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Trump-inspired platform eases stance on abortion Republican committee approves vision

By SETH McLAUGHLIN AND KERRY PICKET
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Republican National Committee took cues from presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump on Monday and made a giant step toward passing a party platform that softens its stance on federal abortion limits.

The RNC's platform committee signed off on a Trump-inspired vision that omits the party's embrace of a human life amendment to the Constitution and a 20-week federal ban on most abortions.

Mr. Trump's fingerprints are all over the platform, typical for a party's presumptive presidential nominee.

The 16-page platform is dedicated to the "forgotten men and women of America" and calls for a "return to commonsense."

It pledges to:

- Unleash oil and gas production, curb wasteful spending and cut federal regulations.
- Complete the U.S.-Mexico border wall, put troops on the border and begin the largest deportation program in history.
- Make the 2017 Trump income tax cuts permanent, enact reciprocal trade deals, and return American astronauts to "the Moon and onward to Mars."
- Make housing, education and health care more affordable.



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HAVING HIS SAY: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has warned pro-life candidates against pushing their principles too hard.

- Protect Social Security, strengthen Medicare and adopt universal school choice.
- Restore law and order, stop "woke and weaponized government" and defend religious liberty.

The Republican National Convention will take up the platform next week. The

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DEMOCRATS

Defiant Biden lashes out at 'party elites,' clings to will of voters

Dares doubters with convention challenge

By SUSAN FERRECHIO AND LINDSEY MCPHERSON
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Biden delivered a defiant message Monday to panicked Democratic Party leaders: He is not quitting his reelection campaign because it would disregard the will of primary voters.

Working to shore up support for his candidacy, Mr. Biden angrily resisted Democrats plotting behind his back to drop him from the 2024 ticket because of his advanced age and deteriorating mental and physical health.

"We had a Democratic nomination process and the voters have spoken clearly and decisively," the president, 81, wrote to Democrats as they returned to Capitol Hill from an Independence Day recess. "The voters — and the voters alone — decide the nominee of the Democratic Party."

Mr. Biden is suddenly battling members of his party who are increasingly concerned about his viability as a candidate and his ability to serve another term after his disastrous debate performance in Atlanta last month.

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Purposes of trips not disclosed, but Biden's fitness questioned. **A4**

Polls show he has consistently lost ground in the race against former President Donald Trump.

The president phoned MSNBC on Monday morning and dared "party elites" to try to remove him from the ticket when Democrats gather for their nominating convention Aug. 19-22 in Chicago.

"They know so much more," Biden said sarcastically of those trying to push him aside. "If any of these guys don't think I should run, run against me. Go ahead, announce for president. Challenge me at the convention."

He delivered the same message to skittish Democratic donors on a private call Monday, which was meant to subdue



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HOT COMMODITY: Interest in vocational/technical training programs has outpaced enrollment in four-year college programs as the Biden and Trump campaigns promote workforce development ahead of the November presidential election.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Doubts on degrees help fill trade schools Students forgo hefty loans, take fast track to lucrative careers

By SEAN SALMI
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Vince Gregg, principal of Blue Ridge Technical Center in Front Royal, Virginia, says he learned the hard way about the costs of accumulating four years of college debt.

Mr. Gregg graduated from the University of Virginia in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in government, but he couldn't repay his \$60,000 in student loan debt until he obtained a master's degree in education and a teaching license.

Now, he trains 600 students from two public high schools in Warren County to become cooks, auto mechanics, electricians, biomedical technicians and police officers instead of pursuing four-year college programs that may not pay their bills.

"More students are gravitating towards the trades because it's hands-on and you can make a lucrative career for yourself right out of high school without financing \$150,000 of debt to attend a four-year college," Mr. Gregg said. "If the job you want requires a college degree,

obviously you have to do that, but I think education needs to be about getting a livable wage in the kind of job you want."

Enrollment has grown at Blue Ridge and similar programs as the costs of four-year programs soar and employers eliminate college degree requirements. Some students take dual-enrolled courses at local colleges to become certified upon graduation, but most enroll in trade programs after high school.

Pinellas Technical College's

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IMMIGRATION

Cartels prey on youngest migrants to profit from grim trafficking schemes

By STEPHEN DINAN
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

You've heard the horror stories of illegal immigrant children forced into sex trafficking or labor trafficking. Jarrod Sadulski, an expert on smuggling, can tell you how those children end up in the hands of the cartels in the first place.

Mr. Sadulski has been studying the cartels and talking with migrants on both sides of the border and is revealing horrifying details of what the smugglers do to children.

Nearly every single migrant from Central America or South America is robbed in some way, he said. Some are killed if they can't pay. Others are kidnapped and taken to Western Union to collect money from family members.

Children are stolen from families south of the border and become unaccompanied alien children in the U.S. The government sends them to communities across the country, where a grim fate often awaits: occasionally sex trafficking, but usually forced labor.

"The cartels are exploiting this by having children placed with sponsors who exploit the children for profit," Mr.



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IN PERIL: Members of a Republican Senate roundtable will hear Tuesday how smuggling cartels trap migrant children in horrifying conditions.

Sadulski said.

He is scheduled to appear before a Republican Senate roundtable on Tuesday to talk about his findings.

Mr. Sadulski recently completed a border trip, including a shelter visit in McAllen, Texas. The facility's staff told him one woman refused to let go of her

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SECURITY

U.S. cheers as Japan, Philippines tighten alliance against Chinese expansionism

By ANDREW SALMON
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | Japan and the Philippines signed a bilateral security deal Monday as part of a growing net of relationships involving U.S. allied democracies across and beyond the Indo-Pacific region.

The deal is expected to accelerate defense ties between the two nations, which have clashed in maritime territorial disputes with China in recent years.

The Reciprocal Access Agreement, designed to promote the smooth bilateral transfer of manpower, equipment and arms, was signed in Manila.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. watched as Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Philippine Defense Minister Gilberto Teodoro officially approved the deal.

Ms. Kamikawa hailed the agreement as "a landmark achievement," and Mr. Teodoro called it a "milestone in our shared endeavor to ensure a rules-based international order."

After the signing, the nations' defense and foreign ministers held a "two-plus-two" meeting at the presidential palace.

With U.S. missions stretching forces worldwide while China builds up massive naval power in the region, the Biden administration has sought to expand

defense partnerships among East Asia's democracies, which lack any overarching NATO-style multilateral alliance.

Washington expressed approval of the deal.

"Another layer in the latticework of Indo-Pacific security partnerships," U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel wrote on the social media site X. "Coming on the heels of Japan's provision of coast guard ships to the Philippines, the historical reciprocal access agreement just signed between two of our allies not only boosts their cooperation and capabilities but also reinforces our collective

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DOUBLING STRENGTH: Philippine Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. (left) and Japanese Gen. Yoshihide Yoshida met Monday after the bilateral defense pact was signed.

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TRUMP-THEMED CONVENTION

Any residual anti-Trump sentiment appears to be rapidly fading among those organizing the fast-approaching Republican National Convention.

Here they are, ready to be introduced at the convention, set for July 15-18 in Milwaukee — and verbatim from the Republican National Committee.

Opening day — a Monday — is “Make America Wealthy Once Again”; Day 2 is “Make America Safe Once Again”; Day 3 features “Make America Strong Once Again”; and Day 4 is a showcase for “Make America Great Again.”

There is a list of 20 official “promises” that organizers vow will be addressed,

They include a vow to “seal” U.S. borders and carry out the “largest deportation in American history,” end inflation, “prevent World War III,” keep men out of women’s sports and unite the country — among other things.

“America needs determined Republican leadership at every level of government to address the core threats to our very survival: Our disastrously open border, our weakened economy, crippling restrictions on American Energy Production, our depleted military, attacks on the American system of justice, and much more,” the committee said in a news release issued Monday.

“When America is united, confident, and committed to our principles, it will never fail. Today and together, with love for our country, faith in our people, and trust in God’s good grace, we will make America great again!” the committee said.

HERE COMES THE BOOK

In the meantime, former President Donald Trump’s recent legal experiences will be



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The coming Republican National Convention in Milwaukee will reflect the main campaign themes of former President Donald Trump.

explored in a new book.

“New York Times reporter Jonah Bromwich has sold world rights to his definitive account of Donald Trump’s recent New York trial and conviction to Authors Equity, A New York City based publisher,” according to Publishers Weekly.

“Author Equity said the as-yet untitled work, based on the author’s daily reporting of the trial, will ‘color in the lines of this unforgettable New York panorama’ and detail its ‘historic stakes and larger-than-life characters’ — including ‘a tabloid impresario, a mess-making fixer, a counterpunching porn star, the reality-television president himself,’ and ‘an enigmatic D.A.’ The book will be published in 2025,” Publishers Weekly said in a statement Monday.

ON THE RADAR

Here’s an event of note at The Heritage Foundation, set for Thursday.

The organization’s 2024 Transition Integrity Project will publicly roll out a unique report on the integrity of the presidential election,

according to the organization.

“The exercise was supported by fifty experts spanning multiple disciplines and a cross section of the ideological spectrum. Former Democratic Sen. Bob Torricelli and Kevin Roberts, president of Heritage, will address election interference issues and how the Transition Integrity Project is anticipating certain moves from the Left that could interfere with fair election results,” the organization said in a news release released Monday.

“The public event will be on-the-record, and there will be time for questions following the remarks,” it said.

A livestream of the event will air on The Heritage Foundation’s YouTube channel and across its social media platforms. The event begins at 3 p.m. Eastern time.

“Speakers will highlight the dangers addressed in the report, including the weaponization of government, the deliberate use of disinformation by media and the intelligence community, and lawfare that aims to undermine state-level rules and election protocol,” a description of the upcoming event posted to YouTube stated.

Find the foundation at Heritage.org.

HERITAGE PART 2

And here’s one more thing to consider: “The Heritage Foundation’s nonpartisan commission on China and COVID-19 unveiled a new report on China’s negligence and lack of transparency during the pandemic. This malfeasance led to enormous economic and human costs — including at least \$18 trillion in economic costs to the United States and more than 1 million American deaths,” the organization said in a statement released Monday.

“The commission, chaired by the 6th U.S. Director of National Intelligence, John Ratcliffe, features nine highly esteemed individuals from the fields of medicine, law, intelligence, academia, and national security. The report primarily focuses on China’s coverup of the virus rather than the origin of the virus and provides legal and legislative solutions to hold them accountable,” the statement added.

BIRD’S-EYE VIEW

Rep. Jennifer Ann Kiggans — a Republican representing Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District — is seeking reelection with a campaign boost from a feathered friend.

That would be Barbie, the Kiggans family parakeet, who has been named “Tweet Executive Officer for Kiggans for Congress,” according to a good-humored campaign outreach that does indeed quote Barbie and her opinions about the current White House.

“Everyone is chirping about Joe Biden’s economy, but even a bird can realize his policies are just not working,” the campaign said in a written statement, on behalf of Barbie of course.

“From high inflation to a crisis at our southern border, Joe Biden has caused a bird-en to every family in America. But with your help, we can change all of that in November. Jen Kiggans is like a hawk working overtime to bring relief to families in Virginia and across the country,” Barbie added.

“Now, you can tell me to fly outta here, but the future of our country is on the line. So please, I’m talon you, just \$5 is all it takes to take back America from the grips of Joe Biden. Toucan do it,” the spokesperson said.

Ms. Kiggans, by the way, is a former Navy helicopter pilot married to a retired Navy F/A-18 pilot. Find her campaign at jenforcongress.com.

POLL DU JOUR

- 63% of registered U.S. voters think former President Donald Trump “has a vision for the country.”
• 60% think he can “get things done.”
• 52% think he “has the right experience” to be president.
• 46% think he “will keep his promises.”
• 44% think he “cares about people” like themselves.
• 33% think he is “honest and trustworthy.”
• 33% think he “can bring the nation together.”

SOURCE: A SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY/USA TODAY SURVEY OF 1,000 REGISTERED U.S. VOTERS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE JUNE 28-30 AND RELEASED MONDAY.

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DIPLOMACY

Orban predicts Trump election win that leads to end of Russia-Ukraine war

By Mallory Wilson THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban predicted that former President Donald Trump would win the November election and said the change in leadership would be “good for the world.”

Mr. Orban praised Mr. Trump during his Sunday interview with Axel Springer media outlets, including Politico, and called him a “self-made man [who takes a] different approach to everything.”

“He is the man of peace. Under his four-year term, he did not initiate a single war, and he did



Orban

a lot in order to create peace in old conflicts in very complicated areas of the world,” Mr. Orban said.

The Hungarian leader, who is often criticized for his pro-Russian views, criticized the Biden administration’s approach to the Russia-Ukraine war and blamed Washington for the lack of peace talks.

“China has a peace plan. America runs a war policy,” he said. “And Europe, instead of having

our autonomous strategic approach and position, we are simply copying the American position.”

Reports last month revealed that Mr. Trump had been shown a plan that would force Ukraine into peace talks with Russia, and Reuters reported that Mr. Trump responded favorably to it.

The former president has said that he could end the war quickly if he is elected, but has never said how he would do that.

When asked about the plan, Mr. Orban said the change in leadership “will provide new chances.”

His comments come after he met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv and

Russian President Vladimir Putin.

He defended the meetings with Mr. Putin, saying that someone needs to take charge and discuss peace.

“The job for me now is not to say ... who is good, who is bad. The situation is obvious,” he said, explicitly stating that Russia invaded Ukraine. “But I would not like to be indulged [in] a kind of measurement, who is responsible for what, and so on. My duty is to concentrate on how we can create peace.”

The Washington Times has reached out to the White House for comment.

INSIDE POLITICS

BIDEN’S HEALTH

White House says foreign leaders at ease

The White House said Monday that President Biden, who faces growing questions at home doesn’t need to prove anything to foreign leaders when he hosts the NATO Summit in Washington with trans-Atlantic allies this week.

Mr. Biden’s debate performance raised questions about his ability to function as president and the NATO summit from Tuesday to Thursday will be his first major diplomatic test, though the administration claims not to see it that way.

“I don’t believe that’s the case,” National Security Council John Kirby said. “We’re not picking up any signs of that at all, quite the contrary.”

Some foreign leaders are fretting about the possible return of former President Donald Trump and his “America First” agenda. But media reports have suggested that foreign allies are getting skittish about Mr. Biden’s mental acuity, though Mr. Kirby downplayed those reports.

— Tom Howell Jr.

WHITE HOUSE

Host gone for using pre-fed questions

A radio host from Philadelphia has parted ways with her station after she admitted to using prewritten questions from the Biden campaign in an interview with President Biden.

Andrea Lawful-Sanders and WURD “mutually agreed to part ways, effective immediately,” the company said in a statement.

“The interview featured predetermined questions provided by the White House, which violates our practice of remaining an independent media outlet accountable to our listeners,” said Sara Lomax, president and CEO of WURD Radio.

The interview Wednesday was the first given by the president after his shaky debate performance on June 27.

— Mallory Wilson

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Panel delays Bragg hearing on Trump

House Republicans have postponed a hearing with Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg to question him about former President Donald Trump’s criminal hush money case because Mr. Trump’s sentencing date has been pushed back.

Mr. Bragg and one of the case’s top prosecutors, Michael Colangelo, were expected to attend a hearing Friday with the House Judiciary Committee’s select subcommittee on government weaponization.

Mr. Trump was originally to be sentenced on Thursday for falsifying business records to conceal payments to porn star Stormy Daniels in 2016. Mr. Bragg had said he would not appear for the hearing until Mr. Trump has been sentenced, which is now set for Sept. 18.

— Mallory Wilson

BIDEN’S HEALTH

Tester says Biden must prove fitness

Sen. Jon Tester of Montana, widely considered the most vulnerable Democratic senator up for reelection in November, suggested Monday that he may not be able to back President Biden as the party’s presidential nominee.

Mr. Tester stopped short of calling on the president to drop out of the race but signaled he may get there if Mr. Biden does not do more to show he is capable of serving a second term.

“President Biden has got to prove to the American people — including me — that he’s up to the job for another four years,” Mr. Tester said in a statement to a Montana NBC affiliate.

“I’ll continue to do what I’ve always done: Stand up to President Biden when he’s wrong and protect our Montana way of life,” he said.

— Lindsey McPherson



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The Supreme Court will be kept at nine justices, according to the Republican National Committee platform released Monday, and any Democratic attempt to pack the court will be rejected.

SUPREME COURT

GOP platform vows to fight any effort to pack high court with extra justices

The Republican Party and former President Donald Trump pledged to keep the Supreme Court at nine justices and reject any attempt by Democrats to pack the court, in the party’s platform released Monday.

In the document adopted by the Republican National Committee’s Platform Committee, GOP officials vow to stop what they say is the left’s “weaponization” of government and the courts — including any assault on liberty.

“We will maintain the Supreme Court as it was always meant to be, at 9 Justices. We will not allow the Democrat Party to increase this number, as they would like to

do, by 4, 6, 8, 10, and even 12 Justices. We will block them at every turn,” the platform reads.

The pushback comes after some Democratic lawmakers have vowed retaliation for the high court’s ruling in favor of Mr. Trump in his immunity battle from criminal prosecutions.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Democrat, posted on X the day after that decision that President Biden should add liberal justices to the bench to counter the 6-3 conservative majority cemented by Mr. Trump during his term in office.

— Alex Swoyer

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Politics

CAMPAIGN 2024

Questions remain over Trump's tax-free tips proposal for workers

GOP gives strong reviews with Democrats skeptical

By KEVIN FREKING AND JOSH BOAK

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Former President Donald Trump's new proposal to exclude tips from federal taxes is getting strong reviews from some Republican lawmakers, though major questions remain about the impact of the policy and how it would work.

What's certain is that a change in the taxation of tips would affect millions. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates there are 2.24 million waiters and waitresses across the country, with tips making up a large percentage of their income.

A look at what Mr. Trump is proposing and the possible political and economic ramifications:

Mr. Trump announced his tax-free-tips plan at a June 9 rally in Nevada, a key battleground state with six electoral votes in the race for the White House. President Biden won the state in 2020, but the Trump campaign hopes to put the state in play this fall.

Nevada has the highest concentration of tipped workers in the country, with about 25.8 waiters and waitresses per 1,000 jobs, followed by Hawaii and Florida.

"To those hotel workers and people who get tips,

you are going to be very happy, because when I get to office we are going to not charge taxes on tips, people making tips," Mr. Trump said at the rally. "We're going to do that right away, first thing in office."

The pitch sets up a sharp political contrast between Democrats and Republicans. While Mr. Trump assumes that a tax cut would help workers, Democrats have generally endorsed efforts to increase hourly wages — and it's an open question which approach resonates more with voters.

The Culinary Union, which represents 60,000 workers in Las Vegas and Reno and is backing Mr. Biden, dismissed Mr. Trump's plan as a stunt.

"Relief is definitely needed for tip earners, but Nevada workers are smart enough to know the difference between real solutions and wild campaign promises from a convicted felon," Culinary Union Secretary-Treasurer Ted Pappageorge said in a statement.

Lael Brainard, director of the White House National Economic Council, declined to speak to the idea floated by Mr. Trump because, as a federal employee, she's not supposed to talk campaign politics.

"What I can say is that President Biden has fought for real solutions that actually address workers'

legitimate need for fair wages, we think, much more effectively," she said, adding that tipped workers in Nevada would get a \$6,000 income boost from a higher minimum wage and the elimination of the tipped minimum wage.

Mr. Trump has not specified whether he wants to exempt tips from just income taxes or the payroll tax as well. The payroll tax funds Medicare and Social Security.

For workers, a blanket exemption would mean more take-home pay. And for the federal government, it could mean larger budget deficits.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan fiscal watchdog group, has estimated that exempting tips from both income and payroll taxes would reduce federal revenues by \$150 billion to \$250 billion over the next decade.

The committee said exempting tips from taxation would also lead employers and workers to reclassify wages as tips where possible. The more that happens, the more that federal deficits would increase. A 10% increase in tips, for example, would bump up the committee's projection for lost federal revenue to a range of \$165 billion to \$275 billion over the next decade.

Congress undoubtedly would examine Mr. Trump's proposal on tips as it considers which portions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are allowed

to expire after next year, including the lower individual tax rates.

Rep. Vern Buchanan, Florida Republican, a senior House Ways and Means Committee member, said lawmakers will have to consider the overall cost of the tips proposal and how to pay for it.

"I want to be sensitive because they work hard, you can't find enough waiters, and obviously a big part of their earnings is tips," Mr. Buchanan said. "All these programs sound good. Everybody would like to pay less taxes, but we've got to pay the bills."

Like many tax proposals, Mr. Trump's push to exempt tips could have unintended consequences.

Howard Gleckman, a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center, a joint venture of the Urban Institute and Brookings Institution, argues that Mr. Trump's proposal could backfire for many tipped workers.

Some customers may respond to tax-free tips by reducing their gratuity. Secondly, it could take the steam out of efforts in some states to gradually increase the minimum wage for tipped workers so that their base pay is in line with the minimum wage for other workers.

"The lure of tax-free income could turn many workers against the shift from tips to wages," Mr. Gleckman wrote in a blog post.

Democrats have largely dismissed Mr. Trump's proposal as a gimmick to win over voters.

HOUSE

GOP bill targets antisemitism on college campuses

Must reveal their protest policies for accreditation

By KERRY PICKET

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

House Republicans have introduced a bill that would make public disclosure of a university's campus protest policies a requirement for federal accreditation.

The "No Tax Dollars for College Encampments Act" would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and require universities to adhere to their own procedures and reporting requirements when responding to campus civil unrest.

"Last school year, makeshift encampments were allowed to flourish on campuses across the country, disrupting classes and intimidating Jewish students. This is unacceptable," said Rep. Jim Banks of Indiana, who co-authored the bill.

He said his legislation holds "woke universities accountable and ensures they enforce protest rules fairly and equally, not only when it fits their political agenda."

House GOP Conference Chair Elise Stefanik of New York, the bill's other co-author, said she wanted to prevent "disgraceful mob riots" such as those seen at Columbia University from taking over campuses nationwide.

She said the bill is intended to ensure school leaders are enforcing policies "against hostile campus takeovers" and any university officials who fail to "stand up for our Jewish community will be held accountable."

Mr. Banks and Ms. Stefanik are members of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

The top Democrat on the committee, Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia, did not respond to a request for comment.

Several conservative organizations support the legislation including Heritage Action, Parents Defending Education Action and the American Principles Project.

Law enforcement authorities across the country last month shut down anti-Israel protester encampments at universities. The encampment protests started at Columbia, where students demanded the school divest from Israel and companies supporting the Jewish state.

Columbia University Apartheid Divest, a coalition of 116 different groups that supported the anti-Israel encampment, did not respond to a request for comment.

The Banks-Stefanik bill was introduced on the heels of the committee's release of a chain of text messages from four Columbia administrators who mocked concerns about antisemitism on campus.

During a May 31 event titled "Jewish Life on Campus: Past, Present and Future," three university administrators exchanged jokes about Jewish campus leaders exploiting antisemitism to raise money and scrutinized the experiences of Jews on campus.

The university suspended all three administrators while it investigates them.

Mr. Banks and Ms. Stefanik questioned university officials at congressional hearings from different top-tier schools about allowing antisemitic protests on their campuses in the wake of Hamas's deadly Oct. 7 terrorist attack.

He asked Columbia President Minouche Shafik about an orientation glossary that was passed out to new students at the Columbia University School of Social Work.

The document that had been shared with incoming students defines Ashkenormativity as "a system of oppression that favors white Jewish folk."

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What South Korea's defense capabilities and exports mean for the U.S.-ROK alliance

This year marks the 71st anniversary of the U.S.-ROK alliance, and the strength and importance of the relationship has never been more evident. We are grateful to the United States for its support and help in the past, from the ashes of the Korean War in 1950 to the present, where the Republic of Korea now stands as a world leader group. Without the steadfast alliance of the United States, we would not have the 9th-largest defense budget in the world and be the 8th-largest defense exporter in the world.

In the past, ROK has traditionally relied heavily on the United States to supply defense equipment to its armed forces. ROK became a major defense industrialist initially in response to the threat of North Korea; but now it has transformed itself into a global exporter of defense goods. This means that South Korea has been able to supply nations threatened by communist countries with the weapons they need in a timely manner, filling in some of the gaps left by other allies.

Today, ROK has evolved from a country that once relied on aid and imports to one that produces and exports its own advanced fighter jets. According to a recent Morgan Stanley analysis, South Korea's arms exports reached an all-time high of 17.2 billion dollars in 2022. It has signed major contracts with Poland for K2 tanks, K-9 self-propelled artillery and FA-50 multi-role fighter jets, among other major contracts.

Among ROK's many defense products is the T-50 jet trainer, a joint venture between ROK and the United States. This trainer has similarities to the U.S. F-16 and is a joint U.S.-ROK creation. The T-50 has been flying in the ROK Air Force for more than 20 years now and has recently been exported to Malaysia and Poland, thus realizing the shared interests of the two countries.

The T-50 jet trainer is made up of more than 50% U.S.-made components, which supports U.S. national interests. Furthermore, the collaboration contributes to the defense of democracies by expediting arms imports to countries in urgent need.

Currently, the T-50 has been exported to eight countries to defend their airspace. It is also optimized for joint operations and exercises to maximize interoperability among democratic countries. This fosters deeper cooperation, trust, mutual responsibility, and collaboration, contributing to peace and security not only on the Korean Peninsula, but also in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

Many countries around the world are currently facing a pilot shortage. A combat pilot cannot be made in a day; it takes a long time and requires a lot of experience and hard work. Now, Korea wants to contribute to the security and prosperity of the United States by supporting the training of American pilots. We look forward to building a stronger US-ROK relationship through defense cooperation.

Major General (Ret.) Shin, Kyoung Soo

Secretary General of Korea-US Alliance Foundation (Former ROK Defense Attache to the U.S.A.)

WHITE HOUSE

Logs show Parkinson's doctor made 10 visits to White House

Purposes not disclosed, but Biden's fitness questioned

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A neurologist and Parkinson's disease specialist has made nearly a dozen visits to the White House Medical Unit, visitor logs show, raising new questions about President Biden's fitness for office as he battles efforts to push him off the 2024 ballot.

Dr. Kevin R. Cannard, a Bethesda neurologist and movement disorder specialist affiliated with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, visited the office of the White House Medical Unit 10 times dating back to November 2022, the visitor logs show.

The logs, last updated on July 1, show Dr. Cannard visited the White House most recently on March 28.

Dr. Cannard met mostly with Megan Nasworthy, a medical liaison between the White House and Walter Reed. This past Jan. 17, he met with Dr. Kevin O'Connor, the White House physician who treats Dr. Biden.

Dr. Cannard's first White House visit, on Nov. 15, 2022, involved a meeting with Dr. Joshua Simmons, an emergency medicine specialist associated with Walter Reed and the William Beaumont Army Medical

Center.

The purposes of Dr. Cannard's visits are not disclosed in the logs and it is not known whether the visits were at all related to the president's health. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Monday refused to confirm his visits, stonewalling that led to bitter shouting in the press briefing room.

Ms. Jean-Pierre suggested there are "thousands" of military people who could receive medical care through the White House medical unit, though she said privacy precluded her from confirming who saw who, including Mr. Biden.

"I am not going to confirm a name," Ms. Jean-Pierre said. "That is not something I am going to do."

Ms. Jean-Pierre said a neurologist did not find any problems with the president, and Mr. Biden is not being treated for Parkinson's or taking medication for the condition.

But pressed again on Dr. Cannard, Ms. Jean-Pierre said "I'm not going to confirm any specialist that comes to the White House out of privacy."

She said Mr. Biden has had three physicals while president and saw a neurologist each time.

"Every year that he has had

this exam he sees a neurologist," Ms. Jean-Pierre said. "That's three times, right? So I am telling you that he has seen a neurologist three times while he has been in this presidency."

A White House spokesman told the New York Post, "A wide variety of specialists from the Walter Reed system visit the White House complex to treat thousands of military personnel who work on the grounds."

Mr. Biden denies having Parkinson's or any neurological disease, and said he is fit to serve as president and to run for another four-year term.

He's battling to stay on the 2024 ticket amid a growing list of Democratic leaders who want him to step aside after public appearances that regularly show him having difficulty speaking clearly and remembering words or looking lost and frail.

Mr. Biden said he will not take a cognitive test to prove his fitness for office and is "completely ruling out" withdrawing from the ticket.

It's not clear whether he was ever treated by Dr. Cannard, but the physician's training appears aligned with what some neurologists who have merely observed the president at a distance say appears to be a form of Parkinson's and associated dementia.



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White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre refused to confirm the visits of a Bethesda neurologist and movement disorder specialist, stonewalling that led to bitter shouting in the press briefing room Monday.

Dr. Cannard's professional resume describes him as a movement disorder specialist at Walter Reed and as "a neurology specialist," and consultant to the White House Medical Unit.

Movement disorder treatment is described as "advanced care" that can involve treatments such as Botox injections into specific muscles to relieve muscle spasms or excess saliva production.

A movement disorder specialist is also trained to partner with a neurosurgeon to

determine the best location in the brain for a possible deep brain stimulation procedure. Such specialists are also trained to identify non-motor symptoms, such as "lightheadedness, skin changes, constipation and urinary problems, memory loss, hallucinations, depression, and anxiety," according to Duke Health.

Dr. O'Connor, the White House physician, said he "assembled a team" of medical specialists, including "movement disorder neurologists

to carefully examine and assess the president" during his Feb. 28, 2024 physical exam.

The team concluded "that much of his stiffness is in fact a result of degenerative osteoarthritic changes of his spine."

Dr. O'Connor said he conducted "an extremely detailed neurologic exam" that found no evidence consistent with "cerebellar or other central neurological disorders such as stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's."

• Tom Howell Jr. contributed to this report.

COURTS

Poll finds Americans divided on whether Trump should face prison time

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The public is split on whether former President Donald Trump should go to prison after a New York jury found him guilty of criminally concealing a hush payment to a porn star near the 2016 election. But a clear majority approves of Hunter Biden's gun charge conviction and thinks he should do time.

Views about Mr. Trump's plight fall along partisan lines

but, overall, 48% of Americans think Mr. Trump should do time while 50% think he should not, according to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs.

Half of independents think Mr. Trump should spend time in the slammer while 46% do not. Meanwhile, 78% of Democrats think he should go to prison and only 12% of Republicans want him behind bars.

Mr. Trump, the presumptive GOP nominee for president, faces

up to four years in prison on his conviction of 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. He is unlikely to face a lengthy term, given his lack of a criminal record and the logistics of sending the Secret Service into prison with him.

State Supreme Court Judge Juan Merchan is grappling with whether there will be a sentencing at all. He pushed back the sentencing hearing to Sept. 18 to consider if the Supreme Court's decision on presidential immunity should invalidate the conviction.

Defense attorneys say prosecutors submitted improper evidence about Mr. Trump's official acts as president. Prosecutors disagree but said they were fine with a delay to argue and settle the defense motion in the coming weeks.

The sentencing date falls weeks after Mr. Trump is set to accept the GOP nomination in Milwaukee and several weeks before Election Day. The former president is set for a rematch against President Biden, unless the Democratic incumbent steps

aside because of concerns about his age and cognitive abilities after a poor debate performance.

A federal jury in Delaware found the president's son guilty of three felony charges related to his 2018 purchase of a gun. Prosecutors said Hunter Biden lied on an application form by claiming he was not addicted to or using drugs.

The AP poll said 60% of people approved of the conviction while roughly a third, 32%, did not. Nearly six in 10 Democrats approved of the conviction and

half of them said he should face prison time.

Overall, 57% said Hunter Biden should face prison time and 41% did not think prison was warranted.

While Hunter Biden received less sympathy in the poll, the public was more likely to be familiar with Mr. Trump's case. Seventy-seven percent of people had heard or read "a lot or some" about the case compared to 60% who kept up with news about Hunter Biden.

BIDEN

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their panic and encourage them to reopen their checkbooks.

"I am going to be the nominee of the party," he told donors. He pledged to defeat Mr. Trump.

Mr. Biden is fighting for political survival. Democratic lawmakers now fear he is dragging down their own campaigns, which could cost them their narrow control of the Senate and a chance to win the House back from Republicans.

An Emerson College poll after the debate found Mr. Trump leading Mr. Biden in six battleground states. In Nevada, a state Mr. Biden won in 2020 and where Sen. Jacky Rosen, a Democrat, is up for reelection, Mr. Trump leads by 6 percentage points.

Mr. Biden is also trailing in Pennsylvania, where he spent his childhood. He won the state narrowly in 2020.

"President Biden's average approval rating in the state aligns him more closely with first-term incumbents who have lost than those who have won," said Franklin & Marshall College Poll Director Berwood Yost.

Nationally, Mr. Trump has opened a consistent lead over Mr. Biden ranging from 2 to 11 percentage points.

Party lawmakers have publicly and privately expressed doubts about Mr. Biden's ability to remain on the ticket. Many were not reassured by the president's post-debate appearances or his July 5 ABC News interview in which he committed several flubs.

The White House press briefing was dominated by reporters demanding to know why a Parkinson's disease specialist has visited the White House nearly a dozen times amid speculation from neurologists who have not treated the president that he may be suffering from the disease.

"President Biden has got to prove to the American people



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President Biden has not reassured many fellow Democrats about his election viability with his post-debate appearances or his interview with ABC News.

— including me — that he is up to the job for another four years," Sen. Jon Tester, a Montana Democrat in a tough reelection race, said in a statement Monday.

Four top House Democrats said in a private leadership call on Sunday that Mr. Biden should withdraw from the race. Several other Democratic lawmakers also said they did not think the president should run for a second term.

Other lawmakers left the door open for Mr. Biden's departure.

Speaking to constituents in Richmond, Sen. Tim Kaine of

Virginia, a former Democratic vice presidential nominee, said it would be up to Mr. Biden to decide whether to stay on the ticket.

"If he has doubts, he'll level with the American public," Mr. Kaine said. "He's going to do what's right for the country."

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers weighed the daunting poll numbers against Mr. Biden's first-term successes.

Sen. Jack Reed, Rhode Island Democrat, said he supports discussions among party lawmakers, but "we have to begin with

the recognition that he had a very productive presidency."

While Democrats were mulling the presidential ticket over the weekend, Mr. Biden courted voters in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. The two swing states could determine whether he wins in November.

In a veiled warning to those who might try to force him off the ticket, Mr. Biden reminded a crowd in Madison, Wisconsin, that "millions of Democrats just like you voted for me in primaries all across America."

Longtime Biden critics in the

party quickly pointed out that the Democrats did not stage a traditional open primary with a slate of challengers.

"Joe Biden citing his support in the primaries is ridiculous — they canceled the primary in multiple states, refused to have debates and told contenders it was career suicide to challenge him. If there had been debates we would have seen his decline months ago," Andrew Yang, a Democratic presidential candidate in 2020, posted on X.

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill will meet to discuss the Biden

situation at their weekly caucus meetings. They are watching the president as he hosts a NATO summit that will culminate in a press conference on Thursday.

On Friday, Mr. Biden is set to head to Michigan, which is considered a must-win battleground state. He is scheduled to hold a campaign event before heading to his beach house in Delaware.

"We have 31 heads of state in town. This is really a week when he should have our strongest support," said Sen. Christopher A. Coons, Delaware Democrat and top Biden ally.

SUPREME COURT

Red states ask cases on parental rights, gender ID to be heard

Group argues dismissal of school interference as injury

By Alex Swoyer
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A group of red states is asking the Supreme Court to take up a dispute over a school policy that prevents officials from disclosing to parents their child's gender preference — including a change of name or pronouns — while at school.

Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares led a group of 15 other Republican-led states in urging the justices to take up the case of *Parents Protecting Our Children v. Eau Claire Area School District* in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had dismissed the

parents' lawsuit over the Wisconsin school policy, reasoning none of the parents could show they had been directly injured by it.

The states, though, told the court that the justices should take up the appeal because any school interference with parental rights is an injury.

"Parents have a deep and abiding interest in their right to 'make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children,'" their brief read. "When school officials interfere with that right, the parents are injured."

Other states signing on with Virginia are West Virginia, South Dakota, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma,

North Dakota, South Carolina, Montana, Nebraska, Louisiana, Missouri, Georgia, Idaho, Alaska and Florida.

"The parent-child relationship is directly harmed when a school district tells minor students that secrets from their parents—including an entire double life at school—are not only acceptable, but will be facilitated by the District," the states' brief said. "Parents, not administrators, have the responsibility and right to raise their children."

The case came to the justices after Eau Claire Area School District implemented a policy in 2021 that allowed students to change their gender identity without parental consent,



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A group of 16 Republican-led states has urged the Supreme Court to take up a dispute over a school policy that prevents officials from disclosing to parents their child's gender preference while at school.

"meaning that students could change names, pronouns, and which locker room and bathroom

they use—all without their parents' knowledge," according to court documents.

Mr. Miyares said it is essential for a student's well-being for schools to work with parents rather than against them.

"Parents have the right to be involved in major decisions affecting their children's lives. This case presents an opportunity for the U.S. Supreme Court to provide much-needed clarity and reaffirm that government officials cannot override parents' fundamental rights simply because they believe they know better," said Mr. Miyares.

It would take four justices to vote in favor of hearing the case for oral arguments to be scheduled during the court's next term, which begins in October.

A spokesperson from the school district did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

PLATFORM

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document is expected to pass.

"President Trump's 2024 Republican Party Platform articulates his vision to Make America Great Again in a way that is concise and digestible for every voter," Trump campaign senior advisers Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles said. "While Joe Biden and Democrats argue about who will be at the top of their ticket and have implemented policies that have raised prices on everyday families, opened the floodgates to migrant crime via wide-open borders, shackled American energy with red tape

forced by Washington bureaucrats, and sewn chaos across the world through weak foreign policy, President Trump will Make America Great Again through these America First principles."

This was the first time the RNC had updated its party platform since 2016, when it adopted a 66-page document exploring deeper cultural issues.

Speculation has swirled around whether Mr. Trump would seek to water down the abortion language now that the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and sent the issue back to the states. Others wondered whether he would also soften the party's stance on traditional marriage and gay rights.

"We proudly stand for families

and Life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied life or liberty without due process, and that the states are, therefore, free to pass laws protecting those rights," the platform states. "After 51 years, because of us, that power has been given to the states and to a vote of the people."

"We will oppose late-term abortion, while supporting mothers and policies that advance prenatal care, access to birth control, and IVF [fertility treatments]," it says.

The previous platform endorsed a human life amendment to the Constitution and a federal Pain-Capable Unborn Child

Protection Act that bars abortions beginning at 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Mr. Trump has taken credit for nominating the conservative justices to the Supreme Court who helped overturn *Roe*, which provided a national right to abortion.

He has warned Republicans against pushing the issue too hard because it hurts the party's chances of winning. He said the emotional issue was better left to the states to decide.

Pro-life activists had warned the party against moving in that direction. Republican insiders said the move could anger the social and religious conservatives who have been among the party's most faithful ground troops.

The platform, not surprisingly, did not sit well with some pro-life activists.

"Republicans are pro-life. Sadly, this platform is not," said Kris Ullman, of the pro-life Eagle Forum. "This 2024 platform removes the explicit pro-life principles that have been the bedrock of the pro-life plank."

"While the 14th Amendment's right to due process is cited, it does not apply the protections to the unborn," she said. "Without clarifying that unborn children are included in the definition of 'persons,' the reference is meaningless."

On the issue of marriage, the platform says the Republican Party "will promote a culture that

values the sanctity of marriage, the blessings of childhood, the foundational role of families, and supports working parents."

The 2016 platform promoted traditional marriage "based on marriage between one man and one woman" as the foundation for a stronger society and families. It also condemned the Supreme Court ruling that required all states to grant same-sex marriages.

The Democratic National Committee said in a statement that the Republican language "was the most extreme, out-of-touch, and dangerous proposals in [Mr. Trump's] MAGA platform that would let him fulfill his pledge to be a dictator on 'day one.'"

SCHOOL

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Clearwater campus in Florida has reported a 4% annual enrollment increase for the past two years. During the 2023-2024 academic year, the school enrolled 1,500 full-time students in seven apprenticeships and 30 certificate programs, most at full capacity.

"The focus on 'essential workers' during COVID-19 drove up salaries for tradesmen and made people reevaluate their career plans," said Jakub Prokop, director of the Clearwater campus. "Historically, technical colleges experience an enrollment decline in times of low unemployment, but we're seeing the opposite for the first time in at least 30 years."

Mr. Prokop said the average age of his students has dropped from 28 to 22 over the past six years. He noted that most raise their earnings from \$18 to \$25 per hour as plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, computer technicians or construction workers within two years of graduation.

"It's more attractive than working in retail, custodial work or at the local Circle K [convenience store]," he said.

Advocates say trade schools offer better returns on investment to many students than four-year liberal arts colleges, with starting salaries averaging \$50,000 per year for apprentice graduates.

In Florida, sponsoring employers pay the entire tuition, ranging from one year of coursework for certifications to five years for apprenticeships.

In Maryland, where trade school tuition ranges from \$6,000 to \$31,000 yearly, government reimbursement programs can pay some of the costs.

Lou Spencer, assistant business manager at the UA Local No. 5 Plumbers and Gasfitters in the Washington area, said interest in apprenticeship has reached a

40-year high among high school students since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The union trains gasfitters, journeymen plumbers, core drillers, metal tradesmen and contractors to work in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia.

"Our apprentices participate in a five-year apprenticeship. They 'earn while they learn' by working full time for a signatory contractor and attending related training classes at our training facility," Mr. Spencer said. "Right now, our contractors have more than a fair amount of work and backlog."

As the Biden and Trump campaigns promote workforce development ahead of the November presidential election, enrollment in vocational/technical training programs has outpaced enrollment in four-year college programs.

Workforce experts predict that more employers will eliminate college degree requirements.

In May, a report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce said colleges in half the nation's labor markets will produce graduates unprepared to fill 30% of annual job openings through 2031. The jobs will go to workers with "an associate's degree, a certificate, or some college credit but no degree."

According to the latest figures from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, enrollment in public two-year colleges rose 4.7% from 4.2 million students in spring 2023 to 4.4 million in spring 2024, driven by an uptick in students seeking trade credentials.

Over the same period, enrollment at public four-year colleges grew by 1.5% from 7.1 million to 7.2 million students, reversing several years of decline as undergraduate certificate programs also grew.

"There could be several reasons why trade programs are seeing a higher rate of growth,



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Trade school programs are booming with young people opting against college. Apprentice graduate salaries average \$50,000 per year.

but the growth has been steadily rising in recent years after the initial shock of the pandemic," said Jennifer Causey, a senior research associate at the nonprofit research center.

The clearinghouse noted explosive growth from spring 2023 to spring 2024 in:

- Mechanic and repair, where program enrollment surged 14.9% from 96,289 to 109,932.
- Construction, with an 8.1% jump in enrollments from 66,214 to 71,585.
- Culinary programs, which increased 7.7% from 54,437 to 58,644 students.

Federal statistics show that many skilled trades have surpassed pre-pandemic labor numbers as the food service and hospitality industries remain shorthanded.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that employment in the construction industry rose from 8.3 million in 2019 to

8.5 million in 2023. Meanwhile, the average age of construction workers dropped from 42.4 in 2022 to 41.9 in 2023.

"The surge in interest in the trades during and after the pandemic [health emergency] could have stemmed from ... the designation of construction as 'essential,' heightened positive exposure of the trades, advancements in technology, fewer barriers to entry for a fulfilling career, minimal educational debt and a straightforward pathway to employment filled with opportunity," said Greg Sizemore, a vice president at Associated Builders and Contractors, a construction trade group.

Mr. Sizemore credited an "emphasis on clean and sustainable energy construction, a thriving industrial sector and the undertaking of megaprojects" as factors attracting workers to his industry.

In an email to The Times, a

Department of Education spokesperson pointed to the Biden administration's efforts to increase federal funding for college workforce training programs and "free college."

"The Biden-Harris administration has done more to advance workforce development than any administration," the spokesperson said. "We also persist in our support for postsecondary access and success through various initiatives, as well as calling on Congress to make the first two years of postsecondary education free for Americans."

As living costs become bigger concerns for U.S. families, the average federal student loan debt has risen to \$37,850 as of March.

In a survey released May 23, the Pew Research Center found that 22% of adults said a four-year degree is worth the investment even with federal loans, but 45% said the benefits outweigh the costs only if a student doesn't

have to borrow money to pay for college.

Another 29% of adults said the cost of a four-year college degree today is "not worth it" either way.

Pew found that just 1 in 4 adults said a four-year diploma was important to finding a job in today's economy.

Andrew Crapuchettes, CEO of Idaho-based jobs board RedBalloon, said an increasing number of high school students have reached the same conclusion after conducting a "rational" cost-benefit analysis of the labor market.

"Colleges charge too much and deliver a product that employers no longer value," Mr. Crapuchettes said. "At the same time, skilled tradespeople are in high demand, driving up wages. So, new high school grads are asking themselves why they would incur huge college debt for something that won't benefit their career."

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A Residence Inn in Galveston, Texas, was among the businesses affected by Tropical Storm Beryl's heavy rain and high winds. The storm left nearly 3 million Houston-area homes and businesses without power, which could not be restored until the wind eases.

WEATHER

Weakened but deadly, Beryl leaves lingering damage along Texas coast

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HOUSTON | After Hurricane Beryl slammed into Texas early Monday, knocking out power to nearly 3 million homes and businesses and killing at least three people it moved east and later weakened to a tropical depression, the National Hurricane Center said Monday evening.

The fast-moving tempest, which unleashed heavy rains that prompted dozens of high-water rescues, threatened to carve a harsh path over several more states in coming days.

Texas officials say restoring electricity will take days after Beryl came ashore Monday as a Category 1 hurricane and toppled 10 transmission lines and knocked down trees that took down power lines.

Within hours, Beryl had weakened into a tropical storm, far less powerful than the Category 5 behemoth that tore a deadly path of destruction through parts of Mexico and the Caribbean last weekend.

But the winds and rains of the fast-moving storm were still powerful enough to knock down hundreds of trees that had already been teetering in water-saturated earth, and strand dozens of cars on flooded roadways.

As it moved inland, the storm began spawning tornadoes.

"We're not past any difficult conditions," said Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is acting governor while Gov. Greg

Abbott is out of the country, warning it would be a "multiple day process to get power restored."

Houston took a hard hit as CenterPoint Energy reported more than 2 million homes and businesses without power in and around the nation's fourth-largest city.

Mr. Patrick said the company was bringing in thousands of additional workers to restore power, with top priority for places such as nursing homes and assisted living centers.

At least two people were killed when trees fell on homes, and the National Hurricane Center said damaging winds and flash flooding would continue as Beryl pushes inland.

A third person, a civilian employee of the Houston Police Department, was killed when he was trapped in floodwater under a highway overpass, Houston Mayor John Whitmire said.

There were no immediate reports of widespread structural damage, however.

For many, it was an all-too-familiar experience: Powerful storms had just ripped through the area in May, killing eight people, leaving nearly 1 million without power and flooding streets.

Residents without power after Beryl were doing their best.

"We haven't really slept," Eva Costancio said as she gazed at a large tree that had fallen across electric lines in her neighborhood in the Houston suburb of Rosenberg.

Ms. Costancio, 67, said she had already been without power for several

hours and worried that food in her refrigerator would spoil.

"We are struggling to have food, and losing that food would be difficult," she said.

Houston and Harris County officials said power crews would be sent into the area to restore service as quickly as possible, an urgent priority for homes also left without air conditioning in the middle of summer.

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory that said the area heat index could reach 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

The state will be ready to open cooling centers as well as food and water distribution centers, said Nim Kidd, chief of state emergency operations.

Beryl's rain pounded Houston and other areas of the coast on Monday, reclosing streets in neighborhoods already washed out by previous storms.

TV stations on Monday broadcast the dramatic rescue of a man who had climbed to the roof of his pickup truck after it got trapped in fast-flowing water.

Emergency crews used an extension ladder from a firetruck to drop him a life preserver and a tether before moving him to dry land.

Houston officials reported at least 25 water rescues by Monday afternoon, mostly people with vehicles stuck in floodwaters.

"First responders are putting their lives at risk. That's what they're trained for," Mr. Whitmire said.

BUSINESS

DOJ: Boeing to take plea deal, avoid trial on felony conspiracy charge

737 Max crashes killed 346 people

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Boeing will plead guilty to a criminal fraud charge stemming from two crashes of 737 Max jetliners that killed 346 people, the Justice Department said late Sunday, after the government determined that the company violated an agreement that had protected it from prosecution for more than three years.

Federal prosecutors gave the Arlington, Virginia-based aerospace giant the choice last week of pleading guilty and paying a fine as part of its sentence or facing trial on a felony criminal conspiracy charge to defraud the United States.

Prosecutors accused the company of deceiving regulators who approved the airplane and pilot-training requirements for it.

The plea deal, which still must receive the approval of a federal judge to take effect, calls for Boeing to pay an added \$243.6 million fine. That was the same amount it paid under the 2021 settlement that the Justice Department said the company breached. An independent monitor would be named to oversee Boeing's safety and quality procedures for three years. The deal also requires Boeing to invest at least \$455 million in its compliance and safety programs.

The plea deal covers only wrongdoing by Boeing before the crashes in Indonesia and in Ethiopia, which killed all 346 passengers and crew members aboard two new Max jets. It does not give Boeing immunity for other incidents, including a panel that blew off a Max jetliner during an Alaska Airlines flight over Oregon in January, a Justice Department official said.

The deal also does not cover any current or former Boeing executives, only the corporation. In a statement, Boeing confirmed it had reached the deal with the Justice Department but had no further comment.

In a filing Sunday night, the Justice Department said it expected to submit the written plea agreement with U.S. District Court in Texas by July 19. Lawyers for some of the relatives of those who died in the two crashes have said they will ask the judge to reject the agreement.

"This sweetheart deal fails to recognize that because of Boeing's conspiracy, 346 people died. Through crafty lawyering between Boeing and [the Justice Department], the deadly consequences of Boeing's crime are being hidden," said Paul Cassell, a lawyer for some of the families.

Federal prosecutors alleged that Boeing committed conspiracy to defraud the

government by misleading regulators about a flight-control system that was implicated in the crashes, which took place than less five months apart.

As part of the January 2021 settlement, the Justice Department said it would not prosecute Boeing on the charge if the company complied with certain conditions for three years. Prosecutors last month alleged Boeing had breached the terms of that agreement.

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor, who has overseen the case from the beginning, has criticized what he called "Boeing's egregious criminal conduct." Judge O'Connor could accept the plea and the sentence that prosecutors offered with it or he could reject the agreement, likely leading to new negotiations between the Justice Department and Boeing.

The case goes back to the crashes in Indonesia and in Ethiopia. The Lion Air pilots in the first crash did not know about flight-control software that could push the nose of the plane down without their input. The pilots for Ethiopian Airlines knew about it but were unable to control the plane when the software activated based on information from a faulty sensor.

The Justice Department charged Boeing in 2021 with deceiving Federal Aviation Administration regulators about the software, which did not exist in older 737s, and about how much training pilots would need to fly the plane safely. The department agreed not to prosecute Boeing at the time, however, if the company paid a \$2.5 billion settlement, including the \$243.6 million fine, and took steps to comply with anti-fraud laws for three years.

Boeing, which blamed two low-level employees for misleading the regulators, tried to put the crashes behind it. After grounding Max jets for 20 months, regulators let them fly again after the company reduced the power of the flight software. Max jets logged thousands of safe flights and orders from airlines picked up, increasing to about 750 in 2021, about 700 more in 2022 and nearly 1,000 in 2023.

That changed in January, when a panel covering an unused emergency exit blew off a Max during the Alaska Airlines flight over Oregon.

Pilots landed the 737 Max safely and no one was seriously injured, but the incident led to closer scrutiny of the company. The Justice Department opened a new investigation, the FBI told passengers on the Alaska plane that they might be victims of a crime and the FAA said it was stepping up oversight of Boeing.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Study: Mounjaro 'significantly' more effective than Ozempic for weight loss

By SEAN SALAI
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Overweight and obese adults using popular diabetes medications to suppress their appetites are "significantly more likely" to shed pounds with Eli Lilly's Mounjaro than with Novo Nordisk's Ozempic, a new study has found, a result that could have major implications for one of the hottest new markets in the pharmaceutical field.

Writing Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine, seven medical experts compared the health records of 18,386 adults with excessive body mass indexes who used one of the two Type 2 diabetes drugs in clinical trials between May 2022 and September 2023.

While most patients lost at least 5% of their body weight within a year, the study found that those receiving Mounjaro were over two times more likely than Ozempic patients to experience 10% weight loss and three times more likely to trim 15%.

Researchers also found that patients without Type 2 diabetes lost more weight than those with it, but Mounjaro was more effective than Ozempic in both groups.

The study offers the first real-world comparison of the two appetite-suppressing drugs, which surged in popularity among diabetics and non-diabetics last year after dramatic reports of weight

loss in patients.

Tricia Rodriguez, the study's lead author, said its findings confirm earlier placebo-controlled trials that found tirzepatide, the primary active ingredient in Mounjaro, is more effective for weight loss than Ozempic's key ingredient, semaglutide. She said further research is needed to explain why.

"While underlying mechanisms of action weren't a focus of this study, tirzepatide has dual mechanisms, while semaglutide has a single mechanism, which may be the reason for differences in effectiveness," Ms. Rodriguez, an applied scientist at Truvena Research in Bellevue, Washington, told The Washington Times.

While tirzepatide regulates two metabolic hormones affecting blood glucose levels, semaglutide regulates only one.

However, the study found no difference between the two drugs in the number of patients reporting moderate to severe gastrointestinal side effects. Side effects such as bowel obstruction, gastroparesis and pancreatitis become more common after sustained use.

With that in mind, the researchers noted a "high rate of discontinuation" from those taking the drugs, with 55.9% of Mounjaro patients and 52.5% of Ozempic patients quitting within a year.

The findings come as GLP-1s, the class of diabetes medication that includes Mounjaro and Ozempic, have fueled billions of dollars in pharmaceutical

sales.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Ozempic as an insulin-boosting treatment for Type 2 diabetes in 2017. In 2021, the agency added Wegovy, a version approved for weight loss treatment, without obliging insurance companies to cover it.

Novo Nordisk, the Danish company with exclusive rights to sell Ozempic in the U.S. through 2031, has spent millions on advertising and lobbying to expand its market. Its patent monopoly forces patients to pay a monthly premium of \$300 to \$1,300 out-of-pocket for the drug, which costs about \$35 to manufacture.

The FDA approved Mounjaro for Type 2 diabetes in 2022. After Indianapolis-based pharmacy giant Eli Lilly & Co. reported an explosion in sales, the FDA approved a version called Zepbound for weight loss in November.

Neither Eli Lilly nor Novo Nordisk responded Monday to emails seeking comment on the study.

In recent months, some pharmacies and clinics have started producing compounded versions of Ozempic and Mounjaro to capitalize on the absence of affordable generic versions.

With over 70% of U.S. adults estimated to be overweight or obese, some industry insiders have compared GLP-1s to Viagra as a "game-changer" that could reshape consumption habits nationwide.

Others view Mounjaro and Ozempic



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A new study in JAMA Internal Medicine finds overweight and obese adults using popular diabetes medications to suppress their appetites are "significantly more likely" to shed pounds with Eli Lilly's Mounjaro than with Novo Nordisk's Ozempic.

more cautiously. They point out that the costly drugs are difficult to tolerate, do nothing for the heart problems of patients who do not exercise, and require lifelong use to maintain an ideal weight, which increases the risk of severe side effects such as stomach paralysis.

"These drugs are injectable anorexia, a crash diet," said Calley Means, co-founder of TrueMed, an Austin, Texas-based company that prescribes diet and exercise plans for weight loss. "Long-term, the drugs are highly problematic with significant reports of [gastro-intestinal] dysfunction, a black box warning for thyroid cancer, and even suicidal ideation."

Mr. Means, a former lobbyist for

the food and pharmacy industries, has argued that the drugs offer companies a way of profiting from obesity for years without curing it.

As Mounjaro and Ozempic suppress the appetite, they cause users to feel fuller and lose weight in the short term. However, the weight often returns after patients stop their prescriptions.

According to Ms. Rodriguez, the study published Monday did not track patients after they quit using the drugs.

"Our study only included patients while they stayed on the medication, which may not be representative of all patients who start these medications," she said.

TRANSPORTATION

Over 3 million go through airport security in U.S. as travel surges

By Matt Ott

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More than 3 million people passed through U.S. airport security on Sunday, the first time that number of passengers have been screened in a single day as travel surges, according to the Transportation Security Administration.

The record, which was widely predicted to happen at some point over the July Four holiday weekend, topped the June 23 mark of more than 2.99 million screened passengers. Eight of the 10 busiest days in the TSA's history have come this year as the number of travelers tops pre-pandemic levels.

The TSA was created after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and replaced a collection of private security companies that were hired by airlines. The agency operates under the Department of Homeland Security, which said that agents on Sunday checked 35 passengers per second.



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This past Sunday saw more than 3 million passengers go through airport security in the U.S., a record high. Travel is on the upswing as airfares and hotel rates have fallen from late year. Airlines are also seeing fuller flights and more customer complaints.

While Americans continue to grapple with inflation, travel costs including airline tickets and hotel prices have

eased significantly from a year ago. Hotel rooms were 1.2% cheaper in May compared with a year ago, according to

recent government inflation data. Those costs have been trending lower since the beginning of the year.

While most U.S. airlines lost money in the first quarter — traditionally the weakest time of year for travel — they were all expecting a summer of full planes.

This spring, American and Southwest said they expected solid second-quarter profits. They joined Delta Air Lines and United Airlines in giving an upbeat outlook for the April-through-June period, which includes the start of peak season for carriers.

Delta reports its second-quarter earnings on Thursday, with analysts predicting sales of \$15.5 billion, nearly \$1 billion more than the same period a year ago. Next week, United and American issue their quarterly results, with Wall Street forecasting higher revenue from a year ago for both carriers.

Increasingly full planes since the

pandemic shut travel down four years ago has brought some downside for airlines: complaints.

The Transportation Department said last week that it received nearly 97,000 complaints in 2023, up from about 86,000 the year before. The department said there were so many complaints that it took until July to sort through the filings and compile the figures.

That's the highest number of complaints about airlines since 2020, when airlines were slow to give customers refunds after the coronavirus pandemic shut down air travel.

The Transportation Department said the increase in complaints was partly the result of more travelers knowing about their rights and the ability to file a complaint. Airlines receive many more complaints from travelers who don't know how or don't bother to complain to the government, but the carriers don't release those numbers.

NEW MEXICO

Baldwin's role as producer won't be part of shooting trial

Alec Baldwin's role as a producer of the Western film "Rust" isn't relevant to the involuntary manslaughter trial over a fatal shooting on set, a New Mexico judge decided Monday.

The move is a major setback for prosecutors just as trial was about to begin. They had planned to present evidence that showed how Mr. Baldwin bore a special responsibility — as co-producer, well beyond that of the actor holding the gun — for the dangerous environment that led to the deadly shooting of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins during a rehearsal.

"I'm having real difficulty with the state's position that they want to show that as a producer he didn't follow guidelines and therefore as an actor Mr. Baldwin did all of these things wrong that resulted in the death of Ms. Hutchins because as a producer he allowed these things to happen," Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer said.

"I'm denying evidence of his status as a producer," she said.

Special prosecutor Erlinda Ocampo Johnson argued unsuccessfully that Mr. Baldwin was "keenly aware" of

his safety obligations as a producer, in an attempt to bolster an alternative theory of guilt beyond negligent use of a firearm.

The prosecution has tried to link his behavior on set to "total disregard or indifference for the safety of others."

— Associated Press

NEW YORK

Prosecutor says Menendez 'put his power up for sale'

NEW YORK | A prosecutor accused Sen. Bob Menendez in a closing argument at his bribery trial Monday of putting his power up for sale to benefit three New Jersey businessmen who bribed him with gold and cash.

The presentation by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Monteleoni that will continue on Tuesday prompted the Democrat to scoff as he left the courthouse, saying: "The government is intoxicated with their own rhetoric."

Minutes earlier, Mr. Monteleoni urged the Manhattan federal court jury to follow a trail of hundreds of emails and text messages between the businessmen and Mr. Menendez and his wife to see the link between the businessmen and the bribe proceeds found in an FBI raid on the Menendez

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residence in June 2022.

He said fingerprint evidence links the businessmen and Mr. Menendez to the bribes, including fingerprints on the tape that bound thousands of dollars in cash hidden in coat pockets, boots and boxes found at the Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, home owned by his wife, Nadine.

Mr. Monteleoni said the senator "put his power up for sale."

— Associated Press

MASSACHUSETTS

Suspect in cop-killing mistrial says jury was ready to acquit

DEDHAM | Jurors in the trial of Karen Read unanimously concluded she was not guilty of murder or of leaving the scene of a deadly accident, and were deadlocked on only the remaining manslaughter charge before the judge abruptly declared a mistrial, her defense team said Monday.

The disclosure was made in a

defense motion in which they argued that retrying Ms. Read on those two counts "would violate" the double jeopardy protections in the U.S. and Massachusetts constitutions.

If the court needs additional information, the defense said, it should approve a "post-verdict inquiry" in which they are allowed to "seek additional proof from the jurors" regarding their having "unanimously acquitted the defendant of two of the three charges."

Read attorney Alan Jackson submitted an affidavit detailing how he had been contacted directly by a juror, and colleague David Yannetti submitted one in which he said he had been contacted by two individuals who had received information "from two distinct jurors."

The Norfolk District Attorney's Office said it is "examining the motion in anticipation of filing a response. We look forward to picking a new trial date on July 22."

— Associated Press

LOUISIANA

Ten Commandments law foes ask for immediate injunction

BATON ROUGE | Opponents of a new Louisiana law requiring that a version

of the Ten Commandments be posted in public school classrooms have asked a federal court to block implementation of the requirement while their lawsuit against it progresses and before the new school year starts.

A group of parents of Louisiana public school students, representing various religions, filed the lawsuit last month along with several liberal interest groups, soon after Republican Gov. Jeff Landry signed the new law.

In motions filed Monday, their attorneys asked for a preliminary injunction blocking the law.

The plaintiffs also sought an expedited briefing and hearing schedule that would require the state to respond to the request for an injunction by July 19 and for a hearing on July 29. Public schools open in August.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Baton Rouge, says the law violates First Amendment clauses protecting religious liberty and forbidding laws establishing a religion.

Backers of the law argue that it doesn't violate the Constitution and that posting the Ten Commandments is appropriate and legal because they are part of the foundation of U.S. law.

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IRAN

White House warns reformist win won't change U.S. approach to Iran

By **TOM HOWELL JR.**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The White House said Monday it isn't ready to resume nuclear talks or soften its stance on Iran after its voters elected a reformist candidate for president over the hard-line option in Friday's national elections.

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby offered a blunt, "no," when asked whether Masoud Pezeshkian's election will change the U.S. negotiating position.

Mr. Pezeshkian, a cardiologist and former health minister, pledged to reach out to the West and tone down the mandatory headscarf rule for women, though the U.S. says not enough has changed in the Islamic Republic overseen by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"They're still supporting terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah. They're still supporting the Houthis as the Houthis attack ships in the Red Sea. They're still attacking shipping as well. And they're still supplying drones and drone technology and drone expertise to the Russians so that the Russians can continue to kill innocent Ukrainians like they did over the weekend," Mr. Kirby said. "So no, no."

"We'll see what this guy wants to get done but we are not expecting any

changes in Iranian behavior," Mr. Kirby said.

Mr. Pezeshkian was declared the winner after Friday's election, with 16.3 million votes compared to Saeed Jalili's 13.5 million, according to wire services. He is replacing the late President Ebrahim Raisi, who died in May in a helicopter crash.

The result followed mass protests over the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini, a woman who was detained for an alleged violation of Iran's headscarf rules. The election also coincided with tension in the Middle East over Israel's war on Hamas militants in Gaza and Tehran's proxy support for terrorist groups.

The new president, an ethnic Azeri from western Iran, has repeatedly pledged his loyalty to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and in one of his first actions after winning the election visited the tomb of the late Ayatollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader of the 1979 revolution that established Iran's theocratic government.

Mr. Pezeshkian has also pledged to preserve Iran's hard line against Israel, ruling out any rapprochement with Israel even as he talks of opening Iran to the West and the global economy.

"The Islamic Republic has always supported the resistance of the people of the region against the illegitimate Zionist regime," Mr. Pezeshkian said in

a message to Hassan Nasrallah, leader of the Lebanese Hezbollah group now engaged in a low-level border war with Israel even as the Israeli-Hamas war grinds on in Gaza.

But other regional states have reached out to the new Iranian president, who brings a sharp change in style and tone to his predecessor, President Ebrahim Raisi, a hard-liner killed in a helicopter crash in May. Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated the new president on his win, and Saudi Arabian de facto leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman spoke of his "keenness to develop and deepen the relations that bring our two countries and peoples together."

Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz interpreted the victory of the only moderate in the field of conservatives as a sign popular discontent is growing against the regime inside Iran.

"The people of Iran have sent a clear message of demand for change and opposition to the Ayatollah regime through the elections," Mr. Katz wrote on social media. "Now the world must designate the [Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps] as a terrorist organization and demand the cancellation of [Iran's] nuclear program and the cessation of support for terrorist organizations."

• *David R. Sands contributed to this report.*



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Russia's military targeted five Ukrainian cities with more than 40 missiles of different types on Monday, hitting the country's largest children's hospital in Kyiv, apartment buildings and public infrastructure, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

UKRAINE

Russians bombard five cities, kill 31; children's hospital among targets

Cancer patients treated outdoors

By **HANNA ARHIROVA AND ILLIA NOVIKOV**

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KYIV, UKRAINE | Russian missiles blasted cities across Ukraine on Monday, damaging the country's largest children's hospital and other buildings in an assault that interrupted heart surgeries and forced young cancer patients to take their treatments outdoors. At least 31 people were killed, officials said.

The daytime barrage targeted five Ukrainian cities with more than 40 missiles of different types, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on social media. Ukraine's air force said it intercepted 30 missiles. More than 150 people were wounded.

The Kremlin denied it had targeted civilian sites and said the latest bombardment was aimed at strictly military assets. The casualties, Russian officials said, was caused by Ukrainian missile defense systems exploding over the city.

It was Russia's heaviest bombardment of Kyiv in almost four months, hitting seven of the city's 10 districts. At least seven people were killed in the capital, including two staff members at the hospital. Strikes in Kryvyi Rih, Mr. Zelenskyy's birthplace in central Ukraine, killed 10.

The attack on the Okhmatdyt children's hospital caused debris to fall into heart patients' open chests in the middle of surgery. Cancer patients had their beds wheeled into parks and onto the streets.

"It is very important that the world should not be silent about it now and that everyone should see what Russia is and what it is doing," Mr. Zelenskyy said.

The assault unfolded a day before Western leaders who have backed Ukraine were scheduled to begin a three-day NATO summit in Washington to consider how they can reassure Kyiv of the alliance's unwavering support and offer Ukrainians hope that their country can survive Europe's biggest conflict since World War II.

Mr. Zelenskyy said during a visit to Poland that he hopes the summit will

provide more air defense systems for Ukraine.

At the hospital in Kyiv, rescuers searched for victims under the rubble of a partially collapsed, two-story wing. At the main 10-story building, windows and doors were blown out, and walls were blackened. Blood was spattered on the floor in one room. The intensive care unit, operating theaters and oncology departments all were damaged, officials said.

At the time of the strike, three heart operations were being performed, leading to the contamination of the patients' open chests with blast debris, Health Minister Viktor Liashko said.

The hospital lost water, light and supplemental oxygen, and the patients were transferred to other hospitals, he told Ukrainian television.

A few hours after the initial strike, another air-raid siren sent many of the patients and staff hurrying to the hospital's shelter.

Led by a flashlight through the shelter's dark corridors, mothers carried their bandaged children in their arms, and medical workers carried other patients on gurneys. Volunteers handed out candy to try to calm the children.

"Among the victims were Ukraine's sickest children," said Volker Turk, the U.N. human rights commissioner. A U.N. team visited the hospital shortly after it was hit and saw the children receiving cancer treatments in hospital beds set up outdoors, he added.

"This is abominable, and I implore those with influence to do everything in their power to ensure these attacks stop immediately," Mr. Turk said.

Kyiv city administrators declared July 9 a day of mourning, when entertainment events are prohibited and flags are lowered.

Ukraine's Security Service said it found wreckage from a Russian Kh-101 cruise missile at the site and opened proceedings on war crime charges. The Kh-101 is an air-launched missile that flies low to avoid detection by radar. Ukraine said it shot down 11 of 13 Kh-101 missiles launched Monday.

FRANCE

Voters' rejection of far right relieves U.S., EU, but split results could mean paralysis

By **KIRSTEN GRIESHABER**

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BERLIN | Leaders across Europe and the United States reacted with relief and some concern to the result of the French legislative election, which leaves a key European Union country facing the prospect of a hung parliament and political paralysis.

Relief, because the polls missed badly and the far-right National Rally didn't come out as the strongest party, as many pro-European leaders had feared — but also concern because no political grouping has a majority in the National Assembly.

President Biden provided his political analysis of the French parliamentary elections when asked for his take on the outcome in a telephone interview Monday morning on cable TV.

"The polls were wrong in France," he said, adding that "there's no right wave or tide here in America, either."

"France rejected extremism," Mr. Biden said.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, which together with France has long been viewed as the engine of European integration, said it would have been a major challenge if French President Emmanuel Macron would have had to work with a right-wing populist party, German news agency dpa reported.

"That has now been averted," the chancellor said.

Mr. Scholz expressed hope that Mr. Macron and the newly elected members of parliament would succeed in forming



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French President Emmanuel Macron has refused the resignation of Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, asking him Monday to stay as head of the government temporarily.

a stable government.

"In any case, I am also pleased with regard to the important Franco-German friendship, and I can personally say that I am also pleased with regard to the good personal relationship that I have with the French president," Mr. Scholz said. "Germany has an interest in the success of the European Union like no other country. This is only possible together with France."

After the first round of the French election last month, in which the conservative populist National Rally had gained the most votes, Mr. Scholz had spoken publicly of his worry that a second-round victory for the EU-skeptic, anti-immigration party could affect French-German relations.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, a former European Council president,

sounded even more euphoric in his reaction to the election outcome.

"In Paris enthusiasm, in Moscow disappointment, in Kyiv relief. Enough to be happy in Warsaw," he posted on X late Sunday.

In London, a government spokesperson said that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer was prepared to work with the French leadership regardless of political affiliation.

"France is obviously one of the U.K.'s closest partners — as NATO and G7 members we have many shared interests," a spokesperson said. "The prime minister has said previously he will work with any government in Europe and across the world."

Final results in France show that a leftist coalition that came together to try to keep the far right from power won the most parliamentary seats in the runoff. There was high voter turnout Sunday.

Mr. Macron's centrist alliance came in second, with both the president's worst fears and highest hopes failing to materialize after he himself called the snap election last month. The far right, which came in third, drastically increased the number of seats it holds in parliament, but fell far short of expectations.

Several countries in the EU, including Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden, have veered to the right in national elections as voters chose euroskeptic parties promising nationalist solutions for European issues such as inflation, migration and Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine that has brought in millions of refugees looking for shelter.

ISRAEL

Renewed Gaza City battle sends thousands fleeing

DEIR AL-BALAH, GAZA STRIP | Israeli

forces deepened an operation in the Gaza Strip's largest city in what the military said was meant to weed out militants, sending thousands of Palestinians fleeing on Monday from an area already ravaged in the early weeks of the nine-month-long war.

The incursion into the eastern part of Gaza City expands Israel's engagement in the northern part of the beleaguered territory, an area Israel said it had seized control of months ago yet which has seen pockets of militant resurgence that have scaled back Israeli military gains and drawn forces back into such operations. Israel had ordered evacuations in the area before the raid was launched, the military said.

Heavy fighting in the area in the initial weeks of the war all but emptied out Gaza City and its environs, and the Israeli military has prevented most

people from returning to their homes there. But several hundred thousands of Palestinians remain in the area, living in the shells of their homes or shelters.

The fighting comes as Israel and Hamas appeared to be the closest they have been in months to agreeing to a cease-fire deal that would bring a pause in the war in exchange for the release of dozens of Israelis held hostage by Hamas in the Gaza Strip. But obstacles remained, even after Hamas agreed days ago to relent on its key demand that Israel commit to ending the war as part of any agreement. A key part of that shift in its stance, officials told The Associated Press, is the level of destruction in the Gaza Strip caused by Israel's intense bombing campaign.

— *Associated Press*

MILITARY

Pentagon invokes exception to keep missile plan on track

A replacement for the nation's aging ground-based nuclear missile

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is still vitally needed despite funding problems that surfaced earlier this year that threatened to trigger congressional sanctions, the Defense Department said Monday.

The LGM-35A Sentinel is the successor to the aging Minuteman III nuclear missile. The Pentagon has called the modernization of the nuclear triad their top priority. But the fate of the Sentinel has been in question since the so-called Nunn-McCurdy statute breach requires the cancellation of a weapons program if costs exceed 125% of the budgeted amount.

The program can only continue if the Defense Department officially certifies that it warrants an exception to the policy. On Monday, Undersecretary of Defense William LaPlante certified to Congress that the Sentinel meets the criteria.

A Defense Department review determined that the total acquisition costs for a "reasonably modified" Sentinel program are estimated at \$140.9 billion — an increase of 81% compared to earlier estimates. Most of the cost growth is in Sentinel's command and launch segment, such as the launch centers, and the funds needed to convert from Minuteman III to Sentinel, officials said. A restructuring of the Sentinel program to meet the Nunn-McCurdy requirements could mean a delay of several years before the program is fully operational.

— *Mike Glenn*

INDIA

Modi travels to Kremlin for first visit since Ukraine war

MOSCOW | India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Moscow on Monday for a two-day visit, his first since Russia sent troops into Ukraine, complicating the relationship between the longtime partners and pushing Russia closer to India's rival, China.

Mr. Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin at his residence outside Moscow, to be followed by talks at the Kremlin on Tuesday. Mr. Modi last traveled to Russia in 2019, when he attended a forum in the far eastern port of Vladivostok and met with Mr. Putin.

The recently reelected Indian leader posted photos of his arrival in Moscow on the social media, saying he was "looking forward to further deepening the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between our nations."

Russia has had strong ties with India since the Cold War, and New Delhi's importance as a key trading partner has grown since the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022. China and India have become key buyers of Russian oil following sanctions imposed by the United States and its allies that shut most Western markets off to Russian exports. India now gets more than 40% of its oil imports from Russia, according to analysts.

— *Associated Press*

DEAL

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deterrence and commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.”

Long-pacifist Japan, home base to 54,000 U.S. troops, America’s largest single overseas deployment, is emerging as a linchpin for security partnerships for the states across the region facing increasing pressure from Beijing.

Japan is suspicious of China, amicable toward Taiwan and deeply concerned about Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The

country’s military is muscling up, notably in the naval sphere with marines and light carriers and in the skies with the largest non-U.S. order of F-35 stealth fighters and an ongoing force of long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles.

The Philippines and China have clashed violently over territorial claims in the South China Sea, and Japan is facing a similar hybrid challenge from China in the East China Sea. Manila is struggling to control the encroachment of Chinese fishing fleets and coast guard units off a hotly disputed shoal, and Japan is

seeing a similar pattern in the disputed Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands.

The Philippines has visiting troop agreements with Australia and the United States, and, like Japan, it has a mutual defense treaty with Washington.

The reciprocal access agreement is Japan’s third such deal. After extensive negotiations, Tokyo’s first deal was signed with Canberra in 2022. Tokyo used that benchmark as a framework for another mutual access accord with Britain in 2023 and is in talks for a similar deal with French defense officials.

A reciprocal access agreement is a mutual defense treaty designed to enable the smooth transfer of manpower, equipment and weapons between the states, enabling personnel, vessel and unit exchanges and exercises.

In the decades since World War II, Japan has been loath to export military arms and other defense products. The Philippines is the first recipient of Tokyo’s defense aid package and is receiving coast guard vessels and offshore radars.

Backed by a government loan, Japanese contractors are building

five more 318-foot coast guard vessels for the Philippines, which has faced recent attacks from China’s large coast guard.

Analysts say the U.S. Navy, despite a powerful presence in the region, is not well suited to respond to Beijing’s hybrid tactics short of open war. Analysts told a congressional hearing last month that the U.S. Coast Guard has that kind of expertise but lacks the manpower, equipment and reach to patrol the East Asian theater.

“The USCG’s primary focus and missions are much closer to U.S. territory than the Western

Pacific and competition with China,” said Drew Thompson, a former U.S. defense official who is now a research fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. “They are not designed to be a symmetrical force to confront China.”

Japan and the Philippines signed the deal a day before NATO was to kick off its summit in Washington. The leaders of Japan, New Zealand and South Korea will attend, but Australia’s prime minister declined his invitation.

TRAFFICK

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child. When pressed, she told the staffers the child was all she had left.

“She explained that en route to the southwest border, just south of Reynosa, Mexico, she was robbed by the Sinaloa cartel. Not only were all of her belongings taken from her, but so were her other two children because she had no money for bribes,” Mr. Sadulski said.

Those taken children are typically brought to the border separately and cross over as unaccompanied minors, he said. They are told to give the U.S. government the name of a potential sponsor. Once they are released to that sponsor, they are forced into child labor.

Mr. Sadulski said he spoke with a criminal investigator tasked with following up with 25 children at their sponsors’ homes. He was unable to track down 23 of the children.

“They never arrived with the sponsor or were taken away by unknown men after they arrived,” Mr. Sadulski said. “The way that the cartels are doing this, tracking all this, is the cloud. So there’s a digital footprint to this.”

Mr. Sadulski underscored the centrality of the cartels to the smuggling economy and their ruthless approach to those they bring north.

He said cartels place operatives



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Migrant children are vulnerable to border cartels. The federal government has no responsibility after they are placed with sponsors.

inside migrant groups or at shelters along the way. Those operatives look for migrants who can be robbed or kidnapped.

Migrants who can’t make the payments may suffer a worse fate.

“I spoke with someone from Venezuela. He also came through the violent Darien Gap. While in the Darien Gap, he observed two people raped and murdered because they did not

have bribe money,” Mr. Sadulski said.

In Progreso, Mexico, he saw migrants sleeping on sidewalks. He spoke with some Russians waiting their turn at one

of President Biden’s “parole” programs.

Unaccompanied children have troubled the U.S. government since at least the 1980s, but the challenge has become more acute

over the past decade as the numbers reach tidal wave proportions.

Under U.S. policy, Mexican or Canadian children can be quickly deported. Those from farther afield must be turned over to the Health and Human Services Department, which holds them until a sponsor can be found.

When the numbers become overwhelming, the government cuts corners to find sponsors. That’s when things can turn ugly.

The surge of children crossing the border during the Obama administration and early in the Trump years proved fertile recruiting ground for MS-13, helping fuel a violent resurgence of the gang late last decade.

Unaccompanied children who have arrived under Mr. Biden’s administration have been linked to horrifying crimes, including the stabbing death of a Florida man and the strangulation death of a 20-year-old autistic girl in Maryland.

HHS says it has no responsibility for the children once they are placed with sponsors.

Some members of Congress disagree and have prodded the department to do more.

The New York Times won a Pulitzer prize for its reporting last year on forced labor industries that rely on illegal immigrant children. An estimated 200,000 migrant children are at work in violation of the law.

The children are also stressing school systems, which can’t hire English language learning teachers fast enough.

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MARYLAND

New parents could receive \$1,000 'baby bonus'

By LEA SKENE
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BALTIMORE | New parents in Baltimore could receive a \$1,000 "baby bonus" if voters approve a proposal that aims to help reduce childhood poverty from birth with a modest one-time cash payment.

A group of Baltimore teachers is behind the effort. Organizers recently secured the necessary 10,000 signatures to bring the question to voters as a ballot initiative in November. Their campaign relied on extensive canvassing efforts and a cute logo: a flying cartoon stork with a bag of money in its beak.

The proposal is loosely modeled on a program implemented this year in Flint, Michigan, where women receive \$1,500 during mid-pregnancy and \$500 per month for the first year after giving birth. Officials said the Flint program was the first of its kind in the U.S.

Countries in Europe and Asia have experimented with larger cash payments, but those programs are meant to encourage more people to have more

Group of Baltimore teachers leads effort to reduce childhood poverty

kids, not address child poverty. Italy, which has one of the world's lowest birth rates, provides baby bonus checks and other benefits aimed at increasing the population.

Organizers behind the Baltimore campaign say more systemic change is needed on a national level to help lift families out of poverty, but giving new parents a modest financial boost could prove an important first step.

"If we're going to spend a limited amount of money, where do you get the most bang for your buck? Research says at birth," said Nate Golden, a high school math teacher who helped found the Maryland Child Alliance, which is pushing for the ballot initiative. "This could literally have a lifelong impact on a kid."

Mr. Golden said he also hopes the program will demonstrate to elected leaders in Baltimore and beyond that

there's a real appetite among voters for implementing policies that help vulnerable children succeed.

The issue is particularly urgent in Baltimore, where an estimated 31% of school-aged children are experiencing poverty, according to census data. Nationally, childhood poverty fell during the pandemic thanks to federal relief programs, but it has since climbed again to about 12% in 2022.

It's incredibly hard for the poor to move up the economic ladder, especially among communities of color. Research shows that most American children born into the lowest income bracket will remain at roughly the same socioeconomic status for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Golden said he sees similar scenarios playing out in his classroom every school year — with students who are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, gun violence and countless

other challenges.

"When you see what they're going through outside school, I'm still going to demand their best in the classroom but it's just not enough," he said. "We have to take care of these underlying needs before we can get kids to focus on learning."

If the ballot initiative is approved, all new parents in Baltimore will receive a one-time payment of at least \$1,000.

An estimated 7,000 children are born in Baltimore each year, so the program would cost about \$7 million annually, which is roughly 0.16% of the city's annual operating budget, according to supporters. The initiative won't result in higher taxes, but it will be up to Baltimore's City Council to allocate funds if it passes.

Advocates say taking a blanket approach to distributing the funds ensures that no one falls through the cracks. It also means some of the money goes to affluent parents who don't need assistance, but Mr. Golden said it's worth including them to avoid leaving out the poorest families.

DISTRICT

D.C. laws faulted for difficulty in punishing carjackers

Federal prosecutors credit investigators for helping bring 2023 wave under control

By MATT DELANEY
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Prosecutors on Monday blamed soft-on-crime laws passed by District leaders for making it more difficult to punish violent young carjackers — but new police initiatives have helped bring car thefts down from the record highs of last year anyway.

U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves, the federal prosecutor whose office handles most major crimes in the city, credited dedicated investigators from the Metropolitan Police Department and forensic assistance from the FBI and ATF for helping to bring the carjacking wave of 2023 under control.

But the city's top prosecutor also said the crime surge seen in 2023 — in which the city saw the most killings since the late 1990s and record-high carjackings — underscores what he sees as flaws in the criminal justice legislation approved by the D.C. Council in recent years.

He said it's most evident in laws granting leniency to defendants under 25 years old, who make up the bulk of the District's carjacking suspects.

"These are all challenges that get exposed when you get hit with a crime wave," Mr. Graves said at a media event Monday. "You don't feel them at first — you don't see them when they're immediately passed — but when a crisis comes, that's when you see the shortcomings of your foundation."

He referred specifically to 2018 amendments made to D.C.'s Youth

Rehabilitation Act.

The amended law allows judges to hand down lighter sentences to people who were under 25 when the crime was committed. The original language of the 1985 law allowed leniency only for convicts 21 and under.

The U.S. attorney further criticized some aspects of the Second Look Act for creating an imbalance in judicial consequences.

The 2021 law lets convicted murderers and rapists petition for a reduced sentence after 15 years behind bars as long as they were under 25 when the crime happened.

"It shouldn't just come down to whether you've done reasonably well in a confined institution, which has no bearing on how you're going to be when you're back in society," Mr. Graves said. "It also doesn't take into account the impact on the victims in many instances."

Metropolitan Police documented 258 violent car thefts in the city as of July — a 46% drop from where the District was at this point in 2023.

This June only saw 31 carjackings, a 78% year-over-year drop from the 140 reported last June which represented the peak of the District's carjacking crisis.

Police data also shows carjacking arrests are up 23% through Monday, with 46 juveniles (up 15% year-over-year) and 29 adults (up 38%) being handcuffed in 2024.

New legislation that makes it easier to prosecute carjackings has produced unclear results so far.

Mr. Graves could not recall his office



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charging a case that takes advantage of the broadened definition of carjacking enshrined by the Secure DC Act passed this spring.

The new language allows prosecutors to charge for carjacking if the victim is mugged for their car keys while standing near their vehicle, such as by a gas pump or if they are walking from their car to their home.

That said, Mr. Graves did note those suspects are usually charged with a crime, it's just not as severe as a carjacking offense would be.

But even as the District navigates how to punish violent car thieves, the attorney's office has had success charging some young suspects as adults over

carjackings.

Even with more arrests and fewer carjackings, the District is still on pace to finish 2024 with around the same number of carjackings it saw in 2022 — which ended the year with a then-record of 474 at the time.

Mr. Graves said the downward trend in carjackings is reliant on all levels of government "continuing to do all the right things in our lane."

The criminal trend isn't just confined to the District. Fairfax County police in the Virginia suburbs said they arrested 38-year-old Ranzo Johnson on Saturday after he carjacked one victim and tried to do the same to two others in a 90-minute duration.

MARYLAND

Hopkins gifted \$1 billion to cover medical students' tuition

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN AND THALIA BEATY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most medical students at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University will no longer pay tuition thanks to a \$1 billion gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies announced Monday.

Starting in the fall, the donation will cover full tuition for medical students from families earning less than \$300,000. Living expenses and fees will be covered for students from families who earn up to \$175,000.

Bloomberg Philanthropies said that currently almost two-thirds of all students seeking a doctor of medicine degree from Johns Hopkins qualify for financial aid, and 45% of the current class will also receive living expenses. The school estimates that graduates' average total loans will decrease from \$104,000 currently to \$60,279 by 2029.

The gift will also increase financial aid for students at the university's schools of nursing, public health and other graduate schools.

"By reducing the financial barriers to these essential fields, we can free more students to pursue careers they're passionate about — and enable them to serve more of the families and communities



Bloomberg

Johns Hopkins University in 1964.

The gift will go to Johns Hopkins' endowment and every penny will go directly to students, said Ron Daniels, president of Johns Hopkins University.

"Mike has really been moved by the challenges that the professions confronted during the course of the pandemic and the heroic efforts they've made to protecting and providing care to American citizens during the pandemic," Mr. Daniels said in an interview. "I think he simply wanted to recognize the importance of these fields and provide this support to ensure that the best and brightest could attend medical school and the school of nursing and public health."

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who need them the most," Michael Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies and Bloomberg LP, said in a statement on Monday.

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2018 to ensure that undergraduate students are accepted regardless of their family's income.

Johns Hopkins will be the latest medical school to offer free tuition to most or all of their medical students.

In February, Ruth Gottesman, a former professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the widow of a Wall Street investor, announced that she was donating \$1 billion to the school. The gift meant that four-year students immediately received free tuition and all other students will be offered free tuition in the fall.

In 2018, Kenneth and Elaine Langone gave \$100 million to the NYU Grossman School of Medicine to make tuition free for all current and future medical students through an endowment fund. The couple gave a second gift of \$200 million in 2023 to the NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine to guarantee free tuition for all medical students. Kenneth Langone is a co-founder of Home Depot.

Other medical schools, like UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine, offer merit-based scholarships thanks to some \$146 million in donations from the recording industry mogul, David Geffen. The Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of

Medicine has also offered tuition-free education for medical students since 2008.

Candice Chen, associate professor, Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University, has researched the social missions of medical schools and had a strong reaction to the recent major gifts to John Hopkins, NYU and Albert Einstein.

"Collectively the medical schools right now, I hate to say this, but they're failing in terms of producing primary care, mental health specialists as well as the doctors who will work in and serve in rural and underserved communities," Ms. Chen said. She would have loved to see this gift go to Meharry Medical College in Tennessee, for example, which is a historically Black school that has produced many primary care doctors who work in communities that have shortages.

Mr. Bloomberg granted Meharry Medical College \$34 million in 2020 as part of a \$100 million gift he made to four Black medical schools to help reduce the debt of their medical students for four years.

There have been only a handful of previous \$1 billion donations to universities in the U.S., most coming in the past several years.

BRIEFLY THE REGION

VIRGINIA

SOUTH HILL

Large blaze contained, 15 responders injured

Fifteen firefighters were injured battling a large fire at a fertilizer warehouse in Virginia, officials said.

The firefighters suffered non-life threatening injuries from chemical exposure, heat exhaustion and minors scrapes and burns while taking on the fire that started Saturday at the Nutrien Ag Solutions facility in South Hill, the town's volunteer fire department said on Facebook.

Fire officials recommended those near the area evacuate voluntarily and asked people to avoid the area and take shelter.

The fire has been contained, the fire department said.

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management was monitoring the area after runoff from the fire entered nearby creeks, the fire department said.

"Cleanup will take weeks for our agencies and an extended period of time for the property," the fire department said.

News outlets reported that the fire started when someone drove into the building. Fire officials said that person was sent to the hospital with burns.

— Associated Press

DISTRICT

NATO summit closes many downtown D.C. roads

Dozens of world leaders are coming to the District this week for the 2024 NATO summit, leading to a wide-ranging tangle of road closures and detours that promise to create headaches for commuters and visitors downtown.

"Getting through downtown next week will require extra time, patience and planning," Mayor Muriel Bowser said last week. "There will be road closures, extra security and delays around the Washington Convention Center and Federal Triangle."

The road closures began Monday and will continue until the summit concludes Thursday evening.

The biggest shutdowns for pedestrians and drivers will encircle the Washington Convention Center, the Mellon Auditorium and the White House.

The Federal Triangle Metro station will be closed on Tuesday, while the Mount Vernon Square station will be inaccessible Tuesday through Thursday. Trains will still run, but officials said they will bypass the affected stations.

The summit has also led to wide-ranging detours for the District's bus routes.

The following bus routes will be affected from 8 p.m. Monday until 8 p.m. Thursday: D4, D6, G2, G8, P6, S2, X2, 3F, 3Y, 11Y, 16F, 16Y, 32, 33, 36, 52, 69, 63, 64, 70, 74 and 79.

Detailed updates about road closures and bus schedule changes are available by texting "NATODC" to 888-777.

— Liam Griffin

Actor Jay Johnston pleads guilty to Jan. 6 riot charges

An actor who played a street-brawling newsmen in the movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" and a pizzeria owner in the television series "Bob's Burgers" pleaded guilty Monday to interfering with police officers trying to protect the U.S. Capitol from a mob's attack on Jan. 6, 2021.

Jay Johnston, 55, of Los Angeles, faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison after pleading guilty to civil disorder, a felony. U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols is scheduled to sentence Johnston on Oct. 7.

The estimated sentencing guidelines for Johnston recommend a prison term ranging from eight to 14 months, but the judge isn't bound by that term of his plea agreement with prosecutors.

Video footage captured Johnston pushing against police and helping rioters who attacked officers guarding an entrance to the Capitol in a tunnel on the Lower West Terrace, according to an FBI agent's affidavit. Johnston held a stolen police shield over his head and passed it to other rioters during the attack, the affidavit says.

— Associated Press

Soldiers of fortune

Bamboo jail cell in a banana bepublic

“Steve Bannon Is No Longer a Free Man,” gloated one left-wing website.

“Steve Bannon Swaps His Podcast Studio for a Prison Cell,” another gleefully reported.

July 1 was, by any measure, a dark and grave moment in American political history — one concealed only by its absurdity.

Former President Donald Trump’s former senior White House adviser and key architect of the Trump 2016 campaign reported to a federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut, to begin serving a sentence borne entirely of naked partisan politics.

“Contempt of Congress” is the official crime, as if 90% of Americans at any given moment would not be convicted of the same offense if charged by crazy prosecutors. But the “90%” figure does not actually do justice to the true level of contempt Americans have for Congress these days. That outstanding 10% who do not currently register contempt for Congress in polls today will have contempt for Congress as soon as the other party takes over again.

So, actually, it is more like 100% of Americans today would be found guilty if charged with contempt of Congress.

In other words, Steve Bannon is all of us.

But the previously unthinkable scene of Mr. Bannon in Danbury — like the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Birmingham or Nelson Mandela on Robben Island — was not the really dark and grave moment this past week. That scene unfolded on the same morning 300 miles to the south outside the Supreme Court, which had just issued a widely predicted and reasonable 6-3 opinion that presidents obviously have immunity from prosecution for their official acts as president.



Otherwise, former President George W. Bush would be charged for cooking the evidence to get us into the Iraq War, former President Barack Obama would be charged with murder for droning a 16-year-old American citizen in Yemen, and President Biden would likely be executed for an airstrike on 10 civilians in Afghanistan, including seven children and three charity workers feeding the hungry.

The only extraordinary thing about the Supreme Court ruling was that three justices had made it to the high court despite being so tangled in the kelp of their own stupidity and so deeply partisan that they signed their names to a dissent that would obliterate an entire branch of government.

It was, in short, an attempted judicial insurrection — a black-robed coup against the presidency and the very Constitution they were sworn to uphold.

Though she was heralded as a “wise Latina” when Democrats put Justice Sonia Sotomayor on the Supreme Court, she quickly established herself as the dumbest person on the bench. With her unhinged dissent last week, she also established herself as an unstable lunatic — a dangerous combination when mixed with stupidity and power.

She actually used the ink and paper of her office in the Supreme Court to instruct the current president and all future presidents that they are now free to use “the Navy’s Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival.” Never mind that such an act would never fall into the category of an “official act,” Justice Sotomayor just wants Mr. Biden and future



Steve Bannon

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presidents to know that they are free to assassinate their political rivals. (Hint, hint. Wink, wink.)

Nothing lowers the temperature of an already broiling political debate like a black-robed justice for life encouraging political assassinations from the highest bench in the land.

Back in Danbury, Mr. Bannon stood before cameras and declared that he was “proud to go to prison.”

Dressed in double black shirts outside the federal prison, Mr. Bannon left at home the quiver of four to seven pens he usually keeps holstered in the placket of his outer-buttoned shirt. He offered himself as a martyr, standing up to the tyranny of a justice system twisted and weaponized by Mr. Biden to punish his political enemies.

“But martyrs die and I’m far from dead, baby,” Mr. Bannon bragged with a devious smile.

At that moment, Mr. Biden must have kicked himself for not sending in SEAL Team 6.

Mr. Bannon was joined by his own SEAL team, including the fearless Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, a Catholic priest, his daughter and Erik Prince, America’s most famous mercenary and an actual Navy SEAL. The whole scene had the feel of a band of righteous rebels locked in guerrilla warfare against an unblinking tyrant in the jungles of Southeast Asia, where Mr. Bannon would be starved in a bamboo jail cell.

The air was heavy with revenge. Lost on no one is the fact that Mr. Bannon is scheduled to be released from prison just days before the November election in which Mr. Trump is poised to win.

Mr. Prince, the mercenary, stood by Mr. Bannon, wearing a sand khaki tactical shirt.

“We turn my friend Steve Bannon over to the guards at the prison here. We will be here in four months to collect him in good health,” he said, before adding a stark warning.

“We expect that they take good care of him or there will be accountability for that as well.”

Then the priest stepped forward to offer a prayer for him, and Mr. Bannon replied: “Father, don’t pray for me. Pray for our enemies.”

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Don’t enlarge NATO

Members need to have military capability, strategic value to alliance

By Jed Babbin

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization — NATO — began in 1949 with 12 members. In 10 rounds of expansion, many of the former Warsaw Pact nations have joined to benefit from the NATO Treaty’s Article 5, which pledges that each member nation will defend every other.

In 10 rounds of expansion, NATO has enlarged itself to 32 members, including Sweden and Norway, which joined this year. Other nations — Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ukraine and Georgia — are all aspiring to NATO membership.

As the NATO website points out, a 1995 study on new membership concludes that any nation that meets five criteria should be able to join. Those criteria are (1) the nation has a democratic political system based on a market economy, (2) it treats minority populations fairly, (3) it is committed to the peaceful resolution of conflicts, (4) it is able and willing to make military contributions to NATO operations and (5) it is committed to democratic civil-military relations and institutional structures.

Those criteria have been violated by the admission of certain members. Montenegro, for example, has — for those who remember “The Mouse That Roared” — the military capabilities of the Duchy of Grand Fenwick.

In its 2008 Bucharest Summit, NATO agreed that Georgia and Ukraine would become NATO members. As this column has also pointed out, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg unwisely said a few months ago that NATO was trying to agree on an irreversible path to membership for Ukraine. Former Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who will succeed Mr. Stoltenberg as secretary general in October, should reverse that position and bring about a more rational approach to new nations’ membership.

The most critical questions must be: What does the prospective member bring to the fight, and what is its strategic value?

Mr. Rutte’s reputation is that of a man who can generate consensus, which will be as difficult in NATO as it is in the European Union. He has supported former President Donald Trump’s demand that the NATO members spend more on their own defense.

Mr. Trump’s demands have been effective. In 2024, 18 of NATO’s 32 members will spend the agreed-on 2% of their gross domestic product on defense. One of the worst laggards is Canada, which — under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — will spend only 1.4%.

The genesis of NATO was the threat to Western Europe by the former Soviet Union. Russia, without its former empire, is still a significant danger to the NATO nations. Both Georgia and Ukraine border Russia.

In the case of Ukraine, Russia’s 2014 invasion and subsequent annexation of its Crimean Peninsula, coupled with its 2022 invasion, brought war to Europe in a magnitude unseen since the Second World War.

Obviously, Ukraine cannot become a NATO member while that war goes on. It will probably continue — despite any interim peace agreement — as long as Russian President Vladimir Putin is alive.

Mr. Putin has hinted that, like Kaiser Wilhelm did of Germany before World War I, he believes Western nations are trying to surround Russia to deny its rightful place in the world. The addition of either Ukraine or Georgia would heighten Mr. Putin’s anxiety.

The only answer to the NATO membership issue is to stop NATO’s expansion at this point. There is no pressing need for nations such as Georgia or Ukraine to become members.

That doesn’t mean NATO’s expansion should stop entirely. Why shouldn’t Israel, Japan or Australia be members? Each has considerable military capabilities from which NATO would benefit. Each is strategically placed and — in the cases of Australia and Japan — could mean a strategic deterrent to China. In the case of Israel, NATO membership would be a clear deterrent to Iran.

The reason, unfortunately, is simple. The European members of NATO and Canada have neither the political will nor the military capability to defend any nation in the Pacific. In the case of Israel, they have an antipathy that has grown from the war with Hamas that has assumed an enormous ideological importance that Europe will not soon overcome.

What would Mr. Trump do to (or with) NATO if he is reelected in November? Rumors abound that he would take radical action, perhaps keeping the NATO nations under the U.S. nuclear umbrella but taking U.S. troops out of Europe. Whatever he does, he should lead NATO into the future while still encouraging the laggards to spend more on defense.

Any new member nation should have more military capability than Montenegro and more strategic value.

NATO was and can be again, a cornerstone of our deterrent strategy if it is led properly, which President Biden hasn’t done.

Under Mr. Biden, American deterrence has become ineffective. U.S. military spending is enormous, but much of the defense budget is being spent on the wrong things, which will be discussed in a future column. The ineffectiveness of our deterrence is best exemplified by the Houthis of Yemen, who — despite Mr. Biden’s efforts — are still attacking shipping in the Red Sea.

Deterrence is measured by the ability and willingness to use force for defense. We need to do a lot better, and NATO could be one good way to do so.

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Democrats’ endless hoaxes

A deep dive into 51 U.S. intelligence officers’ letter calling Hunter’s laptop Russian disinformation

By Rowan Scarborough

We now know the letter of 51 U.S. intelligence officers saying Hunter Biden’s laptop was classic Russian disinformation was the biggest instance of government interference in a presidential election since — we don’t have to go back too far — the Steele dossier four years earlier.

Funny how both of those deceptions — the Hillary Clinton campaign’s Russia-sourced dossier fed to an obedient FBI, and the laptop letter signed by 51 former intelligence overseers falsely blaming Russia for Hunter’s inbox — were executed by one party: the Democratic Party. The Democrats even got the CIA bureaucracy to dive into domestic politics like some creepy Kremlin gang.

The goal, of course, was to destroy Republican Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential bid.

We know that the FBI and liberal news media relied on British former spy Christopher Steele’s dossier and its list of false felony allegations to sabotage Mr. Trump before and after he reached the White House.

We have learned more about the bogus intelligence bigwigs’ laptop letter designed to suffocate



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COMMENT & ANALYSIS

The Tory apocalypse

Defeat for milquetoast U.K. Conservatives holds lessons for U.S. conservatives

Our cousins across the Atlantic have just replaced a nominally Conservative government with the British equivalent of Sen. Bernie Sanders. Keir Starmer met with King Charles III on Friday to accept the position of prime minister after winning an election that wasn't even close.

The Labor Party secured 412 seats in the House of Commons — a 63% majority — leaving Conservatives powerless with a paltry 121. Nigel Farage and three Reform UK members won seats they intend to use as a platform to oppose the leftists and form a new conservative majority.

Thanks to the convoluted structure of parliamentary elections, Mr. Starmer achieved his blowout victory with fewer votes than Conservatives and Reform received combined. Polling data from YouGov confirms the public wasn't exactly embracing Labor. Nearly half of voters told pollsters they had an unfavorable view of the party, with 48% of Labor voters saying their motivation was "to get the Tories out."

Who can blame them? Had Conservatives stayed in power, voters would still get "net zero," a plan that replaces affordable energy sources with expensive and inefficient alternatives that masquerade as green. It's the same idea the left pushes here in the United States; it's just pushed with less vigor.

Thanks to Conservative inaction, immigration also tripled in the past several years. Instead of focusing on fighting crime in the streets, British police officers spend their time attending diversity training seminars and arresting anyone making "offensive" comments on X.

London recorded 989 arrests between 2021 and 2023 under a law allowing anyone to be thrown in jail for making naughty comments online. Of those arrested, 47 were charged with "Persistently making use of

public communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety."

Mr. Starmer will be more straightforward about his intentions. He was formerly a member of the "editorial collective" for Socialist Alternatives, a Marxist journal. Mr. Starmer, who is 61, was still writing articles for Socialist Lawyer when he was 45.

But Mr. Starmer did trade some of his past anti-monarchical views for a title and a profitable seat at the table at the G7. He heads a party whose promise is to make Britain a clean energy superpower — not with a Green New Deal but with a "Green Prosperity Plan." As the Labor manifesto states, "We will shape markets, and use public investment to crowd in private funding" to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2030.

It's a crony capitalist proposal to accelerate the already excessive taxpayer funding of bird-killing windmills. Vast swaths of formerly pristine countryside will also be blighted with solar panels that will occasionally generate electricity on the gloomy island, where the sun shines an average of 15% of the day. The only ones to benefit from the program will be the middlemen working with the Chinese factories that produce the turbine blades and photovoltaic cells.

On both sides of the Atlantic, conservatives often feel compelled by the incessant drumbeat from Hollywood leftists and corporate-owned media outlets to go along with futile endeavors of this sort. The Tories gave in and went hard "moderate" on this and every issue to avoid criticism.

In the end, the Conservative Party was captured by the agendas made fashionable by the BBC and the Guardian newspaper. The lesson for U.S. conservatives is how swiftly the voters recognized and punished the insincerity.



The real power

The Biden cover-up

President must take cognitive test

By Cal Thomas

Anyone hoping George Stephanopoulos' interview of President Biden on ABC News would allay the growing fears of Democrats that the president is not mentally fit to serve another four years must be disappointed.

When asked repeatedly and in different ways if he would take an independent neurological exam, Mr. Biden refused, claiming he is mentally fit and doesn't need a test because he is tested "every day" and his test is "running the world." The world is in bad shape, with wars and rumors of wars. Does he take the blame? Apparently not.

Things are so bad that the Biden campaign was forced to admit it provided eight questions to radio host Andrea Lawful-Sanders of "The Source" on WURD before her interview with the president.

In that interview, Mr. Biden accidentally stated he was "the first Black woman to serve in the White House." In 1998, Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison wrote in *The New Yorker* that Bill Clinton was America's "first Black president" because of life experiences he shared with many Black people. That was said about Mr. Clinton. He didn't claim a different racial or gender background.

If Mr. Biden's mental health is fine and assertions to the contrary are untrue, the quickest way to resolve the issue is to take a test. Not to do so suggests the president is covering up something potentially serious. The *New York Post* reported that according to White House visitor logs, a top Parkinson's disease specialist in Washington met with the president's personal physician earlier this year. What was that about? Silence from those who know.

It gets worse. Politico reports diplomats and world leaders preparing for this week's NATO summit "are privately expressing acute concern about President Joe Biden's age, health and ability to win the 2024 presidential election. These foreign officials largely favor Biden's re-election and fear that Donald Trump's return to office would damage the NATO alliance and cripple the war effort in Ukraine. But they have reacted

to Biden's recent debate performance with dismay and fear that Biden may be too frail to defeat Trump and lead a global superpower."

That pretty much sums up the concerns of increasing numbers of Democrats. How long will it be before we see a replay of that Republican Senate delegation that went to the White House in 1974 and told President Richard Nixon he had lost the support of Congress and would be impeached and removed from office?

There are plenty of nonsensical examples of Mr. Biden's inability to speak coherently. Consider this one excerpt from the Stephanopoulos interview in response to his debate performance: "The whole way I prepared, nobody's fault mine.

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Nobody's fault but mine. ... I, uh, prepared what I usually would do, sitting down as I did, come back with foreign leaders or National Security Council for explicit detail. And I realized about partway through that, you know, I quoted *The New York Times* had me down 10 points before the debate, 9 now or whatever the hell it is. The fact of the matter is that what I looked at is that he also lied 28 times. I couldn't, I mean, the way the debate ran, not — my fault, no one else's fault — no one else's fault."

Not even Google Translate could figure that one out. And it's not just his mental state but his policies, chief of which is the open border, which, according to a recent Center for Immigration Studies poll, is the top issue for most voters in this election.

For the sake of his family, himself, and especially the country, President Biden should have an immediate cognitive test performed by an independent physician, and complete results should be released to the public. Anything less — or nothing at all — is unacceptable and puts the nation in danger by a president who increasingly appears incapable of fully performing his duties.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book, "A Watchman in the Night: What I've Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America" (HumanixBooks).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Think before voting

Individualism means freedom for individuals ("The only thing Americans don't seem to want more of is government," web, July 7).

Having just celebrated its 248th birthday, America is the oldest among the 193 countries recognized in the United Nations.

It is the only government on Earth created specifically to protect the unalienable rights of individuals, as emphasized in our Constitution's 10th and 14th amendments.

It protects a minority against the tyranny of a majority possible

under every version of socialism, as James Madison pointed out in both Federalist 10 and Federalist 51.

That is the essence of a republic, and what sets it apart from a democracy.

The Constitution's Article 3 does not grant the Supreme Court the power to neuter unalienable rights by simple majority vote until nullified.

All other federal courts are inferior, and Congress has complete power over them to protect unalienable rights, including possibly even

removing from their jurisdiction the cases dealing with unalienable rights.

These are facts worth remembering when voters select candidates to represent them in governments.

Will you vote to preserve the dream of the founders and patriots, and protect the unalienable rights of individuals? Or will you vote for power-hungry totalitarians who will treat us all like serfs?

JOE BOYETT
Montgomery, Alabama

Kamala's way in

"At Essence, Black Democrats rally behind Biden and talk up Kamala Harris" (web, July 7) quotes An-tuan Seawright, a Black Democratic consultant, as declaring that if President Biden drops out of the race, choosing "anyone other than Kamala would be malpractice — and it would tear the party apart."

As more and more elected Democrats urge Mr. Biden to withdraw and party leaders convene to plot alternatives, the president retreats into the defiant delusion that marks dementia. Most recently he insisted that only "if the Lord Almighty comes out and tells me" to get out of the race, "I might do that."

While Mr. Biden debates whether to

obey a voice from heaven, rest assured that Vice President Kamala Harris and other party leaders are not waiting for a sign in the sky to scheme Plan B.

Every day that the polls worsen and the election approaches, the appeal of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution becomes more alluring. The amendment provides that "Whenever the Vice President and a majority of [the Cabinet declare] ... that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President."

Leading up to that moment, Ms. Harris and her co-conspirators

would begin systematically leaking to the media more and more evidence of Mr. Biden's cognitive chaos. A parade of party leaders would report that a clearly detached-from-reality Mr. Biden has irrationally rejected their pleas for his withdrawal or resignation.

And then, in collusion with Cabinet members promised a role in her upcoming administration, Ms. Harris would be able to seize by political fiat the office she never could reach through the popular vote and secure for herself the nomination of the party.

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Pandering to constituent groups is insulting

Voters are tired of the political pandering by the Biden administration. "Yeah, girl, I'm out here in these streets" was a recent phrase used by Vice President Kamala Harris to refer to African American voters ("VP Harris mocked over BET awards campaign video: 'Cringe,'" web, July 1). It is just one of many phrases being used to deceive us into ignoring the many policy failures of this administration that have created divisions between races, ages, political affiliations and the two genders.

The danger is that pandering can spread like wildfire. My understanding of polling is that it is necessary to decide who and what parts of society a campaign needs to influence. Still, I

am trying to remember when someone last called me to participate in a poll. Political pandering is a shortcut to secure support and it seems to be the only choice for President Biden and his campaign team. It is insulting because it takes advantage of voters' naivete and lack of intelligence. Some examples are student loan forgiveness, the economy and border security.

Pandering allows denial of reality and seeks to use misperceptions to set up social narratives absent of facts. It influences us not to believe what we see with our own eyes and on the news. How, for example, can you expect people to ignore the price increases they witness when

food shopping, or the illegal immigrants on mopeds endangering pedestrians, or the recent presidential debate?

This election cycle will show that voters have finally awakened to years of pandering and now reject politicians' attempts to influence them with deceptive tactics. In this country, if we do not like the direction things are taking, we have the power to change them. The world is watching. Let's let this year's election end the divisions created by political pandering and put in charge someone we can trust.

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Why Sen. Tim Scott increases Trump's winning edge in November

And a successful second term as president

By Van Hipp

Let's face it. The GOP has a deep bench of qualified vice presidential picks for former President Donald Trump as he eyes his potential running mates. Each brings unique talents and skills to a Trump ticket and a Trump administration. One potential VP pick, though, increases Mr. Trump's winning edge both in November and in a second Trump term: Sen. Tim Scott.

Here's how:

First, the South Carolina Republican further solidifies Mr. Trump's growing support in minority communities.

Current polls show Mr. Trump is receiving support in Black and Hispanic communities that no GOP presidential nominee has seen in decades. Mr. Scott, who grew up poor in a single-parent household, saw the love of a mother who worked two jobs just to keep a roof over their heads. That, along with an abiding faith and a "never give up" attitude, led Mr. Scott to build his own successful small business and become the first African American senator to be elected from the South since Reconstruction. Mr. Scott's story is the American story, and it resonates with many in minority communities that they can succeed if given an opportunity.

Second, opportunity zones.

Mr. Scott co-authored the historic initiative through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It has enabled billions of dollars of private sector capital to be invested in low-income areas in all 50 states. It has offered real hope in America's economically distressed communities.

Mr. Scott's leadership in making opportunity zones a reality is reminiscent of the message and vision of former Rep. Jack Kemp. Kemp, the GOP's 1996 nominee for vice president, believed that the Republicans should do more to provide economic incentives for our inner cities and poor areas. Mr. Trump, who has taken his

campaign to the South Bronx and Philadelphia, singled out Mr. Scott and his leadership on opportunity zones in the first presidential debate with President Biden. Having Mr. Scott on the ticket will enable Mr. Trump to continue to take the fight, with real credibility, to urban and poor areas that have been failed by current government policies.

Third is Mr. Scott's connection with the evangelical community. Mr. Scott is genuinely admired in America's evangelical community. He doesn't just talk the talk. He walks the walk. Last year, he received the

ticket with Mr. Scott as the VP nominee. The other would be GOP VP nominees had no impact or caused voters to be less likely to support Mr. Trump. In a recent Fox News interview, pollster Mark Penn called Mr. Scott a good VP pick and one that Democrats feared.

Last, Mr. Scott can help get Mr. Trump's agenda through the Senate.

In a second Trump term, Mr. Scott not only helps Mr. Trump in the fall but also has the skills and personality to help get the Trump agenda through Congress. In short, there's no more liked member of the Senate than Tim Scott. He also knows how to work with other members to get things done. Don't forget, he got Sen. Cory Booker, New Jersey Democrat, to co-sponsor his opportunity zone legislation. Sen. Sherrod Brown, Ohio Democrat, showed up at his swearing-in reception for his most recent term. Close to 10 senators spoke when he received the "Distinguished Christian Statesman Award." Mr. Trump won't find a better or more effective vice president to help get his legislative agenda through Congress.

In short, Mr. Scott is a "happy warrior" who complements Mr. Trump in style and substance. He epitomizes the American dream and believes America's best days are ahead if we can right the ship and get our nation back on track. His is a message of hope to so many across our land who are struggling to make ends meet.

Having Sen. Tim Scott as the GOP vice presidential nominee will increase Mr. Trump's winning edge in the November election and help ensure the new Trump administration is best prepared to get its agenda through Congress.

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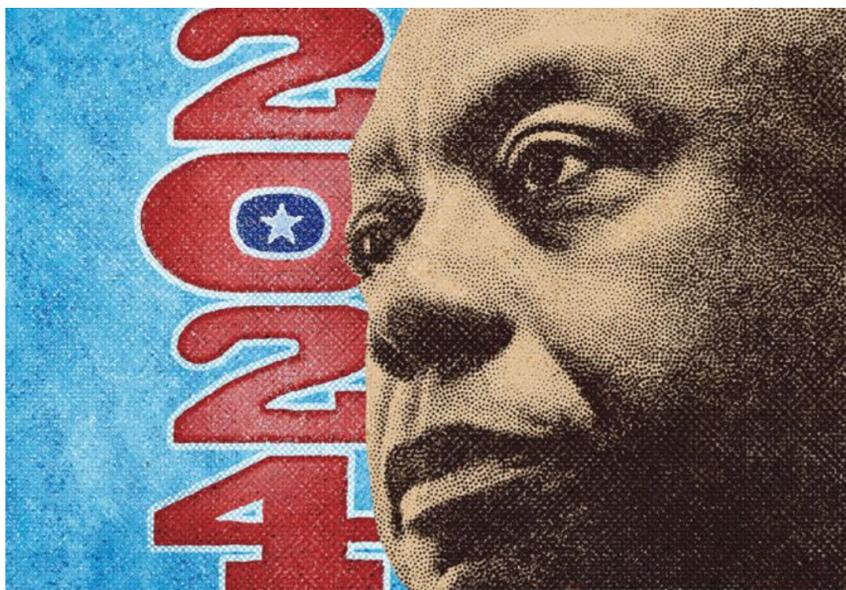


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"Distinguished Christian Statesman Award." The award is given annually by the respected Center for Christian Statesmanship, which was founded by the Rev. D. James Kennedy.

Yes, Mr. Trump is expected to get a large percentage of America's evangelical vote, as he did in 2016 and 2020. But increasing evangelical support and turnout by just a couple of points in critical swing states could prove crucial.

Fourth, recent polling data shows that Mr. Scott helps the Trump ticket.

A Harvard/Harris poll taken last month on the impact of various VP choices on the electorate showed that 6% of voters were likelier to vote for the Trump

Not obsolete yet

AI will eventually destroy almost every job that now exists

By Richard W. Rahn

Last week, ChatGPT revealed that it was better at being me than I was at being me. Fortunately, so far, it is only part of me where artificial intelligence is better. I had intended to write this weekly column to update you about the need to abolish the capital gains tax. A colleague, who is a fine economist, had been doing work on monetary issues and mentioned to me that by using ChatGPT he was able to improve and speed up his work product. So I decided to give it a try, and I asked ChatGPT to "write a 700-word essay about economist Richard Rahn's views on taxing capital gains."

The result was astounding. Within seconds, the computer wrote a very fine essay, correctly presenting my arguments and those of critics, all drawn from the many papers and articles I have written on the topic over more than four decades. I then asked it to write an essay about my work regarding the size of government and economic growth. Again, within seconds, I was presented with an excellent essay — perhaps better and more complete than I could write now — even though it was all based on things I had written over the years.

After experimenting further with ChatGPT, I concluded that it is useful and reasonably accurate in dealing with questions and topics where there are many papers for it to draw from (such as the problem with capital gains taxes or the optimum size of government), and almost useless and not very accurate in dealing with topics that have limited source material, such as the biographies of people who are not famous. Wikipedia is much more useful for such inquiries. Many companies are developing specific-use as well as general-use AI programs and tools, and as a result, AI's usefulness and accuracy are growing at an exponential rate and probably will continue to do so for years to come.

Elon Musk and others have argued that eventually, AI and robots will be able to do almost all jobs, so increasingly, people will "go to work" only out of the pleasure they get from a job rather than as a financial necessity.

Elon Musk and others have argued that eventually, AI and robots will be able to do almost all jobs, so increasingly, people will "go to work" only out of the pleasure they get from a job rather than as a financial necessity. We already see this with many affluent people of retirement age, who choose to continue to work because they find it rewarding in a psychological sense rather than the need for added income. It is not that AI is going to make some jobs obsolete in the way the electric light bulb destroyed the business of most candle makers, but AI eventually will destroy almost every job that now exists. New but unknown jobs will emerge — in the same way that thousands of textile mill workers' jobs disappeared, but many more jobs were created using computer software.

The AI explosion has been causing me to rethink what I have been doing. I have been writing this weekly column for more than 20 years because I enjoy expressing my opinions on economics, politics, history, foreign policy and science to a broader audience. In total, I have written perhaps a couple of thousand published academic and other papers, opinion columns, essays, etc., in my professional lifetime.

Many of the things we do in life are the results of unplanned opportunities or accidents. Most teenagers give some thought as to the future they would like to have — being a star athlete, scientist or whatever. Some lucky people find a passion early on (such as medicine) that is financially rewarding and keeps them intellectually stimulated well into their later years. Others flounder around for years, never finding a comfortable role. And some of us go through life always looking for new challenges and willing to take risks.

As one who has had a variety of careers (in academia, government, public policy, international economic development, building new businesses, etc.) — and who has the luxury of deciding what new course to take, including doing nothing, rather than have someone else tell me "technology has made you obsolete" — I have decided to take some time to rethink what I want to do and how best to make a contribution.

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The great American experiment is in peril

GAO's next 'High-Risk List' needs strategic government transformation

By David M. Walker and Jeanne M. DiFrancesco

As we celebrate the 248th anniversary of our independence, the great American experiment in self-governance "of the people, by the people and for the people" is in peril. Federal deficits are still at pandemic levels, debt burdens are at record highs, and interest costs have surpassed defense spending, creating a ticking debt bomb that threatens our national security, economic prosperity and domestic tranquility.

At the same time, Americans' faith in our institutions is at or near an all-time low. From boardrooms to classrooms, Americans believe in our republic and a professional, effective and nonpartisan civil service. They are questioning, however, the value of what the government is doing and its ability to deliver real results.

Nearly 250 years ago, our founders decided not to be subjects of a monarch but shareholders of a nation. Our federal leaders, however, are not properly discharging their stewardship responsibilities to the American shareholders in the face of many complex and fast-moving international threats and domestic challenges.

Mounting debt burdens and losing faith in our institutions may seem unrelated,

plans and annual budget justifications without links to desired national outcomes or the ability to articulate the value created for what they spend. Mired in a system that uses management science from decades ago, government leaders employ a fragmented and myopic approach that fails to produce a sustainable fiscal path, impairs the speed of action and obscures both the systemic risks and opportunities to dramatically improve performance.

To address both the fiscal and public confidence issues, it is time for our government to recognize the urgency and magnitude of the challenge and meet the moment with ingenuity, determination, and the clear-eyed understanding that this can and must be fixed. The government will need a comprehensive, integrated, outcome-based and resource-constrained strategic plan and far more sophisticated management science and systems to develop ROI-oriented frameworks that span the entire federal government and cascade through the agencies.

The Biden administration and Congress, supported by the Office of Management and Budget and Government Accountability Office, can then better exercise their leadership responsibilities with an evidence-based, analytic

approach to planning, oversight, insight and foresight activities. This will help to determine what is working, what is not, and what is missing. The result would be comprehensive, transparent, integrated and executable national strategies, plans, budgets and performance measures to guide the needed transformation of the federal government to be more effective and credible today and fiscally sustainable and adaptable over time.

These problems are well known by both political and civil service leaders. The lack of outcome orientation and ROI frameworks undercuts the government's ability to understand the impact of its actions on the American people's interests and our global position. Americans are frustrated by the short-term focus of political

leadership, partisan gridlock and constantly shifting priorities. Adopting a comprehensive strategic plan in cooperation with Congress and institutionalizing ROI-based frameworks can bring a rudder for planning, execution and oversight within and between administrations and Congresses.

Based on our current condition and future path, time is not on our side. Many current efforts around government address aspects of this issue, but they are fragmented and lack adequate national-level leadership and institutional staying power.

This need for strategic government transformation is so serious that it deserves to be added to the GAO's next "High-Risk List," which is scheduled to be published in January. With light comes heat and with heat hopefully action to restore Americans' faith in our federal institutions to deliver "to ourselves and our Posterity" for the next quarter millennium.

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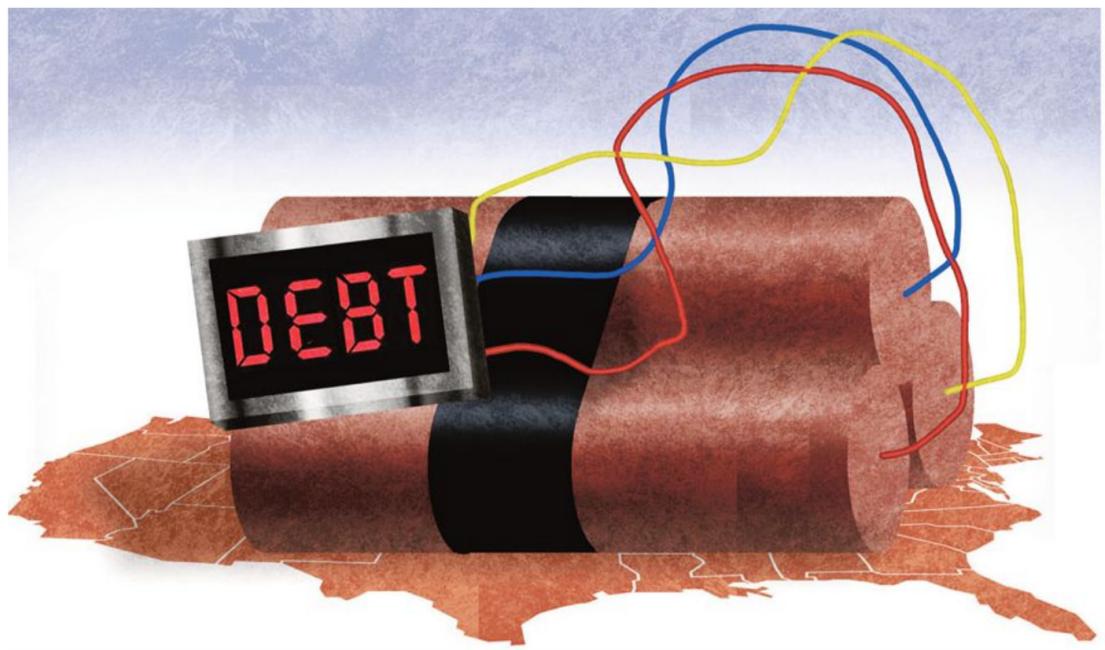


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but they are symptoms of the same fundamental issue. Unlike China, our greatest global competitor, the U.S. lacks long-term national strategies focused on key economic, diplomatic, military and societal objectives. The federal government cannot also link its spending to the value it creates for the American people. If you do not know what something is worth, how would you know what you are willing to spend? This is the basic principle of return on investment, or ROI.

It is not hard to understand the value the federal government should be creating for the American people. The preamble to the Constitution articulates its mandate (e.g., provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, secure the blessings of liberty, etc.), which could be translated into a suite of key national indicators to help measure the value the U.S. government is achieving for the American people.

Businesses routinely do this through ROI frameworks that provide the multifaceted insights necessary to balance activities, outcomes and returns across portfolios and over multiple time horizons simultaneously. They must and do execute comprehensive strategies with the speed necessary to meet market threats and opportunities, or they are out of business.

In contrast, our government produces an avalanche of individual agency strategic

'Pro-democracy' Democrats tell 14.3 million voters: Drop dead

Those urging Biden to end reelection bid don't respect those who support him

By Deroy Murdock

Top Democratic officials and pundits are demanding that President Biden surrender his driver's license after he totaled the campaign bus in his June 27 debate with former President Donald Trump.

"I am hopeful that he [Mr. Biden] will make the painful and difficult decision to withdraw," Rep. Lloyd Doggett, Texas Democrat, stated July 2. "I respectfully call on him to do so."

"We all saw what we saw," said Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Washington Democrat. "Biden is going to lose to Trump."

The Chicago Tribune editorialized that Mr. Biden "should announce he will be a single-term president who now has seen the light when it comes to his own capabilities."

Mr. Biden's continued candidacy "would be an act not only of self-delusion but of national endangerment," warned New Yorker Editor David Remnick.

Mark Leibovich's concurring opinion in The Atlantic is headlined "Time to go, Joe."

These same Democrats shriek "democracy" more often than parrots screech about crackers. Now, they tell Democratic primary voters: "Drop dead."

Those pushing Mr. Biden to scupper his reelection bid have no respect for the Americans who awarded him the Democratic nomination.

"The bedwetting brigade is calling for Joe Biden to 'drop out,'" deputy campaign manager Rob Flaherty complained in a post-debate communique. "Joe Biden is going to be the Democratic nominee, period. End of story," Mr. Flaherty added. "Voters voted. He won overwhelmingly."

Mr. Biden secured his party's nomination in epic fashion: He scored 14,324,396 primary votes, or 87% of those cast. In second place, "Uncommitted" took 703,897 votes, as 4.3% of primary participants expressed their displeasure with his policies on Israel's war in the Gaza Strip. Rep. Dean Phillips, Minnesota Democrat, won 525,408 votes, 3.2% of the total.

THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE

President Biden won the Democratic nomination, fair and square

Candidate	Popular vote	Popular vote %	Delegates won	Delegates won %	Contests won	Contests won %
Joe Biden	14,324,396	87.0%	3,894	98.9%	56	98.2%
Uncommitted	703,897	4.3%	36	0.9%	0	0.0%
Dean Phillips	525,408	3.2%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%
Marianne Williamson	465,863	2.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jason Palmer	20,926	0.1%	3	0.1%	1	1.8%

Note: Total convention delegates: 3,949
SOURCE: Wikipedia - *2024 Democratic Party presidential primaries

treachery, they claim that Mr. Trump threatens "our democracy." Psychological projection rarely gets worse.

Mr. Biden spent 48 years climbing from the Senate to the vice presidency and then the Oval Office. If he wants to fight for this job, no one can stop him. If the "party elders" drive to the White House and tell him to stand down, he has every right to give them five seconds to scam before he directs the Secret Service to speed them back to Pennsylvania Avenue.

If Mr. Biden did step aside, Vice President Kamala Harris occupies the on-deck circle for the nomination. Her epic fail as border czar, ceaseless giggles, and side hustle as White House word-salad chef all would endure immediate Trump-GOP bombardment. Ms. Harris' poll numbers have tended to lag Mr. Biden's. Making her standard-bearer would buy Democrats little to nothing.

But what if top Democrats tried to hand the nomination, like an orb and scepter, to a wealthy, White, heterosexual man, such as California Gov. Gavin Newsom? Mr. Newsom would uncheck every box that the equity crowd worships.

Black women, the cornerstone of the Democratic base, would not be amused.

"You've got to build consensus, and there is not consensus right now," California delegate Areva Martin, a Black woman, said on Stephen A. Smith's podcast. "You pick a White man over Kamala Harris — Black women, I can tell you this: We're gonna walk away. We're gonna blow the party up."

Whatever Mr. Biden and his colleagues decide to do, there is no escaping an unnamed Democratic operative's conclusion, as the Committee to Unleash Prosperity reported Tuesday: "These have been the worst four days for the Democratic Party since Lee surrendered at Appomattox."

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Biden's weakness hurts Israel and U.S.

Pause on arms shipments to Middle East ally affects its operational readiness, prolongs conflict

By Matt Brooks

Last month's presidential debate in Atlanta confirmed what many of us have warned: The commander in chief is not in command. Voters across the United States witnessed President Biden's weakness and frailty firsthand — as did the adversaries of America in Tehran, Moscow and Beijing. I take no joy or glee in saying this. Our country desperately needs strong leadership, and Mr. Biden is simply not up to the task of confronting the myriad challenges our country faces today.

Mr. Biden's poor performance is indicative of an administration without a firm grip on major policy issues, including U.S. support for our key ally Israel as it fights a war for its survival against Hamas in the south and Hezbollah in the north. Today, the Biden administration is actively undermining Israel by withholding and slow-walking critical military aid to the Jewish state.

Mr. Biden's pause on arms shipments to Israel affects its operational readiness, prolongs the conflict and signals weakness to the enemies of the United States and Israel.

Recently, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took the unprecedented step of saying in a public video that the Biden administration "has been withholding weapons and ammunition to Israel," which is "fighting for its life, fighting against Iran and our other common enemies."

The prime minister insisted that Israel had engaged in "many, many quiet conversations between our officials and American officials, and between me and the president to try to iron out this diminution of supply. I felt that airing it was absolutely necessary after months of quiet conversation that did not solve the problem."

For those who haven't been watching closely, this was a surprising accusation, and one that the Biden administration immediately rejected. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters, "We genuinely do not know what he's talking about." Administration aides were said to be "enraged" at Mr. Netanyahu and the administration postponed a high-level strategic meeting with Israeli officials about Iran after the video was released.

Within days, it was clear that the U.S. has indeed been "slow walking" munitions that Israel is counting on. In fact, the administration ended emergency administrative procedures months ago that sped up provisions of weapons to Israel in the early days of the war. Now things are on a "normal pace," a U.S. official told an Israeli reporter — i.e., slower than before.

Republicans in the Senate pushed back hard on this "it's just routine" excuse from Washington. In a letter to the president last week, Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas made his concerns clear: "Your administration is engaged in bureaucratic sleight-of-hand to withhold this crucial aid to Israel during a shooting war. ... You're playing politics with the nation's honor and our ally's security. Worse still, your administration lacks the honesty to communicate its true policy to the American people, instead preferring to hide behind weasel words and bureaucratic process. ... Any delays to military support to Israel blatantly disregard Congress's bipartisan mandate to supply Israel with all it needs to defeat the Hamas terrorists and other Iranian-backed groups. Our ally is under sustained threat, and we must use all available resources to expedite military aid."

The Obama-Biden policy goal of realigning the Middle East — by giving Iran legitimacy, money, and enough time to become a nuclear power — requires that Israel be constrained from defending itself against Iran and its proxies. What a despicable policy.

What prompted Mr. Biden to order this underhanded slowdown in providing military supplies to our key ally in the Middle East?

Perhaps, as Mr. Cotton wrote in his letter, the change in policy came after nearly 20 congressional Democrats urged the president to end expedited weapons sales to Israel. That tracks with other evidence we've seen that Mr. Biden is caving to his far-left anti-Israel base. He has pressured Israel to accept a cease-fire with untenable conditions, pushed Israel to pause the war effort in Rafah, and abstained rather than vetoing anti-Israel resolutions in the U.N. Security Council.

Trading Israel's security for votes in Michigan would be bad enough. But top analysts of Mr. Biden's foreign policy see a more troubling reason for withholding arms from Israel: Iran. As Michael Doran wrote recently, "The purpose of [slowing arms shipments to Israel] is to force the Israelis into dependence on the United States, to deny them the ability to make long-term plans — namely, plans regarding Hezbollah and Iran."

The Obama-Biden policy goal of realigning the Middle East — by giving Iran legitimacy, money, and enough time to become a nuclear power — requires that Israel be constrained from defending itself against Iran and its proxies.

What a despicable policy. Under President Biden, the United States is holding back our friends and empowering our enemies. This must end — and it can end at the ballot box on Nov. 5.

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Scarborough

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news about Hunter's scandalous hard drive unearthed by the New York Post. A postelection poll showed that if not for the well-publicized letter, Mr. Trump might have beaten Joe Biden in 2020.

In June, Republicans and a conservative activist group released documents showing how the CIA intervened.

Michael Morell, former President Barack Obama's deputy and acting CIA director, helped orchestrate the letter of 51. The signatories included Mr. Obama's two other CIA directors and his director of national intelligence.

We knew that Mr. Biden's longtime crony and now-secretary of state, Antony Blinken, kick-started the letter from his post as campaign adviser.

The letter said, in somewhat weasel words, that Hunter Biden's texts and emails were hacked by the Russians ("all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation"). The 51 provided no proof. But they provided then-candidate Biden and his liberal media all the reason they needed to ignore the laptop's tales of million-dollar deals with shady foreign operatives — with then-Vice President Biden chauffeuring son Hunter on Air Force Two.

Later, Mr. Morell candidly said he helped create the letter for one simple reason: to elect Mr. Biden.

Thanks to Judicial Watch, an aggressive acquirer of government documents via the Freedom of Information Act, we learn that Mr. Morell's role went deeper. His task was not just to create the letter but to hurry up the CIA to ensure it would be released before an upcoming debate and certainly before Election Day. To do this, he had to exercise his considerable influence at Langley.

He submitted it to the CIA's Prepublication Classification Review Board five days after the New York Post's Oct. 14 bombshell, as the voting public was absorbing tales of Mr. Biden's family's foreign cash collection.

"This is a rush job, as it needs to get out as soon as possible," Mr. Morell emailed the board on Oct. 19 at 6:36 a.m. Mr. Morell was making a raw political request to a board that was supposed to be nonpartisan.

Less than two hours later, an unnamed official told another that the letter contained no classified information. I repeat: two hours.

After another four hours, Mr. Morell received an email giving him the final OK. The letter surfaced in the news that day, just in time for Mr. Biden, whose campaign orchestrated it, to cite the fakery when he debated Mr. Trump.

"The Board determined that it contains no classified information and can be published," the all-clear said, putting the CIA squarely in Mr. Biden's camp. Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton could hardly believe what he uncovered.

"These documents are astounding. That the CIA would turn around a campaign document like this for Joe

Biden's team in six hours is insane news," Mr. Fitton said. "This seems to be demonstrable campaign interference by the CIA, and that should be alarming to all Americans."

On June 25, a joint report by the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees disclosed that "several" letter signers were still on the CIA payroll as contractors. And, it said, Mr. Morell was one of them. And, it said, then-CIA Director Gina Haspel knew the letter was in the works.

The committees headlined their report "The Intelligence Community 51: How CIA Contractors Colluded with The Biden Campaign to Mislead American Voters."

How misleading was the letter of 51? We know for sure that the laptop hard drive was pure Hunter Biden. The Justice Department team who successfully prosecuted Hunter on gun charges said the FBI determined no Russian hacking.



The letter of 51 is one float in the Democrats' glittering hoax parade, taking second place only to the Russian-sourced dossier filled with unverified anti-Trump rumors and fabrications.

The dossier said there was a "well-developed conspiracy of cooperation" between the Kremlin and the Trump campaign. There was not. It said attorney Michael Cohen secretly went to Prague to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin's aides. He did not. It said Mr. Trump frolicked with prostitutes at the Moscow Ritz. Made up, likely by a Democratic operative, a special counsel report said. The CIA completely rejected the dossier as "internet rumor," a Department of Justice inspector general report said.

Other Democratic hoaxes: Mr. Trump communicated with the Kremlin through Alfa Bank, but it never happened. A New York Democratic judge and attorney general found Mr. Trump committed fraud on bank loans. In fact, he paid all the loans back, and no bank filed a complaint.

To fend off reports that President Biden is senile, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said supposed videos of him freezing in place and wandering off were "cheap fakes." This was the White House Hoax of the Year. The videos were not fake, as Mr. Biden's serial display of senility showed at last month's 90-minute debate.

We did have one hoax retraction of sorts. For seven years, Mr. Biden and Democrats have alleged that Mr. Trump called Nazis "very fine people." Conservatives constantly countered that he was referring to the people in Charlottesville, Virginia, who wanted to keep Confederate statues up and those who wanted them removed. Both are very fine people, he said.

Last month, liberal fact-checker Snopes agreed with Mr. Trump, labeling the Democrats' smear "false."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to the terms of those certain Decrees of Sale entered in the Circuit Court of County of Prince William, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at a simulcast (with online and in person bidding) public auction the following described real estate at **15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, Virginia 22191 in the Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Building in the Auditorium, on July 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM.**

The sale of such property is subject to the terms and conditions below, and any term or conditions which may be subsequently posted or announced by Dudley Resources ("Auctioneer") and Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC ("TACS"). Subsequent announcements take precedence over any prior written or verbal terms of sale.

	Property Owner(s)	Tax Map No.	TACS No.	Property Description
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J3	Conservation Parcel 1 LLC	7298-74-0282	845848	15280 Heathcote Blvd. Haymarket,
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J5	Jose J. Montes	8289-04-0258	845834	3624 Tripoli Ct. Dumfries,
J6	Morris Harmon	7493-06-1857	845860	13603 Nokesville Rd. Nokesville,
J7	Myrtle C. English	7892-48-5758	845857	13108 Canova Dr. Manassas,
J8	Sara Thomas REMOVED	7497-95-5284 REMOVED	845897 REMOVED	46106 Thoroughfare Rd. Broad Run REMOVED
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J10	VH Venture LLC	7893-86-1937	845862	12232 Purcell Rd. Manassas,
J11	Amanda H. Dade	7198-73-7609	845878	16312 John Marshall Hwy Broad Run
J12	Russell H. Utterback	7493-29-6396	845851	13217 Fitzwater Dr. Nokesville **land may not perc
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J14	Dora R. Popel Gebo Estate	8189-27-5586	845861	16921 Batestown Rd. Dumfries,

Full terms of sale can be found at www.taxva.com by emailing taxsales@taxva.com or by phone at (804) 548-4429. Questions concerning the registration and bidding process should be directed to the auctioneer online <https://www.dudleyresources.auction/>, by email to info@dudleyresources.com or by phone at (804) 709-1954.

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P.O. Box 31800
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Run dates: July 9th and 16th, 2024

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CAPITAL CRESNET TRAIL PHASE 2 PROJECT in BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code (2004) as amended, a **virtual** public hearing shall be held on **Tuesday July 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** The hearing will be held over the internet via Zoom. Residents may pre-register to testify; the link to join the public hearing virtually will be provided upon registration.

Please register to attend the hearing: Visit the "Participate" tab of the project webpage via the below link.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/bethesdabikewaypedfacilities/index.html>

The planned Capital Cresent Surface Trail (CCST) is a separated two-way bike lane along the northern side of Bethesda Avenue between Woodmont Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue, MD 355. East of Wisconsin Avenue, the two-way separated bike lane will continue along the southern side of Willow Lane to 47th Street. A shared-use path is planned along the Elm Street Park's 47th Street frontage.

Audio and video of the hearing will be recorded, and a link to which will be posted on the project webpage on the MCDOT website, linked above.

The sole purpose of a public hearing is to allow residents an opportunity to present oral and/or written testimony concerning the project. The information presented may influence the final design of the project. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run continuously until all information is presented and the hearing has concluded.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY CARRIES THE SAME WEIGHT AS ORAL TESTIMONY. Written testimony for consideration and questions may be emailed to the project manager at Kevin.Minn@montgomerycountymd.gov or submitted via the online comment, a link to which is on the "Participate" tab of the project webpage, linked above. Please visit the above-linked project webpage to access digital copies of the project files.

Interpreter services will be provided upon request. Please allow (5) business days advance notice when requesting interpreter services.

Run Dates: July 2, 9, 2024

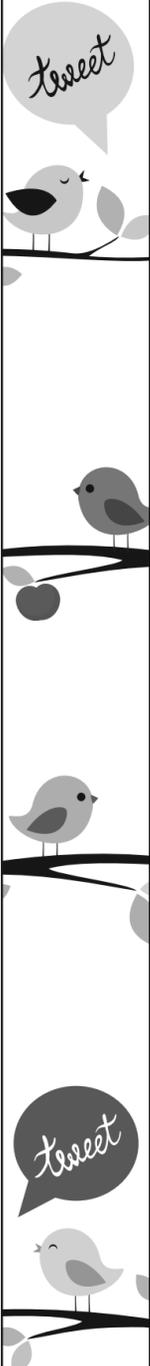
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ARLINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice THAT ON Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at a meeting of the ARLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD (HALRB) at 6:30 p.m., in person and through electronic communications means, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held.

HOW TO VIEW AND PARTICIPATE

This is a hybrid public meeting to be held at the Bozman Government Center and be available to the public in person and through electronic communication means. Staff and commissioners will be in person in Room 216 at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. Applicants, County staff, and members of the public may join the meeting in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The public can participate by sharing live verbal testimony in person or on-line, or by submitting written comments in advance. Visit https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Historical-Affairs-Landmark-Review-Board to:

- Sign-up to speak on-line during the public hearing by 5:00 PM on the day of the hearing.
o Speakers will join the meeting via Microsoft Teams (accessible through a web browser or the free app), or, via a phone line to provide their comments.
o To register by phone, contact the Board's staff liaison, Mical Tawney at 703-228-3838 by 5:00 PM the day of the hearing.
• In person speakers may register by completing a speaker slip in the meeting room before the meeting begins or by registering online by 5:00 PM on the day of the hearing.
• Submit written comments online to the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board. Comments received by 2:00 PM on the day of the hearing will be provided to the Board in advance of the public hearing.

For questions about this notice, contact Mical Tawney, mtawney@arlingtonva.us; 703-228-3838.

Run Date: July 9th, 2024

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE DWELLING

1632 Belvedere Boulevard, Silver Spring, MD 20902

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Janet Darvish, dated January 12, 2007, and recorded in Liber 33766, Folio 320, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, 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, Courthouse Door, 50 Maryland Avenue, Maryland Avenue Entrance, Rockville, MD on

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 AT 11:17AM

All that 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 believed to be improved by a ranch style dwelling believed to contain three bedrooms, two and a half baths, and a finished basement. The property address is 1632 Belvedere Boulevard, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

Said property is in fee simple and is sold in an "as is condition" and subject to all covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way as may affect same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

This property is being sold subject to the legal operation and effect of a prior Deed of Trust/Judgment lien, the balance of which will be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$30,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees, in their sole discretion. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit may be forfeited or property may be resold 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. Interest to be paid on unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the deed of trust note from date of sale to date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees in the event the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, including, but not limited to, exceptions to the sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, or court administration of the foreclosure, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, ground rent, water, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges, assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the Substitute Trustees.

NOTE: The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. Neither the auctioneer, the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee nor his agents or attorneys make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of information.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE URGED TO PERFORM THEIR OWN DUE DILIGENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE FORECLOSURE AUCTION. For additional information, please contact the Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

301 Palmspring Drive, Unit 11 a/k/a 301 Palm Springs Drive, Unit 11 Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Attilio L. Ramos, dated September 28, 2005, and recorded in Liber 30973, Folio 484 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Judicial Center, Maryland Avenue Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD on

July 17, 2024 at 11:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND KNOWN AS Unit 11, Bldg. 4, Phase Four, Park Summit Condominium, situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, carrying Tax ID No. 09-02714183.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, easements, covenants and rights of way of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$28,000.00 will be required at the time of sale in the form of cash, certified check, or other form as the Substitute Trustees determine acceptable. No deposit shall be required of the noteholder where the noteholder bids in the property at auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, time being of the essence for purchaser. In the event that settlement does not occur within the said ten days, the purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default the Trustees may file a Motion and Order to Resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and purchaser(s) hereby consent to entry of such resale order without further notice, in which case the deposit shall be forfeited and 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 readvertise and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser; or, without reselling the property, the Trustees may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser. 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. Interest to be paid on the purchase money less the stated deposit called for herein, at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee. There shall be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason, including but not limited to exceptions to sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, court administration of the foreclosure or unknown title defects. All 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, are to be adjusted to the date of auction and thereafter are to be assumed by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, agricultural transfer tax, if any 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 damage to the property from the date of auction forward. If the Substitute Trustee does not convey title for any reason, including but not limited to the Secured Party executing a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allowing 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, or if the sale is not ratified for any reason including errors made by the Substitute Trustees, the foreclosure sale shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Further terms and particulars may be announced at time of sale, and purchaser may be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale at the time of auction. (Matter #300301)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE DWELLING

212 Whitestone Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from William B.Hatfield, dated May 9, 2017, and recorded in Liber 54314, Folio 240, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, 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, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, Courthouse Door, on

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

11:19AM

All that 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 believed to be improved by a 1-1/2 story brick residential dwelling believed to contain one full bath and one half bath, a basement, and an attached garage, with approximately 1,122 +/- square feet of above grade living space. The property address is 212 Whitestone Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Said property is in fee simple and is sold in an "as is condition" and subject to all covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way as may affect same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$20,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees, in their sole discretion. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit may be forfeited or property may be resold 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. Interest to be paid on unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the deed of trust note from date of sale to date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees in the event the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, including, but not limited to, exceptions to the sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, or court administration of the foreclosure, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, ground rent, water, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges, assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the Substitute Trustees.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2013, a certain Deed of Trust/Mortgage was executed by Gloria K. Poole as mortgagor/borrower in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. solely as nominee for the benefit of Security One Lending and Title Warrantee Corporation as trustee, and was recorded on May 1, 2013, in Book 46659, Page 264 in the Office of the Land Records for Montgomery County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust/Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust/Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated March 10, 2021, and recorded on March 19, 2021, in Book 62259, Page 127, in the office of the Land Records for Montgomery County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust/Mortgage in that the payment due on August 2, 2023, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and the subject property has ceased to be the principal residence of the Borrower, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of February 6, 2024 is \$469,011.95; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday July 10, 2024 at 11:15am local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

See attached Exhibit A

Commonly known as: 1524 Manor Village Lane, Rockville, MD 20853

Tax ID 13-02022601 (13-0240-02022601)

The sale will be held at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$460,000.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$46,000 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$46,000.00 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for any cause shown. Like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner; in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is N/A (Full Balance Due) plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: June 5, 2024

Breza & Associates, LLC Foreclosure Commissioner

By: /s/ Angela Nasuta Scott M. Breza (AIS/CPF # 9612170104) X Angela Nasuta (AIS/CPF # 1312180282) Andrew M. Winick (AIS/CPF # 9706250509) Breza & Associates, LLC 11019 McCormick Road, Suite 400 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031 (410) 316-6047 (office) (410) 316-0047 (facsimile) defaultlegal@brezalaaw.com

IF YOU ARE A DEBTOR, OR AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING A DEBTOR, THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED HEREBY WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. However, if you are either a debtor in a pending bankruptcy case, or have obtained an order of discharge from a United States Bankruptcy Court, which discharge includes this debt, or an attorney representing such a debtor, and you (or your client), has not reaffirmed liability for this debt, this office is not attempting to obtain a judgment against you (or your client) nor are we alleging that you (or your client) have any personal liability for this debt. We may, however, take action against any property which may have been pledged as collateral for the debt, which action may include repossession and/or foreclosure of the property, if otherwise permitted by law and/or order of court.

Exhibit A

Lot Numbered Twelve (12) in Block lettered "A" in subdivision known as "Manor Village" as per plat recorded in Plat Book 112 at page 13170, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

The improvements thereon being known as No. 1524 Manor Village Lane.

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Trustee Sales: Montgomery Co.

COHN, GOLDBERG & DEUTSCH, LLC 1099 WHITESTONE ROAD, SUITE 1001 LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MARYLAND 21090 www.cgd-law.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 17807 COTTAGE TERRACE GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated September 8, 2003 and recorded in Liber 26650, Folio 091, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of \$190,000.00, and an interest rate of 6.750%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

July 17, 2024 AT 11:15AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE property more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" subject to any conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of \$17,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash accepted) required at time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court, with interest at the note rate from date of sale to settlement. If settlement is delayed for ANY reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of date of auction. Transfer and recordation taxes, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten days of ratification, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of sale, the Trustee may, at the discretion of the Trustee, forfeit and resell the property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser, who agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs if a motion to resell the property has been filed, purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such motion, and agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail to the address provided at time of sale. If the Trustee cannot convey insurable title, or the loan servicer determines that the sale should not have occurred, the sale shall be null and void, and purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of deposit without interest.

Richard E. Solomon, et al., Sub. Trustees

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Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 7315 GEORGETOWN PIKE, MCLEAN, VA 22102. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 15, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$1,260,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia, in Book 1942 at Page 2185 as Instrument No. 20070185-006. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, on August 7, 2024, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF THE GEORGETOWN PIKE, THE SAID POINT BEING S. 55 DEGREES 37' E. 250.00 FEET FROM AN OLD PIPE AT THE NORTHERLY CORNER OF E.H. REITZKE'S ENTIRE TRACT A CORNER TO THE COLLISON TRACT; THENCE WITH THE SAID SIDE OF THE GEORGETOWN PIKE S. 55 DEGREES 37' E. 200.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING FROM THE PIKE S. 35 DEGREES 39' W. 435.71 FEET; THENCE N. 55 DEGREES 37' W. 200.00 FEET; THENCE N. 35 DEGREES 39' E. PARALLEL TO AND 250.00 FEET FROM THE LINE OF THE COLLISON TRACT, 435.71 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING TWO ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-370808-1.

July 2, 2024 July 9, 2024

AD#84311

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4905 FIELDWOOD COURT, FAIRFAX, VA 22030. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 21, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$500,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia, in Book 14114 at Page 0521 as Instrument No. 2003007660.009. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, on August 7, 2024, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFAX IN THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX AND STATE OF VIRGINIA AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 03/05/1992 AND RECORDED 03/19/1992 IN BOOK 8059 PAGE 1733 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 64, SECTION 1, NORTH HILL, PLAT BOOK 5863, PLAT PAGE 469. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 0681 11 0064 TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-359449-1.

June 18, 25, 2024 July 2, and 9, 2024

AD#84264



Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 502 Glyndon Street SE, Vienna, VA 22180

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2005 and recorded October 3, 2005 in Book 17810 Page 0727 Instrument Number 2005040565.013 in the Clerk's Office for the Fairfax County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$456,500.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the entrance of the Fairfax County Circuit Court Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

August 09, 2024 at 11:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All of Lot 1, THE GLEN, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5282 at Page 778, among the land records of the County of Fairfax, Virginia. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com July 9th, 2024 July 16th, 2024

AD#83982

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 115 HERNDON MILL CIRCLE, HERNDON, VA 20170. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 12, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$477,750.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia, in Book 19455 at Page 0072 as Instrument No. 2007020598.003. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, on August 14, 2024, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 8, VILAGE AT HERNDON MILLS, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 15094 AT PAGE 1548, AND AS AMENDED IN DEED BOOK 15430 AT PAGE 1882, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Trustee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-333741-3.

July 9, 2024 July 16, 2024

AD#84394

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2441 OLD SILO COURT, HERNDON, VA 20171. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$322,760.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia, in Book 17456 at Page 1106 as Instrument No. 2005025797.009. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, on August 14, 2024, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 180, MCNAIR FARMS, LAND BAY 2, SECTION 1, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 9452 AT PAGE 390, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Trustee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-100512-2.

July 9, 2024 July 16, 2024

AD#84421

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE 13716 EASTCLIFF CIR CENTREVILLE, VA 20120

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$520,000.00, dated September 22, 2016, and recorded in Deed Book 24768, Page 220 and as Instrument Number 2016059369.001 in Fairfax County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the Fairfax County Circuit Court (Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road), at Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on August 15, 2024 at 3:15 pm, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 208, SECTION 4-A, CABELLS MILL, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 5837 AT PAGE 238, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit 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, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE: RAS Trustee Services, LLC, 4012 Raintree Road, Suite 100A, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

RAS Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 11350 McCormick Road, Executive Plaza 1, Suite 302 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031 (844) 442-2150 (470) 321-7112

July 9th, 2024 July 16th, 2024

AD#84550

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 8330 CARNEGIE DRIVE, VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180 COUNTY OF FAIRFAX

This Property will be sold subject to a first lien and sold in second position.

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 12/18/06, in the original principal amount of \$123,000.00 recorded in the County of Fairfax, Virginia, as Book 19019, Page 1540, as Instrument No. 2006039721.012, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred and at the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030 on August 15, 2024, at 11:00 am, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: LOT 26, BLOCK E, SECTION 5, DUNN LORING WOODS, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 2088 AT PAGE 625, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Terms: A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent price (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 20 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to suspend bidding prior to completion of the sale. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within twenty days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser's acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the Purchaser's deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. For more information contact: Michael T. Cantrell, Esq., member of Surety Trustees, at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com.

July 9th, 2024 July 16th, 2024 July 23rd, 2024 July 30th, 2024

AD#84405

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE 6916 DEER RUN DR ALEXANDRIA, VA 22306

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$408,000.00, dated March 12, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 19380, Page 1134 and as Instrument Number 2007016696.013 in Fairfax County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the Fairfax County Circuit Court (Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road), at Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on August 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT SIXTY-EIGHT (68), SECTION TWO (2), DEER RUN CROSSING, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 5410 AT PAGE 347, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit 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, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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July 9th, 2024 July 16th, 2024

AD#84551

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3017 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22042 COUNTY OF FAIRFAX

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 02/17/15, in the original principal amount of \$938,250.00 recorded in the County of Fairfax, Virginia, in Deed Book 24001 , Page 1858, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VA located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030 on August 8, 2024, at 11:00 am, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: LOT 69, OF THE SUBDIVISION OF BUFFALO HILL, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK Q-14, AT PAGE 290, AND PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGE 75, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Terms: A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent price (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 20 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to suspend bidding prior to completion of the sale. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within twenty days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser's acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the Purchaser's deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. For more information contact: Michael T. Cantrell, Esq., member of Surety Trustees, at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com.

July 9th, 2024 July 16th, 2024

AD#84403

Trustee Sales: Fairfax Co.

Trustee's Sale 3810 Laramie Place Unit 127B, Alexandria, Virginia 22309 (Parcel ID: 1012 10 0127B)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 22, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$156,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fairfax, Virginia in Deed Book 18320, page 1915, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on July 23, 2024, at 1:15pm in front of the building housing the Fairfax County Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, the property designated as Residence No. 127-B, Phase IV-A, Sequoyah, a Condominium, in accordance with the Declaration of a Master Deed recorded in Deed Book 3698 at page 414, as amended from time to time, and any and all subsequent amendments thereto, recorded among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or REO Solutions, LLC, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 234502-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

Run Dates: July 2nd, 2024 July 9th, 2024

AD#83984

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 10305 HUNT COUNTRY LN, VIENNA, VA 22182-1823. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 13, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$302,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia, in Book 22744 at Page 1763 as Instrument No. 2012054646.011. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, on August 14, 2024, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 9635 PAGE 0555 ID# 0272-02-0025, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 25, SECTION 2, WAYSIDE. RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 3152 AT PAGE 285. BEING THE SAME FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED FROM LUCIE GOLDING CHEREL, III AND DONNA J. CHEREL HUSBAND AND WIFE TO DONNA J. CHEREL MARRIED , DATED 02/23/1996 RECORDED ON 02/28/1996 IN BOOK 9635, PAGE 0555 IN FAIRFAX COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF VA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Trustee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-307815-1.

July 9, 2024 July 16, 2024

AD#84501

Trustee Sales: Prince William Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 13104 KUMAR COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 20, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$171,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Prince William County, Virginia as Instrument No. 202205250040434. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia, on August 14, 2024, at 9:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 605, SECTION 8-E, DALE CITY, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 558, AT PAGE 403, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Trustee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-307845-1.

July 9, 2024 July 16, 2024

AD#84401

Trustee Sales: Prince William Co.

Trustee's Sale 2944 Buell Ct, Dumfries, VA 22026 (Parcel ID: 8188-89-8662)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 21, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$294,566.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Prince William, Virginia on September 22, 2022, as Instrument Number 202209220068543, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on August 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM, in front of the building housing the County of Prince William Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, the property designated as Lot 429, Section 2, WILLIAMSTOWN, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia in Deed Book 646 at Page 498. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$29,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. T he successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Tromberg, Morris & Partners, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 5310 Market Road, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23230, File No. 24-000480, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Run Dates: June 13th, 2024 July 2nd, and 16th, 2024

AD#84570/AD#84785

Trustee Sales: Virginia

TRUSTEE'S SALE 1010 TEMPLE CT UNIT 89 STERLING, VA 20164

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$27,800.00, dated December 4, 2013, and recorded as Instrument Number 20131209-0094159 in Loudoun County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20178 on August 15, 2024 at 12:45 pm, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF STERLING, LOUDOUN COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED INST # 20050801008453, ID# 91-FCM116-89, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS:

UNIT 89, TYPE K, 1010 TEMPLE COURT, BUILDING GROUP 1, IN THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS NEWBERRY CONDOMINIUM, PHASE IV, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1986 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 910 PAGE 915 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1010 TEMPLE CT, UNIT 89, STERLING, VA 20164

BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM SRAVANTHI KANDUKURI AND RADHA K SINGH AS SET FORTH IN INST # 20050801008453 DATED 07/29/2005 AND RECORDED 08/01/2005, LOUDOUN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit 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, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

July 9th, 2024 July 16th, 2024

AD#84548

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE: RAS Trustee Services, LLC, 4012 Raintree Road, Suite 100A, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

RAS Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 11350 McCormick Road, Executive Plaza 1, Suite 302 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031 (844) 442-2150 (470) 321-7112

**Trustee Sales:
Virginia**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
43893 LAUREL RIDGE DRIVE,
ASHBURN, VIRGINIA 20147
COUNTY OF LOUDOUN**

**THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT
TO A 120 DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.**

This Property will be sold subject to a 1 year Right of Redemption by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 04/02/21, in the original principal amount of 726,596.00 recorded in the County of Loudoun, Virginia, as Instrument No. 20210405-0040172, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of the COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, VA located at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia, 20178 on **August 8, 2024, at 9:00 am**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: LOT 2, SECTION ONE (1), BLOCK ONE (1), THE RIDGES AT ASHBURN, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1419 AT PAGE 1637, ARID AS CORRECTED IN DEED BOOK 1426, PAGE 1018, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Terms: A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent price (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 20 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to suspend bidding prior to completion of the sale. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within twenty days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser's acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the Purchaser's deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. For more information contact: Michael T. Cantrell, Esq., member of Surety Trustees, at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com.

June 18th, 2024
July 2nd, 2024
July 9th, 2024

AD#84087

**TRUSTEE'S SALE
39437 HAMILTON PINES LN
WATERFORD, VA 20197**

In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$750,000.00, dated April 27, 2022, and recorded as Instrument Number 20220502-0026278 in Loudoun County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20178 on **August 15, 2024 at 1:00 pm**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA DESIGNATED AS PARCEL D-1, CONTAINING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH A 30-FOOT EASEMENT TO VIRGINIA ROUTE 704 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 718 AT PAGE 475, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, THE PROPERTY ADDRESS IS: 39437 HAMILTON PINES LANE, WATERFORD, VA 20197

The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit 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, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

RAS Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
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July 9th, 2024
July 16th, 2024

AD#84549

**Estate
Prince William Co.**

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM,
CITIES OF MANASSAS AND MANASSAS PARK

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF VIRGINIA

RE: Estate of BOTKIN, Mary Evelyn, Deceased

NOTICE OF DEBTS AND DEMANDS HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 64.2-550 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Commissioner of Accounts, at the request of **Nancy Holden**, Executor, has appointed **August 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, at his office at 7915 Lake Manassas Drive, Suite 303, Gainesville, VA 20155, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the aforesaid decedent and/or his/her estate.

GIVEN UNDER my hand as Commissioner of Accounts this 3rd day of July, 2024.

Timothy A. Cope
Commissioner of Accounts

Advertised: July 9th, 2024 AD#85236

**Order Of Pub - Domestic:
Prince William Co.**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
Va. Code Ann. §§ 1-211.1;
8.01-316, -317, 20-104**

**PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
9311 LEE AVE,
MANASSAS**

Case No. **CL 23-10728**
Commonwealth of
Virginia, in re
Yolanda Cornett
v.
Ibrahim Alhaji Umar

The object of this suit is to:
Obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony.

It is ORDERED that **Ibrahim Alhaji Umar** appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before **Friday, August 16, 2024**
Date: June 27, 2024

JACQUELINE C. SMITH;
ESQ
CLERK

July 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2024
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ENTERTAINMENT

Paramount set to merge with Skydance

Deal aims to help legacy studio adapt to changing business

By **WYATTE GRANTHAM-PHILIPS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK | The entertainment giant Paramount will merge with Skydance, closing out a decades-long run by the Redstone family in Hollywood and injecting desperately needed cash into a legacy studio that has struggled to adapt to a shifting entertainment landscape.

It also signals the rise of a new power player, David Ellison, the founder of Skydance and son of billionaire Larry Ellison, the founder of the software company Oracle.

Shari Redstone's National Amusements has owned more than three-quarters of Paramount's Class A voting shares through the estate of her late father, Sumner Redstone. She had battled to maintain control of the company that owns CBS and which is behind blockbuster films such as "Top Gun" and "The Godfather."

Just weeks after turning down a similar agreement with Skydance, however, Ms. Redstone agreed to a deal on terms that had not changed much.

"Given the changes in the industry, we want to fortify Paramount for the future while ensuring that content remains king," said Ms. Redstone, who is chair of Paramount Global.

The new combined company is valued at around \$28 billion. In connection with the proposed transaction, which is expected to close in September 2025 pending regulatory approval, a consortium led by the Ellison family and Red-Bird Capital will invest \$8 billion.

Skydance, based in Santa Monica, California, has helped produce some major Paramount hits in recent years, including Tom Cruise films such as "Top Gun: Maverick" and installments of the "Mission: Impossible"

series.

Skydance was founded in 2010 by David Ellison, and it quickly formed a production partnership with Paramount that same year. If the deal is approved, Mr. Ellison will become chairman and chief executive officer of what's being called "New Paramount."

Mr. Ellison outlined the vision for New Paramount on a conference call about the transaction Monday. In addition to doubling down on core business lines, notably with a "creative first" approach, he stressed that the company needs to transition into a "tech hybrid" to stay competitive in today's evolving media landscape.

"You've watched some incredibly powerful technology companies move into the ... media space and do so very successfully," Mr. Ellison said. He added that it was "essential" for New Paramount to chart a similar course going forward.

That includes plans to "re-build" the Paramount+ streaming service, Mr. Ellison noted -- pointing to wider goals to expand direct-to-consumer business, such as increasing engagement time on the platform and reducing user churn. He also said that the company aims to transition to more cloud-based production and continue the use of generative artificial intelligence to boost efficiency.

Executives also outlined further restructuring plans for New Paramount on Monday's conference call, with RedBird Sports and Media Chairman Jeff Shell noting that they had identified some \$2 billion in cost efficiencies and synergies that they'll "attempt to deliver pretty rapidly."

The on-again, off-again merger arrives at tumultuous time for Paramount, which has struggled to find its footing for years and its cable TV business



The entertainment giant Paramount has agreed to merge with Skydance in a deal that will hand over control of the company that owns CBS and the studio behind "The Godfather" and "Top Gun."

has been hemorrhaging. In an annual shareholder meeting in early June, the company also laid out a restructuring plan that included major cost cuts.

Leadership at Paramount was also volatile earlier this year after CEO Bob Bakish, following a number of disputes with Ms. Redstone, was replaced by a team of three executives. Four company directors were also replaced.

Paramount is one of Hollywood's oldest studios, dating back its founding in 1914 as a distributor. Throughout its rich history, Paramount has had a hand in releasing films, including "Sunset Boulevard," "The Godfather," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Titanic."

While Paramount has not topped the annual domestic box-office charts for over a decade, the wild box office success of "Top Gun: Maverick" in 2022 (nearly \$1.5 billion worldwide) was an important boon to both movie theaters and the industry's pandemic rebound.

Still, its theatrical output has declined somewhat in recent years. Last year it released only eight new movies and came in fifth place for overall box office at around \$2 billion -- behind Universal (24 films), Disney (17 films), Warner Bros. and Sony.

This year the release calendar is similarly modest, especially with the absence of "Mission:

Impossible 8," which was pushed to 2025 amid industry strikes. The studio has had some successes, with "Bob Marley: One Love" and "A Quiet Place: Day One," and still to come is Ridley Scott's "Gladiator" sequel.

The National Association of Theatre Owners, a trade organization that represents over 35,000 screens in the U.S., said in a statement Monday that it plans to look closely at the details of the merger with an eye toward whether it will produce more or fewer theatrical releases.

"We are encouraged by the commitment that David Ellison and the Skydance Media team have shown to theatrical exhibition in the past," said Michael O'Leary, president and CEO of the National Association of Theatre Owners. "A merger that results in fewer movies being produced will not only hurt consumers and result in less revenue, but negatively impact people who work in all sectors of this great industry -- creative, distribution and exhibition."

Sumner Redstone used National Amusements, his family's movie theater chain, to build a vast media empire that included CBS and Viacom. Under his leadership, Viacom became one of the nation's media titans, home to pay TV channels MTV and Comedy Central and movie studio Paramount Pictures.

Woman believes sister has stepped over boundaries

DEAR ABBY: My sister has bullied and controlled me most of my life. She has said many very unkind things, and I have reached a place in my life where I need peace and distance from her. Because of this, I have blocked her from texting or calling me.

The problem I'm having is that my sister texts and sends pictures and presents to my in-laws. I feel this is inappropriate. She's married and has her own in-laws to grow a relationship with. I feel she does it to stay relevant in my life and also to show my in-laws that she's a nice person.

I know she's an adult and can have relationships with whomever she chooses, but it feels to me that she is overstepping boundaries. I can't breathe or have a life outside of her. My husband's family are MY in-laws, not hers. Are my feelings unreasonable? — **SMOTHERED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR SMOTHERED: Your in-laws can have a relationship with anyone they wish. You cannot control who sends them texts, photos and gifts, particularly if they enjoy them. You may feel your sister has no place in their lives, but unless they agree, you are out of luck.

Of course, your feelings are your feelings and, from what you have written about your sister's past treatment of you, you're entitled to them. But to allow her to take up any more space in your head than you already have is counterproductive.

Talk with a therapist about this, if necessary, to

help you quit obsessing about her. The problem isn't her — it is how you continue to react to her.

DEAR ABBY: Growing up, my best friend was a female. We had a strong platonic friendship for many years. Our primary method of communication was letter-writing. We wrote hundreds of letters and emails to each other before we drifted apart during college.

We recently reconnected after 10 years and quickly began talking like we used to. I'm excited to write to my fellow letter-writer again, but we are both married now, and I want to be respectful of the spouses involved.

Is there a right way to revive our constant flow of letters and emails, like in the old days? The letters are respectful, and we write about a wide variety of topics that interest us. — **CAUTIOUS IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Letter-writing is fast becoming a dying art, and it's a shame. I hope you and your friend have been saving the correspondence you've exchanged because they are valuable keepsakes that reflect your activities and opinions as you both have matured.

I see nothing wrong with continuing the exchange of letters as long as your spouses are aware of it and don't object. More people should consider doing what you are doing. I have been told by friends (pre-"Abby") that they have kept mine and enjoyed rereading them.

ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

Caruana wins Superbet Romania title in playoff

If he could have played this well this fast before, he might well have won it all. At 31, GM Fabiano Caruana is in danger of going down as this generation's greatest chess player never to have captured the world title, a title many think he richly deserves.

Most famously, the Brooklyn-reared Italian-American grandmaster went toe-to-toe with longtime Norwegian world champ Magnus Carlsen

in their epic 2018 title match. In a record few would like to see repeated, the two drew all 12 of their games at classical time controls, as Caruana missed several chances to break through and score a win.

It was a different story in the rapid playoff to determine the winner, with Carlsen showing his clear superiority at the faster time control by winning three straight games and the match. Caruana has come frustratingly close to qualifying for another shot at the title, even as he remains the planet's third-highest rated player (behind Carlsen and great American rival GM Hikaru Nakamura) and even as he racks up some of the biggest tournament wins of any player on the elite circuit in recent years.

He was at it again, taking first on tiebreaks at the Superbet Romania Chess Classic in Bucharest last week over a world-class field. Even more impressive is how he did it: After a painful last-round loss to dutch GM Anish Giri, Caruana blitzed — literally and figuratively — through the four-GM rapid (Game 10/5) playoff, going a perfect 3-0 against three up-and-coming rivals to claim the trophy. Reports that the American star falters at the faster time controls may have to be re-evaluated.

Most impressive was his playoff win over Iranian-born French star GM Alireza Firouzja, an English Opening in



Liang-McShane after 28...Rc8.

which Caruana as White builds up a winning position with some stellar tactics, nearly loses the point as Firouzja digs in the ending, and finds the winning move just at the last moment for victory.

White finds a nice tactical one-two combination just as the center opens up: 16. Ne4 Nc6? (not suspecting what's coming; Black is still fine after 16...f5 17. Nc5 Bxg2 18. Kxg2 Qd5+ 19. Kgl Rad8) 17. Bf6! gxf6 (White just wins a pawn on 17...Qd7 18. Nc5 Qf5 19. Qxd5 Qxd5 20. Bxd5 gxf6 21. Nxb7) 18. Qxd5! (cleverly exploiting the knight fork on f6) Qe7 19. Rac1 Rad8 20. Qf5 Kg7 21. Rxc6! 21. bxa6 22. Qxa5, and White's two minor pieces will prove clearly superior to Black's rook.

Black continues to fight and Caruana makes it harder on himself after 40. g5! Kd7 (hxg5 41. h6 Kd7 42. h7 Rb8 34. Nh6 Ke6 44. Ng8 and wins) 41. Nxb6 Ke6 42. Bf5+ Ke7 43. Ng4 a5 44. h6 a4 45. h7 Rb8, when now simply 46. Nxe5 (instead of the game's 46. Nf6?) Ra8 (a3 47. Nc6+) 47. Bb1 Ke6 48. Kf4 a3 49. Ba2+ is a straightforward win.

It comes down to White's knight and three pawns against Black's lone rook, but the engines say Black may hold with perfect play. One last mistake seals Black's fate, as Caruana spots just the pawn sacrifice that leads to victory: 72. Kh5 Ra6? (looks logical, but Black's saving resource was 72... Rc5 72. Ne8+ Kxh7 74. g6+ Kg8, and the Black fortress can't be breached) 73. Nd7! Kxh7 74. f6 Ra5 75. f7 Rf5 76. f8=Q Rxc5+ 77.

Kh4! (not falling for 77. Kxg5 stalemate) Rh5+ 78. Kg4! — Black's bag of tricks is empty and Firouzja resigned.

The just-concluded 52nd World Open, Philadelphia's traditional Fourth of July week chess jamboree, produced something familiar — dramatic last-round battles for the top prize — and something relatively rare — a clear winner in GM Awonder Liang, who finished alone in first with an impressive 8-1 score.

After an upset loss to Illinois IM Sam Schmackel in Round 3, the 21-year-old Wisconsin GM ran off six straight wins to claim the \$20,500 top prize, capped by a fine win over British veteran GM Luke McShane in Sunday's ninth and final round.

In a Ruy Lopez Steinitz Deferred (4...d6), Black's 10. Bc2 Nh5! is an early attempt to get the kingside play rolling, and McShane is willing to shed a pawn or two along the way to keep his initiative alive.

But Liang plays strongly on both sides of the board in this classic Ruy battle, with 17. a4! Rd8! (leaving the b-pawn hung out to dry, but White also gets good pressure on 17...Rb8 18. axb5 axb5 19. Nxe5 dxe5 20. Bc5 Rg8 21. bb3 Be6 22. Ra6) 18. axb5 axb5 19. Bd3 g5! (fixated on his plan, but tougher was 19...Rb8 20. Bxe5+ Nxe5 21. Nxe5 dxe5 22. Ra7 Qe7, indirectly holding the c-pawn as 23. Rxc7?! Qd6! is a nice double attack) 20. Bxb5 Nxd4 21. cxd4 Bxb5 22. dxe5 dxe5 23. Qc2, and Black's burden trying to defend his weak points has only grown.

In a tough position, one inaccuracy can prove fatal, and that's what happens here: 26. Ra7 Bd7? (Rd7 27. Qa5 Qd8 was the last realistic hope of holding the position; Liang closes out the game with a real tactical flair) 27. Rdl Rf7 28. Nc4 Rc8 (see diagram) 29. Nd6! (the triple fork is obvious, but White's next move is the real killer) Rxc7 30. Rxc7! (and obviously not 30. Nxe8 Rxa7 and

Black wins), leaving the Black queen on the board to build up a killer array of attackers.

It's over on 30...Qa8 (Ba4 31. Nxf7+ Qxf7 32. Rxf7 Bxd1 33. Re7, winning) 31. Nxf7+ Kg8 32. Rxd7?! Qal+ and Black mates in a few) Qxe4 (no better was 32...Qc6 33. N7g5 h6 34. Rd8+ Kg7 35. Rld7+ Kf6 36. Nh7+ Ke6 37. Nf8+ Kf6 38. Rd6+ and wins) Rc7. The rampaging rooks will not be denied, but McShane sportingly plays it out to the end with 33...Qe2 34. Nh6+ Nxb6 35. Rd8 mate.

Caruana-Firouzja, Rapid Playoff, Superbet Romania Chess Classic, Bucharest, July 2024

1. c4 e5 2. d3 Bb4+ 3. Nd2 c5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. g3 d6 6. Bg2 Nge7 7. O-O Ba5 8. b3 O-O 9. Bb2 h6 10. e3 Be6 11. d4 exd4 12. exd4 cxd4 13. Nxd4 Nxd4 14. Bxd4 d5 15. cxd5 Bxd5 16. Ne4 Nc6 17. Bf6 gxf6 18. Qxd5 Qe7 19. Rac1 Rad8 20. Qf5 Kg7 21. Rxc6 bxc6 22. Qxa5 Rd5 23. Qc3 Rf8 24. g4 Qe5 25. Qxe5 fxe5 26. Bf3 Ra5 27. Rc1 Rxa2 28. Rxc6 Rb2 29. Kg2 Rxb3 30. Ng3 Rb6 31. Rc7 a6 32. Nf5+ Kf8 33. Ra7 Rf6 34. Be4 Rg6 35. Kf3 Rb6 36. h4 Ke8 37. h5 Rd7 38. Ra8+ Rd8 39. Rxd8+ Kxd8 40. g5 Kd7 41. Nxb6 Ke6 42. Bf5+ Ke7 43. Ng4 a5 44. h6 a4 45. h7 Rb8 46. Nf6 Rh8 47. Bb1 a3 48. Ke4 Kf8 49. Kxe5 Kg7 50. Nh5+ Kf8 51. Nf6 Kg7 52. Ba2 Rb8 53. f4 Rc8 54. Kd4 Rc2 55. Bxf7 a2 56. Bxa2 Rxa2 57. Ke4 Ra4+ 58. Kf5 Ra5+ 59. Kg4 Ra6 60. Kh5 Rc6 61. f5 Ra6 62. Kg4 Rc6 63. Kf4 Ra6 64. Ke5 Ra5+ 65. Ke6 Ra6+ 66. Ke7 Ra7+ 67. Ke6 Ra6+ 68. Ke5 Ra5+ 69. Kf4 Ra4+ 70. Kg3 Ra6 71. Kg4 Rc6 72. Kh5 Ra6 73. Nd7 Kxh7 74. f6 Ra5 75. f7 Rf5 76. f8=Q Rxc5+ 77. Kh4 Rh5+ 78. Kg4 1-0

Liang-McShane, 52nd World Open, Philadelphia, July 2024

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. B4 d6 5. O-O Bd7 6. c3 g6 7. d4 Bg7 8. h3 Nf6 9. Re1 O-O 10. Bc2 Nh5 11. Be3 Kh8 12. Nbd2 Qe8 13. Nc4 b5 14. Ncd2 f5 15. dxe5 f4 16. Bd4 Bxe5 17. a4 Rf8 18. axb5 axb5 19. Bd3 g5 20. Bxb5 Nxd4 21. cxd4 Bxb5 22. dxe5 dxe5 23. Qc2 Nf6 24. Qxc7 g4 25. hxg4 Nxg4 26. Ra7 Bd7 27. Rd1 Rf7 28. Nc4 Rc8 29. Nd6 Rxc7 30. Rc7 Qa8 31. Nxf7+ Kg8 32. Rxc7 Qxe4 33. Rf7 Qe2 34. Nh6+ Nxb6 35. Rd8 mate

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 9)

You'll experience more joy than ever this year. Your love of the natural world shines, and you'll lend a sense of hope, care and progress to environments you interact in. You also define "progress" in a meaningful way that catches on with others. More highlights: a genuine confidante, the victorious end of a battle, five excellent events and one that's wildly successful. Scorpio and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 21, 15 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The first time you do a thing, it seems to take a lot longer. The freshness of a new experience always changes perception. Novelty makes moments stretch. Break the routine. Variety is a must for a memorable life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't always get to see the impact you have on others, which can occur at a distance or so subtly it goes undetected even while making a remarkable difference. Sometimes, it takes people years to recognize an effect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your first impression on a situation will be strong. Note it. If you do this formally, with an actual note, you'll be very impressed with what comes of it. There is more to learn here, and you're playing a long game.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There seems to be no end to the number of tricky, sticky situations to be navigated today. It will help to have a unifying chat in the mirror with the soul behind the eyes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What if it was just all about the fun? Would it really change the trajectory that much? If inclined to move based on the potential for fun, what direction would you go?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pride is tricky. Displays of pride can actually

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signal in the opposite direction, a trajectory lacking self-confidence.

The truly confident don't need to talk about it. Today features a kind of quiet satisfaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be put in a position. Say yes and you'll say it again and again. Say no and it will be the last time. The second way is better, causing you less stress overall, but of course, it's harder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Goals are good to have but also optional. Many successful people keep their goals flexible and life becomes more about exploring paths than obtaining things. It's smart, and it leads to feelings of freedom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you like yourself a real lot, it's no problem getting on your own team. And honestly, what's not to like? Everything you were doing was in your own defense. Believe it because it's true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you've ever worked out too hard or eaten too much, you understand how the choices in the moment don't always please the person who has to live with them. Thinking ahead to what "next-day" you will say will be prudent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be inspired to make fresh choices. You wouldn't normally dedicate yourself to the pursuit of pleasure, and the novelty of this is what makes this so fun. You'll react quickly to news and find yourself in a privileged position.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to divulge your story to everyone who wants to know about it, but at the same time, it's nice to know people are curious. Yes, they are! There will be benefits to acts of sharing and caring beyond the obvious ones.

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SOCCER

Virginia natives Yow, Paredes named to U.S. Olympic team

Kevin Paredes and Griffin Yow, a pair of young soccer players originally from northern Virginia, will represent the U.S. at this summer's Olympic Games in Paris, coach Mark Mitrović announced Monday. The pair of 21-year-old forwards started their club careers with Loudoun United and D.C. United before signing deals to play in Europe. Paredes now plays for Wolfsburg in Germany while Yow competes with Belgian club Westerlo.

"We couldn't be more excited to have this group of great players and great people represent us at the Olympic Games," Mitrović said. "It's a special moment for all of us as they have worked their entire lives to reach this stage."

The Olympic squad features 15 players who are 23 years old or younger and three "overage" players. According to U.S. Soccer officials, 15 of its 18 Olympic athletes have already appeared in a game for the national team.

The Americans' Olympic campaign begins on July 24, two days before the opening ceremony, against host nation France. The U.S. will then face New Zealand and Guinea in group play.

WNBA

Clark's games draw three times more bets than WNBA baseline

Caitlin Clark has brought more than just eyeballs to the WNBA during her rookie season; she's also brought betting activity to the league.

Games featuring Clark draw three times as many bets as the league's baseline, according to a report published Monday by the marketing agency Optimize.

For the report, Optimize researchers analyzed 15 million bets placed on 43 WNBA games in May — nine of the matchups featured Clark and her Indiana Fever. The study noted a steep increase in betting activity for Fever games.

The five games with the most bets all featured Clark, including a season-opening tilt with the Connecticut Sun that saw 544% more bets than the baseline.

On average, Clark's games saw a 380% increase in the number of bets.

The betting surge followed Clark from the college ranks to the WNBA, the report said. Optimize noted that games featuring the Iowa product drew 540% more bets than the baseline during this year's NCAA tournament.

NFL

Steelers' Sutton suspended 8 games for conduct violation

NEW YORK | The NFL has suspended Pittsburgh Steelers safety Cam Sutton for the first eight games of the 2024 season for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

The league announced the decision Monday, stipulating Sutton — who will not be paid during the suspension — would be eligible to apply for reinstatement on Oct. 29.

The discipline stems from Sutton's involvement in an alleged domestic violence dispute in Florida in March.

Sutton eventually surrendered to authorities and entered a pretrial diversion program in April after the charges were reduced from a felony to misdemeanor battery. His agreement with prosecutors required Sutton to take a mental health evaluation.

The NFL did its own investigation into the incident, leading to the suspension. The Detroit Lions cut Sutton immediately after an arrest warrant was issued.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UConn, Hurley agree to 6-year, \$50 million deal

STORRS, CONN. | UConn and men's basketball coach Dan Hurley have agreed to a six-year, \$50 million contract through the 2029-30 season that makes him one of the nation's highest paid college coaches nearly a month after he turned down a lucrative offer to coach the Los Angeles Lakers.

Hurley, who passed on guiding the storied NBA club to return to the two-time defending NCAA champions, can also earn more through performance-based incentives, a Monday release from the school stated. He will receive \$6.375 million next season in addition to his \$400,000 base annual salary, which includes compensation from speaking, consulting and media obligations.

The agreement, which includes a \$1 million annual retention bonus, will be covered by increased ticket sales revenue and donations from the Husky Athletic Fund, the release added.

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GOLF

Bradley appointed Ryder Cup captain with Woods out

By Doug Ferguson

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Keegan Bradley is assured of making another Ryder Cup team, this time as the U.S. captain. The PGA of America announced his selection on Monday after months of talking with Tiger Woods about taking the job.

The PGA of America released the news on Instagram after word began to leak during the day that Bradley, who has played on only two Ryder Cup teams and never was an assistant captain, was chosen to lead the 2025 matches at Bethpage Black in New York.

Bradley already was in New York going through media training, with a news conference to introduce him set for noon Tuesday at the NASDAQ building. At age 38, he will be the youngest American captain since Arnold Palmer was a playing captain in 1963 at East Lake.

Woods was the first choice of the Ryder Cup committee and had been in negotiations for months about what the job would entail and whether he had time to fulfill the duties, many of them involving promotion of the event.

While he plays only a limited schedule, Woods is the vice chairman of the commercial PGA Tour Enterprises board as it tries to hammer out an investment deal with the Saudi backers of rival LIV Golf.

He was a playing captain for the 2019 Presidents Cup when the Americans won at Royal Melbourne, and he served as an assistant Ryder Cup captain at Hazletine in 2016.

"I'm dedicating so much time to what we're doing with the PGA Tour. I don't want to not fulfill the role of the captaincy if I can't do it," Woods had said in May at the PGA Championship.

Once Woods wasn't an option, the PGA of America went for some local flavor with Bradley. He is a New England native who played his college golf



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The PGA of America announced the selection of Keegan Bradley as U.S. Ryder Cup captain for 2025 matches at Bethpage Black in New York after Tiger Woods decided not to fulfill the role. At 38, Bradley will be the youngest American captain since 1963.

at St. John's.

"Keegan's past Ryder Cup experience, strong relationships and unwavering passion for this event will prove invaluable as he guides the U.S. team over the next year-and-a-half," PGA of America President John Lindert said. "We are confident that with Keegan at the helm, the 2025 U.S. Ryder Cup team will compete at Bethpage with the same confidence and determination that has defined his career."

Bradley has six PGA Tour victories, including the 2011 PGA Championship.

Two of those victories came last season, and Bradley figured it might be enough for him to make another Ryder Cup team. He was devastated when U.S. captain Zach Johnson overlooked him with his four captain's picks, going with Rickie Fowler, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth and Brooks Koepka.

The prototype of Ryder Cup captains typically is a player just outside the prime of his career, usually in the mid-40s. And ever since players gained a stronger voice in selecting captains after the 2014 matches, the model has

been for future captains to first serve as assistants at the Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup.

The template also is for the immediate past captain — Johnson in this case — to be an assistant at the next Ryder Cup. With so much outside-the-box thinking on the Bradley selection, it was not immediately clear if that was still true.

Bradley last played in the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland in 2014, when Tom Watson benched him and Phil Mickelson for both Saturday sessions in another European victory.

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reached a height of 12 feet — according to NBC — during the first tumbling pass of her floor routine. A basketball rim is 10 feet off the ground.

"To be that good — well, excuse me, to be that great — and she still keeps breaking barriers," Adebayo said. "To be able to see that just one time and hopefully get a picture with her, it'd mean a lot because she's done a lot for not only the faces of us but for her sport as a whole."

U.S. guard Devin Booker will never have the most gold medals on his block; one of his neighbors in Phoenix just happens to be 23-time Olympic swimming champion Michael Phelps. That's the

most golds in Olympic history.

Biles has seven Olympic medals, tying the most by any U.S. gymnast. And if Booker can be there to see her break that record, count him in.

"It's really inspiring," said Booker, who was part of the team at the Tokyo Olympics when the rules of the pandemic made it extremely difficult for athletes to attend other competitions. "That's another thing I missed last year. I wasn't able to watch any other events or see any other countries or anything. I'll be there in full support if I have the time and the schedule matches up."

Another thing that makes the basketball team marvel at Biles is her longevity.

The last 12 Olympic all-around competitions in women's gymnastics have been won by teenagers; Biles was 19

when she won gold at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. She's 27 now. She'd be the second-oldest Olympic women's all-around champion ever if she wins in Paris.

With the expectation that this will be her last games, Durant is clear: "I've got to go see that," he said.

"I was talking to a gymnast the other day and I didn't know their peak is from like 15 to like 18 or 19 or something like that," Durant said. "So, for her to be at that age and still elite, of course, yeah, I want to go check her out. I've always been a fan of what she was doing. Introduced me to that sport, really. I wasn't really paying attention much until she started doing her thing. ... Simone is somebody who set the tone for what a champion, an Olympian, a winner in life

should be."

Biles still being the world's best at 27, in her sport, makes about as much sense as a 39-year-old entering his 22nd NBA season and signing \$100 million contracts to keep going and still playing at an extremely high level.

James sees the parallel between their career paths.

"Simone is super dope," James said. "And she's an inspiration to my daughter and to all, not only Black girls in the world, but also, kids, anyone, not only just in gymnastics, but any field. If you love greatness — which is another story about the people that don't love greatness or act like they don't, but they just have to be in the hate pool because that's what society is today. But Simone is amazing and she's everything."

NATIONALS

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Burleson had a two-run single and his 14th homer. He hit .300 (9 for 30) with two home runs on the road trip.

Mikolas (7-7) scattered six hits over 6½ innings for his first win at Washington since July 29, 2022. The right-hander has won four of his last five decisions since June 5. He has gone six or more innings in 12 of 19 starts this season.

A change in arm angle has helped the movement on his sinker.

"Very important," Marmol said before the game. "It's allowed for more action on the sinker, kind of later bite to it, what's led to softer contact. So it's been good."

Mikolas also thought his fastball "had a little bit of zip on it" Monday.

"I thought I was locating it pretty well. It sank when I needed it to and didn't when I told it not to. Nice," he said.

Brendan Donovan went 2 for 4 with

an RBI double, extending his on-base streak to 21 games — tied with Phillies star Bryce Harper for the longest active streak in the majors. Donovan is batting .375 (21 for 56) in 15 career games against Washington.

Parker (5-5) gave up two runs — one earned — and six hits over seven innings. He walked one, struck out six and threw 63 of his 91 pitches for strikes.

The Nationals completed a 3-5 home-stand and have lost 10 of 14 overall.

The Nationals called up right-hander

Joan Adon and optioned left-hander DJ Herz to Triple-A Rochester. Adon struck out five and allowed three hits and two walks in 5½ innings over five appearances at Triple-A. He gave up two runs and three hits in one inning for Washington on Monday.

The Nationals start a six-game road swing Tuesday at the New York Mets. Washington righty Jake Irvin (7-6, 2.80 ERA) faces lefty Jose Quintana (3-5, 4.22). Irvin tossed eight shutout innings of one-hit ball last Thursday against the Mets.

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on the tour for more than 20 years. So trust me, I know all the tricks. I know how it works. It's fine. It's fine. It's OK. I focus on the respectful people, that have respect, that paid (for) a ticket to watch tonight — and love tennis. And love tennis. And appreciate the players and the effort that the players put in here."

After the match ended, Djokovic gestured as if he were playing a violin, maybe mockingly indicating he felt bad for anyone in the arena that he had saddened by winning and getting to the quarterfinals at the All England Club for the 15th time.

He has won the championship at Wimbledon seven times and was the runner-up to Carlos Alcaraz last year.

"I played in much more hostile environments, trust me," Djokovic said. "You guys can't touch me."

American Taylor Fritz also advanced to the quarterfinals on Monday with a dramatic comeback win over Alexander

Zverev. At the match's end, the men met at the net for what turned into a longer-than-usual chat.

Zverev, playing with a bone bruise in his right knee, said he was bothered by some of the cheering coming from Fritz's guest box in the fifth set. When Fritz began to move away, Zverev stuck his chest to block the path and continued the mostly one-sided exchange.

It wasn't the 13th-seeded Fritz's only noteworthy postmatch interaction at the All England Club this fortnight — he told an earlier opponent to "have a nice flight home" — but he shrugged this one off, more interested in thinking about the way he turned things around to defeat two-time Grand Slam finalist Zverev 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3 and reach the quarterfinals.

"It was amazing," said Fritz, a 26-year-old from California, "to do that on Centre Court (at Wimbledon, two sets down.)"

Zverev said later that his issue wasn't with Fritz or his two coaches, but rather with others in the winner's support group "that are not maybe from the



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Novak Djokovic pretends to play a violin after defeating Holger Rune, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, in their fourth-round match at Wimbledon on Monday. He was maybe mockingly indicating he felt bad for anyone in the arena that felt saddened by his win.

tennis world, that are not maybe (used to) watching every single match; they were a bit over the top."

Fritz joins good pal Tommy Paul in the final eight, giving the United States

two men that deep in the tournament for the first time since 2000. The other quarterfinal on the bottom half of the men's draw will be No. 9 Alex de Minaur against Djokovic.

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Pierre-Luc Dubois, winger Andrew Mangiapane, defenseman Jakob Chychrun and goaltender Logan Thompson in separate trades and signing free agents

Matt Roy, Brandon Duhaime and Taylor Raddys.

"I think we're better," MacLellan said last week, giving no indication of the promotions at the time. "I just think it's a better-slotted team. It should be better offensively. We'll find that out later. I think it's overall just a deeper,

better-structured team than it was last year."

The Capitals squeaked into the playoffs on a tiebreaker as the second and final wild card in the Eastern Conference. They were swept in the first round by the Presidents' Trophy-winning New York Rangers, who lost in the East final

to eventual Cup champion Florida.

They have reached the postseason in 15 of the past 17 seasons of what is known as the Ovechkin era. The Russian superstar and face of the franchise since being drafted first in 2004 is 42 away from breaking Wayne Gretzky's career goals record and turns 39 in September.

OLYMPICS

U.S. basketball team's goals: Win gold, see Biles

By TIM REYNOLDS
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LAS VEGAS | Bam Adebayo has two primary goals to accomplish at the Paris Olympics. The first one is obvious: a gold medal.

The second one: getting a picture with Simone Biles.

Among Biles' biggest fans — literally — going into the Paris Games is a group of fellow Olympians, some of them more than 2 feet taller than she is, most of whom have never been to any sort of gymnastics meet in their lives. But make no mistake: The U.S. men's basketball

Decorated gymnast's biggest fans aim to get tickets between games in Paris

team loves her.

"She's the best," three-time Olympic medalist LeBron James said. "It's that simple. She's the best."

It speaks to the power of Biles that, on an American roster with James and Kevin Durant and Stephen Curry and countless other greats from all sides of the sporting world, she's not only the face of the U.S. Olympic Team — but it could be argued that she's

the face of the Paris Games, the most dominant and most captivating athlete in the world right now. Biles is the most decorated gymnast ever, with 37 medals from Olympic and world championship competitions.

And when the U.S. basketball players can be there to watch her in Paris, they will be. If the schedules align on the basketball off days — and there are opportunities, such as the Aug. 1 women's

all-around final — they'll be figuring out ways to get tickets.

"I heard it's really expensive to get in," said U.S. guard Tyrese Haliburton, whose five-year, \$245 million contract with the Indiana Pacers begins at the start of the next NBA season. "But I think I can make that work."

They feel Biles is worth it. At 4-foot-8, she could probably dunk a basketball if she thought about it and came up with some super-creative way to make it happen. At last month's U.S. Olympic trials in Minneapolis, Biles

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Olympic gold medal-winning gymnast Simone Biles may be the face of the Paris Games and will likely have cheering fans in the U.S. men's basketball team.

TENNIS

Djokovic gets into it with fans at Wimbledon

Shows disdain for taunts after victory

By HOWARD FENDRICH
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LONDON | Maybe the Centre Court spectators were saluting Novak Djokovic's opponent by saying his name. Maybe they were booing Djokovic, trying to rattle him. The 24-time Grand Slam champion was sure it was the latter — and he let everyone know he was not happy about it.

Djokovic easily beat 15th-seeded Holger Rune 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in just over two hours Monday night to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals, then made sure to get a message across to those fans he thought were against him.

Rune's supporters at various tournaments often will stretch out his last name, saying, "Ruuuuuuuuuu!" — which sounds rather similar to "Boooooo!" — and that happened again Monday.

During his on-court postmatch interview, Djokovic spoke briefly about the match, but then veered into a discussion about the people in the stands.

"To all the fans that have respect and that stayed here tonight: Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate it. And to all those people that have chosen to disrespect the player — in this case, me — have a goooooo night. Goooooo night. Goooooo night. Very goooooo night," he said, stretching out the "Os" in "good" so they sounded like "boo."

The interviewer tried to dissuade Djokovic from thinking anyone was trying to taunt him.

"They were. They were. They were. I don't accept it. I know they were cheering for Rune. But that's an excuse to also boo," Djokovic said. "Listen, I've been

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Djokovic

NATIONALS

Just not in the Cards



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Cardinals outfielders (from left) Brendan Donovan, Michael Siani and Lars Nootbaar celebrate after the completion of a 6-0 win over the Nationals on Monday.

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Nationals drop three of four in series to St. Louis following Mikolas' gem

Paul Goldschmidt and Alec Burleson homered, Miles Mikolas pitched into the seventh inning and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Washington Nationals 6-0 on Monday.

Burleson drove in three runs for the Cardinals, who took three of four games in the series and have won six of eight overall. St. Louis is 33-18 since Mother's Day, second-best in the majors behind Cleveland (32-16).

"You go all the way back to last year, it's about time we start playing like we are supposed to," Mikolas said. "The fans got upset with us last year because

we weren't playing good ball. The boos I know started a little bit early this year and we've managed to turn it around. We've got young guys that are stepping up, having great at-bats, playing great defense. All of our veterans are coming around."

Goldschmidt's 12th homer of the season came off left-hander Mitchell Parker in the fourth. The 36-year-old slugger has 352 career home runs, tying Ryan Braun and Ellis Burks for 96th place in big league history. He needs 11 hits to

reach 2,000.

"He had a really good work day today," Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol said. "Got here early and did some things with (hitting coach Turner Ward), felt good about it. It was good for him to get that homer. He just missed one earlier. Him being able to continue feeling good about his swing and play with confidence is going to be important. That homer was a big one."

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Nationals left fielder James Wood catches a fly ball hit by the Cardinals' Masyn Winn in the seventh inning. The Cardinals won three of four in the series.

CAPITALS

Patrick elevated to GM while MacLellan stays as president

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ARLINGTON | The Washington Capitals named Chris Patrick as their general manager on Monday with longtime GM Brian MacLellan remaining president of hockey operations.

Patrick, 48, who was also named as a senior vice president, has worked for the Capitals in various capacities since 2009 and served as assistant GM under MacLellan for the past three years. The son of longtime team president Dick Patrick previously was director of player personnel after a lengthy stint as a pro

scout, and now he's just the seventh GM in the organization's 50-year history.

"Chris is a dedicated and hard-working executive, who is fully prepared for this next step in his career," owner Ted Leonsis said in a statement. "His vision, extensive experience, hockey acumen and player evaluation make him the perfect leader to drive our team forward."

MacLellan, 65, spent a decade as GM since taking over for George McPhee in 2014. He finished the building of the team that won the franchise's first Stanley Cup title in 2018.

"With Dick Patrick as chairman, Brian as president and Chris as general

manager, we believe we have a dynamic leadership team in place to continue to guide our hockey operations department forward," Leonsis said. "Brian's leadership, experience, and vision for our hockey team, combined with Chris' impressive track record and successful tenure as an executive, talent evaluator, and guardian of our minor league partnerships, position our hockey operations team for a successful future."

The front office shakeup is the latest around the NHL with an established GM shifting upstairs and ceding day-to-day operations. It happened in 2022 with Colorado after the Avalanche won the

Cup, with Chris MacFarland succeeding Joe Sakic as GM and Sakic becoming president of hockey operations, while St. Louis has laid out a succession plan for Alexander Steen and Doug Armstrong to follow the same path.

With Washington, Patrick assumes control of a retool-on-the-fly effort MacLellan put into overdrive over the past couple of weeks to keep the club's contending window open in the final two years of captain Alex Ovechkin's contract. MacLellan turned over nearly a quarter of the roster, acquiring center

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The Capitals promoted assistant general manager Chris Patrick to be their seventh GM in their 50-year history Monday. He has worked for the team since 2009.