardiac, vascular and cardiopulmonary conditions.

“What distinguishes us from many other centers around the country is our commitment to offering an integrated approach to care,” said Behnam Tehrani, M.D., who serves as Co-Director of the cardiac catheterization laboratories at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus and Co-Director of Inova Schar Heart and Vascular Cardiogenic Shock Program. “Our specialists collaborate across areas of expertise to provide a unified and systematic approach that is based on proven clinical best practices.”

Inova’s collaborative team-based approach also saved the life of John Harrity, a D.C.-based lawyer who experienced a complex heart attack while playing basketball eight years ago.

“We have been on the forefront of leveraging a wide range of cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary expertise. Close collaboration across clinical areas enables our team to develop a course of treatment to address complex conditions.”

—Christopher O’Connor, MD, President of Inova Schar Heart and Vascular

When Harrity arrived at Inova that afternoon, it was the quick decision making of Inova’s Cardiogenic Shock Team – a group of interventional cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, advanced heart failure specialists and intensivists – that stabilized him when his condition went from bad to worse.

“Everything happened really fast, and I was unconscious for a lot of the heavy lifting, but I know I’m here today because of their teamwork,” said Harrity. “I can say from experience, if you

have a heart issue in the DC area, go to Inova. They are outstanding.”

Binder and Harrity represent just two of the thousands of patients with heart disease treated at Inova each year. Their stories are exemplary of the innovative team-based approach, cutting-edge medical research and outstanding patient outcomes that have placed Inova among the nation’s top hospitals.

“These patients’ experience embodies the mission of Inova to provide world-class healthcare – every time, every touch,” said Christopher M. O’Connor, MD, President of Inova Schar Heart and Vascular. “We have been on the forefront of leveraging a wide range of cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary expertise using multidisciplinary care teams as a cornerstone of care. Close collaboration across clinical areas enables our teams to develop a course of treatment to address complex conditions that impact multiple organs and underlying health conditions that affect each patient. This approach has set new standards of excellence in the comprehensive services we deliver for our patients.”



Apryl Binder, heart attack survivor and Inova patient

Inova provides lifelong care after heart transplant

In September 2017, Apryl Binder was arriving at a friend’s house for a night of bunco when she started feeling fatigued, with radiating pain to her jaw.

A friend drove Binder to Inova Loudoun Hospital, where emergency room doctors quickly realized she was experiencing a heart attack with a complicated underlying cause.

She underwent a cardiac catheterization procedure that assesses for potential cholesterol-related blockages in the coronary arteries and also measures the pressures in the heart chambers. In Binder’s case, it was determined she was experiencing a spontaneous coronary artery dissection, or SCAD.

In this condition, a tear suddenly occurs within the layers of one or more of the coronary arteries, which can dramatically impair blood flow to the heart muscle, leading to a potentially fatal heart attack. SCAD most commonly affects women in their 40s and 50s.

“Women have been historically under-treated in the cardiovascular disease space for a number of reasons,” said Mitchell Psotka, M.D., who specializes in cardiovascular disease and advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology at Inova. “One is long standing inequities in care between men and women. Another is that heart disease presents differently in women than in men. For instance, the classic chest pain with a heart attack doesn’t tend to happen as much in women. They tend to have other symptoms such as fatigue and nausea.”

Inova offers a women’s cardiovascular health program, led by Garima Sharma, M.D., a nationally recognized expert in women’s cardiovascular health. The program is available at select Inova Cardiology and Virginia Heart outpatient offices across Northern Virginia and offers specialized expertise and an understanding of how women’s heart disease presents differently.

After being diagnosed at Inova Loudoun, Binder was flown to Inova Fairfax Medical Campus to have triple bypass surgery. “I will be forever grateful for the doctor in the emergency room who correctly diagnosed the type of heart attack I was having,” she said.

Binder’s triple bypass was performed by Eric Sarin, M.D., a cardiovascular surgeon and Co-Director of the Inova Structural Heart Program. He used a blood vessel from her leg to create another way for blood to reach her heart.

Two weeks later, she experienced compartment syndrome, a rare complication of cardiac surgery that affects the lower limbs. Again, Inova’s 24/7 multidisciplinary team of specialists were able to diagnose and treat the condition quickly. Vascular surgeon Reagan Quan, M.D., who leads vascular and endovascular surgery at Inova Loudoun Hospital, performed a fasciotomy on Binder’s right leg to relieve built-up pressure.

When Binder left the hospital in October, she remained under the watchful guidance of Psotka for months. As time went on and it became clear that Binder’s heart would not fully heal from the earlier damage resulting from the coronary artery tear, it was Psotka who recommended a heart transplant.

“When it comes to more advanced heart failure therapies such as a transplant, that is really the epitome of team-based care,” said Psotka. “We are a very large team at Inova, which is what it takes to provide the nuanced and complicated care to not only have a transplant, but then to live many, many years afterwards. This is basically a lifelong marriage between us and the patients.”

The team in charge of Binder’s transplant and recovery included not only cardiac surgeon Ramesh Singh, M.D., but a number of nurses, advanced practice providers, palliative care team members and pharmacists with expertise in transplant care.

“Our team has meetings once a week where we all get together and talk about our patients and what is best for them,” Psotka added. “We work through each of the issues and then we all go see the patients in person as well. As a physician it is very fulfilling to be a part of such multidimensional care and to know that we’re doing absolutely everything that we can for our patients.”

Just as important as a doctor’s expertise, is their ability to show compassion to a patient and their families. In the weeks before the procedure, Binder says Psotka went the extra mile to put the minds of her daughters at ease.

“Dr. Psotka actually took the time to meet with my daughters before I had the heart transplant, because they were all freaked out,” she said. “He was able to explain it in a very calm and non-scary way. I don’t know if a lot of doctors would’ve done that.”

A routine evening basketball game ended with a 911 call

Since his 30s, John Harrity has been striving for a very specific goal: to live healthy to at least 100 years old.

“I don’t drink or smoke,” he said. “I exercise at least seven times a week, and I follow a very strict, healthy diet. So that afternoon, when I started getting some unusual shortness of breath, a heart attack was not on my mind. I didn’t know healthy people could have a heart attack.”

Still, Harrity says he could tell something wasn’t right. He ended the basketball game he’d been playing with friends, and the last thing he remembers is asking them to call 911.

The 49-year-old husband, father and lawyer had suffered a complex heart attack, and after being rushed to Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, he had a second cardiac arrest and deteriorated quickly into cardiogenic shock.

“Cardiogenic shock is the end stage of heart failure, either due to a heart attack or a chronically weakened heart. These patients typically have only a 40% to 60% chance of survival,” said Tehrani. “Swift and well-coordinated intervention is critical for optimizing outcomes.”

Fortunately, with the specialists who make up Inova’s Cardiogenic Shock Team, Harrity was in good hands. In these types of emergency situations, as an interventional cardiologist stabilizes the patient, that physician also has access to a cardiac surgeon, an advanced heart failure specialist and a cardiovascular critical care physician.

“The cardiovascular critical care specialist is thinking about how to stabilize all the organ systems impacted, the advanced heart failure specialist is contemplating the patient’s suitability for mechanical circulatory support devices or heart transplant, and the cardiac surgeon is weighing options about how to best place support devices surgically if needed,” Tehrani explained. “By having these specialists from different disciplines, we are able to provide the patient the best of our combined knowledge with the goal to provide cutting edge and compassionate care.”



John Harrity, heart attack survivor and Inova patient

For Harrity, the shock team chose a support device called extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), which provided cardiac and respiratory support when his heart and lungs were unable to sustain life.

Not only was Inova among the first hospitals in the country to have a formal cardiogenic shock program, the health system was also the first to publish data around this innovative program in the Journal of American College of Cardiology in 2019. While the national survival rate for cardiogenic shock hovers at 50%, Inova’s cardiogenic shock survival rate has consistently exceeded 70%, even as its number of cases have tripled. Inova now serves as a regional hub for treating cardiogenic shock from a network of more than 30 hospitals using its care protocols. In 2023, Inova’s survival rate increased to 82%.

“Findings from our cardiogenic shock program helped inform the 2022 American Heart Association guidelines to now provide a class 2A level evidence recommendation for implementation of cardiogenic shock teams for patients afflicted with this condition,” said Tehrani.

Months later, when Harrity was awake and able to understand what had happened to him, he had one question for his doctors: would this impact his goal of living healthy to 100? His team of cardiologists and the advanced care doctors at Inova were happy to report that goal is still achievable.

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