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President Biden, in a letter announcing the end of his reelection campaign

# BIDEN EXITS RACE

Triumph, tragedy define 50-year political career

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA

President Biden’s momentous decision to drop out of the 2024 presidential race marks the sunset of a consequential career in public service that spanned more than 50 years, during which he traversed the thrills and troughs of American politics while also navigating personal tragedy.

Biden, whose quest for the presidency began three decades before he finally fulfilled it in 2021, becoming the oldest ever to hold the office, is bowing out of politics reluctantly and under pressure, at a moment he has called a critical “inflection point” for America.

The move caps a turbulent journey in Washington for a self-described “great respecter of fate” who tried to protect his legacy by bowing to the conclusion drawn by many Democratic leaders and allies that, at 81 and showing increasing signs of aging, he did not have a viable path to defeating Donald Trump.

“It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President,” Biden wrote in a letter he posted to social media Sunday. “And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term.”

In the end, the doubts that emerged from his halting and politically disastrous performance in the June 27 debate with Trump proved too great for Biden to overcome. Leaving the race just months before voters cast ballots, Biden becomes the first

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## PRESIDENT BACKS HARRIS AS NOMINEE

Some lawmakers call for open nomination process

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA AND PATRICK SVITEK

REHOBOTH BEACH, DEL. — President Biden abruptly ended his reelection campaign Sunday, sending shock waves through the political world and plunging the Democratic Party into an unprecedented scramble to choose a new nominee to face former president Donald Trump.

“It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President,” Biden, 81, wrote in a letter he posted to social media Sunday afternoon. “And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term.”

In a separate social media post Sunday, Biden endorsed his vice president, Kamala D. Harris, to replace him as the Democratic Party’s standard-bearer ahead of its national convention Aug. 19-22.

“Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year,” Biden said in a post shared on X. “Democrats — it’s time to come together and beat Trump. Let’s do this.”

Biden’s exit leaves his party in an almost unprecedented position just months ahead of the Nov. 5 election. In a presidential race that has already been rocked by a felony conviction and an assassination attempt, the latest plot twist added to the sense of tumult that has gripped

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## ANALYSIS

Indelible moment sets Democrats on uncertain path

BY DAN BALZ

The words “unprecedented” and “historic” have been used so often to describe the state of American politics in recent years that they have become a devalued currency — until Sunday that is, when President Biden sent a lightning bolt through the country with his decision to stand down from the 2024 campaign.

This milestone will remain indelibly in the annals of politics, a sitting president pressured by fellow leaders of his party to give up his candidacy. The script for 2024 continues to be rewritten at warp speed, an election year of twists and turns that seem never ending. This has left the electorate fearful and reeling, from Donald Trump becoming the first former president convicted of a felony to the assassination attempt against him and now, just eight days later, the decision by Biden to withdraw. What next?

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Trump slams Biden, prepares for new faceoff

BY HANNAH KNOWLES, JOSH DAWSEY, MARIANNE LEVINE AND ASHLEY PARKER

Donald Trump and his allies confronted a new electoral landscape on Sunday as President Biden ended his bid for reelection, a move that upended a period of steady political gains for the Republican nominee and forced his campaign to regroup with a new blueprint less than four months before the election.

Fresh off weeks of mounting confidence over Biden’s stumbles and reams of polling showing the former president ahead in key swing states, Trump at one point appeared frustrated at Biden’s exit, writing on social media that he was “forced to spend time and money” against Biden and now has to “start all over again.”

The Republican nominee and his advisers still sought to project confidence about the path forward and the prospect of taking on Vice President Harris, whom Biden endorsed as his successor. Trump said any new opponent

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After miscues and revivals, history opens a door

Harris’s contention for the Democratic nod marks the biggest comeback in a career full of them

BY PETER JAMISON AND CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

Throughout her history-making and often rocky ascent to the summit of American public life, Kamala D. Harris has shown an uncanny ability to revive her political fortunes.

Now she is on the verge of a more momentous test: With just over 100 days before the presidential election, can she revive the fortunes of the Democratic Party?

If Democrats choose Harris to replace President Biden atop the ticket, as Biden asked them to do when he announced his withdrawal from the race on Sunday, she would become the first Black woman, and first person of South Asian descent, to be nominated for the presidency by a major party. It would represent a remarkable comeback for a politician who not long ago seemed destined to join the long list of promising state elected officials who flame out on the national stage.

Harris stands to become the

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Vice President Harris said in a statement Sunday that she was “honored to have the President’s endorsement” and that “my intention is to earn and win this nomination.”

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# Gun sale records aided response to rally attack

Firearms lobby and some in GOP would like to make such files off-limits

BY PERRY STEIN

Soon after a Secret Service sniper killed the man who attempted to assassinate Donald Trump, officers grabbed the AR-style weapon by the shooter's body and started to record its make, model and any other details they could glean.

The young man carried no ID. If the gun was purchased legally from a licensed dealer, law enforcement officials hoped to use the serial number etched onto the side of the weapon to figure out who he was.

They were able to do so in about 30 minutes, federal law enforcement officials said in a statement. The search used sale records from an out-of-business gun store that the government is required to collect — but that Republican lawmakers and the gun lobby would like to place off-limits.

The attempted assassination of a former president and current White House contender gave the public a glimpse into “the time pressure that law enforcement, the ATF agents and our local police partners are under to solve these cases and advance the investigation,” said Steven Dettelbach, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. “Having the ability to search the records is absolutely a big part” of that work.

The federal government is prohibited from compiling a national database of gun owners. Those who oppose allowing the government to collect records from shuttered gun shops said they are equivalent to such a database, which they believe could be used to track and punish law-abiding gun owners, even though the records cannot be searched by a person's name.

ATF, which is responsible for regulating sales and licensing of firearms, is allowed to keep sale records only from gun stores that have closed. The nation's 80,000 or so operating licensed gun dealers are required to maintain their own records, with law enforcement agencies contacting the shops directly if they need to identify the buyer of a weapon used in a crime.

“They could make a door-to-door confiscation list with these out-of-business records, and that’s a huge threat to the Second Amendment,” said Aidan Johnston, director of federal affairs at Gun Owners of America, which has backed legislation that would destroy the types of records that ATF relied on to trace the firearm to the Trump rally shooter.

While Trump was receiving medical treatment Saturday, law enforcement officials at the Butler, Pa., rally site called employ-



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A police vehicle is seen July 15 in Butler, Pa., days after a gunman attempted to assassinate Donald Trump during a rally there.

ees of the National Tracing Center in West Virginia, which is open 24 hours a day, to relay the serial number and other details of the shooter's weapon, according to people briefed on the tracing process who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal details of the probe.

That was step one.

From there, a West Virginia employee searched the serial number in the ATF computer system, which found the licensed dealer that sold that firearm. The weapon was purchased at a now-closed gun store by a man who lived in Bethel Park, Pa. — about an hour from the rally site. Because the business was no longer operating, ATF's West Virginia facility had the federal form the buyer completed.

Some of the records at the facility are only in paper form. But the sale records for this closed shop had been digitized, according to people familiar with the investigation. Employees searched through scanned copies until they landed on one that matched the serial number of the gun used in the assassination attempt.

Within roughly a half-hour of the tracing center receiving the weapon's serial number, officials learned that the father of 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks purchased the weapon in 2013. Authorities soon identified the younger Crooks as the gunman in the shooting and later said they have no evidence that the father purchased the gun for his son to use.

The identification of Crooks

reflects a sped-up version of the traces that occur hundreds of thousands of times each year when authorities find a gun potentially linked to a crime and discover it was purchased at a store that has since closed. A typical request takes seven or eight days to complete. An urgent request can take up to a day. That's a dramatic improvement in turnaround from two years ago, according to ATF data.

*“The ATF is brazenly violating the law by recording out of business records — creating the foundation for a digital gun registry.”*

Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.)

But officials familiar with the tracing of Crooks's weapon said the request was pushed to the front of the line. It helped that the gun was purchased legally and that Crooks's father was the original owner. Officials say more and more crimes are linked to “ghost guns” — weapons made from homemade kits that can be assembled into firearms — which typically do not have serial numbers and cannot be traced.

Dettelbach says that ATF is well within the bounds of the law

and is not maintaining a registry by keeping the records. The West Virginia center, he said, is filled with tons of boxes of records from defunct gun dealers. While most have now been digitized, he said, searching them is still a cumbersome process.

The records are organized by the name of the shuttered gun dealer, with officials needing to manually open each of the scanned records to match a weapon's serial number to a record that identifies the person who purchased the firearm.

Rep. Michael Cloud (R-Tex.) introduced legislation last year that would force ATF to discard their closed-business records and prohibit closed gun dealers from turning over their records. The bill has 78 Republican cosponsors but has not received a committee or full House vote.

Cloud declined to comment for this article.

Last week, Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.) tacked an amendment onto the appropriations bill for the Justice Department, which oversees ATF, that would prevent the agency from using money to maintain digital copies of its out-of-business records. The amendment passed a committee vote and is now up for a vote on the full House floor.

“The ATF is brazenly violating the law by recording out of business records — creating the foundation for a digital gun registry,” Clyde said in a statement. “I’ve long warned that gun registration inevitably leads to gun confiscation.”

ATF officials say they receive nearly 7 million pages of records

each month from licensed gun dealers that are closing their businesses, representing upward of hundreds of thousands of gun sales. In all, ATF officials say, they processed 7.6 million gun trace requests between 2000 and 2021, with 53 percent of those traces completed using closed-business records. ATF is typically assisting local and federal law enforcement in their investigations and does not track how many crimes have been solved through the traces.

Until 2022, closed shops previously had to hand over 20 years of records. Then the Biden administration changed the regulations to require stores to hand over all their records when they go out of business.

The agency has received nearly 1 billion pages of records, with more coming each month, much of it in paper form. At one point, officials said, the West Virginia facility held so many paper records that the floors started sagging, prompting them to speed up their digitization process and build temporary structures to store the records in the parking lot.

Republican critics of ATF have proposed slashing its \$1.6 billion budget by more than 10 percent, which Dettelbach said would impact efforts to maintain the trove of closed-business records and deploy agents to work with federal and local law enforcement agencies investigating gun crimes.

“When our partners call us, we go,” Dettelbach said. “But we need the tools to support law enforcement.”

# Lawmakers in both parties now call on Secret Service director to resign

Cheatle to appear before House panel Monday as investigations ramp up

BY ROBERT KLEMKO AND MAEGAN VAZQUEZ

The embattled director of the U.S. Secret Service, Kimberly Cheatle, is facing new calls to resign from what has become a bipartisan group of lawmakers after news that top agency officials repeatedly denied requests for additional resources and personnel sought by former president Donald Trump's security detail.

The Washington Post first reported on Saturday the news about the rejected requests — several times made in writing — as well as the agency's acknowledgment that it had indeed denied some requests for additional security for Trump's detail in the two years leading up to his attempted assassination at a rally in Pennsylvania after a spokesman had several days earlier insisted otherwise.

Cheatle is scheduled to appear Monday morning at a House Oversight Committee hearing. Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), who chairs the committee, said on Fox News on Sunday morning that the hearing “will serve as the beginning of that process to get answers for the American people as to what went wrong with an agency that has a no-fail mission.”

Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-Pa.) on Saturday became the first Demo-



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Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle speaks in Chicago on June 4. After initial denials, the agency conceded that it had denied some requests for additional security for Donald Trump's detail.

crat in Congress to call for Cheatle's resignation. In a statement shared on social media, he wrote, “The evidence coming to light has shown unacceptable operational failures.”

A gunman was able to fire rounds from an AR-15-style rifle from a rooftop about 150 yards from the former president at the July 13 rally. Trump was injured, a man in the crowd was killed, and two more were wounded. Cheatle has said several times that she will not resign but said that she takes responsibility for the failure.

On Sunday evening, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas of the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the Secret Service, appointed a bipartisan panel to conduct a 45-day review of the security failures leading to the assassination attempt on Trump. The four-member panel is made up of Janet Napolitano, former Homeland Security secretary; Frances Townsend, homeland security adviser to President George W. Bush; Mark Filip, a former federal judge who served on a similar review of the Secret Serv-

ice in 2014; and David Mitchell, the former superintendent of Maryland State Police. President Biden ordered the independent investigation a day after the July 13 shooting. The findings and recommendations will be made public.

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Cheatle has been in extensive hearing preparation for the past two days and is not planning to

resign immediately, according to two U.S. officials with knowledge of her preparation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) called on Biden to fire her. “We absolutely must ensure accountability so the American people can trust that this job will be done, that we will protect our presidents and former presidents. It’s the number-one job of the Secret Service, not anything else. And I think Director Cheatle has shown the world and said that she has different priorities,” he said Sunday on ABC’s “This Week.” “She needs to go.”

The chair of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Michael R. Turner (R-Ohio), on Sunday described the security failures as “absolutely outrageous and incredible.”

“Is this a failure of resources? Is this a failure of protocols or a failure of management? And it appears that now we know that it’s all three,” Turner, who is also calling on Biden to fire Cheatle, said on CBS’s “Face the Nation.”

On Fox, Comer said the Secret Service has a budget of more than \$3 billion, contending that it was “more than enough to provide adequate protection for the presidential candidate. So we have a lot of questions as to how they’re managing their money.”

Other congressional committees are investigating the shooting as well. Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn.), chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security, has requested documents, details and a briefing of the security plan for Trump’s Pennsylvania rally. Sen.

Gary Peters (D-Mich.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, announced a separate investigation.

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) told Fox News’s “Sunday Morning Futures” that he plans to issue a preliminary report on his work as the top Republican on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Some Republicans gave oxygen to unfounded theories surrounding the assassination attempt.

Ron Johnson raised the possibility of a second shooter, a theory that originated online and that conflicts with information released by law enforcement.

Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Tex.) said on “Sunday Morning Futures” that he had spoken “months and months ago” to Trump’s detail, who told him that they were unsatisfied with the resources being provided by their agency and thought it was “politically motivated.”

Trump advisers’ anger deepened after the agency publicly denied that any requests for additional security requested by Trump or his detail had ever been rejected. “I was in the meeting with the Secret Service director with the president this [past] week, and she has a lot to answer for,” Jackson said. “She lied to me in the meeting. I asked her specifically if they had backed down or denied resources for the president at any point, and she said no.”

Josh Dawsey and Maria Sacchetti contributed to this report.

ELECTION 2024

# A death outside convention’s perimeter roils a tent city

## Homeless residents in Milwaukee grapple with the fatal police shooting of Samuel Sharpe Jr. during GOP gathering

BY JOSE A. DEL REAL  
REPORTED IN MILWAUKEE

The body had been taken away, the police and the news cameras were gone, too, and now all that was left of Samuel Sharpe’s existence were the piles of fabric and tarp he had called his home.

A mile away, in the Fiserv Forum, thousands were gathered for the political convention where Donald Trump would officially accept the Republican presidential nomination, but here, Jeanne Heckenlively was keeping watch.

“The police is gonna try to take this down, but I won’t let them,” Jeanne, 83, said to a man who was walking by.

Sam had lived in this back-alley encampment close to King Park on the near-west side of Milwaukee, where a dozen other tents had been recently erected on a strip of dirt and lawn. The area was littered with empty beer cans and broken umbrellas and shopping carts and an old mattress.

The previous afternoon, on Tuesday, Sam, 43, had been shot and killed by Ohio police officers who were in town to assist law enforcement in Milwaukee during the Republican National Convention. A group of 13 officers had been talking on the street when they spotted two men in a stand-off at the park named after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

“He’s got a knife,” one officer said abruptly, referring to Sam, according to police cam footage. “Yes, he does.”

The officers shouted at Sam as they began running toward him from about 50 yards away, though it is unclear that Sam ever heard or understood their commands from that distance.

“Hey!”

“Stop!”

“Drop the knife!”

“Police!”

Then five of the officers opened fire, and Sam was dead.

Rats crawled in and out of Sam’s tent where Jeanne was still sitting on Wednesday.

Until November, Sam had lived at his mother’s home in Milwaukee. He had always been a mama’s boy, said his sister, Angelique Sharpe, and he had advanced multiple sclerosis. But Sam felt called on a mission to spread scripture to people living on the margins of society. He said it was the example Jesus had set. And so he left, Angelique said, and made the tent his home.

The rodents had taken over the encampment and were terrorizing the other residents. At night, the vermin would chew through the tents, and they would crawl without fear over people who slept without a covering. Jeanne was unfazed, or perhaps resigned, as they inched closer to her arm, still bearing a hospital bracelet after she was recently beaten by a drunk man. A gash on her arm was blue and yellow from an infection.

“You can’t sleep here,” a woman who also lived in the camp said to Jeanne. “The rats are going to be all over you again.”

Her name was Alice Tyler, 55. She had been a home health aide before her partner developed brain cancer, and her work became exceptionally difficult after his death. Now she lived here.

“You go away!” Jeanne said sharply.

“I’m just telling you,” Alice said, “that you don’t know what those rats are carrying around.”

Alice walked off.

On the other side of a small strip of trees, Alice picked up a conversation with two men, Raheem Burks and Robert Camacho, who did not live in the camp but frequented the area to provide assistance. They had each known Sam, to the extent anyone could know anyone out here, and they were each still processing what the killing meant.

Robert, who was well known among the local homeless because he often provided water and tents to those who needed them, had known Sam to be a devout Jehovah’s Witness. Sometimes they studied the Bible together.

Alice shared now that Sam had confided that he had served time in prison; in the early 2000s, when he was a young adult, he was convicted of a felony for an armed robbery. It was during those years locked up that he found guidance and focus in the word of God.

“He was trying,” Alice said.



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Deborah E., left, and Alice Tyler, right, at a homeless encampment on Thursday in Milwaukee, near the site where Ohio police officers fatally shot Samuel Sharpe Jr.

“Falling is not failing, failing is staying down,” Raheem said now. “Everything became overwhelming,” Alice said.

“He was turning over a whole new life,” Robert said.

Alice could relate; she had been incarcerated as well, she said, and recalled the feeling of being abandoned by family, by friends, by society. Sam did not talk to other people about the private parts of his life, she said, except for his devout Christian faith. That was the light that guided him toward who he wanted to be, and that’s the person Alice knew.

Sam’s father, whom he was named after, instilled the profound faith in God that Sam carried, said Angelique. The elder Samuel, who is deceased, had been drafted into the Vietnam War. His example as “a veteran who fought for our country where he couldn’t even share a water fountain with his comrades,” as Angelique said, was a point of pride for the family.

Sam’s incarceration was a low point in his own life, she said, but he turned himself around.

“Who gets condemnation and who gets grace?” Angelique wondered. “Look at Trump. Look at Trump. They trying to give him grace so he can be president again. Sam was 20 when this [arrest] happened.”

Behind Alice, rats ran back and forth between the tents and the trees.

The residents of the tent encampment walked one another through all the pressures Sam had faced in the days leading to the altercation with the other man, whose name they said was Antonio.

Rat poison had recently made Sam’s dog sick, which weighed heavily on him in the final days of his life, according to other residents of the encampment.

He was also increasingly concerned about his own safety. Sam had even called his mother and sister in distress about the man, who had threatened to kill him and his dog and to set his tent on fire. Sam had started talking to himself more than usual.

A heat wave had hit Milwaukee, bringing temperatures into the 90s, putting everyone on edge and making the rats more aggressive.

“This guy was irritating him and bothering him. He was picking and nicking, and he had to defend himself. This guy was more aggressive than he was,” Alice told Robert. “He felt like he had to defend himself. He was 115 pounds, wet. He had health issues.”

Behind the trees, Jeanne was still sitting, looking around Sam’s tent.

Jeanne recalled that he had invited her to sleep on the old leather couch in front of his tent because she did not have one of her own. He had placed it there to



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Police officers work at the scene where Ohio police officers assisting with security for the Republican National Convention fatally shot Samuel Sharpe Jr., who lived at a homeless encampment, after they say he was seen wielding a knife during an altercation near King Park in Milwaukee.

block the wind.

“I don’t think anybody is going to show up,” Jeanne said, although she wasn’t sure who she was waiting for.

Modern political conventions officially kick off presidential general elections in America. Really, though, they are spectacles that largely exist specifically to elicit media coverage. Journalists and political elites dutifully flock to convention cities where they sequester themselves within a heavily guarded perimeter. There they interrogate the candidate’s message, assess the mood of party leaders and debate how one party’s unity will fare against the other party’s fissures.

Outside the perimeter in Milwaukee — where the security stakes were heightened after the assassination attempt against former president Trump — everyday residents groused about disrupted bus routes, small tips on large checks and nightmarish traffic obstructions.

The tent city where Sam lived wasn’t just outside the perimeter of the convention. It was outside the perimeter of society.

That out-of-town police officers had been nearby at all was baffling to many residents of the area, who expressed disbelief after the Milwaukee Police Department defended their actions. “This is a situation where somebody’s life was in immediate danger,” Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman told reporters, adding that the officers were assigned to the area in case of protests. “These officers who are not from this area took upon themselves to act to save someone’s life today.”

Robert, who worked with



FAMILY PHOTO

Samuel Sharpe Jr. felt called on a mission to spread scripture to people living on the margins of society, his sister said.

homeless people around Milwaukee, recalled that there used to be many tents at MacArthur Square, just south of the Fiserv Forum.

As the city prepared for the convention, he recounted, they had gradually pushed the homeless farther and farther outside of the convention’s perimeter. And in displacing many of the homeless, they created new tent en-

“I understand that, but they were policing,” Raheem said, turning heads.

Raheem, 54, sometimes volunteered as a security guard at the nearby social services organization called Repairers of the Breach. He met Alice there, and they became friends. Now he stopped by to check on her from time to time.

“Okay, stop, because you said one word too many,” Alice said. “You make it look like they had a right to be out here shooting.”

“I’m not saying the whole thing, shooting the dude, was right. What I’m saying is they’re authorized to do it,” Raheem said.

“They here visiting,” Alice said of the police. “Take your a-- over there where Trump at. What you doing over here shooting people?”

Elsewhere in Milwaukee, Sam’s family was grappling with his death, too. Police had shown up at Sam’s mother’s house with a photo of him hooked up to a ventilator, asking for a positive identification.

Police said they recovered two knives from the scene. People at the tent city agreed Sam had the knives for self-defense. His family and friends were braced for the assumptions that would circulate online after a Black man was shot by police.

“We live in a country where everyone is toting around guns supposedly to protect themselves but Sam can’t carry a knife when someone is threatening his life?” fumed Angelique, Sam’s sister.

Jeanne was still sitting in front of Sam’s tent by the end of Wednesday afternoon when another family member of Sam’s walked by and introduced herself. She was looking for some answers about what led Sam to pull a knife on someone. It seemed so unlike him.

“He was the kind of person that took care of people,” Jeanne told her, not answering her question about whether she knew what happened. “I thought it was this other guy who beat the s--- out of me; he’s the one they should have shot.”

The look on his family member’s face showed resignation; she wasn’t going to get answers here.

Downtown, a vigil was being planned for the next day by activists who wanted to call attention to the shooting, which some referred to as “the next George Floyd.”

On the corner where Sam was shot, a makeshift memorial of flowers, notes and protest signs was forming.

Here, in the alley where Sam lived, the news cameras were gone and not coming back, and all that was left of him was his tent.

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# Biden’s mind was largely made up Saturday, insiders say

How the president decided to end his bid for a second term

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President Biden called Vice President Harris on Sunday to tell her directly.

He spoke one-on-one with Jeff Zients, his White House chief of staff, and Jen O’Malley Dillon, his campaign chair.

Zients then convened Biden’s White House and campaign senior staff for a 1:45 p.m. call, so that Biden could tell those who had worked closest with him he was abandoning his dream of a second term.

As Biden spoke on that call, a letter announcing his intentions went live online. The chief of staff followed up with Zoom calls for the Cabinet and those in the White House with the rank of assistant to the president.

“There is so much more to do — and as President Biden says, ‘there is nothing America can’t do — when we do it together,’” Zients wrote the entire White House team at 2:26 p.m.

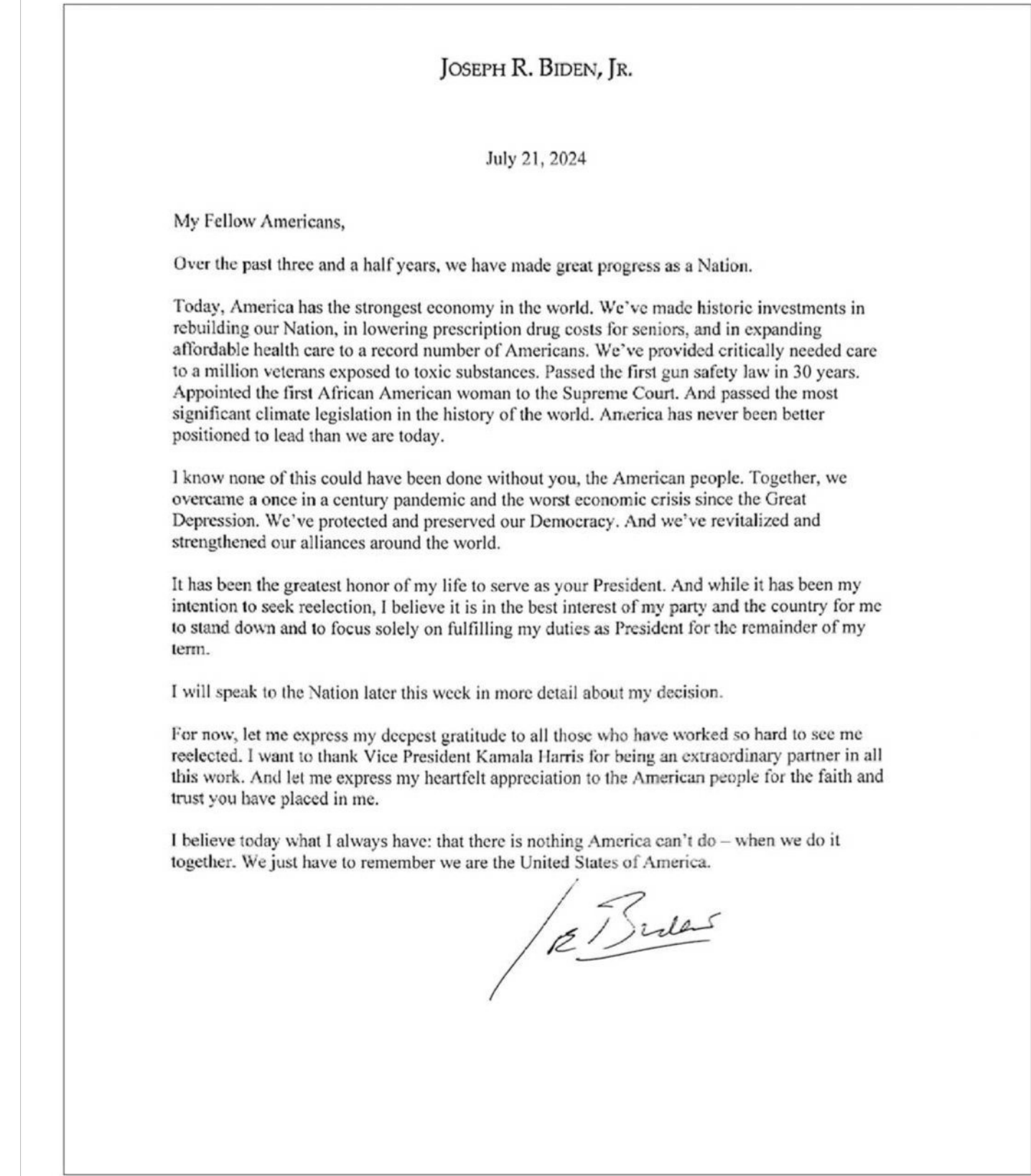
There were mutterings that it was coming. But until it was done, many of the people who work for the campaign and the White House only assumed something had to happen — some pivot, some admission of reality — but they did not know what, when or how. The map was expanding in the wrong direction. The party had turned. The money was drying up. The polls in must-win states had gone from bad to worse.

This story is based on interviews with more than a dozen Democratic insiders from the campaign, the White House and Capitol Hill, many of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

Biden huddled through the weekend with a small crew of family and advisers in Rehoboth Beach, Del.: White House counselor Steve Ricchetti, senior campaign adviser Mike Donilon, deputy chief of staff Annie Tomasini and senior adviser to the first lady Anthony Bernal, all of whom were at the president’s vacation house.

Everyone else plowed forward, swearing publicly that none of that was happening, telling those that worked for them to not stop. O’Malley Dillon had laid down that marker Friday, when she went on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” and abruptly silenced the growing speculation that his exit was imminent. The feedback from door-knocks by campaign workers was good, she said. The campaign was humming. The president was determined.

“He’s not going anywhere,” she said.



That was followed by a tense high-dollar donor call Friday afternoon that left many of the party’s top money people fuming. Calling from the road, Harris joined the Zoom late for just a few minutes — boasted of the campaign’s efforts in Michigan and Wisconsin, expressed confidence in victory and then signed off, according to a person on the call. All the donor questions were left unasked and unanswered.

Donors left frustrated because “it was like we didn’t have eyes and couldn’t see what was going on,” another person on the call said.

It was a bold and definitive posture. Yet it was read by many inside the Democratic political world less as a final word, more

like an extension of respect that the president was owed. This decision was always Biden’s to make. From the earliest days of the crisis, people close to Biden would contact those who went public with their dismay.

He deserved “grace,” was their message. Give him his space.

That created weeks of mixed signals, amid clearly deteriorating conditions. Ricchetti and Donilon were both full-steam ahead during the Republican convention all the way through Friday, said one person familiar with the conversations. Ricchetti got to the house Friday. Donilon arrived Saturday. They met Saturday evening, according to another person familiar with the events. Inside the campaign, the

polls late last week had deteriorated further. The president, suffering from covid, was briefed on the data.

“The poll numbers they got recently were very sobering for them,” this person said. “They wanted to stop the bleeding, to give him time to think about what he wants to say. ... It was so relentless. Every day it was a new person.”

The campaign continued to plan new trips and fundraisers for Biden on Saturday. A fundraising email for the Biden-Harris ticket was emailed out Sunday even after Biden had published his letter announcing his decision.

In fact, Biden had all but made up his mind Saturday night, said

the person briefed on the events. He then went to bed. When he awoke, he did one more gut check before moving forward.

Biden made his decision feeling certain that he did not have a viable path forward. But he remained upset at Democratic lawmakers and party strategists who had begun to publicly come forward to push him out.

A member of Congress said that Biden is “deeply betrayed and upset” at all the people he thought were friends. The member said Biden had been receptive to arguments about polling and his legacy, but it took him some time, and that most staff were not in the loop.

Among much of the senior campaign leadership, the harsh

reality had long ago been accepted. But people continued to speak on his behalf, routinely denouncing the anonymous sources describing what was happening.

A congresswoman said Biden had “honest talks” with his team this weekend about the polling, which was seemingly getting worse by the day. Democrats on Capitol Hill were also restless. Dozens of lawmakers had held off on going public, both out of respect for the president and in fear of the political risks of doing so. But many were discussing the best way to come forward in the coming week if Biden did not exit the race by the weekend, according to several people familiar with the discussions.

They were not, however, willing to bend to his will. Democrats in the Senate — where Biden served for 36 years — were being especially careful but had begun discussing whether to come out as a group or one after another, to arrange a number of senators to meet with Biden privately and urge him to exit or else warn that they would go public if he did not respond to their concerns, according to the people.

A number of his aides said on Sunday they were upset by being kept in the dark, having been told Friday and Saturday to keep fighting for his candidacy. Some were even working on Sunday morning, preparing for the morning shows, and heading back to Wilmington for the week.

As of Sunday afternoon, it was still unclear when exactly Biden would address the nation directly. He was still suffering from covid symptoms, including a hoarse voice, said one person familiar with the situation, and they suspected Biden and his team would wait until he sounded better for any public remarks.

Among Democratic lawmakers, there is disagreement about the best path forward. Biden’s endorsement of Harris is likely to stymie discussion over whether another candidate would be better positioned to beat Trump. But before his endorsement, many lawmakers had concerns over Harris’s ability to take on Trump — in part because of mixed internal polling data, according to two Democratic senators — and were interested in exploring the possibility of an open convention.

Others in Biden’s inner circle believe there is no option, no time to restart and restaff a campaign, which Harris will probably be able to inherit directly barring some legal challenges. One donor said there would be a push for an open process, and that Biden’s announcement of his endorsement of Harris had been a letdown.

“People were thrilled for that brief period between the first Biden announcement and the second,” this person said.

But that was tomorrow’s worry. Enough had already changed.

“I need a drink,” one campaign staffer wrote in a text message, just after 2 p.m.

## GOP eyes legal challenges as Harris assumes control of Biden’s war chest

BY MAEVE RESTON

As President Biden bowed out of the presidential race Sunday and endorsed Vice President Harris to be the Democratic Party’s nominee, he immediately dashed off a social media post asking his backers to show their support by giving to the Biden-Harris campaign committee.

“If you’re with us, donate to her campaign here,” he wrote, posting a link to an ActBlue page accepting contributions for the Biden for President campaign.

But as Biden tries to hand over the committee’s millions in remaining cash to Harris, Republican lawyers and operatives are saying “not so fast.”

For weeks, Democratic lawyers and operatives — who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal party deliberations — had argued that elevating Harris to be the Democratic nominee was the easiest solution for the party. Rather than encouraging an array of candidates to compete in an open convention and setting off a scramble for financial support, they reasoned that anointing Harris would prevent a lot of legal headaches because her name is already on the paperwork filed with the Federal Election Commission that organized the Biden campaign committee.

Within hours of Biden announcing his decision, the committee tried to make the handoff to Harris official — submitting an amended filing to the FEC

Many millions of dollars likely to be tied up until a ruling by FEC or court

changing its name to “Harris for President.”

Several campaign finance lawyers aligned with Republicans argue that the campaign does not have legal authority to do that — and that the maneuver is all but certain to be challenged before the FEC or in a court of law.

Charlie Spies, a prominent GOP campaign finance lawyer, said that both Biden and Harris would have to have been officially nominated by the Democratic Party at its convention next month before any kind of hand-off could occur. In that situation, he noted, a provision in campaign finance law allows a vice-presidential nominee to take control of the campaign’s depository if the presidential nominee withdraws.

“Biden can’t transfer his money to Harris because it was raised under his own name, and there is no legal mechanism for it to have been raised jointly with Harris before they were their party’s nominees,” said Spies, who advised the Republican National Committee before stepping down from that role earlier this year.

The six-member FEC panel that would rule on such matters

has long been evenly split between Republicans and Democrats — often preventing campaign finance rules from being enforced. Its partisan divide raises the possibility that commissioners could deadlock on the question of whether Harris can assume control of the campaign’s cash. Were that to happen, several lawyers said, the potential challenge would probably land in court.

“Replacing a presidential candidate and handing over his committee to someone else is unprecedented under current campaign finance law,” Sean Cooksey, a Republican who is the FEC chairman, said Sunday. “It raises a host of open questions about whether it is legal, what limits apply and what contributors’ rights are.”

Dara Lindenbaum, an FEC commissioner appointed by Biden, offered the opposite view: “The Biden for President Committee is the campaign committee for President Biden and Vice President Harris,” she said. “The funds stay with her so long as she remains on the ticket.”

Biden’s decision to step aside and allow a younger generation of Democrats to lead the party is likely to ignite a flood of contributions. For Democrats, that gold rush of cash could not come at a more important time. New FEC filings on Saturday night showed that Donald Trump’s committees reported more cash on hand than Biden’s — erasing the president’s once enormous

cash advantage, with Biden’s effort burning through cash far more quickly than Trump’s.

Though there is excitement about Harris as the party’s potential nominee among some voters, delegates and donors, others still hope to see a robust competition for the nomination at or before the Democratic National Convention in August. An array of younger Democratic stars have been mentioned as potential competitors for the top slot or the vice-presidential slot, including Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona and Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear.

In her own presidential campaign four years ago, Harris struggled to raise money and ultimately withdrew before a single vote had been cast. On Friday afternoon, she conducted a call with some of the party’s top donors on Biden’s behalf. But she showed up about 30 minutes late and was only available for a few minutes. The group had been summoned by tech executive Reid Hoffman, a major Democratic Party donor, and had expected to have a more interesting and informative conversation.

“Basically all she said is we are going to win,” one donor said. “Everyone was pissed after the call. It was a complete waste of time.”

The person noted that some California donors have long been

disappointed with Harris, believing she was unprepared for the White House. Many of the party’s top donors, she added, hope Harris will now tack to the middle — instead of the left — and be more receptive to listening to a broader spectrum of voices about technology and regulatory policy.

After Biden threw his support behind Harris on Sunday, some major Democratic donors said they believed the party and its big-dollar supporters would consolidate behind the vice president.

“I think the party is behind her,” said Susie Tompkins Buell, a San Francisco philanthropist and co-founder of the Esprit clothing line. She said the mood was shifting even among other major party backers who were initially hesitant about Harris.

“This moment of relief and freedom has put them behind Kamala, quite suddenly,” Buell said. “Everybody’s very excited about getting to work to make sure that this candidate has the time, the energy and the money to make this happen. It’s quite a beautiful thing.”

Hoffman posted his support for Harris on X: “Kamala D. Harris is the right person at the right time,” he wrote. “Donald Trump and JD Vance are promising an agenda that will wreak havoc on the American people. Harris’s background and leadership growing the economy, fighting for bodily autonomy, and protecting our democracy uniquely position her to push

back against Trump’s extremism.”

Several campaign finance lawyers noted that, under federal election guidelines, when a presidential candidate withdraws from the race, the dollars in his or her campaign account usually are considered “excess campaign funds” that can be contributed to the Democratic National Committee or to an independent expenditure committee.

Another potential wrinkle is that under federal limits, presidential candidates can raise \$3,300 for their primary campaign and can also collect \$3,300 for the general election. But if they withdraw or lose before making it to the general election campaign, they are required to return those general election contributions to donors — as Hillary Clinton did when she lost the 2008 primary to Barack Obama.

Because Harris’s name was listed on the Biden campaign committee’s paperwork — and because she would still be running in the general election if she becomes the party’s nominee — former FEC chairman Trevor Potter said he does not think Harris would have to return those general election contributions.

But, Potter added, “that has never been tested, because we’ve never had a situation like this.”

Josh Dawsey contributed to this report.

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Focus shifts to president’s health for remainder of term as campaign ends

BY DAN DIAMOND

President Biden’s withdrawal from his reelection campaign Sunday ended weeks of speculation about his political future. But continued questions about his health have given rise to a new question: Should he resign from the White House, too?

The 81-year-old president wrote on social media that he would “focus all my energies on my duties as President for the remainder of my term.” There are about six months — 183 days — until Biden’s term would end.

The White House has reiterated for weeks that Biden’s high-profile debate flop was an outlier and that the president remains fit to serve. But administration officials, lawmakers from both parties and Democratic donors have raised questions about the president’s cognitive fitness, pointing to alarming moments in private in which Biden seemed distant or confused, and his repeated flubs in public.

Republicans on Sunday demanded that Biden step down.

“If Joe Biden is not fit to run for President, he is not fit to serve as President,” House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said in a statement. “He must resign the office immediately.”

Democratic leaders generally don’t share that view. Lawmakers showered Biden with appreciation Sunday, and several said they remain confident in his leadership as president. Biden, who is recovering from a bout of covid, had repeatedly said he was up to the job of both running the country and campaigning for reelection.

“I’m good,” Biden said during a July 11 news conference following the NATO summit, adding that age “creates a little bit of wisdom if you pay attention.”

Andrew Bates, a White House spokesman, said Sunday that Biden would continue to focus on priorities such as creating jobs and fighting abortion bans for the rest of his term. “He looks forward to finishing his term and delivering more historic results



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**President Biden arrives in Hagerstown, Md., on June 20. Biden’s Sunday announcement that he will no longer pursue reelection has led some to question whether he is fit to serve out the rest of his term.**

for the American people,” Bates wrote in an email.

Some Democratic officials and allies have privately argued that Biden stepping down from the presidency — and immediately elevating Vice President Harris into the Oval Office — would confer additional political benefits in a challenge against Donald Trump.

Outside medical and policy experts said that the job of campaigning — which required Biden to energize voters, engage with donors and give stump speeches around the country — calls on a different set of physical and cognitive skills than serving as president, where Biden is presented with decisions and surrounded by advisers. Biden, some say, is equipped to serve out his term.

“The presidency is not a one-man show,” said Ezekiel Emanuel, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist who advised the Biden administration on its covid re-

sponse and other health issues. “It is an administration with the president as boss and ultimate decision-maker ... and he has a very effective team around him that he knows, and they know him.”

David Grabowski, a Harvard Medical School professor who specializes in the study of aging, emphasized the distinction between Biden’s ability to finish out the remaining months of his presidency vs. his capacity to do so for another term as an octogenarian.

“President Biden’s decision to end his candidacy relates to carrying out his duties over the next four and [a] half years,” Grabowski wrote in an email. “From an aging and health perspective, that is different from his fitness to serve today through the end of his current term. The two must be evaluated independently.”

Some of Biden’s aides and allies had insisted — as recently as

Sunday morning — that he would not drop out of the 2024 presidential race. But the shifting political reality had complicated his reelection bid: The president had been lagging behind Trump in polls across key battleground states, even as other Democrats fared better in hypothetical matchups against Trump.

While the 78-year-old Trump has had his own struggles — such as confusing names, misstating facts and delivering often meandering speeches — voters have generally expressed more concern about Biden’s age than Trump’s. A CBS News/YouGov poll conducted last month found that 72 percent of registered voters believed Biden lacked the mental and cognitive health to serve as president, compared with 49 percent who felt the same of Trump.

Biden was last examined by a team of medical specialists earlier this year, according to a sum-

mary released in February by Kevin O’Connor, Biden’s longtime physician. The physicians concluded that Biden was “a healthy, active, robust 81-year-old male, who remains fit to successfully execute the duties of the Presidency,” O’Connor wrote.

The specialists ruled out neurological disorders such as stroke and Parkinson’s, although they noted that Biden had developed an increasingly stiff gait and appeared to suffer from peripheral neuropathy — a type of weakness or nerve damage — in both of his feet. Kevin Cannard, a neurologist who specializes in movement disorders such as Parkinson’s, was among the physicians who examined Biden as part of that review.

Biden’s performance in his June 27 debate against Trump — during which the president struggled to explain some of his core policies and repeatedly tripped over his words — prompted worries from Democrats but also health experts who feared a deeper medical problem. Three former members of the White House medical unit who had previously cared for Biden told The Washington Post that they believed the president should undergo cognitive screening, given his rocky debate performance.

Biden had repeatedly declined to seek a cognitive test, telling reporters that he is “tested every single day” on his fitness by the duties of the presidency, but he showed signs of relaxing his position at the July 11 news conference.

“I am not opposed,” Biden said at the news conference. “If my doctors tell me they should — I should have another neurological exam, I’ll do it.”

Biden’s physical and verbal stumbles have worried lawmakers, administration staff and high-level donors who have privately interacted with him in recent months. They said he has become more visibly frail, sometimes in need of physical assistance as he takes the stairs or moves around a room. The life-long politician known for uncork-

ing long, freewheeling speeches has become increasingly difficult to hear and understand.

Biden has occasionally appeared to briefly freeze up or suddenly veer off topic, instances some said they easily dismissed before the debate but that have caused them to question his ability to do the job for another four years.

The campaign trail exposed these weaknesses. Donors in recent weeks — including actor George Clooney — have said Biden seemed feeble, tired or confused in their small sessions, fueling calls for him to withdraw his reelection bid.

One Democratic donor, who met with Biden in small meetings at the White House early in his presidency and spoke on the condition of anonymity to candidly discuss the president’s fitness to serve, recalled an encounter with Biden at a fundraiser this year.

“He was different than I’d experienced him in the White House,” the donor said, adding that Biden’s affect in a private meeting at the fundraiser was similar to his performance in the debate. The president was “quieter,” with his remarks trailing off, and engaged in some “staring into space.”

“He felt like an elderly person,” the donor said.

White House aides who work with the president regularly and accompany him on foreign trips said that while Biden may move slower and look older, they do not see signs he is mentally diminished and say his physical aging has no bearing on his ability to continue the job of president.

“I think two things can be true — that he’s fully capable of finishing this term as president but it’s not realistic to expect him to vigorously serve another four years,” said Jonathan Reiner, a cardiologist and professor of medicine and surgery at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. “I do think it would be appropriate for a formal statement from the White House medical team attesting to presidential capacity.”

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Patricia Green near the White House following President Biden's announcement that he was ending his bid. "Thank you, Joe, for being brave and stepping down," she said.

# President bows out of race, endorses Harris

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the nation's politics this year. Even as the party appeared to be coalescing around Harris on Sunday, some lawmakers were advocating for a more open process to allow other potential candidates to compete for the nomination, further highlighting the turbulent impact of Biden's decision. Harris, a former senator from California, would bring her own liabilities to the race against Trump, whom Democrats consider an existential threat to democracy. Her approval ratings have largely mirrored the decline of Biden's since 2021, and her campaign in the 2020 presidential primary fell apart before voting began. Notably, former president Barack Obama did not endorse Harris in his statement, which praised Biden and suggested that Democrats would ultimately find "an outstanding nominee." In a statement Sunday, Harris said she would be seeking to "unite the Democratic Party" and win the presidency. "I am honored to have the President's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination," she said. Harris, 59, is the first woman, Black person and Asian American to serve as vice president, and now she has the opportunity to become the country's first female president. She received a rapid flow of endorsements Sunday from top Democrats, including dozens of lawmakers, multiple governors, key interest groups, former president Bill

Clinton and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton. Biden's allies and critics responded to his announcement by publicly gearing themselves up for a new, unpredictable battle for the White House. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), who had privately told Biden that his continued candidacy would harm Democrats' chances, was among dozens of elected Democrats who praised Biden for stepping aside. "Joe Biden has not only been a great president and a great legislative leader but he is a truly amazing human being," Schumer said in an emailed statement, which did not endorse Harris. Trump attacked Biden on Sunday and pledged to undo much of his legacy in a post to his social media platform, Truth Social. "Crooked Joe Biden was not fit to run for President, and is certainly not fit to serve — And never was!" Trump wrote. "We will suffer greatly because of his presidency, but we will remedy the damage he has done very quickly." Several Republican lawmakers, including House Speaker Mike Johnson (La.), called on Biden to resign the presidency immediately, arguing that if he could not continue his campaign, he should not remain in office. Biden's announcement came as a shock to many of his aides and advisers, some of whom had appeared on television Sunday morning and insisted he was staying in the race. Biden, who is isolating with a case of covid,

informed Harris, his chief of staff Jeff Zients and campaign chair Jen O'Malley Dillon of his decision on Sunday afternoon, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private discussions. He told his senior White House staff of the decision at 1:45 p.m. The president's statement was posted to X at 1:46 p.m. "Last night, it was full speed ahead," the person said, adding that Biden finalized his decision late Saturday with a small group of close aides.

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Vice President Harris

Before Biden's announcement, Harris's staff had started preparing for her debate with Republican vice-presidential nominee J.D. Vance, according to two people who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a confidential process. Biden and Trump were scheduled to face off in a second debate on Sept. 10. It is unclear if Trump and Harris will do so. If Harris secures the nomination, she will have to select a running mate under a compressed timeline to ensure

the Democratic ticket meets all state ballot deadlines. Before any of that could happen, Biden's campaign apparatus began the process Sunday of morphing into a "Harris for President," campaign, a process that will involve creating new iconography, reengaging donors and deploying Biden's considerable campaign war chest to introduce Harris to voters. Biden's campaign, headquartered in Wilmington, Del., held a call Sunday to let staff know that they were still employed and would continue their long-held mission to defeat Trump in November. O'Malley Dillon and campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez led the call. The Democrats' predicament — a candidate dropping out after sweeping mostly unchallenged through the party primaries to become the presumptive nominee — is untested in the modern era. It caps weeks of delicate strategizing by party leaders on how to dislodge Biden, a proudly stubborn figure known to bristle at those who write him off. It signals the conclusion of a remarkable half-century political career that began when Biden won election to the Senate in 1972 as one of the youngest-ever senators and will now conclude in January with his service as the oldest-ever president. The Democrats' process for choosing their nominee will be hurried and fraught with deep uncertainty and the potential for further intraparty turmoil. The Democratic National Convention is in four weeks in Chicago, although Democrats had initially

planned to formally nominate Biden in a "virtual roll call" before the in-person gathering. The president will leave office with notable accomplishments, especially for a one-term president in an era of deep division. He pushed through bills on infrastructure, climate change, health care, gun control and the semiconductor industry. He pulled the United States out of Afghanistan, rebuilt American alliances and led a coalition to defend Ukraine against Russia. At the same time, however, he suffered historically low approval ratings and was blamed for stubbornly high inflation, record migration at the U.S.-Mexico border and a chaotic withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan in 2021. His staunch support for Israel in the Gaza war sparked condemnation at home and abroad, and lingering concerns over his advanced age drove down his poll numbers, leaving him trailing Trump in many crucial swing states. In abandoning his reelection campaign, Biden joins two other incumbent presidents in modern history who chose not to seek reelection: President Harry S. Truman in 1952 and President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968. Those presidents' announcements, however, came months earlier and gave their party far more time to regroup for the general election. Even so, Democrats lost both elections. Many Democrats considered Biden's June 27 presidential debate against Trump shocking and catastrophic, as Biden sometimes struggled to complete sen-

tences or marshal his thoughts. The president and his aides insisted for weeks afterward that he was staying in the race, likening the moment to other occasions in his long career when he had been counted out. Voters have long told pollsters they were concerned about Biden's age and the debate was an inflection point, releasing a wave of Democratic anxiety that the Biden campaign had previously been able to keep in check. On July 2, Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Tex.) became the first House Democrat to publicly call on Biden to step aside as the nominee, invoking Johnson's decision 56 years earlier. "Under very different circumstances, he made the painful decision to withdraw," Doggett said. "President Biden should do the same." That kicked off an agonizing stretch for Democrats when every day or so, another congressional Democrat would issue a statement declaring their affection for Biden and admiration for his accomplishments, but adding that it was time for him to "pass the torch." A native of Scranton, Pa., Biden entered politics more than five decades ago, winning a seat on the New Castle County Council in Delaware in 1970. He first ran for Senate in 1972, defeating a Republican incumbent, J. Caleb Boggs, in a scrappy, underdog campaign. Tragedy struck Biden's life within weeks of his Senate election, when his wife, Neilia, and 1-year-old daughter, Naomi, were killed in a car accident while Christmas shopping in Delaware. His two young sons, Beau and Hunter, who were also in the car, were seriously injured. Biden pushed ahead, plunging into life in the Senate, raising his boys and getting remarried to his current wife, Jill — the first chapter in a long biography of tragedy and recovery. As Obama's presidency wrapped up in 2016, Biden, who served as his vice president, agonized over whether to run to succeed him, but he ultimately opted against it as he continued to grieve after another personal tragedy: His elder son, Beau, had been diagnosed with brain cancer and died in 2015 at age 46. Trump then shocked the political world by defeating Hillary Clinton for the presidency, sending the Democrats into a brooding exile and dramatically raising the stakes for the 2020 campaign. Biden later said he was inspired to join that race after watching Trump decline to unequivocally condemn a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville in 2017. He won his primary and defeated Trump in a year when the campaign was upended by the coronavirus pandemic. Running for a second term, Biden pitched himself as uniquely equipped to defeat Trump after doing so in 2020, facing minimal opposition in the Democratic primaries even as voter concerns lingered about his age. His campaign focused heavily on abortion rights, promising to restore the federal right to an abortion after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022. "I will speak to the Nation later this week in more detail about my decision," Biden wrote in his Sunday letter announcing his withdrawal from the race.

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# Biden draws mostly praise from world leaders after decision to leave race

From Ukraine to Israel, many say he stepped up in a period of upheaval

BY JENNIFER HASSAN AND ANIKA ARORA SETH

LONDON — World leaders expressed respect and admiration for President Biden on Sunday after he announced he was ending his reelection campaign, a momentous decision that reshaped the race for the White House and resonated far beyond Washington. Biden, a longtime member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before ascending to higher office, developed and nurtured relationships with many world leaders over the course of decades. Israeli officials were among the first to offer their praise, with President Isaac Herzog

thanking Biden for his "friendship and steadfast support" and hailing the 81-year-old as "a true ally of the Jewish people" in a post on X. Biden has been a staunch supporter of Israel's war in Gaza, which followed the Hamas-led attacks Oct. 7, though he has also clashed repeatedly with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over humanitarian aid deliveries and the toll of the conflict on Palestinian civilians. Netanyahu, who is scheduled to land in Washington on Monday and address Congress on Wednesday, had no immediate reaction to Biden's announcement. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant thanked Biden for his "unwavering support" and said the president's "steadfast backing" in the war against Hamas has been "invaluable." Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid kept his response brief, posting an image of himself grinning and fist-bumping Biden alongside the caption: "Thank

you." Biden has also been a firm backer of Ukraine and its efforts to repel Russia's 2022 invasion, supplying Kyiv with American weapons and diplomatic support despite mounting opposition from congressional Republicans. "He supported our country during the most dramatic moment in history, assisted us in preventing Putin from occupying our country, and has continued to support us throughout this terrible war," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on X. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was circumspect, noting that "a lot can change" in the four months until voters go to the polls in November. Russia will "pay attention and watch what happens next," he added. In the United Kingdom, new British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he respected Biden's decision. "I know that, as he has done throughout his remarkable ca-

reer, President Biden will have made his decision based on what he believes is in the best interests of the American people," Starmer said. Starmer, who met with Biden earlier this month in Washington, said he looked forward to working with him during the final months of his presidency. Former British prime minister Rishi Sunak applauded Biden's "love for America and dedication to service." Nigel Farage, a member of Britain's Parliament and leader of the right-wing party Reform UK, took a different tone: "Whoever they pick, Trump will win in November," he posted on X, referring to the Democrats. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz thanked Biden for strengthening NATO and supporting "transatlantic cooperation," writing on X that Biden's decision to withdraw from the race "deserves recognition." Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called Biden "a part-

ner to Canadians — and a true friend"; Anthony Albanese, the prime minister of Australia, noted that under Biden, his country's relationship with the United States had "never been stronger." Ireland's prime minister, Simon Harris, called Biden "a voice for reason, effective multilateralism and shared solutions," in a statement posted to X. Biden, whose family has roots in Ireland, visited the country last year. One of his final stops was at Mayo Roscommon Hospice, where a plaque commemorates his son Beau Biden, who died of brain cancer in 2015. "Mr President, Ireland will protect the piece of your son Beau's legacy that you left in County Mayo," Harris wrote Sunday. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez called Biden's decision "brave and dignified" and credited him for supporting Ukraine against Russian aggression. "A great gesture from a great president who has always fought for democracy and freedom," Sán-

chez tweeted Sunday. Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala described Biden's move as a "difficult step" and expressed hope that a "good president" will emerge from a race between two "strong and equal candidates" in November. Poland's prime minister, Donald Tusk, commended Biden for another difficult decision in a long career of them and for making "democracy stronger." Kosovo Deputy Prime Minister Donika Gërvalla-Schwarz, meanwhile, singled out Biden's "leadership of the West." As Biden endorsed Vice President Harris to take his place at the top of the Democratic ticket, and Washington wrestled with the sweeping implications of his decision to step aside from the race, Latvian President Edgars Rinkevics summed up the reaction of many: "Politics has never been so interesting," he wrote on X.

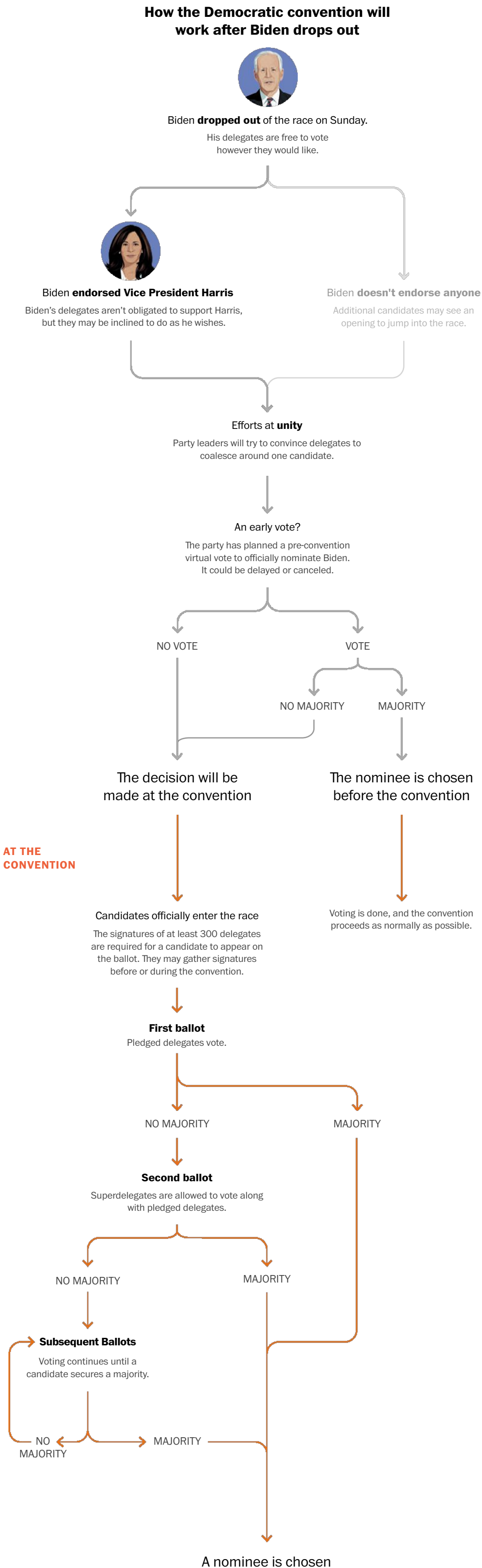
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# How Democrats can pick a new candidate, step by step

Now that Biden has left the race, there are two ways in which his party could select a replacement at the top of the ticket

BY BONNIE BERKOWITZ, SZU YU CHEN AND ADRIÁN BLANCO



Now that President Biden has decided to end his campaign for reelection, there are two paths for replacing him at the top of the Democratic ticket.

One is a virtual vote that would lock in a new nominee in early August, and the other is an “open” convention, a scenario the party hasn’t experienced since 1968.

A convention is open when no candidate arrives with a clear majority of delegates, so the event turns into a mini-primary in which contenders scramble to persuade delegates to vote for them.

The potential for chaos is high, and the time is short. Some states have August deadlines to get on the ballot for the general election, and early voting begins in some places in September. So party leaders probably will try to settle the nomination before the Democratic National Convention begins Aug. 19.

Here’s how the process could play out.

**Who will pick the nominee?**

A few thousand delegates representing voters officially decide on the party’s nominee, whether a convention is open or not. Typically they choose the winner of the primaries — that’s what they are sent to do — so it may feel as if the voters choose directly.

But now that Biden has left the race, all his delegates are free agents and will choose a candidate on their own without voter input.

There are two types of Democratic delegates.

**Pledged delegates** commit to supporting the candidate state voters chose, although a “good conscience” clause in the party’s rules gives them a bit of wiggle room.

The party allocates pledged delegates to each state or territory, and state party officials divvy them out to candidates.

Jurisdictions have different criteria, but in general, almost any registered voter deemed to be loyal to the party and the candidate can be a pledged delegate: poll workers, local elected officials, fundraisers, even candidates’ kids.

**Automatic delegates**, often called superdelegates, are the party’s highest-profile leaders. They have the role because of the offices they hold (or held), and the group includes former presidents and vice presidents, Democratic governors, members of Congress and party officials.

They are not pledged to any candidate and are not allowed to vote on the first ballot at the convention.

**So, we’ll see an open convention?**

We could.

If the party goes ahead with a long-planned virtual vote, it could officially lock in the nominee before the convention starts, and the contest would be over.

Biden has endorsed Vice President Harris, which could strongly tip the scales toward unity. His nearly 3,900 delegates wouldn’t be required to back Harris, but they were chosen for their loyalty to him and may be inclined to do what he asks, especially because she was already on the ticket that the primary voters chose.

The virtual vote is not a typical part of the process. It was largely set up to confirm Biden as the nominee before Ohio’s ballot deadline, which falls before the Democratic convention this year. Ohio legislators resolved the problem, but Democrats had planned to go through with the early vote anyway to avoid any legal challenges that would try to keep Biden off Ohio’s ballot.

However, that allows very little time for the party to coalesce around a new nominee.

Even if the virtual vote is canceled, the party could agree on Harris (or, much less likely, another candidate) before the convention. In that case, the convention might technically be considered open, but the proceedings could be as drama-free as usual.

Democratic leaders would be motivated to settle the question quickly so a new nominee can begin a campaign as soon as possible, said Amy K. Dacey, the executive director of the Sine Institute of Policy and Politics at American University and a former CEO of the Democratic National Committee.

“You’re ending a Republican convention where it’s very clear who their nominees are, whose names will appear on the ballot,” Dacey said. “... They now have this moment in time of like 31 days before the Democratic convention, where they have their nominees in place and they’re all campaigning.”

But if there is no consensus before the delegates arrive in Chicago, the Democrats would have their first open and contested convention since 1968. That one, also in Chicago, went so catastrophically awry that the party overhauled the way it chooses candidates.

**What would an open convention look like?**

Just to get their name in the roll-call vote, each candidate would need the signatures of at least 300 delegates, and no more than 50 can come from any one state.

We would probably know early if anyone plans to challenge Harris, Dacey said, citing the short window of time available to drum up wider support. “If I’m somebody who wants to get my name in in a contested convention, the

minute I have those 300 names, I’m going to say it,” she said.

If there are challengers, behind-the-scenes maneuvering and dealmaking would rev up to warp speed as state party bosses try to corral their delegates into a voting bloc.

Once everyone is in Chicago, candidates and their surrogates probably would blanket not just the convention floor but also hotels, bars and other assorted hidey-holes looking for delegates to woo.

Things have gone off the rails in past open conventions, when candidates clawed for every vote.

In a Politico oral history of the 1976 Republican open convention, attendee Tom Korologos, former ambassador to Belgium, recalled a Gerald Ford delegate falling and badly injuring her leg. He said that rather than rushing her to a hospital, other delegates splinted her leg with convention programs and kept her within voting distance because they feared her replacement would cast a ballot for Ronald Reagan. (Ford won the nomination battle but lost the presidency to Democrat Jimmy Carter, who in 1980 lost to Reagan.)

Soon enough, the first roll-call vote would occur.

If a candidate were to get a majority of delegates’ votes on the first ballot, that person would become the nominee, and everyone could finally relax a little.

But if no one has a majority, a second vote would take place.

At that point, the convention would be considered “brokered,” a term coined in long-ago conventions when party power brokers threw all their dealmaking, arm-twisting might into finalizing votes. There hasn’t been one of those since 1952.

The toned-down 2024 version of that scenario would be that, starting with the second ballot, the superdelegates would enter the voting pool.

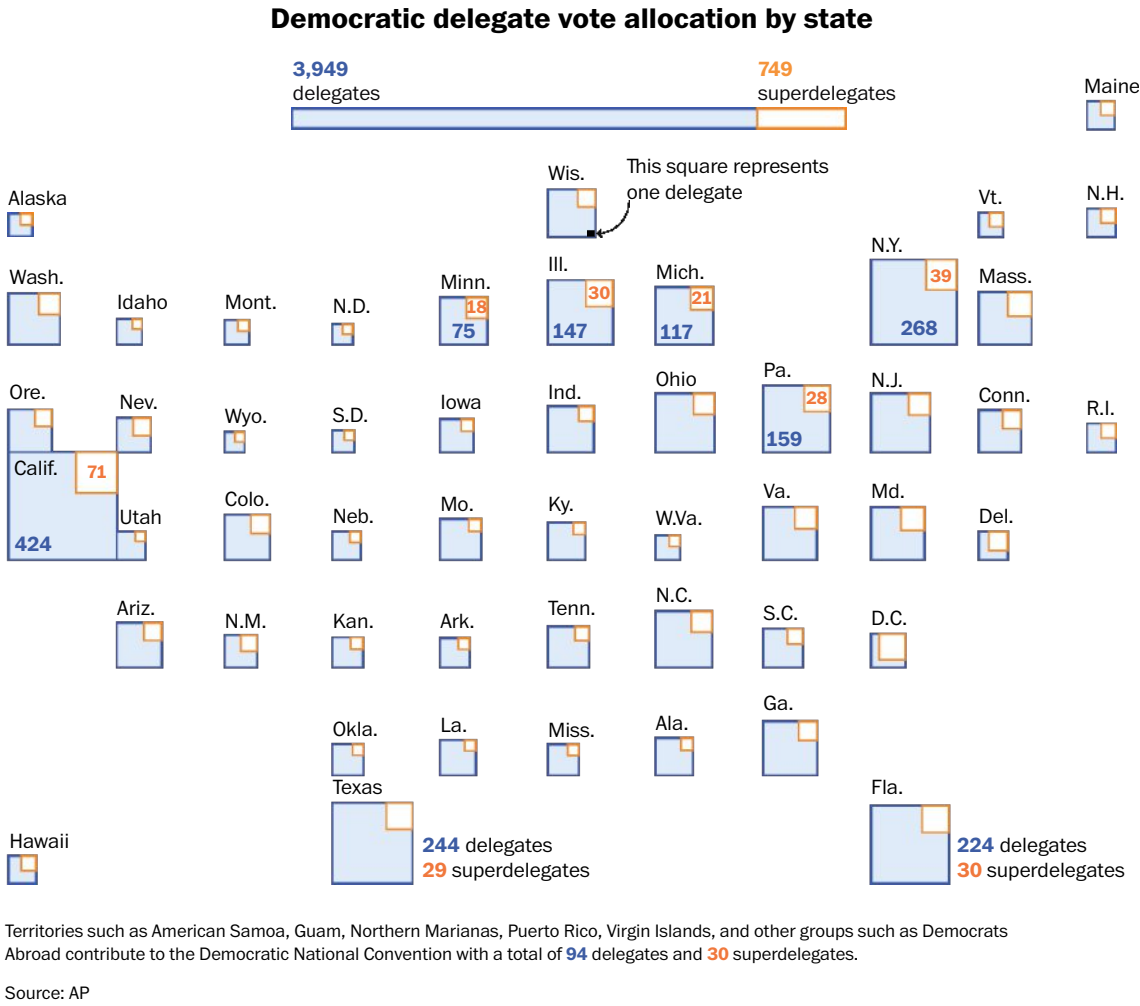
Voting would continue, round after round, until a candidate gets the votes of a majority of all delegates and would be named the party’s nominee.

While it probably would make good television, party division playing out on the convention floor is hardly the ideal scenario.

In 1924, the Democrats needed 103 rounds of voting to finally settle on compromise candidate John Davis after the two highest vote-getters withdrew. It didn’t work out well. Incumbent president Calvin Coolidge beat Davis in a landslide.

*Additional sources: Brookings Institution; “2024 Presidential Nominating Process: Frequently Asked Questions” by the Congressional Research Service; Ballotpedia; the Green Papers.*

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# Biden’s shocking exit rewrites the campaign once again

ANALYSIS FROM A1

Biden’s shock announcement marks the end of a remarkable personal story, a nearly 52-year career in national politics that saw him rise from being elected to the Senate at age 29, through multiple family tragedies, through two failed campaigns for the White House, eventually to the vice presidency and ultimately to the prize he had set his sights on as a young man with his victory over Trump in 2020. Now almost in an instant, it is over. He will go out with praise and thanks from his fellow Democrats, the same ones who forced this moment upon him, but he has denied himself a chance at winning a second term.

Biden’s statement, coupled with his endorsement of Vice President Harris to lead the party into the fall election, sets the Democrats on an uncertain course, even if it is one that many of them were almost demanding. The party has rules to guide them to making Harris — or perhaps someone else — the nominee. But there are no rules for a candidate to go from playing the secondary role, loyally promoting and defending Biden, to suddenly being the leader, making a case for herself. Harris has to have been thinking about this, but this pivot will test her in ways nothing else in her life has tested her.

No person or party is ever fully prepared for a moment like this. What might have looked simple and sensible in the abstract — swapping out Biden for someone new — now becomes a series of concrete challenges, for Harris, for what has been the Biden-Harris campaign staff, for party leaders who quietly and not so quietly called on Biden to quit the race, and, not least, for rank-and-file Democrats who will be called upon to marshal their efforts on behalf of the ticket with more strength and enthusiasm than they have shown for Biden.

Democrats had pressed Biden to step aside ever since his faltering performance in the June 27 debate in Atlanta. They feared he could not defeat Trump and that his weakened candidacy could lead to Republicans controlling the House and Senate as well. After last week’s Republican convention in Milwaukee, where a party remade in Trump’s image fully united behind its nominee, those worries only increased, as did the pressure on the president.



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So, Biden yielded and took the decision so many wanted, painful as that must have been for someone as proud, stubborn and resilient as he has been. Now the big questions are whether Harris, whose 2020 campaign for the White House collapsed before the starting line in Iowa, can fully consolidate Democrats behind her and, more critically, whether she will prove to be a more compelling leader and effective candidate than Biden against Trump.

On this, there is no guarantee, only the nervous aspirations of a party that seems to have gotten its wish and now must live with the consequences. Preliminary polling on Harris vs. Trump suggests she runs slightly better than Biden did, but she has not been through the rigors of a campaign in which she is the principal actor or faced the kinds of criticism that will be heaped on her by Trump’s operation, all in a compressed time frame never seen in the modern era.

There are other questions for Harris, too. For obvious reasons, she has not yet been able to suggest any deviation from

Biden. On policies and politics, she has had to be in lockstep throughout. What might be different about a Harris presidency, other than that she would be the first woman elected, which is no small thing to consider? Will she come forward with a fresh vision, or will her calling card simply be that she is younger and more vigorous than the man who selected her as his running mate four years ago?

The Democratic National Convention, which begins Aug. 19 in Chicago, will be her moment to define herself as standing on her own. But much is still to be determined before delegates get there. Will there be any challengers to her for the nomination? Many prominent Democrats, led by Biden, are doing as much as they can to anoint her, but it takes only 300 signatures from the roughly 3,900 delegates for others to offer themselves as potential nominees. Conversations will be ongoing this week in some state capitals about whether to challenge Harris.

The dilemma for the Democrats now is how they elevate Harris in a process that is seen as

open and fair, rather than a railroading, but does not devolve into chaos and division. Already Republicans are accusing Democrats of undemocratically forcing Biden to the sidelines — ignoring the will of the voters in the primaries who overwhelmingly said they wanted Biden as the nominee, though no one of stature stood up to oppose him. Meanwhile, Trump slammed Biden in the wake of the announcement.

The convention’s rules committee will meet again soon to decide whether to proceed with a virtual roll call in early August, which some Democratic National Committee officials believe is necessary to assure that the

nominee qualifies for all state ballots. If that virtual roll call is held, Harris could be the nominee weeks before the Chicago convention.

Harris also will have to select a running mate, a process that normally takes months of careful vetting, the winnowing of a long list to a short list and then the agonies for the nominee to pick from a few finalists the person they want as their closest confidant. Harris must do that in a matter of weeks, along with everything else involved in accepted the baton from Biden and moving the campaign against Trump forward. Some of the people she will be considering, mainly Democratic governors,

could be among those who could challenge her for the nomination, if they dare take the risk.

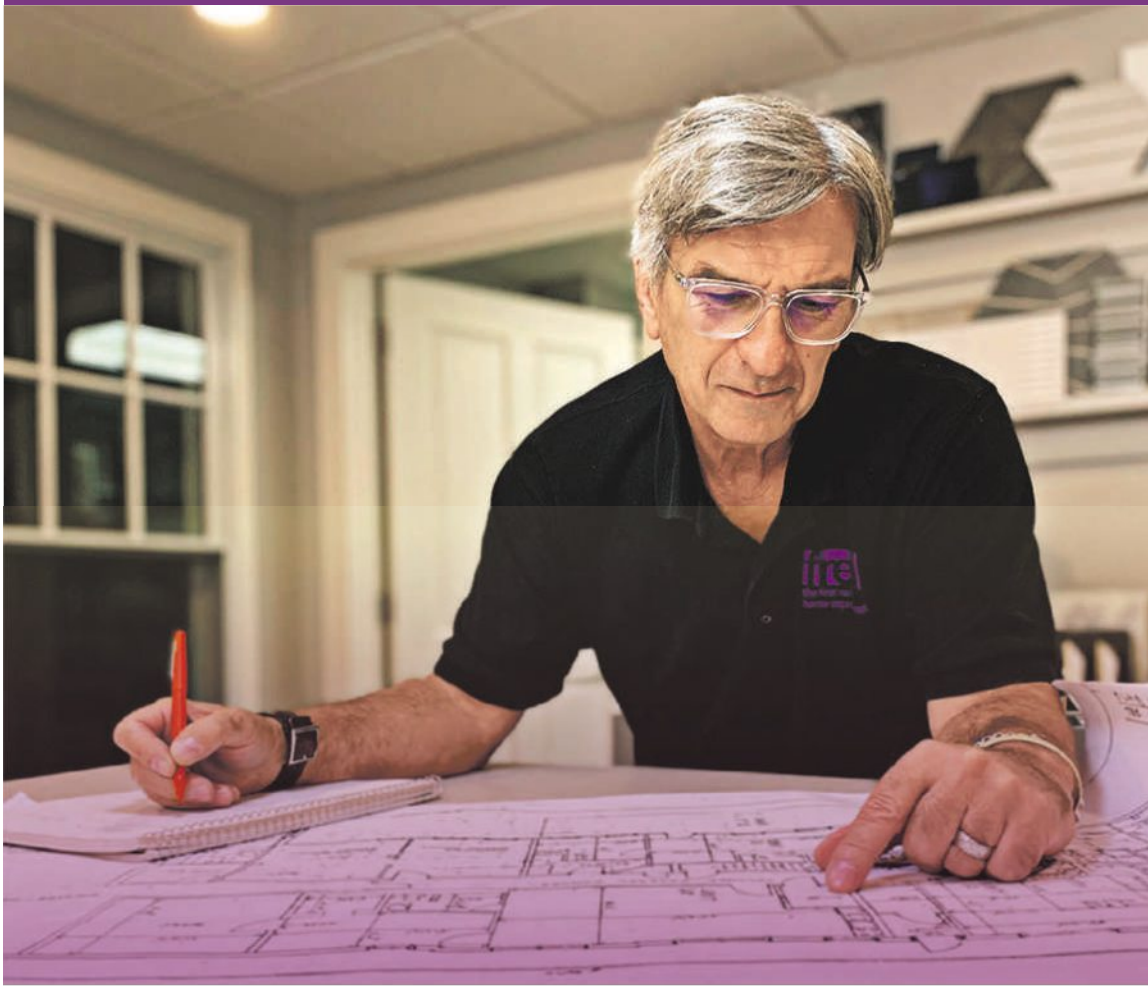
Biden’s statement carried echoes of the surprise Sunday night announcement by President Lyndon B. Johnson in March 1968 in which he said he would not seek or accept the Democratic nomination for another term. Both Johnson and Biden said they did so to concentrate their full energies on the duties and responsibilities of being president for the duration of their term.

Johnson’s decision came in the middle of the Vietnam War, with student protests gaining power and Johnson’s position politically weakened. Biden’s came in a year in which the already deep divisions in America’s politics have intensified. The year of 1968 was marked by violence, including the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. This year, just a week ago, was marked by an assassination attempt against Trump, who was injured but survived.

When Democrats met in Chicago in August 1968 to pick Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey as their nominee, the convention was spoiled by violence and discord. No one expects quite that to happen next month when Democrats convene ironically again in Chicago, but Biden’s withdrawal will make for a convention unlike any other in the modern era and for a fall campaign that no one a year ago, even a few months ago, had any expectation of coming to pass.

Summer Sundays are supposed to be for quiet time, for outdoor activity and family gatherings, for relaxation and time away from the news. Not this Sunday. On this Sunday, politics intruded into the life of the country, dealing another shock to the system and rerouting the path of the presidential campaign. No matter how this campaign ends, this day will be remembered as both unprecedented and historic.

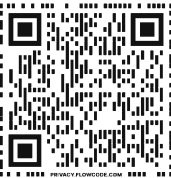
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# Harris’s road to destiny paved with setbacks, comebacks

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leader of a party in crisis. Democrats are scrambling after Biden’s unprecedented decision to decline the nomination only 15 weeks before the general election, with polls showing former president Donald Trump leading in key battleground states. Harris, like Biden, has an approval rating that has not cracked 40 percent this year — a worrisome sign that she may still be carrying the administration’s electoral baggage.

On Sunday night, it was still unclear whether the party would coalesce around her as smoothly — or quickly — as she or Biden hope. In recent days, as Biden’s position became less tenable, some Democrats have urged an open nomination process rather than a coronation of the vice president. After Biden’s announcement, Harris said in a statement that she was “honored to have the President’s endorsement” and that “my intention is to earn and win this nomination.”

Time is short: Democrats convene in Chicago next month for their convention, but plan to formally nominate their ticket by virtual roll call in early August.

If Democrats do elevate Harris as their nominee, they will be placing an extraordinary bet that she is finally ready to deliver on her promise and overcome her uneven history as a campaigner. She would have less than four months to win what could be one of the most consequential elections in American history, and would have to do so against an opponent willing to stoke sexism and racism to win votes — and who is riding a new wave of adulation within his party after surviving an assassination attempt this month.

However events unfold, Harris and the Democrats are in uncharted territory, said Russell Riley, a presidential historian at the Miller Center at the University of Virginia. Former president Lyndon B. Johnson’s decision not to seek reelection in 1968 — a precedent some have cited in urging Biden to drop out — was announced just over seven months before the general election, setting up a timeline that was languid by comparison.

“There is no direct historical analogy that I’m aware of,” Riley said.

Historically unprecedented battles are not new to Harris, who has defied expectations, for good and ill, since her earliest days in politics.

A former prosecutor who emerged from the ruthless world of San Francisco politics, Harris was once compared to former president Barack Obama. She was written off after her disastrous 2019 presidential bid but got a reprieve with her selection — and largely successful performance — as Biden’s running mate. After the election came a string of unflattering headlines about her alleged mismanagement of the vice president’s office and her sometimes maladroitness in communication of the president’s agenda, most notably on immigration.

Yet in the wake of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* two years ago, Harris again seemed to find her footing, re-



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**Harris speaks to the news media about gun safety measures on March 23. Her latest focus as vice president has been on border issues and women’s reproductive rights.**

turning to her roots in the courtroom as she became the Biden administration’s most effective advocate for women’s reproductive rights.

And as Democrats began to panic in June over their 81-year-old nominee’s infirmity after a catastrophic debate performance against Trump, many began to speak of Harris as a practical and perhaps exemplary alternative — a 59-year-old woman prepared to energetically press the case against the former president.

Bill Carrick, a veteran Democratic strategist from California who worked for Harris’s principal opponent in her 2016 Senate race, said that watching the vice president barnstorm the country as a Biden campaign surrogate in recent months, he has noted a remarkable improvement.

“She’s a better candidate now than she was either as district attorney or attorney general or the presidential candidate from 2019,” he said. “She’s exhibiting a lot of personality and a lot of substance. It’s pretty dramatic.”

Ashley Etienne, former communications director for both Harris and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), said that if Harris becomes the nominee she is “almost going to have a clean slate” and needs to make the most of the coming months to tell her story to voters.

“Think about the person who is only consuming Fox News,” Etienne said. “Some portion of those people you have to peel off, so she’s going to have to do some introduction and really lay out her own vision.”

The Trump campaign has already begun its efforts to tie Harris to Biden, writing in a statement on Sunday, “They own each other’s records, and there is no distance between the two.

Harris must defend the failed Biden Administration AND her liberal, weak-on-crime record in CA.”

The daughter of an Indian mother and Jamaican father, Harris was born in 1964 and grew up in Berkeley, Calif. After attending Howard University and the University of California Hastings College of the Law (now known as the University of California College of the Law at San Francisco), she worked as a prosecutor of sex crimes, homicides and other serious offenses in Alameda County and San Francisco.

It was a fateful course for her political identity. In 2003 Harris challenged her old boss, San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan, a leftist lion who, before winning office as the city’s top law enforcement official, had made a name defending countercultural figures such as Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan.

In a three-way race, Hallinan came out ahead in the first round of voting, but Harris came in second and handily won the ensuing runoff election. She won reelection uncontested in 2007, and not long afterward began preparing to run in the 2010 race for attorney general. Her opponent was Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley, a Republican.

At a time when the GOP’s statewide electoral prospects in California were not quite so dim, the race was a nail-biter. Harris trailed in the final weeks of the campaign, and as votes were counted on election night Cooley prematurely declared victory. By the next day, as the tallying continued, Harris gained the lead, and after several weeks of counting mail-in and provisional

ballots, she won by a less-than-one-point margin.

Harris spent six years as the Golden State’s top law enforcement official, focusing on the mix of consumer-protection issues and complex criminal investigations that make up a state attorney general’s portfolio. After longtime Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer announced her retirement in 2015, Harris stepped into the race as the favorite to succeed her, and without strong opponents she easily won.

As the junior senator from California, she began to gain a national profile — particularly when she channeled Democratic outrage at the Trump administration in questioning his nominees and members of his administration. Trump’s attorney general at the time, Jeff Sessions, memorably remarked that Harris’s questions “make me nervous.”

Three years after entering the Senate, she joined more than two dozen Democrats vying for the presidential nomination. Harris started strong, drawing more than 20,000 people to her campaign launch in front of City Hall in Oakland, Calif.

She later drew attention when she chided Biden during a debate for talking about compromises he had made with segregationist senators.

“There was a little girl in California who was part of the second class to integrate her public schools, and she was bused to school every day,” Harris said, in what became the most memorable line of her campaign. “And that little girl was me.”

But despite her promising start, she struggled to communicate a coherent message that resonated with voters and her bid eventually flatlined. She ran out of cash and withdrew from the

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race in December 2019.

Some veterans of that campaign still have deep misgivings about Harris, recalling a candidate who refused to prepare for events, was often plagued by indecision and would frequently lash out at staff.

“It was the most frustrating period of my life as a political staffer,” one former aide recently said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal campaign dynamics.

Biden, the primary’s eventual winner, had vowed to pick a woman as his running mate. Amid calls for racial equality after the killing of George Floyd by police, Biden’s allies stressed that he pick not just a woman, but a Black one.

Eight months after her campaign for the White House had ended, and in the throes of the coronavirus pandemic, Biden announced Harris as his VP choice. The selection had personal undertones as well as political: Harris was a friend and colleague of Biden’s late son, Beau, when both were attorneys general.

It was a successful ticket against Trump, but Harris, as vice president, got off to a rough start. She at times struggled in interviews, such as when she offered a garbled response when NBC’s Lester Holt asked whether she would visit the Southern border to address illegal immigration.

By the time she reached the one-year mark, her office had also been rocked by a series of staff departures, including her chief of staff, her chief spokeswoman and her communications director. The resignations reignited questions about why Harris churns through top-level Democratic staff, an issue that has dogged her for almost all of her time in public service.

To regain her footing, she brought on Lorraine Voles as chief of staff. Voles had served in senior roles with Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Hillary Clinton. And observers began to notice a change two years ago, when Harris homed in on conservatives’ efforts to strip away abortion access after the Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* decision.

Biden, a lifelong Catholic, has struggled to forcefully articulate his party’s position on abortion. Harris, by contrast, had defended abortion access throughout her career and was well-positioned to take up what many Democrats now saw as a winning issue.

As he stepped down from the top of the ticket Sunday, Biden tacitly acknowledged his conclusion that Harris is now better poised than he — or anyone else in the party — to meet the moment in a vital confrontation with Trump.

“My very first decision as the party nominee in 2020 was to pick Kamala D. Harris as my Vice President. And it’s been the best decision I’ve made,” Biden said in a statement on X. “Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year. Democrats — it’s time to come together and beat Trump. Let’s do this.”

Ashley Parker and Josh Dawsey contributed to this report.

# Manchin considers bid for Democratic nomination in wake of Biden’s exit

BY LIZ GOODWIN  
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Sen. Joe Manchin III (I-W.Va.) is considering re-registering as a Democrat to compete for the party’s presidential nomination in the wake of President Biden’s announcement Sunday that he will exit the campaign, according to a Manchin adviser.

The adviser, Jonathan Kott, declined to share more details about Manchin’s plans at this stage.

Manchin was the first elected official to signal an openness to challenging Vice President Harris in the wake of Biden’s announcement after the president endorsed Harris, as did some members of the Democratic establishment.

Manchin, who will turn 77 next month, left the Democratic Party in May to register as an independent. The then-Democrat from a red state, who irked some of his fellow Democrats by cutting deals with Republicans, announced in the fall that he would not seek reelection to his Senate seat at the end of his term, hampering Democratic hopes of holding on to their Senate majority in 2024.

**Senator is first elected official to signal potential challenge to Harris**

Previously, Manchin had flirted with mounting a third-party presidential campaign this cycle as some Democrats, even before Biden’s halting June 27 debate performance, worried about the lack of enthusiasm for the president among a broad swath of Democratic voters.

But in February, Manchin said he would “not be involved in a presidential run” as he did not want to be a “spoiler” in a race then presumed to be between Biden and former president Donald Trump.

“I just don’t think it’s the right time,” Manchin said then. “Democracy is at stake right now.”

Another long-shot candidate also announced her intention Sunday night to vie for delegates at next month’s Democratic National Convention, where the Democratic nomination will be settled.

Marianne Williamson, a self-help author and motivational

speaker who unsuccessfully ran for the 2020 and 2024 Democratic presidential nominations, also announced she would compete for the spot (after previously exiting the race and reentering).

“I look forward to taking my message to the American people, and convincing Democratic delegates, that I am the best candidate to take us to victory in November,” she wrote on X.

Manchin has long been a thorn in Democrats’ side, even as he also helped deliver Biden some of his signature policy achievements, including the Inflation Reduction Act, which included many sweeping climate change measures. (Manchin renamed that bill before finally supporting it.) The moderate has also clashed with Biden over energy policy and other matters, but has said he could not vote for Trump.

Manchin’s reported consideration of a presidential bid was in sharp contrast to dozens of Democratic lawmakers who rushed Sunday to endorse Harris for the top of the Democratic ticket. Several Democratic governors who had been floated as possible candidates, in the event of a vacancy on the ticket, also en-



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**Sen. Joe Manchin III (I-W.Va.) left the Democratic Party in May but might re-register to compete for the party’s nomination.**

dorsed Harris.

In an interview Sunday morning with CBS News’s “Face the Nation,” before Biden’s exit from the race, Manchin said he would not run for a spot on the Democratic ticket.

“No, this is a new generation, Margaret,” he told moderator Margaret Brennan. “We’ve got a lot of deep people on the bench to conserve, and they have prov-

en their mettle by being in an executive position. Give them a chance to rise.”

In another interview on Sunday morning, this time with CNN’s “State of the Union,” Manchin said he favored an “open process” to determine a replacement for Biden, who at that point had not yet made his announcement.

Manchin said an open process,

rather than handpicking a successor, would be the best way to showcase to voters the deep bench of talent in the Democratic Party.

He mentioned two Democratic governors, Kentucky’s Andy Beshear and Pennsylvania’s Josh Shapiro, as strong potential candidates, but did not mention Harris.

Both governors, Manchin said, “are operating with legislatures either evenly split or completely opposite their party affiliation. They haven’t divided their state. They haven’t made you pick a side and demonize the other side. They’ve brought people together.”

Manchin said Trump’s running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), may appeal to voters in Manchin’s home state who feel left behind by the Democratic Party.

“I think he has enough of a flavor there and everything,” Manchin said. “I grew up in another era of Appalachia, but I can see it. I’ve watched my state change like no other state for 80 years.”

Douglas MacMillan contributed to this report.

ELECTION 2024

Trump forced to regroup as advisers prepare to face Harris

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would be “more of the same,” a position some allies repeatedly echoed. They quickly signaled plans to make a slashing case against Harris for her handling of the southern border, and to tie her to Biden’s most unpopular policies.

But they also acknowledged that Harris would bring new challenges. Several people close to Trump said they expect Harris would be a more effective messenger on abortion than Biden was, and could stem some of the anger over the Israel-Gaza war that has bedeviled Biden’s candidacy. They also braced for the prospect that, if nominated, Harris would choose a popular running mate from a swing state, such as Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona or Gov. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania. And, as one Trump ally put it, “she can actually speak and campaign.”

Trump would have preferred to run against Biden, who was battling widespread worries about his age and acuity. His exit left some in GOP circles feeling the race “just got way harder,” said a senior Republican familiar with Trump’s campaign, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity to be more candid about strategy and outlook. “I don’t think it’s a good day for the Trump campaign,” the person added.

The Republican nominee was widely seen as having an edge in the contest after a surreal stretch of events in which Democrats revolted over Biden’s poor debate performance — the president repeatedly appeared to lose his train of thought as he fielded questions — and Trump survived an assassination attempt. Now, Democrats have a fresh opportunity to turn the tide, some analysts said.

“What this does is it gives Democrats a badly needed jolt of energy,” said Dave Wasserman, senior editor and elections analyst for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. Harris, he said, “offers a generational contrast against



Former president Donald Trump and his vice-presidential pick, Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio, applaud Tuesday at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

Trump, and she can energize non-White Democrats who had become increasingly pessimistic about the campaign and frankly lacked enthusiasm for this election.”

It is not yet clear whom the Democratic Party will nominate in Biden’s place, but Trump’s campaign had already been preparing for the prospect of having to pivot to running against Harris. Some Trump allies said they were charging ahead unfazed. David Urban, a GOP strategist who was an adviser to the Trump 2016 and 2020 campaigns, called the change at the top of the ticket “immaterial” and said Biden and Harris are “interchangeable.”

“She is complicit in every bad decision he’s made,” he added, anticipating more chaos from a “huge intra-party scrum” among Democrats for the running-mate pick.

While Republicans said Sunday they were eager to criticize

Harris on policy, her critics also have a long history of highly personal and sometimes racist and sexist attacks on the first woman and first Black person to serve as vice president. Trump has called her “nasty,” and like others in the GOP, repeatedly mispronounces her first name, Kamala.

A senior Republican involved in the Trump campaign said there will be attacks on her laugh and her tendency to say awkward things. “We are going to cut up so many clips,” the person said.

Harris said Sunday that she intends to “earn and win” the Democratic nomination. “I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party — and unite our nation — to defeat Donald Trump,” she wrote Sunday, calling his agenda “extreme.”

Trump’s team began preparing for other possibilities well before Biden left the race. By the end of the Republican National Convention, at late-night parties and in

the convention hall, Trump aides and advisers felt certain that Biden was going to step aside and began having discussions among themselves about challenging her.

Trump’s operation had already begun taking more jabs at Harris. Multiple Trump advisers said the main argument against Harris will be her role in addressing the root causes of migration to the United States — which Republicans have used to brand her the “border czar” — and what has happened at the southern border under her watch.

Following Biden’s announcement, MAGA Inc., the pro-Trump super PAC, rushed to swap out its ads in battleground states to take aim at Harris. The group’s new spot shows Harris defending Biden and his health and attacks the Biden administration’s record on inflation and the border.

“They created this mess. They — no, Kamala owns this failed

record,” a narrator says.

Trump posted his reaction on Truth Social, his social media site, about 45 minutes after Biden shared a letter announcing his withdrawal.

“Crooked Joe Biden was not fit to run for President, and is certainly not fit to serve — And never was!” Trump wrote. “He only attained the position of President by lies, Fake News, and not leaving his Basement.” In another post, Trump said, “Whoever the Left puts up now will just be more of the same.”

Top Trump advisers Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles turned their attention to Harris in a joint statement. “Harris has been the Enabler in Chief for Crooked Joe this entire time. They own each other’s records,” they said.

Biden ended his campaign after weeks of growing pressure to do so from fellow Democrats after a widely criticized debate performance. Democrats hope that Harris or another candidate will be able to go against Trump far more forcefully than Biden, allowing Democrats more room for growth in the final months of the race.

Wasserman, the nonpartisan election analyst, said Harris has started to outperform Biden in polls recently — but only because Biden’s position has fallen. Harris draws more support from Black, Latino and young voters and will probably increase enthusiasm among the Democratic base, Wasserman said. “The question is whether Democrats can hold on to Biden levels of support among older, White and Midwestern voters,” he said.

Voters’ dissatisfaction with Democrats’ handling of the border may be her greatest liability, Wasserman said. His assessment: “Trump is still the favorite in this race.”

Republican leaders started coalescing behind another clear message Sunday: If Biden couldn’t run for reelection, then he should not continue serving as president. In a flood of statements, they accused Democrats of

covering up Biden’s condition and said voters should remember it in November.

“Voters will neither forgive nor forget the ultimate betrayal of their trust,” said National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Richard Hudson (R-N.C.). “Judgment day is coming in November, when Americans will hand down Democrats’ ultimate punishment: Donald Trump in the White House and a larger House Republican majority.”

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) echoed the Trump team’s suggestions that Democrats were acting undemocratically in pushing for Biden’s removal from the ticket.

“The party’s prospects are no better now with Vice President Kamala Harris, who co-owns the disastrous policy failures of the Biden Administration,” Johnson said in a statement, tying her to Biden’s border policies in particular.

Kellyanne Conway, Trump’s former campaign manager, suggested Harris “leads the very long line of Democrats who lacked the courage, integrity and love of country” to push for Biden to step aside earlier because of his “mental and physical decline.”

Trump’s running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio, echoed that attack. “Joe Biden has been the worst President in my lifetime and Kamala Harris has been right there with him every step of the way,” he said.

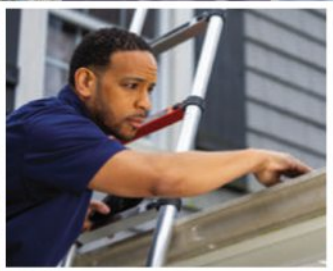
At a rally in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Saturday, Trump ridiculed Harris’s laugh, mispronounced her first name and called the vice president “crazy,” “nuts” and “crazy as Nancy Pelosi.”

Vance attacked Harris as well, drawing loud boos when he mentioned her name.

“Kamala Harris said something to the effect that I have no loyalty to this country,” Vance said. “Well, I don’t know, Kamala. I did serve in the United States Marine Corps and built a business. What the hell have you done, other than collect a check?”



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incumbent president since Lyndon B. Johnson 56 years ago to voluntarily step aside rather than seek reelection. He will go down in history as a one-term president, the final chapter of his career marked by his failure to put to rest persistent concerns about his mental acuity and physical strength.

Biden ascended from humble roots in Scranton, Pa., a working-class Catholic upbringing that has been central to his political appeal. One of the longest-serving statesmen to occupy the Oval Office, Biden spent 36 years as a U.S. senator from Delaware and eight years as vice president before ousting Trump from the presidency in 2020. But the time it took to amass that kind of experience contributed to his most existential challenge as president: an advanced age that increasingly dominated the public consciousness as he tried to manage the rigors of the office and of campaigning for reelection.

As questions over his mental fitness and perceived frailty grew, Biden faced low approval ratings and sustained public doubt over his pursuit of a second term that would have ended when he is 86. While he occasionally was able to quiet those doubts — with strong showings at State of the Union addresses or during daring impromptu visits to war zones — they lingered and burst into the open at last month's debate. He struggled to complete his sentences and at times appeared confused onstage, throwing Democrats into a tailspin, with lawmakers, donors and strategists openly warning that Biden would lose in November — and potentially tarnish both his party and his legacy in the process.

Biden was initially defiant, calling his performance at the debate simply a “bad night” and declaring that his cognitive functions remained strong even if his gait and speech had slowed with age. He spoke of his history of defying doubters, turned to the political base of Black voters and union members that had long propelled his political career, and sought to reframe the battle as one between the middle class and the “millionaires.”

“I’ve got to finish this job,” Biden said at a July 11 news conference. “Because there’s so much at stake.”

With each move, the president drew on the themes of a political career in which he often embraced the role of the odd man out — from boasting of being the “poorest man in Congress” to regularly pitching himself as an avatar for the working class fighting against the elite.

Over the years, Biden developed immense self-confidence by beating odds and overcoming adversities, which helps explain why he insisted in the days since the debate that he would stay in the race and win.

Biden's career in Washington began after he defeated an incumbent two-term senator and former Republican governor in 1972, two weeks before turning 30 and becoming constitutionally eligible to serve in the Senate. He won by about 3,000 votes out of fewer than 230,000 cast, but would never face another close race and would go on to serve six six-year terms.

As he was preparing to be sworn into the Senate after his first election, Biden confronted devastating family trauma that would come to shape his public image. His wife, Neilia, and infant daughter, Naomi, were instantly killed when a large truck slammed into the Chevy they were riding in. Biden's toddler-aged sons — Joseph III, known as Beau, and Hunter — were severely injured and had to be hospitalized.

The senator-elect left Washington and returned to Delaware, making up his mind that he would give up the Senate seat to tend to his young boys. But some sitting senators urged him to take the job temporarily — “just stay six months,” one said — and he agreed. He was sworn in standing next to Beau's hospital bed. He ultimately stayed more than 3½ decades, rising to chair the prestigious Foreign Relations Committee, until Barack Obama chose him to be his running mate in 2008.

Perseverance and empathy forged by overcoming personal tragedy became a key part of Biden's political brand as he ascended and set his sights on the White House. He often told audiences about a childhood in which he was bullied because of a stutter. He largely conquered the impediment as he came of age in Scranton and Claymont, Del., though it occasionally reemerged during

his adulthood in politics.

“He is someone who has faced and overcome a lot of adversity,” said David Greenberg, a presidential historian at Rutgers University. “The thought of losing his wife and daughter in a crash that young, I think it’s hard for any of us to imagine, and yet he got himself together.”

Despite being the youngest senator in the country, Biden coveted the presidency from an early age, telling Washingtonian magazine in 1974 that his family expected him to be in the White House “one of these days.” It would take the better part of five decades for Biden to reach his goal, a pursuit aided by a close-knit family that had long served as his political brain trust, including first lady Jill Biden, whom he married in 1977.

Biden first ran for president in 1988 and early on was considered a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination. But his bid was rocked by a plagiarism scandal. The firestorm over news reports that his campaign speeches had lifted passages from other politicians without crediting them was a preview of the kind of frenzy Biden would face as president nearly 37 years later after a faltering debate performance.

Similar to his modern-day response to a campaign in crisis, Biden held a pivotal news conference in 1987 in which he admitted making a “stupid” mistake and tried to turn the page to other matters. But Biden failed to quiet the tumult, and his family and close advisers agreed that he should withdraw.

“There’s only one way to stop the sharks, and that’s pull out,” Ted Kaufman, his friend and chief of staff, told him at the time.

After dropping out of the 1988 race, Biden shifted his focus back to the Senate, where his chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee to oversee contentious Supreme Court nominations and shepherd pivotal legislation dealing with crime, guns and domestic violence.

Biden's next run for the presidency, some 20 years later, would also embody the kind of turbulence that has dominated his political career. He struggled to overcome a series of early gaffes and faltered in the 2008 Iowa caucuses, receiving less than 1 percent of the vote. Biden immediately withdrew from the race, which was being dominated by two more famous of his Senate colleagues, Obama and Hillary Clinton. But his goals of getting to the White House were resurrected months later when Obama secured the nomination and asked him to become the vice-presidential nominee.

Biden initially declined the offer, but Obama asked him to talk it over with his family, Biden recounted in a 2023 interview with comedian Conan O'Brien.

“Let me get this straight, hon-



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Democratic Sen.-elect Joe Biden takes an oath at the office of the secretary of the Senate in 1972.

ey,” Biden recalled his mother saying when he told her about the offer. “The first Black man has a chance to be president, he says he needs you, and you told him no?”

Biden found the argument convincing. He joined the ticket with Obama, who went on to defeat Republican Sen. John McCain that November.

During eight years as vice president, Biden played a crucial role as a liaison to Congress and as the last adviser in the room ahead of crucial decisions, particularly on foreign policy. He celebrated Obama's highest moments — famously declaring the passage of a landmark health-care bill a “big f---ing deal” — while also commiserating after Republicans captured both the House and Senate in devastating midterm elections for Democrats.

Near the end of his second term as vice president, Biden faced another family tragedy when his son Beau, then Delaware's attorney general, who was celebrated as a potential future candidate for national office, died of brain cancer in 2015 at age 46. Beau's death would loom large over Biden's political future, as he faced multiple decisions about whether to run for president in the ensuing years.

Biden considered mounting a bid for the nomination in 2016, but ultimately decided against it, publicly citing his grief over Beau's death and privately grouching over the fact that Obama and other Democratic leaders had sidelined him in favor of Clinton.

Trump defeated Clinton that November, leading Biden to conclude he would have fared better and regret his decision not to run. This increased his resolve to rely on his own instincts going for-

ward and motivated him to run to defeat Trump in 2020. That “inner confidence” came into play as Biden faced a wave of calls to drop out of the 2024 race in the aftermath of the debate, Kaufman said.

“He’s been president of the United States and vice president, and spent 36 years as United States senator,” Kaufman said in an interview weeks before Biden dropped out. “He doesn’t get flummoxed by what individual people say about what he should do.”

Biden was initially reluctant to believe polls and pundits suggesting he would lose to Trump this November, in part because of his experience in the 2020 election. He had begun the Democratic primaries that year with brutal losses, placing fourth in Iowa and fifth in New Hampshire. But he continued on to more diverse states, winning a resounding victory in South Carolina thanks to broad support from Black voters that breathed new life into his candi-

dacy.

“He developed a narrative of himself as someone who people count out and who then comes back,” Greenberg said.

Biden went on win the Democratic nomination and defeat Trump in the general election to become the nation's 46th president. His vice president, Kamala D. Harris, made history as the first woman, Black person and Asian American to hold the role. He received more than 81.2 million votes, the most of any presidential candidate ever, though the electoral college was so closely contested that a shift of fewer than 45,000 votes across three states would have swung the election to Trump.

Biden was reluctant to leave the race this summer because he had “spent his whole life trying to get there,” said Chris Whipple, author of “The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House.”

Like much of his political ca-

reer, Biden's presidency has been a study of contrasts. He successfully advanced major legislation on infrastructure, climate change and economic recovery. He oversaw the creation of 15 million jobs and helped restore vital global alliances.

At the same time, however, he suffered historically low poll numbers, driven by a chaotic 2021 withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, stubbornly high inflation, record migration at the southern border and lingering concerns over his age.

Biden had ascended into office declaring himself a transitional leader of the party and pledging to be a “bridge” to the next generation of Democratic leaders. But he put any doubts about whether he would serve a single term to rest when he announced a bid for reelection after his party performed well in the 2022 midterm elections.

His decision to drop out of the race so late in the campaign cycle ensures that his presidency will be remembered as transitional — though the outcome of the election could determine what that transition ultimately leads to.

Biden's decision conjures up memories of Johnson, a Democrat who opted against running for a full second term in 1968, stepping aside after achieving successes on domestic policies but under pressure over his handling of the Vietnam War. Johnson's vice president, Hubert Humphrey, ended up losing to Republican Richard M. Nixon in an electoral college landslide, an outcome Biden is now working to avoid in the race to stop Trump.

With his legacy hanging in the balance, Biden must turn his energy toward bolstering another candidate against a man he has called an existential threat to democracy.

Before leaving the race and stepping aside from a lifetime of public service, Biden was asked what it would mean if he stayed in and lost to Trump.

“I’m not in this for my legacy,” Biden said at the July 11 news conference. “I’m in this to complete the job I started.”

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# THE WORLD

## In this city, residents say Russia is in a fight for its survival

Many people in Kirov have come to see President Vladimir Putin’s war in Ukraine as an existential struggle against the United States and NATO

BY FRANCESCA EBEL

KIROV, RUSSIA — In Kirov, a small city in the heart of western Russia, about 1,000 miles from the front lines in Ukraine, the war that initially few people wanted continues to fill graves in local cemeteries. But most residents now seem to agree with President Vladimir Putin that the bloodshed is necessary.

“The U.S. and NATO gave us no choice,” said Vlad, the commander of a Russian storm unit who has been wounded three times since signing a contract to join the military a year ago. He spoke on the condition he be identified only by first name because he is still an active-duty soldier.

After fighting in Ukraine this spring left him with 40 pieces of shrapnel in his body, Vlad was sent home to recover. Once healed, he plans to return to battle. “I’m going back because I want my kids to be proud of me,” he said. “You have to raise patriotism. Otherwise, Russia will be eaten up.”

Elena Smirnova, whose brothers have been fighting in Ukraine since they were conscripted in September 2022, said she is proud they “serve the motherland” rather than sit on the couch at home.

Nina Korotaeva, who works every day at a volunteer center sewing nets and anti-drone camouflage blankets, said that she feels “such pity” for the young men dying but that their sacrifice is unavoidable. “We don’t have a choice,” Korotaeva said. “We have to defend our state. We can’t just agree to being broken up.”

A visit to Kirov last month revealed that many Russians firmly believe that their country is fighting an existential war with the West, which has sent Ukraine more than \$100 billion in military aid, including sophisticated weapons, to defend against Russia’s invasion — assistance that has sharply increased Russia’s casualties.

Interviews showed that the Kremlin has mobilized public support for the war while also masking the full, horrific consequences of it. Some residents of Kirov said they still find the war incomprehensible, while others who have lost relatives insist that the fighting must be serving a higher purpose.

Olga Akishina, whose boyfriend, Nikita Rusakov, 22, was killed with at least 20 other soldiers when a U.S.-provided HIMARS missile slammed into their base this spring, said she found it too difficult to speak about him. Instead, she spoke for nearly an hour in an unbroken torrent about NATO bases in Ukraine and “the extermination” of Russian-speakers there — echoing the Kremlin’s unfounded justifications for the war, which are repeated frequently on state television.

“Of course, if he hadn’t died, it would certainly be much more pleasant for me and his family,” Akishina said. “But I am aware that this was a necessary measure — to protect those people.”

Washington Post journalists traveled to Kirov at the invitation of Maria Butina, a Russian citizen who served 15 months in a U.S. federal prison after being convicted of operating as an unregistered foreign agent. Butina had been an advocate for gun rights and other conservative causes during her years in the United States. Deported after her



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**Children sing at Russia Day festivities in Kirov, Russia, on June 12. Behind them is a statue of Vladimir Lenin, first ruler of the Soviet Union. Some residents of Kirov who have lost relatives in the war in Ukraine insist that the fighting must be serving a higher purpose.**

release, she was embraced as a hero in Russia and now represents Kirov in the State Duma, Russia’s lower house of parliament.

Butina’s office organized interviews with soldiers on leave from active duty, wounded servicemen, soldiers’ families, volunteers, local medical staff and young police cadets. Butina insisted that one of her assistants, Konstantyn Sitichkhin, sit in on most of the conversations, which meant some people may have felt unable to speak freely. At times, Sitichkhin interrupted, telling young cadets, for example, to speak “carefully and patriotically.”

The Post also interviewed several people independently, in person or by phone.

Butina said she extended the invitation because she still believes in dialogue with the West and wanted The Post to report “the truth.” But she insisted that Sitichkhin’s presence in interviews was necessary. “We need to feel that we can trust you,” Butina said. “I advise you to build bridges, not walls.”

The Post accepted Butina’s invitation because it allowed access to a city outside Moscow where reporting might otherwise have proved risky. Since the invasion, Russian authorities have outlawed criticism of the war or the military and have arrested and charged journalists with serious offenses including espionage. Journalists also are routinely put under surveillance.

Sitichkhin, Butina’s aide, cited a climate of fear. “You need to understand that we are at war and people here see you as the enemy,” he said. “I am just trying to protect the people I care about.”

A day after speaking to The Post, Akishina, whose boyfriend was killed in the missile strike, sent a text message saying that she regretted talking to an Amer-

ican newspaper.

“You will most likely be asked to present the material in the article in a way that will be beneficial to the newspaper’s editors,” she wrote.

“I would not want there to be a headline under my story and our photographs that would blame our country and our President for the death of our military,” she wrote, adding that the 78 percent of Russians who voted to reelect Putin in March were proof of widespread public support for the war. (Independent observers said the Russian election failed to meet democratic standards, with genuine challengers blocked from running and Putin controlling all media.)

“The truth is that the United States and the European Union countries that supply weapons to Ukraine are to blame for the death of our guys, as well as civilians in Donbas and Belgorod,” Akishina wrote.

On Wednesday, June 12, thousands of people crammed onto Kirov’s main square to celebrate Russia Day, swaying to patriotic

rock songs in the warm sunshine. Among them was Lyubov, tears streaming down her face as she cradled a portrait of her son, Anton, in uniform.

“I cry every single day,” Lyubov said of Anton, 39, who was confirmed dead this spring.

Lyubov said she had joined the festivities hoping to take her mind off her grief. But the dancing, happy families, and rousing music that at times drowned out her words proved too much. “I don’t want everyone to join us in our sadness,” she said, “but I can’t take this.”

Anton was killed by machine-gun fire near Avdiivka, a city in eastern Ukraine that Russia captured in February after months of fierce fighting. Anton called her the night before the assault and told her that he was “on a one-way ticket” — a suicide mission. When she finally got her son’s body back, she was warned not to open the coffin.

Lyubov said she did not understand the reasons for the war, who Russia is fighting or why her son volunteered to join the army.

But she insisted that his death was not in vain. “He did it for us,” she said, smiling a bit, “and for Russia.”

The Post arranged the interview with Lyubov independently by contacting her through a social media page for soldiers’ families. The Post is identifying her and her son by first name only because of the risk of backlash from the authorities.

The interviews — with Lyubov, and more than a dozen others in Kirov — highlighted a striking duality: Many Russians are struggling with the deaths of loved ones or their return with grievous injuries, and some are deeply engaged in volunteer efforts, but many others are largely untouched by the war, which has killed thousands of Ukrainian civilians and destroyed entire cities.

At the entrance to the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a pamphlet written by Kirov’s chief bishop, Mark Slobodsky, tells worshipers that this is not a fight over territory but a war to defend Orthodox Christian values. “It is a sacred and civilizational conflict,” Slobodsky wrote. “No one can stand to the side of these events.”

Inside, priests blessed an icon that Butina’s office had commissioned by an artist from Donetsk, in Russian-occupied eastern Ukraine, to honor Kirov’s soldiers. The icon bore an odd combination of images: Czar Nicholas II, Russian Prince Alexander Nevsky and the former head of the Russian-backed Donetsk People’s Republic, Alexander Zakharchenko, standing in various positions of piety before the slag heaps of Ukraine’s coal-mining Donbas region.

At a small concert organized by a local volunteer group, people sang patriotic songs about victory and love for the motherland. Three men, the fathers of soldiers either killed or still fighting in

Ukraine, were awarded medals for raising “heroes of Russia.”

“Each fighter is a hero for us, and today we wish them the fastest victory,” the concert’s host proclaimed. “It’s thanks to them that we are able to hold such events like this today.”

Public unity behind the war was fully on display in Kirov, including a little girl, whose father is fighting in Ukraine, in a T-shirt that said: “I am the daughter of a hero.”

Several elderly residents said they donate their pensions to the war effort. Many are children of soldiers who fought in World War II and now view Russia as fighting a new war against fascism.

Young cadets in their teens and early 20s, who are training to be police officers and emergency workers, spoke eagerly of volunteer stints they had just completed in occupied Ukraine. One cadet said: “Young people shouldn’t stay on the sidelines.” Asked how they would explain the war in Ukraine, they requested to skip the question.

Some young people who joined the fight, however, are disillusioned by it. Denis, 29, a former Wagner mercenary whose left foot was amputated because of a war injury and who participated in a short-lived mutiny last year when Wagner fighters marched toward Moscow, said he was still enraged at “the corrupt and decaying” Defense Ministry.

Post journalists encountered Denis by chance, independently of Butina’s office, and he agreed to meet to talk about his experiences in the war on the condition that he be identified only by first name because criticizing the military is now a crime in Russia.

Speaking as fireworks marked the end of Russia Day, Denis complained that there was “not enough truth about the war and not enough real, organic involvement.”

“Why are people still partying? Why are they spending money on fireworks and this concert?” he said. “It’s as if nothing is going on. Everyone should be helping, but most people do not feel the war concerns them, and politicians are using it to cleanse themselves and increase their ratings.”

Denis said he planned to return to Ukraine once he is fitted with a prosthesis.

“We have to end this, otherwise the West will see us as weak,” he said. “I thought this war would be short, that it would last six months maximum. We have really been screwed. And I’m disappointed that everyone who tells the truth about the war, about the Russian Defense Ministry, is immediately jailed.”

Meanwhile, Kirov’s social media pages are flooded daily with funeral notices and pleas to help find missing fathers, sons or husbands.

At the cemetery outside Kirov where Lyubov’s son is buried, there are about 40 graves of soldiers killed since 2022, adorned with wreaths and flags. Thirty freshly dug graves await bodies.

Next to one grave, a family gathered to say a few words and raise a glass. “Thank you, Seryoga, for defending us,” said a man, who gave his name only as Mikhail. “You were only there for three days, but at least you tried your best.”

Anastasia Trofimova contributed to this report.

### DIGEST

#### BANGLADESH

##### Job quotas scaled back after deadly unrest

Bangladesh’s top court on Sunday scaled back a controversial quota system for government job applicants, a partial victory for student protesters after days of nationwide unrest and deadly clashes between police and demonstrators that have killed scores of people.

Students, frustrated by shortages of good jobs, were demanding an end to a quota that reserved 30 percent of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh’s war of independence in 1971. The government had halted it in 2018 after mass student protests, but in June, Bangladesh’s High Court reinstated the quotas and set off

a new round of protests.

Ruling on an appeal, the Supreme Court ordered that the veterans’ quota be cut to 5 percent, with 93 percent of jobs to be allocated on merit. The remaining 2 percent will be set aside for members of ethnic minorities and transgender and disabled people.

With most communications in the country offline, it was unclear whether the verdict satisfied protesting students, but a lawyer representing some student groups called the court’s decision historic and said it was a start to reforming the quota system. “I urge all protesters to return to their homes,” Shah Monjurul Hoque said.

According to a Washington Post tally of hospital and police reports, as of Saturday, at least 110 people had been killed in the demonstrations.

— Associated Press

#### SOUTH CHINA SEA

##### China, Philippines reach deal over shoal

China and the Philippines reached a deal they hope will end confrontations at the most fiercely disputed shoal in the South China Sea, the Philippine government said Sunday.

The Philippines occupies Second Thomas Shoal but China also claims it, and increasingly hostile clashes at sea have sparked fears of larger conflicts that could involve the United States.

The crucial deal was reached Sunday after meetings between Philippine and Chinese diplomats in Manila and exchanges of diplomatic notes that aimed to establish a mutually acceptable arrangement at the shoal without conceding either side’s

territorial claims.

The Philippine government issued a brief statement announcing the deal without providing details. “Both sides continue to recognize the need to de-escalate the situation in the South China Sea and manage differences through dialogue and consultation and agree that the agreement will not prejudice each other’s positions in the South China Sea,” the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said.

Neither side had released the text of the agreement.

— Associated Press

**Russia and Ukraine** exchanged drone, missile and shelling attacks Sunday. At least two people were killed in Ukrainian strikes on the partly Russian-occupied Donetsk region, Russian state media said, while Ukrainian officials said Russian

strikes wounded at least five people. Along the front line in the east, Russia said it had taken control of two villages: Pishchane Nizhne in the Kharkiv region and Andriivka, sometimes referred to as Rozivka, in the Luhansk region. Kyiv did not immediately comment.

**South Korea** said Sunday it was bolstering its anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts across the tense border with rival North Korea, after the North launched more trash-carrying balloons toward South Korea. The Cold War-style psychological battle between the nations is adding to already high tensions on the Korean Peninsula, with the rivals threatening stronger steps against each other and warning of devastating consequences. South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Korean balloons were flying Sunday

morning north of Seoul, the South Korean capital, after crossing the border. It said later Sunday that the South Korean military was responding by expanding loudspeaker broadcasts at all major sections of the Koreans’ 154-mile border.

**Britain’s new Treasury chief** said Sunday she will run the economy with “iron discipline,” but she suggested she will give public sector workers raises that exceed the inflation rate to help end a wave of strikes and strife. The Labour Party government, which was elected two weeks ago on promises not to raise personal taxes or increase borrowing, is under pressure from supporters and unions to spend more on salaries and welfare benefits. “I think people know that things are a mess,” Treasury chief Rachel Reeves told the BBC.

— From news services

# Venezuelan opposition hones its run against an autocrat

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GUANARE, VENEZUELA — María Corina Machado's day began at 3 a.m., with the news that the head of her security team had been detained by police.

Venezuela's most popular politician had already seen dozens of campaign staff and volunteers arrested this year, as the government of Nicolás Maduro escalated repression against the opposition ahead of what he pledged would be a free and fair election. Machado's security chief was her closest aide as she drove across the country. The Venezuelan government, which has blocked Machado from the July 28 vote, has also barred her from getting on a plane.

With less than two weeks remaining before the election, Machado and her team pushed ahead. They planned another rally in a pro-government stronghold, where they knew little would go according to plan.

Over the course of the day Wednesday, her team was stopped at more than a half-dozen police and military checkpoints. They found the road blocked by asphalt trucks. The local vendor contracted to set up the speakers and stage for her rally in Guanare was detained by police, his trucks and equipment seized.

There would be no stage, but there would be an ocean of people — tens of thousands of supporters filling the streets of this city about 270 miles southwest of Caracas to see Machado speak from atop a dump truck.

"When I go to an event, I don't know if I'll have a stage, I don't know if I'll have sound, I don't know if I'll have transportation," Machado told The Washington Post. "We are breaking all the myths of a political campaign."

These are the logistical headaches of running against an autocrat.

Machado has been rallying crowds for the opposition since she won a primary last year with more than 92 percent of the vote. Venezuela's Supreme Court, controlled by Maduro, has barred her from holding public office until 2030. So instead, she's promoting and campaigning for a stand-in: Edmundo González, a 74-year-old former diplomat.

Polls show González leading Maduro by double-digit percentage points. But it's Machado, the longtime critic of Maduro and his predecessor, Hugo Chávez, the founder of Venezuela's socialist state, that the crowds come to see.

For the past decade, the authoritarian government has forbidden Machado from leaving the country or traveling by plane. The opposition's low-budget campaign has little access to government-controlled media. Highways in Caracas are lined with large billboards touting Maduro; not one promotes the opposition. The campaign doesn't hand out promotional materials or coordinate buses for rallygoers, she said. It depends on volunteers, social media and word-of-mouth outreach.

"We don't have fliers, we don't have posters," Machado said. "I don't offer people anything, but people offer us their things — their car, their house."

Six staffers, including the campaign director and head of communications, have been leading efforts from inside the Argentine embassy in Caracas, where they've been holed up for more than four months to avoid arrest warrants. The result is a campaign run on Zoom, on WhatsApp, and on social media.

Two other campaign organizers are in prison. Foro Penal, a legal organization that focuses on human rights, has counted 103 detentions in the past year.

Many aren't campaign workers or volunteers. They're truck drivers, hotel owners, sound technicians. Since the start of the official



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campaign on July 4, the government has shut down, fined or otherwise penalized at least a dozen restaurants and hotels for hosting González or Machado. González says he now travels with a lunchbox to avoid putting other people at risk for supplying him food.

"It's like the opposite of the Midas touch," said Alfredo Romero, the president of Foro Penal. Anything Machado touches, it seems, can be shut down or seized.

Venezuela's Ministry of Communications did not respond to a request for comment.

Authorities last week detained a businessman in Táchira who had hosted Machado and her team in his home two weeks earlier, his lawyer said. This week in Carabobo, police detained the driver of Machado's truck.

"It's a pattern being repeated in every state," said Alby Colme-

**FROM TOP: Opposition leader María Corina Machado leaves the Santuario Nacional Nuestra Señora de Coromoto in Guanare, Venezuela, on Wednesday. A member of Machado's team waits in front of her car for a blockade, a frequent tactic used by President Nicolás Maduro's government, to be lifted. A woman waves a Venezuelan flag while supporters hold a sign saying "The fight is until the end" at a Machado rally. Machado has been barred from holding office in the country, so she's campaigning for a stand-in, Edmundo González, a 74-year-old former diplomat.**

nares, a campaign organizer in Carabobo.

On her way to Carabobo, Machado's team again ran into a checkpoint. Machado stepped out of her vehicle, walked past the police and climbed onto the back of a motorcycle.

"We are doing this for you guys," she told the officers. "You'll see. In 15 days, Venezuela will change."

The arrest of Machado's security chief, Melciades Ávila, followed their visit to a restaurant in Aragua state. Two women there began shouting at Machado; Ávila spoke with the women, video of the incident shows, and then quickly moved the candidates to a secure location.

Ávila was accused by the government of gender-based violence. He was released late the next day.

On Wednesday, Machado prepared to give a rally in Guanare in Portuguesa state, where Chávez once enjoyed one of his highest vote margins.

Rafael José Salcedo, the 55-year-old owner of a local company that rents out sound equipment for weddings, graduations and quinceañeras, was sitting parked where Machado planned to speak when more than 20 police officers approached.

One officer told him he wasn't allowed to set up the sound equipment.

"I haven't unloaded anything, I haven't put anything on the ground yet," Salcedo responded, he told The Post. "I'm waiting for them to give me the permit."

The officer told him they were taking him to the police station. When he asked why, Salcedo said, he was told "They're the orders."

Salcedo, his brother and a friend were detained for about six hours, he said, until Machado's event was expected to end. Officers seized his two trucks and his stage and sound equipment — his livelihood for more than 30 years

— and told him he would have to go to Caracas after the election to try to get them back. Without his equipment, Salcedo is now out of work.

Machado's campaign, meanwhile, was left to improvise.

"Getting sound in half an hour for an event with more than 50,000 people is very complicated," said Julio Balza, a communications aide. "People are afraid to rent us the sound or the press truck. We work with what we have."

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of people were flooding Guanare's main avenue to hear Machado.

"They always do this, they take away the sound system and she always finds the way," one woman said. A drone flew overhead; locals suspected the government. Just blocks away, Diosdado Cabello, a lawmaker close to Maduro, was holding his own campaign event.

Octavio Zambrano, a 50-year-old artisanal craftsman, waited in a wheelchair outside his home for a glimpse of Machado in her caravan.

"If she doesn't stop, that's okay — we will go to the rally anyway," he said. "She is very clever. She knows how to dodge what Maduro throws at her."

In the end, Machado needed no stage. At 4:30 p.m., she appeared on top of her van as the crowd waved Venezuelan flags and trumpeted vuvuzelas. She eventually stepped onto the top of a truck and spoke.

"They blocked the streets and we overcame all of the obstacles," she said. "They cut the power and take away our sound, we do it a cappella."

The following morning, Machado woke early to return to Caracas for the funeral of a friend. Outside, they found their cars had been vandalized, the oil drained from one and the brake hoses cut on the other.

# Israel intercepts missile from Yemen after strike on Houthi-controlled port

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Israeli forces intercepted a surface-to-surface missile fired from Yemen, the Israel Defense Forces said in a statement on social media Sunday.

The missile did not cross into Israeli territory, but "warnings of rocket and missile fire" were issued out of concern that shrapnel could fall on residents, the IDF said. The missile approached Israel from the Red Sea, it said.

Although it was not immediately clear who launched the missile, a Houthi military spokesman had promised retaliation for Israel's airstrikes Saturday on Hodeida, a port city in Yemen

controlled by the rebel group. Spokesman Yahya Saree said the Israeli raids struck the port, a power station and a fuel tank.

On Sunday, Saree said his group launched "a number of missiles" against targets in the southern Israeli port city of Eilat. It was not immediately clear whether the two reported attacks were one and the same. Earlier Sunday, the IDF said air defense sirens were sounding in the area of Eilat.

The Israeli strikes Saturday were a response to a rare drone attack on Tel Aviv on Friday for which the Houthis claimed responsibility. The attack killed one person and struck just yards from a U.S. Embassy branch office.

An IDF official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss military operations, told reporters Sunday that the airstrikes in Yemen were conducted using a dozen airplanes — including fighter jets and tankers. The "long range" strikes hit targets about 1,050 miles (1,700 kilometers) from Israel, the official said.

The Israeli attack on the Hodeidah port, a critical hub for imports to the impoverished country, sparked massive fires. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the port was being "used as an entry point for deadly weapons supplied to the Houthis by Iran."

Netanyahu said the Israeli response to the drone attack made "it clear to our enemies that there

is no place that the long arm of the State of Israel will not reach."

After the war in Gaza began in October, the Houthis started attacking ships near the Yemeni coast in an effort to build pressure on Israel to end its military operations in the Strip. A U.S.-led naval task force has been responding to the assaults but has been unable to halt them entirely.

## Here's what else to know

**Netanyahu is scheduled to travel to Washington this week to address a joint meeting of Congress.** The Israeli leader had been due to meet with President Biden, who announced Sunday he was ending his reelection bid. Biden said he would continue with his presidential duties for

the rest of his term, though it was not immediately clear whether Tuesday's meeting between the leaders would still take place.

**Saudi Arabia's Foreign Ministry said Israel's attack on Yemen "aggravates the current tension in the region"** and called on both sides to "exercise maximum restraint." Riyadh, which fought its own multiyear war against the Houthis, said Sunday that it was following the latest military developments in Yemen with "great concern."

**Israeli troops are continuing operations inside Gaza,** the IDF said. In the Rafah area, Israeli forces discovered "ready-to-fire mortar shells," while an Israeli aircraft identified an opposition group of militants that was then

"eliminated" by IDF troops, it added. Troops also located and dismantled tunnel shafts and underground infrastructure in the area of Tal al-Sultan, the IDF said. In the central Gaza Strip, IDF troops located "various types of weaponry," it said.

**At least 38,983 people have been killed and 89,727 injured in Gaza since the war started,** said the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but says the majority of the dead are women and children. Israel estimates that about 1,200 people were killed in Hamas's Oct. 7 attack, including more than 300 soldiers, and it says 326 soldiers have been killed since the start of its military operations in Gaza.

# Netanyahu’s visit comes as Biden withdraws from race

Political upheaval in U.S. could empower Israeli leader, analysts say

BY STEVE HENDRIX AND JOHN HUDSON

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to land Monday in a Washington consumed by political turmoil, creating further uncertainty about U.S.-Israeli relations at a crucial moment in the Gaza war.

President Biden — who announced the end of his reelection bid on the eve of Netanyahu’s departure — has both championed Israel’s right to wage war against Hamas and chided the prime minister for his management of the conflict. Israeli officials didn’t confirm that the prime minister would meet with the president as planned until the day before takeoff; they now don’t know what the dramatic campaign upheaval will mean for the future.

Immediately after Biden’s announcement, a person familiar with deliberations in Netanyahu’s office said it was “too early” to say how the trip, and Israel’s war effort, might be affected. Like others in this story, they spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive topics.

Netanyahu is scheduled to address a joint meeting of Congress on Wednesday. But it is the chaos of the presidential race that has transfixed observers, with Biden bowing to pressure to step aside and Donald Trump surging after a failed assassination attempt. The fast-shifting political winds could embolden the Israeli leader, analysts said, at a crucial time in Gaza cease-fire negotiations.

U.S.-backed talks in Cairo are reportedly gaining momentum, with the administration pressing a reluctant Netanyahu to accept a deal that would end the fighting in exchange for the release of more than 100 Israeli hostages held by militants. Dozens of the captives are still alive, Israeli officials believe.

Netanyahu has been accused by critics of prolonging the war for his own political benefit, a

charge he denies. He remains adamant that Israel must fight until Hamas has been destroyed, a goal his own generals have said is unachievable.

Officially, Netanyahu is neutral in American politics. But he has long been criticized for aligning with Republicans. And he made no secret of his delight with Trump, who tilted U.S. policy significantly in favor of the Israeli right during his term — moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and recognizing Israel’s annexation of the Golan Heights.

Netanyahu’s tense relationship with Biden has deteriorated greatly in recent months as Israel has defied numerous White House entreaties to increase the flow of humanitarian aid in Gaza and do more to protect civilians. The administration put a hold on 2,000-pound bombs to Israel in May, citing their use in populated areas.

More than 38,900 Palestinians have been killed in the war, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians but says the majority of the dead are women and children.

Some of the prime minister’s allies had begun cheering Trump more explicitly, framing cease-fire talks as a partisan U.S. issue. Itamar Ben Gvir, Netanyahu’s far-right national security minister, warned colleagues last week that approving a hostage deal would be “a slap for Trump, which would be a victory for Biden,” according to Israeli media reports. Any agreement, he insisted, should wait until November.

Some political observers here say Biden’s eroding position in recent weeks had already begun to free Netanyahu’s hand in Gaza.

Michael Oren, a former Israeli ambassador to Washington, said U.S. pressure on Israel to rein in its military campaign has eased in recent weeks. The administration has offered little public criticism of escalating attacks in areas packed with civilians, including in Mawasi, an area designated by Israel as a humanitarian zone. Massive strikes there this month targeting senior Hamas leader Mohammed Deif killed at least 90 people, according to health officials.

“The pressure has gone now,”



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu greets President Biden in Tel Aviv on Oct. 18. Before Biden ended his campaign, Netanyahu had no plans to meet with Vice President Harris.

Oren said before Biden’s announcement. “It’s nothing like it was.”

Biden’s team has backed off in part because of signs the attacks are making Hamas more amenable to a deal, Oren said, and what the president “really needs is a diplomatic win to show he can achieve big things internationally.”

U.S. administration officials denied, before the president dropped out, that Netanyahu had been significantly emboldened by Biden’s struggles. But they acknowledged that the president’s mounting problems have coincided with a hardening of the prime minister’s position. Netanyahu recently came forward with last-minute demands that U.S. negotiators feared would stymie the Cairo talks, according to diplomats familiar with the discussions.

Under the new conditions, Israel would not agree to withdraw its forces from the Philadelphi Corridor along the Egyptian border, said the diplomats, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive and ongoing negotiations. Israel would also not allow unrestricted access for Gazans seeking to return to their homes in the north — insisting that its forces be permitted to establish checkpoints to monitor the movement of the displaced.

“The fact that Netanyahu put these conditions out so publicly means he feels more confident,” Oren said.

Netanyahu was certainly paying attention to the churning U.S. campaign, Israeli officials say. “Everyone recognizes that Biden is weak,” said the person familiar with deliberations in the prime minister’s office.

But Netanyahu was far more focused on his own political challenges, they said.

The prime minister is squeezed between the Israeli public, increasingly angry at his failure to reach a hostage-release deal, and his far-right coalition partners, threatening to bring down the government if he agrees to stop fighting Hamas. Eight members of Netanyahu’s own Likud party went public in recent days with a list of “red lines” they could not support in a deal, including Israel’s withdrawal from central Gaza and the Egyptian border.

Netanyahu will be feverishly working to keep his coalition partners in line until July 28, when Israel’s parliament begins a three-month recess.

“The next weeks will be critical,” said the person familiar with deliberations. “Right now the

pressure from the inside is far more significant than pressure from the States.”

Before Biden’s move, Netanyahu had no plans to seek a meeting with Trump during his Washington trip, officials said, or even with Vice President Harris, whom Biden quickly endorsed Sunday to take his place at the top of the ticket.

The prime minister was fully aware that no matter the outcome of the November election, Israel would be dealing with Biden for the remainder of his term, said Yohanan Plesner, president of the Israel Democracy Institute.

Netanyahu is likely to be on his best bipartisan behavior during this visit, unlike in his controversial address to Congress in 2015 when, at the invitation of Republicans, he slammed the Barack Obama administration’s Iran nuclear deal. Unlike now, that dust-up occurred just weeks before an Israeli election and was designed for domestic political impact, Plesner noted.

“It’s a totally different situation now,” he said. “Netanyahu needs President Biden every day.”

While many Democrats remain bitter over Netanyahu’s 2015 trip, and scores of them plan on boycotting his address, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Friday that he had received a “broad preview” of Netanyahu’s speech last week and that it did not appear partisan in tone — instead focusing on “how the U.S. and Israel are trying together to face down the terrorist threat” and coordinate on “regional challenges.”

Sullivan acknowledged, however, that “they’re going to keep working that speech until the very last minute, just like we do on our side.”

Netanyahu will be in Washington at the peak of partisan frenzy, between the two party conventions and with Democrats scrambling to figure out their next steps. U.S. officials confided they were nervous about his visit at such a volatile time, worried he may say or do something that scuttles their Gaza diplomacy.

“It’s impossible to have confidence in how this plays out,” a U.S. official said.

Hudson reported from Washington.

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# ECONOMY & BUSINESS

## Off-brand weight-loss drugs more accessible, but not without risk

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The pitch is all over social media and irresistible for many people desperate to lose weight: Get an imitation version of pricey, hard-to-find drugs like Ozempic for a fraction of the cost.

But the booming business of off-brand versions of the blockbuster drugs, which trigger the hormone GLP-1 and curb hunger, has left many consumers wondering whether it is worth trying. Here's what you should know.

**What's the difference between branded drugs and cheap imitations sold online?**

Novo Nordisk, which makes Ozempic and Wegovy (active ingredient: semaglutide), and Eli Lilly, which makes Mounjaro and Zepbound (tirzepatide), went through the Food and Drug Administration's rigorous process to win regulatory approval for these GLP-1 drugs, which includes studying how safe and effective they are and inspecting the manufacturing facilities. The FDA hasn't approved any generic versions.

However, the two drugmakers haven't been able to keep up with the seemingly bottomless demand for their products, leading the FDA to officially declare their drugs as being in shortage. That designation has opened the door for specialized compounding pharmacies to churn out copies of the blockbuster drugs, which they are legally permitted to do when FDA-approved drugs are in shortage and they meet certain requirements.

**What are compounding pharmacies and why are their GLP-1 drugs cheaper?**

Compounding pharmacies traditionally customize a prescription medication to suit an individual patient's needs, such as by mixing up a liquid formulation for someone who can't swallow pills. They are licensed and inspected by state regulators. The FDA exercises some oversight over their practices but doesn't approve their products.

When it comes to weight-loss medications, pharmacies have much lower overhead costs than Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly, which spent billions of dollars to research and develop the drugs and meet FDA's quality standards.

For their raw ingredients, compounding pharmacies turn to contract manufacturers — largely overseas — which have registered with the FDA as makers of semaglutide and tirzepatide. Converting the raw active ingredient from powder form to an injectable solution doesn't take advanced chemistry, pharmacists say, enabling pharmacies to offer GLP-1 drugs to health-care providers for a couple hundred dollars a month or less.

Some research suggests that the brand manufacturers, meanwhile, are substantially marking up the price for profit. A Yale University-led study earlier this year found injectable semaglutide could be profitably made for less than \$5 a month, compared with Ozempic's list price of \$968.52 for a month's supply.

**Are compounded weight-loss drugs safe?**

With a diffuse supply chain and multiple vendors engaged in making a sterile, injectable medication, there is some additional safety risk of pharmacy-made drugs.

The FDA says that compounded medications in general are not as safe as drugs that have been exhaustively reviewed by the agency. Between August 2021 and mid-July, it has reviewed 288 reports of patients having bad reactions to compounded semaglutide and 108 such reports for tirzepatide, a spokesperson said. Those are tiny fractions of the tens of thousands of adverse-event reports people have submitted for all types of the drugs, including the brand-name versions, which have well-documented side effects.

Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly have argued in lawsuits and public statements that compounded GLP-1 drugs are unsafe, saying their own testing has found impurities in compounded versions of their medications.

"The proliferation of entities claiming to offer compounded tirzepatide is a safety issue," Lilly said in a statement, adding that such products lack FDA approval and haven't been shown to be safe or effective. Novo Nordisk cited purity deficiencies in compounded semaglutide from six pharmacies it has sued, saying they could jeopardize patient safety.

Scott Brunner, CEO of the Alli-

ance for Pharmacy Compounding, said the companies' allegations are unproven. "Look, FDA-approved drugs should always be the first-line drug therapy," he said. Because the drugmakers can't meet the demand for their products, pharmacies are "saving the day" by stepping in to fill the void, Brunner added.

Andrew Kraftson, director of the weight navigation program at the University of Michigan, said patients ask him about compounded semaglutide, but he won't prescribe it.

**What can I do to minimize risk with compounded GLP-1 drugs?**

For those inclined to pursue compounded GLP-1 drugs despite the risks, here are a few things to consider:

Identify the health-care provider who would prescribe it. That will allow you to examine the provider's experience and look up their regulatory history in the state where they are licensed.

Check which compounding pharmacy the prescriber or service uses, then search the websites of the state pharmacy board or the FDA to see if regulators have taken disciplinary action.

Ask the provider or pharmacy for a certificate of analysis that shows the results of testing the raw ingredients.

Some websites in the past have sold "semaglutide sodium." The FDA doesn't consider semaglutide sodium to be the same ingredient in approved drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy. Instead, it has said the sodium version shouldn't be used to make copies of the drugs in shortage and has "not been shown to be safe and effective."

**What is it like to take a compounded injectable GLP-1 drug?**

For any version of the drugs, the process begins by visiting a health-care professional, who writes a prescription and orders the medication.

Telehealth firms prescribing compounded drugs often have the drug shipped to a patient's home, where it typically comes in a vial with a syringe, in contrast to the brand-name versions that come in pre-filled injection pens.

**How long will the FDA designation allowing for compounded GLP-1 drugs last?**

Demand is so great that the shortages are expected to last into 2025, but even executives at Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly are reluctant to give firm predictions. The FDA says it will resolve a shortage when the manufacturer can meet "total national historical demand," and the agency has verified it has additional "safety stock" and that all back orders have been filled.

Eric Tichy, who manages the pharmaceutical supply chain at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said injectable GLP-1 drugs are the "number one back-ordered medications" for the hospital system but that the shortage has improved significantly in the last six months.

The FDA's database currently shows limited availability for two doses of Mounjaro and Zepbound, and for the three lowest doses of Wegovy. Eli Lilly said it is on track to boost production of its tirzepatide-based drugs in the second half of this year, though its executives have said the shortages could persist into next year. Novo Nordisk said it can't speculate when all doses of Wegovy will be fully available.

**Will cheap compounded GLP-1 drugs go away once the shortage is resolved?**

Compounding pharmacies that make exact copies of FDA-approved GLP-1 drugs will have to stop when they are no longer in shortage. That means some people who pay a few hundred dollars a month may be looking at a large increase in cost for the brand-name injections.

There may be other ways to keep compounded drugs on the market once shortages are over. For instance, many compounding pharmacies add vitamin B-12 to a compounded GLP-1 drug. If that made a therapeutic difference for patients, a pharmacy could argue that it's more than a copy of a brand-name drug, said Robin Feldman, a professor at the University of California College of the Law in San Francisco and an expert on pharmaceutical law.

Novo Nordisk's patent for semaglutide expires in 2032, while Eli Lilly's patent for tirzepatide expires in 2036. The companies hold other patents on the drugs as well, and it could take even longer for generic versions to make it to market.

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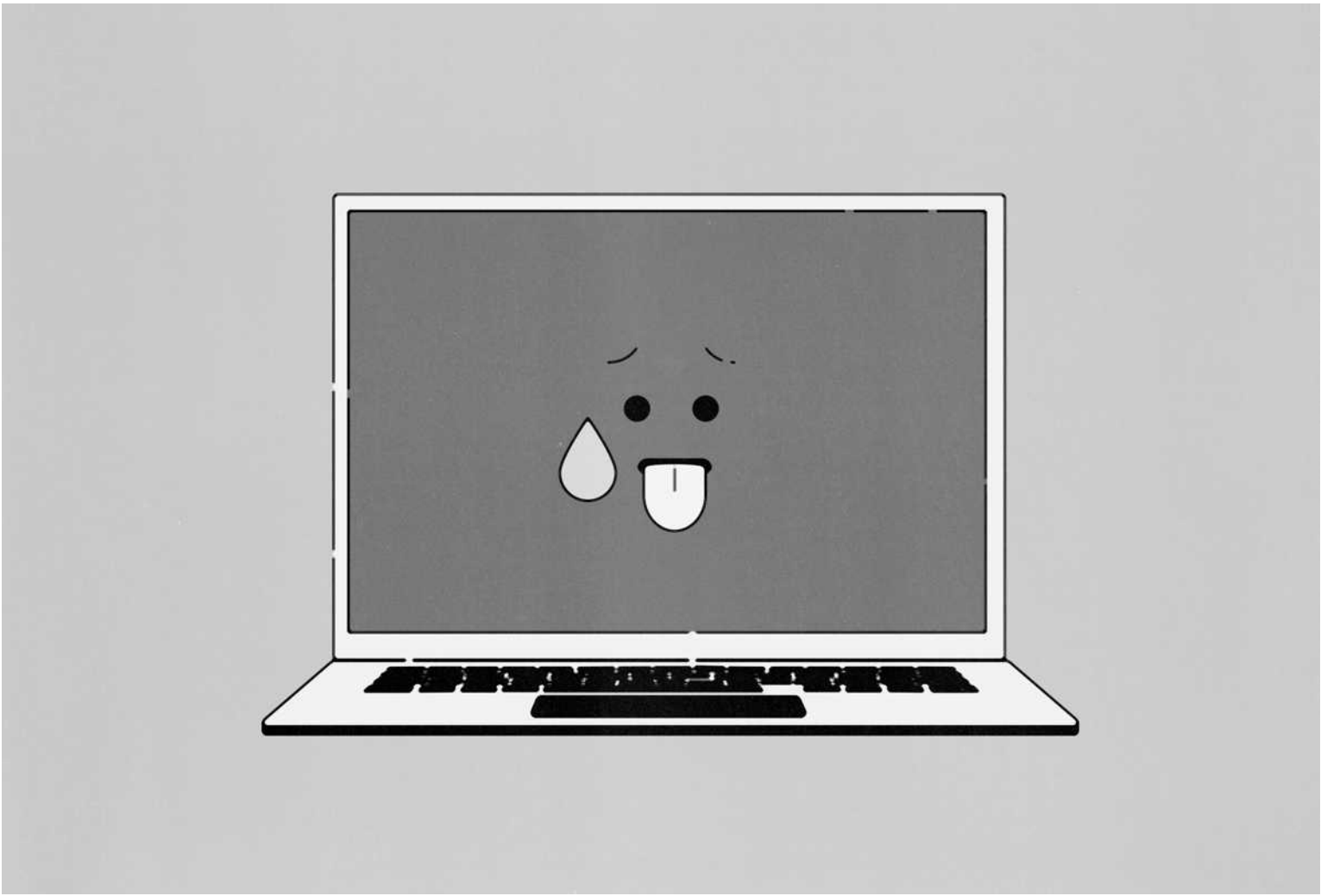


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## Is it bad if your electronics feel hot?

Here's what you can do if gadgets are making your home feel even warmer

BY SHIRA OVIDE

When it's sweltering outside, it's hard to ignore my living room's heat zone.

My WiFi router feels so hot to the touch that I worry it's dangerous. My TV set, streaming TV gadget and work laptop emit noticeable heat, too.

This heat isn't just unpleasant. It's wasted energy. When your electronics spit out heat, imagine your electric bill climbing.

Your TV, computer, internet router and video game console aren't big electricity hogs individually, but they are in the aggregate. Nearly one-quarter of Americans' average home energy consumption is from devices including appliances and electronics, according to government data.

I'll explain how much you should worry about literally hot tech — and what you can do to keep your electronics cooler and your energy costs lower.

### Why do electronics get hot?

Like the human body or other machines, your electronics use energy and waste a lot as heat.

Devices dissipate the heat slowly to keep delicate electronic innards cool enough to work, said Mark Gallina, a mechanical engineer and thermal expert with computer chip company Intel.

The size, shape, design and use of the device affects its heat emissions.

A router or laptop that sits flat generally has less air flow and may feel hotter than a vertical router or a TV that has more surface area for ventilation. A powerful PC for video games uses far more energy and emits more heat than a simpler computer.

Even when your device feels hot, though, Gallina said it's usually fine and safe.

### Are electronics making your home hotter?

You might notice your warm electronics more when you want to cool your home or if you have a small living space. But it's not a huge impact.

A small laptop plugged into an outlet has a heat loss of about 17 watts of energy, according to Gallina's rough calculations. A furry house cat emits about 28 watts of lost heat, he said. (Gallina's cats, Odin and Darcy, were essential to these calculations.)

You probably don't worry about your kitty or spouse (roughly 340 watts of heat loss) making your home hotter, but they do — at least more than most electronics.

### What you can do to keep electronics cooler

• **Check that devices have space around them for ventilation.** Don't keep your router, laptop or TV set somewhere like a shelf crammed with books where it doesn't have good air flow. It probably won't work as well and may get hotter, said Gabe Kassel and Mark Sieglock, executives with Amazon's Eero brand of routers and other devices. (Ama-

zon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

They also recommended keeping heat-emitting devices apart from each other. Otherwise, each device might emit more heat to cool itself off from its neighbor.

• **Unplug devices that you don't use often. Or use plugs to turn them off on a schedule.** Even when you're not using devices, they still might suck electricity and get warm in standby mode or to power the clock on devices like the microwave. I unplug my TV set and streaming box when I'm not using them, but it's annoying.

Kassel uses programmable power plugs to turn on and off his exterior lights and basement dehumidifier on a daily schedule. Sieglock also has a switch to disconnect many of his electronics from electricity overnight.

Consumer Reports and Wirecutter have smart plug reviews, or you can use a manual dial timer to disconnect devices from

electricity.

• **Look at energy efficiency ratings.** Again, the more energy efficient a device is, the less heat it will generally emit.

Energy Star from the Environmental Protection Agency has efficiency certifications for computers and some TV brands.

TVs are by far the largest energy guzzlers among home electronics, government figures show.

There are also self-reported energy disclosures for routers and cable TV boxes.

Look up electricity usage for models from Netgear, TP-Link, Eero and the cable companies Xfinity and Spectrum. (Note: The documents aren't all easy to understand.)

Johanna Neumann with the environmental organization Environment America said it would help us make informed choices if more electronics product reviews measured and prominently mentioned the devices' energy effi-

ciency.

• **Sometimes there's nothing you can do.** A laptop that your employer loaded with security software churning in the background will probably use more energy — and therefore feel warmer and drain the battery faster — than a typical home computer.

### When you should worry about hot electronics

It's abnormal if you can hear your computer's cooling fan whirring constantly or if your electronics crash because they're overheated.

Gallina suggested restarting your device or unplugging it from the outlet. Wait a few minutes and plug it back in or restart. You might also need to update the device's software, sometimes called firmware.

If your electronics are so hot that they burn your skin, something is clearly wrong or it's defective.



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Mr. Biden’s decision

PRESIDENT BIDEN took one of the most consequential steps imaginable on Sunday: He ended his bid for a second term. After more than half a century of admirable public service, relinquishing power wasn’t easy. It required a push from the Democratic establishment but also a measure of self-awareness that is too often absent from U.S. politics.

“I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down,” Mr. Biden wrote in an open letter. The president offered his “full support and endorsement” for Vice President Harris to replace him as the nominee. He said he will address the nation “later this week in more detail.”

Mr. Biden campaigned in 2020 as a “bridge” to the next generation of Democratic leaders. Passing the torch now — four years earlier than he had hoped — increases the odds that his party can hold the White House. But Democrats need to proceed carefully.

Ms. Harris is the heavy favorite to emerge as the party’s standard-bearer at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next month. Delegates might not want to deny the nomination to the first female

vice president. That’s why many potential top-tier contenders signaled that they will not challenge her.

An open process for picking Mr. Biden’s replacement as Democratic nominee, as well as that person’s running mate, risks becoming messy. It could draw attention to Democratic quarrels over issues that divide Democrats such as Mr. Biden’s policy in the Middle East. The Democratic convention was already shaping up to be contentious before Mr. Biden’s exit, with the possibility of large protests outside the venue.

Yet Mr. Biden’s decision creates an opportunity for a reset, not only for his party but also for U.S. politics generally, through a competitive nomination process among future national leaders. Barack Obama was a stronger candidate in 2008, and maybe even a better president, because Hillary Clinton competed so fiercely with him during a marathon primary season. Though this sort of vetting process isn’t replicable, there is time for Democrats to scrutinize the contenders for top of the ticket.

The logistics of a compressed nominating contest would not necessarily be hard. France just held snap elections without a hitch. All the delegates and

superdelegates are already selected and set to convene in Chicago. Democrats would not even have to schedule primaries: Debates among the top contenders would do.

Polls show Ms. Harris is the best known among the potential Democratic nominees, but, by the same token, she has a record in the Biden administration — including her validation of Mr. Biden’s fitness for a second term — that people have a right to examine. She did not succeed in addressing the root causes of illegal immigration, an assignment the president gave her, but she excelled as a messenger decrying the Supreme Court’s decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Perhaps more important, she is not the only option. Governors include Michigan’s Gretchen Whitmer, North Carolina’s Roy Cooper and Kentucky’s Andy Beshear. Two Democratic governors elected in 2022 could have bright futures on the national stage: Maryland’s Wes Moore and Pennsylvania’s Josh Shapiro. There are talented Cabinet secretaries, especially Commerce’s Gina Raimondo and Transportation’s Pete Buttigieg. Senators made of presidential timber include Arizona’s Mark Kelly and Colorado’s Michael Bennet.

At each decision point, Democrats should err on the side of transparency. Even if Ms. Harris quickly locks down the nomination, her running mate should still be decided at the convention. State delegations and superdelegates could play a vital role during nationally televised proceedings that would grip the country and shine the spotlight on Democrats.

Even though he’s not seeking another term, Mr. Biden can still help his party campaign against GOP nominee Donald Trump this fall. By far his most important assignment now, though, is to work on getting the country in the best possible shape for his successor. Unburdened from the rigors of the campaign trail, Mr. Biden can help bring a long-sought conclusion to the war in Gaza and the release of hostages as well as pilot the U.S. economy to a soft landing from inflation that will be made likelier if the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates.

The United States just celebrated the Fourth of July for the 248th time. Mr. Biden has been alive for nearly one-third of that history. His prudent, selfless decision to stand down improves his party’s prospects today, and, undoubtedly, retrospective assessments of his presidency tomorrow.

RUTH MARCUS PROMPT 2024

What’s next for the Democrats?

If President Biden were to have remained the nominee, Democrats would be destined to lose not simply the presidency but also the Senate and, with that, the chances of retaking the House, a last bulwark against total Republican domination of the levers of power. Now that he stepped out of the race, there is at least a chance of winning — but just a chance, and the real prospect of division and loss.

I asked my colleagues David Ignatius and Dana Milbank to help process the news. **Where do Democrats go from here?**

**Ruth Marcus:** This moment arrives with mixed feelings: relief tinged with sadness and, even more, dread about the road ahead. I’d like to pause a moment, though, on the sadness. As frustrated and — in the end — angry as I was about Biden’s unwillingness to gracefully exit the scene, this is a deeply human story of a man who saved us once from Donald Trump and I believe was sincerely convinced until the end that he had the best prospect of doing so again. It is hard to age — indeed, hard to accept our own frailties and limitations at any age — and Biden’s story, laced with tragedy throughout his career, ends on a note that is both tragic and, I hope, heroic.

**David Ignatius:** He looked in the mirror and finally saw what others have. I share Ruth’s sense that we are walking into a space that’s unmarked and full of danger, but it’s also exhilarating. Biden has opened the door for a generational transition. For the first time in a long while, Democrats have a chance to generate real energy about ideas and people. As scary as this is, it will be good for the party and the country. Bravo to Biden for opening the curtain as he closes his own.

**Dana Milbank:** Heroic more than anything. Biden did what he has always done and put the country first. I hate the way all this played out in public. I did not join the clamor demanding he drop out. I was confident he would do the right thing. Now, maybe that’s because of the clamor. Either way, he did the right thing. Where yesterday there was despair, today there is hope.

**Ruth:** Regarding the road from here, I think it’s fitting and appropriate for Biden to endorse Harris. But I think he is trying to anoint her and avoid the divisiveness of a fight for the nomination. I believe that would be a mistake. The delegates ought to face a choice. The problem with this process from the get-go has been the absence of choice, as David has presciently noted. There should be a process for delegates and Democrats to hear from alternatives rather than being told that they have no further say in the matter but to ratify Harris. She will likely end up being the nominee, and there are reasons to believe she will be a good standard-bearer, but process hugely matters here.

**David:** The truth is that Harris will be a far better candidate — and potentially, president — if she goes through the brawl of a one-month string of town halls and a “great debate” about the party and the country. If Biden blocks that or tries to circumvent it, he will be making a big mistake.

**Ruth:** There is already an effort from Biden aides and allies to try to circumvent that process. See, for example, the statement from former White House chief of staff Ron Klain: “Now that the donors and electeds have pushed out the only candi-

diate who has ever beaten Trump, it’s time to end the political fantasy games and unite behind the only veteran of a national campaign.”

**David:** Klain, I’m sorry to say, has responded better to interest groups within the party than to the challenge of uniting the country.

**Dana:** I’m sad about the first part of Ron’s statement, but I think he’s spot on about the second. There is a huge amount of resentment among faithful Democrats, particularly Black Democrats, about Biden being shoved aside. If the donor class succeeded in shoving aside Harris, too, presumably for a White candidate, it would be an ugly and divisive scene. Harris almost certainly will be the nominee and should be. There just isn’t really a way around it. She would have been the formidable favorite anyway, and all the more so with Biden’s endorsement. But the obstacles to it being somebody other than Harris — refunding the party’s war chest, problems with ballot access, losing to campaign infrastructure Biden/Harris built — are insurmountable.

**David:** After so many months of telling the public that what they see with their own eyes was wrong, don’t Democrats need to work more on being truth-tellers — and to demonstrate that the party is not a prisoner of its own internal politics? Why is an open contest “shoving aside” the veep? She would probably win an open contest and be a better candidate for it.

**Dana:** Well, being on the ballot and refunding hundreds of millions of dollars isn’t just an internal consideration. I do not see any of the other usual suspects stepping up to challenge Harris. Some have already indicated they won’t. So while an “open process” would be ideal, how would that work if Harris is not being challenged?

**Ruth:** In the end, the choice will not belong to the donor class but the delegates. And on the need for choice: Look at the GOP insta-response. Leaving aside the lack of graciousness (Lara Trump: “He said he would ‘finish the job,’ but he couldn’t even finish his own campaign!”), it is all about Democrats’ supposed disregard for the will of the voters. Republicans may think they are being smart by insisting on a process that will create division in the Democratic ranks, but they are also right: There needs to be a process that people can respect and accept. (Also, I don’t think Team Biden would have to refund. The money can be transferred to a super PAC or the Democratic National Committee. The DNC can coordinate the spending. The infrastructure can and should be transferred to whoever is the nominee.)

**Dana:** I agree, Ruth, that it is up to the delegates. These are Biden delegates, and they will almost certainly tap the person Biden endorsed. They probably would have backed her regardless. This isn’t because it’s a closed process or because Democrats have rigged the game.

**David:** If no one challenges Harris, then she will have a united party and a strong wind at her back. I just don’t think this is the time for Biden to be the anointer. Let him take the deserved applause for what has been in many ways an unusually effective presidency.

**Ruth:** Deserved applause is a gracious note to end on, just sayin’.

**Dana:** Yes, I think we can all agree on that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The case for Ms. Harris — and for a Republican VP

*President Biden announced on Sunday that he would not accept the Democratic nomination for president. Since the first presidential debate, readers have written to The Post to make the case that Vice President Harris should be the nominee if Mr. Biden stepped aside.*

Monica Hesse’s July 4 Style column, “Finally time for Kamala to fall into the race?,” discussed the suggestion that Vice President Harris might be a possible Democratic candidate if President Biden drops out.

The vice president is well qualified. She was attorney general of the most populous state in the union and has several years’ experience as a successful senator. Her time as vice president would be invaluable in equipping her to get off to a fast start as head of the executive branch.

Ms. Harris is in many respects the “natural” successor to President Biden, and her nomination could avoid a contentious and messy open convention. Could one seriously consider ignoring Ms. Harris’s obvious claim to succeed Mr. Biden, without provoking immense anger among large segments of the Democratic voters?

Finally, among the very large number of voters who dislike both the current leading candidates as being too old, too White or both, Ms. Harris could be a very attractive alternative. And those who voted for Nikki Haley in the Republican primaries might find Ms. Harris an acceptable choice for them, too.

**Arnold J. Clift, Brattleboro, Vt.**

I’m a Democrat and a democrat, and I’m ready to pull my hair out with all these primarily White and male politicians (most recently Rep. Adam Schiff) and pundits who called for President Biden to drop out of the race without simultaneously endorsing Vice President Harris, especially since Mr. Biden tested positive for the coronavirus.

This fantastical mini- or blitz-primary idea subverts the will of the primary voters who voted for Mr. Biden — regardless of what polls might show they thought then or think now about the president’s age. Realists among us recognized that we voted for Mr. Biden and that meanr was our nominee. Now that we must replace him, I would like us all to recognize that voters also voted for Ms. Harris, by name, on the same ticket, with the same punched chad or fingertip to touch screen or old-fashioned black-ink-filled bubble. Any elected or campaigning Democrat should recognize that fact and endorse Ms. Harris in the same breath they used to call for Mr. Biden to drop out.

The American people voted four years ago, and Democratic primary voters voted this year, for Ms. Harris to replace Mr. Biden should that be necessary. Anything else is skulduggery. It sidesteps not just one, but two choices made by the Democratic primary voters.

My perception of this moment is that many of my fellow White Democrats want to skip over and ignore the first successful Black and Asian female vice president in this country’s history to put up someone who looks more like Donald Trump’s vice-presidential pick, Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio).

I support the Democratic Party, the

core of which is Black women. And fancy that: Our only plausible, legitimate replacement for Mr. Biden is also a Black woman.

Likewise, I support our democracy and am committed to recognizing who among our citizens would be most harmed by a second Trump term. It’s not me, and it’s not the people ignoring Mr. Biden’s obvious replacement: It is the actual base of our party! Why are we always courting the wishy-washy, low-information voters instead of the people who brought us to the White House in the first place? Constitutionally, Ms. Harris would replace Mr. Biden if something were to happen to him between now and Jan. 20. It seems absurd to suggest that she is not our most viable, but our only, alternative to Mr. Biden.

**Barbara Torrey Workman, Atascadero, Calif.**

For unity

There have been instances where individuals who were affiliated with different parties formed a unity ticket or coalition.

One notable example occurred in the 1864 presidential election during the Civil War, when President Abraham Lincoln, a Republican, chose Andrew Johnson, a Democrat, as his running mate. This decision was part of Lincoln’s strategy to promote national unity during a time of deep division.

We are divided today, as then. Why not a Democratic ticket with Vice President Harris (or a moderate Democrat) for president and a conscientious Republican such as Chris Christie, Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger or Asa Hutchinson for vice president? We would get each of them working together with policy that makes sense for a majority of America, without the chaos of Donald Trump. The vice-presidential nominee’s followers and independents would swing the election for the country’s good.

**Alan B. Scharf, Boynton Beach, Fla.**

If Vice President Harris should become the Democratic nominee for president, the perfect running mate for her on the Democratic ticket would be former representative Liz Cheney. This choice would be historic because it would not only be bipartisan but also feature two women as a team for the first time. Ms. Cheney would bring to the ticket the most effective advocacy against a second Trump presidency that no other vice-presidential candidate could match.

The biggest weakness in our two-party system has been its tribal nature. This keeps people from thinking independently and choosing the two best candidates for our highest offices. A Harris-Cheney ticket, if accepted, would energize segments of the electorate that have all but given up on being represented in this upcoming election. The threat to our democracy is very real with Donald Trump, and the Democratic Party needs the strongest crusader against Mr. Trump that it can muster.

That is Ms. Cheney.

**Donald Collins, Washington**

We suggest that the Democratic Party adopt a “Unite for Democracy” platform and nominate Kamala D. Harris for president and former Illinois Republican representative Adam Kinzinger (or another anti-Trump traditional conservative) as vice president.

As a former prosecutor and abortion

rights advocate, Ms. Harris stands in stark contrast with Mr. Trump, given his criminal convictions, his support for attempts to overthrow the 2020 election and his alleged mishandling of national security documents. She would also be able to stand strongly against the Supreme Court decision invalidating *Roe v. Wade* and upsetting the balance of power by creating broad presidential immunity.

Adding Mr. Kinzinger, or a similar politician, to a Unite for Democracy ticket will expand the coalition by placing commitment to the preservation of American democracy above all other partisan considerations. His national security credentials are impeccable, especially when viewed against the the isolationist and pro-authoritarian policies of Mr. Trump and his running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance. All other policy positions (e.g., education, health care, national security, gun control) must be secondary to our commitment to preserve democracy and can be negotiated within the “big tent.”

We appreciate that adding a former Republican to the ticket might be seen as radical and run counter to party leaders and loyalists, but “out of the box” solutions are essential to building and fortifying a coalition to defend our democracy. Moreover, this innovative solution will generate a media frenzy, further energizing the campaign.

Let’s all “Unite for Democracy” and preserve the American Dream for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

**Robert A. Linett and Janice C. Linett, Burke**

A message from above

I am a PBS-watching, NPR-listening, get-out-the-vote, door-knocking Democrat who has bled Biden Blue for the past four years.

It is time for a change. President Biden selected a brilliant running mate in Vice President Harris. Now is her moment.

Ms. Harris is a woman — who better to bring home Democrats’ strongest pro-choice arguments? Ms. Harris has nearly four years’ experience being “in the room where it happens” witnessing Mr. Biden work — who better to carry that work forward? Ms. Harris has the schedule to campaign endlessly without the daily demands of the being the president. Why not let her do that while Mr. Biden finishes the job? And most important, she has Mr. Biden’s imprimatur.

Voters like me are not the voters the Democratic Party needs right now. The party has us and always will.

Instead, Democrats need votes they aren’t getting: the votes of those who feel they have “no choice” but to vote for Donald Trump because they cannot imagine voting for the Democrat who showed up for the debate and demonstrated their greatest fears.

Democrats need the votes of the young people protesting the war in Gaza. Right or wrong, they will not vote for Mr. Biden — but they can be persuaded to vote for Ms. Harris.

Democrats need the votes of those who will come out to vote because they have been waiting their whole lives to vote for a Black woman for president.

And the party needs the votes of people who are just so weary of the current choices that they will not vote at all.

There are many paths forward now. I think it’s time to take the Harris Path.

**Carole Maslin, Bethesda**

OPINION

MICHELE L. NORRIS

Democrats, pass over Harris at your own peril

It's been more than a little clear, during the long weeks of hand-wringing about President Biden's age and his ability to win, that there was another concern: The ability of Vice President Harris to step into his shoes. Sometimes, it was said out loud. Sometimes, it was left unsaid. But it was always obvious in the ways some folks were promoting a makeshift August primary with little or no mention of the vice president. That scenario would mean that the person specifically who had been chosen to stand in for Biden in case of emergency could be knocked out to create an entirely new ticket. Let me point out something that should be obvious: The Democratic Party, which relies on Black women as its most reliable voters, would be underestimating how they will react if such disregard is shown to the first Black female vice president. I don't know how Democrats will try to explain that leapfrog move, but it will take some high-level, hat-in-hand, verbal voodoo to ease the pain and anger that a lot of Black voters will justifiably feel. "The party elites would be committing suicide," said Cornell Belcher, a pollster political analyst who worked for both Obama campaigns. This question should have been a settled years ago, when Biden picked Harris as his running mate — and a majority of Americans voted to elect them as a team. Yes, Harris had a tough first year finding her voice, her footing and a team that best supports her leadership. But it is evident that Harris has found her stride, especially since the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision in 2022, as she has traversed the country trumpeting the long-term effects of that ruling. She has been steadfast in the weeks since Biden's troubling debate performance last month. She knows she has been in the spotlight, quietly auditioning for a job that her boss was, until Sunday, determined to hold on to. Let's just concede that walking *that* tight-rope was not easy. The pundit class and cable-news armies are salivating over the prospect of an open primary that would now drive ratings. Democrats pushing for an open primary claim the contest would boost voter engagement and also avoid the appearance of a coronation after Biden's endorsement of Harris on Sunday. Plus, there simply isn't time for that exercise. But it is long past time to stop underestimating what Harris can do for a party that is in a ditch, thanks to this overlong Shakespearean drama about Biden's acuity. She has strong support among Democrats, has muscled up on foreign and domestic issues in a manner few can because of her unique perch, not to mention daily access to classified briefings and her experience serving on key Senate committees. And many of the things that were once points of criticism move into the plus column. Some progressives have called Harris a "cop" because of her background as a prosecutor. She was attorney general of the most-populous state, and, in this presidential match up, a litigator could bring special skills running against a felon who is still facing a mountain of legal charges and is backed by an army of conservatives who want to erode or erase our constitutional rights. The criticism of her easy laugh — even *her smile* — are the stuff of high school taunts, and yet a youthful candidate who brings joy and light to the campaign trail while taking on heavy issues will appeal to voters who are yearning for optimism after a long period of turbulence. Her multicultural background and marriage allow her to build a narrative around change while facing opponents whose retrograde MAGA political messaging would take America backward. I know some people will say I am arguing that the Black vice president should automatically get the job to avoid upsetting voters of color. Let me set that straight: The perceived insult is but one factor. A vice president who has performed admirably should get top consideration for the post because stepping up in case of emergency is the central part of the job. And many of the people who would likely be offended if she is passed over have a deep gut hunch that a White man would not be so easily dismissed. At a time when reproductive rights are such a linchpin issue for female voters, the potential for treating Harris with disregard seems particularly reckless. Doubts about the vice president's ability to ascend to the top jobs at a deep-tissue wound that throbs inside so many American women who have to work twice as hard and be over-credentialed before being even considered for a role they can clearly handle. It's one reason women over-index in measures of achievement in college and yet are grossly underrepresented in top corporate leadership. Women CEOs run barely 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies. It's why people so often look past gleaming résumés and oodles of experience to float questions about whether a woman is really the right fit. It's why so many people mask their own stubborn consternation about female authority by asking whether *others* will accept a woman in a top job. Will voters accept her? Don't forget that people (including a lot of Black voters) initially asked the same question about Barack Obama. And yes, voters asked that question about Hillary Clinton, as well. But let's also remember that, not long ago, people questioned whether women could handle their own credit card or be trusted to vote. If the Democrats opt for an open primary, I hope they have some muscular messaging to explain why they swerved from succession protocol. Otherwise, they are not just underestimating Harris, they are also underestimating a voting bloc that holds the key to their victory.



President Biden walks across the South Lawn of the White House in March.

DAVID IGNATIUS

For Joe Biden, who never gave up

President Biden has always had trouble letting go, even if it was something as simple as a handshake in a receiving line. He might be tired and stressed at the end of a workday, but he would clasp each guest's palm, maybe a pat on the back, too, or a hug, reminiscing and cajoling as the minutes ticked by and the line backed up. Biden seemed to love all his jobs in government, especially this last one. The whole world was waiting in line to shake his hand. He could be irascible and demanding with his staff, but in his public role as president he was nearly always the genial patriarch. After a lifetime of being underestimated, he liked being in charge. And it was hard to give that up. The country has watched Biden's agonizing path toward Sunday's announcement that he won't run for a second term. By the end, he seemed nearly alone in resisting this decision. Three-quarters of the country told pollsters a year ago that he was too old to serve another term as president. But perhaps Biden saw that long receiving line stretching toward the horizon, and he didn't want to step away. Biden's decision will allow a relieved country to applaud his success as president. Much of the Republican critique of Biden is pure nonsense. In fact, he helped steward sustained economic growth. He made critical investments in technology and infrastructure. He rebuilt America's foreign alliances. And he was steadfast in the great moral challenge of our time, which was resistance to Russian President Vladimir Putin's dark designs on Ukraine and the world. It's often said that if we could see ourselves through others' eyes, we would make better decisions about our weaknesses. But Biden for many months resisted recognizing what television viewers could plainly see: that he was aging and increasingly unsteady in ways that made another term as commander in chief problematic. Simply raising the question drew the wrath of Biden and his inner circle, as I discovered when I wrote a column

in September arguing that despite my admiration for him and his policies, he shouldn't run for reelection. In Biden-world, retirement was unmentionable, and his team quickly closed off any real discussion last year of his age and fitness for office. It wasn't the best moment for his party, or for some members of the news media, who were so focused on the threat they saw in former president Donald Trump that they deflected any real discussion of Biden's weaknesses. Why was Biden so resistant? Part of it surely was the pride and vanity everyone feels as they age. Older people don't want to give up the keys to their cars even as they become a danger to others. They insist they can do everything as well as they could decades earlier, even when they can't. It's human to resist the signs of aging. I'm 74 myself, and I am deep into denial. But it's different when you're commander in chief. You can't talk about getting to bed earlier when you're the person who could receive the ominous phone call at 2 a.m. warning that an adversary has launched a missile strike. "I just got to pace myself a little more, pace myself" Biden said in a July 11 news conference. That's good advice for most people, but if you hold the fate of the world in your hands, it's not enough. Covering over your infirmities can be an act of recklessness. Biden's stubbornness has in some ways been one of his superpowers. He was the guy who was always undervalued. Others might be sharper debaters or more innovative thinkers, but Biden stayed in the fight, through personal tragedies and political reversals. That bred a self-confidence that could be downright ornery at times. One of Biden's close advisers likened the Biden White House to a sentimental but sometimes dysfunctional Irish family. You did not want to make the boss angry. The public Biden conveyed the common sense of a normal person. He was the guy from Scranton, Pa., who had grown up in the middle of the middle. He prized the "regular order" of the Senate. After spending more

than half his life as a legislator, he knew how to compromise. He was the scrappy come-from-behind guy. People didn't think he could win the White House in 2020 or be a good president. But he proved them wrong, twice over, and that reinforced his belief in his own judgment and resistance to others. Biden's mission, as he so often said, was to defeat Trump, who he thought was genuinely dangerous to the country. If Trump hadn't cruised toward the nomination, Biden might have stepped back months ago, one of his close friends told me. Biden truly felt an obligation to halt the MAGA menace again, as he had in the 2020 presidential race and the 2022 midterm elections. "I think I'm the most qualified person to run for president. I beat him once, and I will beat him again," he said at that July 11 news conference. "I got more work to do. We've got more work to finish." Really, it was as simple as that. I hope Biden will preside over a competitive race to choose a successor, rather than anoint Vice President Harris. She will be a better candidate and potential president if she goes through a tumultuous one-month barnstorming campaign that should energize the Democrats and the country. When President Lyndon B. Johnson stepped back from reelection in March 1968, he had a kind of rebirth. Doris Kearns Goodwin writes in a new book that "the lame duck rose like a phoenix from the ashes." Johnson's poll ratings reversed from 57 percent disapproval to 57 percent approval. An editorial in the Washington Post said he had made "a personal sacrifice in the name of national unity that entitles him to a very special place in the annals of American history." A similar wave of public admiration should follow Biden's decision. He did the right things as president for America and the world, even when it hurt. He put the country back together after a bruising Trump presidency. And in the end, he understood it was time to go.

DAVID VON DREHLE

Time casts its 2024 vote

In a sense, Joe Biden was trying to hold back the tide of history, pushing heavy furniture against the door of time, and now the flood has burst the windows. Thirty-two years ago, an Arkansas governor named Bill Clinton planted the flag of the baby boom at the summit of American politics, and 32 years before that it was a senator from Massachusetts named John F. Kennedy who said a torch had been passed to a new generation. The same 32-year span separated Kennedy at the top of the ticket from New York governor Alfred E. Smith, that harbinger of the New Deal. And, yes, another 32 years takes the party back to the start of its populist era, led by the fresh face from Nebraska, William Jennings Bryan. Those who will not make way for the next generation will be swept away. President Biden had hoped to slip past this iron rule of both biology and politics masked by time-defying Ray-Ban aviators. But the voters knew better; they could read a calendar, and they've been asking to turn the page for a year or more. By sounding the retreat of America's elderly boomers and members of the Silent Generation — an inevitability foreshadowed last week when Republican Donald Trump chose a running mate half his age — Biden might well be accomplishing a second renewal simultaneously. The Democratic Party is suddenly neck-deep in democracy, as ambitious younger leaders splash wildly after the ultimate prize in politics. For years, the party has passed its nomination dully and dutifully to the next person in line, the candidates aging inexorably in sluggish entitlement. It is reliably reported that Biden has carried a chip on his shoulder for years over being told in 2016 that Hillary Clinton was next in line when he was sure it should have been him. As though party politics were a family minivan and Joey called shotgun but his sister got the seat.

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Now, perhaps, Americans will be reminded of the jolt that comes from a fresh candidate with a bright new message. True, we are accustomed to long primary seasons of grinding repetition (when we are lucky enough to have any real competition at all). But veterans of the best, most surprising, momentous campaigns can usually pinpoint a span of a few weeks, or even days, when the eventual winner tipped the scales and victory began to feel like a matter of when, not if. Let the Democrats distill the coming weeks into a magic moment like that, and they can redefine the race to November. What happens next, in other words, is what should have happened months ago, and what had to happen sooner or later. The Democratic Party is rebooting; the rest of its gerontocracy will soon follow Biden into retirement. A month from now, the party will have updated software running on new hardware. A little democracy is not to be feared. In fact, to hear Democrats talk in public you'd conclude that they are great believers in democracy and nobly dedicated to saving it from Trump. Only in private do they wring their hands over the unlovely fisticuffs of popular government, the splits and rifts and factions and that stubborn curse of who's next in line. Let bright, ambitious people toss their hats into the ring — as Vice President Harris did shortly after Biden dropped out of the race. Let them make their cases and attempt their bargains and show what they are made of. By securing Biden's prompt endorsement, Harris took an early lead, but let the delegates choose. No matter how this sprint to the nomination plays out, it will make for more compelling television than 81-year-old Lee Greenwood and 70-year-old Hulk Hogan flattering the oldest major party nominee in American history. Yes, oldest. Trump is enough of a TV star to know what it means to flip the script, which is what Biden has done to him. For nearly a month, since Biden's disastrous debate performance finally made the age issue undeniable and unavoidable, Americans have pushed back hard against the idea that, in a nation of 333 million people, our only choices to lead us were two stubborn old men. This energy won't vanish overnight, and who's the old guy now? For all his apparent vigor — the fist-raising and the fight-fight-fight — Trump, at 78, would soon make the presidency octogenarian again. Voters hungry for a superannuated boomer president still have that option. Voters ready to move on are about to have their opportunity. With Biden out of the race, Trump can go rambling on sleepily through hard-to-follow anecdotes of long-gone yesteryears. Remember the late, great Hannibal Lecter? Where's my Roy Cohn? Trump's the one now pushing his dresser against that leaky door, behind which the tide of time irresistibly rises.

E.J. DIONNE JR.

A decision made to save the soul of the nation

President Biden did the right thing by his country, his party, his legacy and his historical role. Pulling out of the presidential race was the hardest decision he has made in a political career spanning more than half a century. If it leads to the defeat of Donald Trump, it might also be the most consequential. Had Biden stayed in the race and lost, he could no longer have claimed victory in the battle he declared on behalf of the soul of America. Now, America's soul has a fighting chance. So does Biden's major legislative and regulatory legacy on behalf of public investment, labor, civil rights, financial transparency, greater economic competition, the environment and the climate. Biden did not reach this decision easily. And who could have expected otherwise? No candidate in the modern era of primaries had ever been pushed to abandon a nomination he had won fair-and-square only weeks before the party's convention. This is why, for most of the three weeks after the president's June 27 debate disaster, Democratic leaders largely hung back. They tried to be as gracious as they could be in avoiding the appearance they were shoving him out of the way. The truth is, as my own reporting has found, most lawmakers who came to see his effort as unsustainable were happy to support the pre-debate Biden. Despite Biden's suspicions to the contrary, they really do appreciate him. These people admire his extraordinary record. They thought at the beginning of the year — and well into it — that he could handle the campaign and the next four years.

A disastrous debate performance during which Biden often seemed lost for words extinguished that faith. "Going into the debate, Trump was seen as the risk to the country, and that's still true," Peter Welch (D-Vt.), the first senator to call on Biden to withdraw, told me. "But coming out of the debate, many voters started seeing Biden's health as a risk to the country." Democrats in ever larger numbers called on Biden to "pass the torch." The phrase was carefully chosen, one House member told me. It was designed to stress that the president's withdrawal would not be a passive act of surrender but an active decision by a man who could burnish his legacy by moving on in the interest of defeating the man he repeatedly cast as a threat to American democracy. Now that Biden has acted, Democrats need to settle swiftly on a new nominee — and a process to bring the party together. Being Democrats, they are split on both these questions. Many in the party, particularly Black leaders but also other Biden loyalists, will be outraged if there is not a quick move to replace Biden with Vice President Harris, whose chances Biden boosted with an immediate endorsement. But others say that an open, democratic process is required to build confidence in the party and its ultimate choice. They both have a point. Choosing someone other than Harris, who has already been well vetted, would invite turmoil the party can't afford. Dumping your entire ticket three months before an election is not a good look. But Democrats need to get to a Harris nomination through a process the whole

party will see as fair. Doing so would only strengthen Harris's candidacy. So would a strong running mate. Govs. Roy Cooper of North Carolina and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan are among the many good options Harris would have. Biden's decision will bring new energy to a party that had already gained confidence in its capacity to win, courtesy of Trump's 92-minute disquisition on Thursday that drove even ardent loyalists to weariness and exhaustion. Trump's lack of discipline and his vaudevillian affection for his old act led him away from the recommendations of his advisers. They understood that natural sympathy had rushed Trump's way after a failed assassination attempt. They promised he would tell his moving personal story and call for national unity. But the New Trump was a momentary invention that could not survive contact with Trump's own natural instincts. The return of the old Trump put the Democrats back in business. But for the business to be solvent, they needed Biden to move. Although the choice was excruciating, the president should be — and deserves to be — at peace with this outcome. None of what happened reflects badly on his record as president. He didn't fail in that debate. His age failed him. All along, Biden cast himself as the person who could best preserve democracy by stopping Trump a second time. Paradoxically, perhaps, he stayed true to that mission by removing himself from the contest. He did the hardest thing a politician can do: relinquish power. His decision saved his legacy.



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**RETROPOLIS**

Jesse Owens campaigned for an FDR rival, saying the president ignored his 1936 Olympic success. **B2**



**THE DISTRICT**

A Jan. 6 rioter from Fairfax County who backed a white-supremacist group gets 18 months. **B3**



**OBITUARIES**

Ex-congressman Tommy Robinson, 82, agitated against prison crowding as an Arkansas sheriff. **B5**



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## Melting on Minnesota Avenue

Record heat exposes vulnerable residents to danger, creating a familiar scene to first responders

BY CLARENCE WILLIAMS  
AND JORDAN D. BROWN

It was 87 degrees in the ambulance. D.C. firefighter Joseph Arias fiddled with the thermostat to try to drop the temperature a few notches. His partner and a paramedic encouraged their patient to relax and chill for a few minutes. Outside, D.C. baked in triple digits during a record heat wave.

“Someone said you passed out,” paramedic Lt. Brian Perry told the man. “We’re going to spend a couple of minutes in this nice AC while we check you out.”

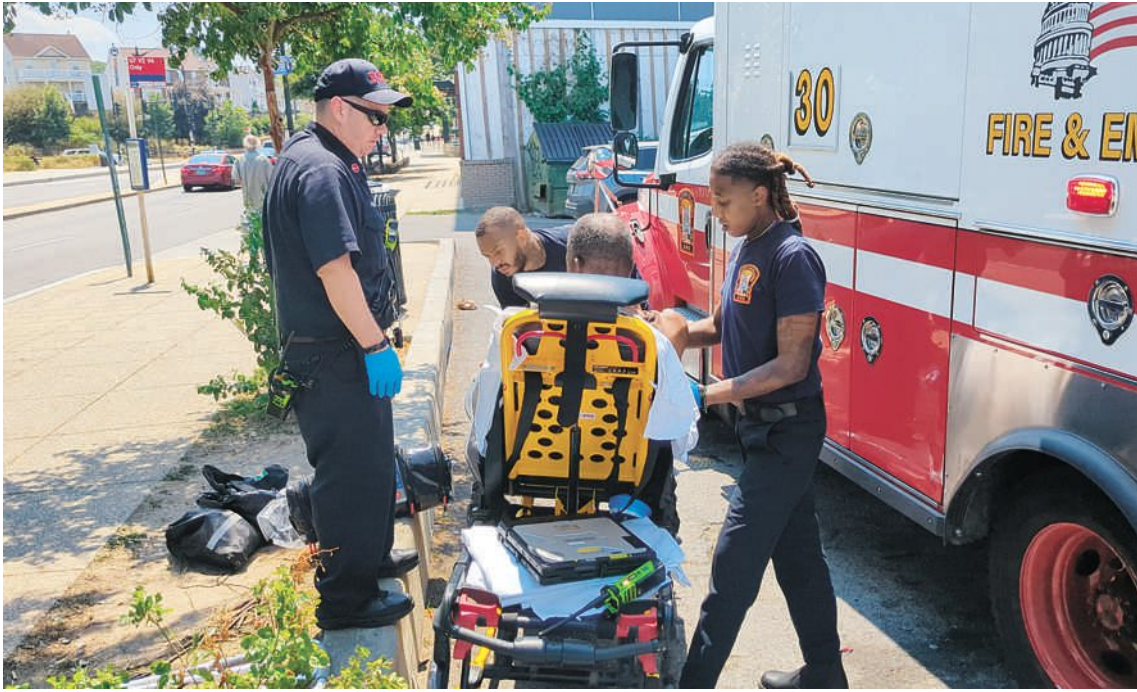
Minutes before, the firefighters and Perry had gently lifted the man in his 60s onto a stretcher after he fell on a sidewalk in the 3700 block of Minnesota Avenue NE.

During a brief examination, they ticked off boxes of what might have taken him down: Diabetes, prescription medication, blood pressure. They even took pictures of his heart.

A likely culprit? That day, last Tuesday, D.C. hit 104 degrees.

Firefighter-EMT Sheena Sanders helped the patient to stay calm during the examination. “It’s really hot; it’s too hot to be out here,” Sanders told him. “It’s too hot for us to be out here, mister man.”

This call, along this block of Minnesota Avenue, is familiar territory for D.C. first responders. **SEE HEAT ON B3**



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**TOP:** Along Minnesota Avenue NE in Washington on Friday. The surrounding area, made up of commercial stretches with a mix of apartments, rowhouses and redeveloped housing, is familiar to D.C.’s first responders. **ABOVE:** Emergency response personnel treat a patient Tuesday, as temperatures in the District rose above 100 degrees.

## Police sending in the drones

MONTGOMERY CO.  
EXPANDS PROGRAM

‘First responder’ flights launch at start of 911 calls

BY DAN MORSE

On a typical night just north of Washington, a dozen drone flights quietly take off as part of a major police trend spreading across the country. And the agency behind them — the Montgomery County Police Department — plans to double its program over the next few months.

“They really have made a difference for us,” County Executive Marc Elrich (D) said Wednesday night, speaking at a community meeting in Bethesda, the latest area for coverage. “We’re happy to be expanding.”

Across the country, thousands of public safety agencies are using drones in some form, according to drone industry officials. Many do so after an incident is well underway. Montgomery’s program is designed to get its drones to the scene ahead of responding ground units by launching them during the opening seconds of a 911 call.

Now nine months old, the program has become a national leader among about 50 programs using drones as “first responders” that are either in development or **SEE DRONES ON B3**

## Almost 3 years later, death ruled a homicide

D.C. man’s family pushed past police assumptions, investigation obstacles

BY TOM JACKMAN

At 26, Zack Freeling had already endured the suicides of his father and brother and the loss of his mother to cancer when, in the summer of 2021, his mentor was electrocuted.

The loss of that friend and father figure rocked Freeling. But he vowed then to keep pressing on with his dream — a D.C. food truck that the mentor had encouraged him to complete. “He taught me to never quit,” Freeling said on social media. “I will continue to fight on in your memory. I will not give up.”

Three months later, Freeling was found dead in the foyer of his home on Quincy Place NE. He had been shot once in the left shoulder, and the bullet had traveled downward through his heart, his family said.

When the D.C. medical examiner’s officer ruled his manner of death “undetermined,” police initially suspected suicide, to the outrage of family members who challenged the decision. The gun was found at the scene, not typical for a homicide; but he was shot in the shoulder, not typical for a suicide. However, the D.C. crime lab was not taking cases as it dealt with losing its accreditation earlier in 2021, so tests to detect things such as gunpowder residue weren’t done, investigators hired by the family said.

Nearly three years later, chief medical examiner Francisco J. Diaz reclassified the case: Freeling’s death was a homicide. **SEE HOMICIDE ON B4**

## Lifeguard credentials revoked over ‘substandard’ Md. training

Red Cross took rare step of banning instructors after truncated course

BY PAUL DUGGAN

The American Red Cross has revoked the lifeguard certifications of 25 young people after learning that they received only abbreviated instruction in a Red Cross training course involving swimming coaches from several elite D.C.-area private schools, according to the organization, one of the students and two of the coaches.

The in-person part of the course, held April 6 at a Bethesda, Md., country club, lasted about four hours, the student said, after which class participants, most or all of them teenagers, were certified to work as Red Cross-approved lifeguards this summer.

A former Red Cross quality-assurance official, who was not involved in reviewing the April 6 class, said that such in-person instruction, if done properly, lasts 18 to 20 hours over multiple days for trainees and about 10 hours for lifeguards who are updating their certifications.

Besides revoking the 25 credentials last month after a survey of students raised concerns, the D.C.-based nonprofit took the rare step of permanently banning two of the instructors, including one of the coaches, from teaching future Red Cross lifeguard courses.

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Two coaches who acknowledged that they were present April 6 are on the staffs of St. Albans and National Cathedral schools and Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, alma mater of swimmer Katie Ledecky, a seven-time Olympic gold medalist. The two coaches confirmed that a third coach, from Holton-Arms School, also assisted with the course.

The three were involved in lifeguard training as a side job, separate from their coaching positions.

“While the timing of this [revocation] can affect lifeguarding employment status,” the Red Cross told the students in a June 14 email, “the Quality Assurance Committee is reviewing the matter.” **SEE LIFEGUARD ON B4**



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**After a shortened lifeguard certification course April 6 at a Bethesda country club, the Red Cross revoked the lifeguarding credentials of 25 young people and banned two instructors.**

RETROPOLIS

The Black family trip to the rural South: A fading tradition

BY SARAH ENELOW-SNYDER

When she was a kid in the 1980s and '90s, Evita Robinson took an annual summer road trip from Long Island down to Camden, S.C. Robinson and some of her extended-family members piled into two or three cars around 1 a.m., hoping to avoid traffic around the Northern cities. They ate fried chicken out of shoe boxes on the way down. As they crossed into South Carolina, they hit the roadside attraction South of the Border and Robinson knew the 14-hour caravan was almost over.

Robinson's suburban life up north was very different from her time in the rural South. In Camden, the dirt roads were shades of yellow and red. Robinson's grandfather taught her about gardening as he tended cucumbers, lettuce and tomatoes. The big event was a family reunion, where everyone put on matching T-shirts, took over a local park and reconnected over barbecue.

The family was split between South Carolina and New York because back in 1954, Robinson's grandmother had migrated from Camden up to New York City, later settling on Long Island. These trips from Long Island down to Camden were about "making sure that the lineage is not lost," Robinson said.

Between the 1910s and 1970s, approximately 6 million Black people fled the South, primarily from rural areas, seeking safety and jobs, mostly in the urban North and West. During this era, it was common for Black migrants to return to the rural South for visits, often in the summertime.

That trip was at once a reunion, a history lesson and a rite of passage. For many Northern- or Western-born kids, this was a rare chance to do several things: see their Southern relatives who did not migrate, understand the segregated society that shaped their family and experience their ancestral landscape, where Black people had gone from enslavement on plantations to sharecropping and other agricultural

occupations.

But these trips aren't as common anymore, said Robinson, the founder of Nomadness Travel Tribe, a leading Black travel community since 2011 with more than 36,000 members on Facebook.

That's partly because the rural South saw a massive exodus of Black people during the Great Migration, so today, there are fewer people there to visit. Over the last few decades, there has been a reverse migration from North back to South, but Black people largely did not return to rural areas. They moved to major metropolitan areas like Atlanta, where jobs were more plentiful.

There's little data on Black travel patterns, but experts say these habits have shifted in recent years away from the rural Southern family reunion. Instead, Black travelers are seeking new destinations and experiences, said Alana Dillette, who teaches about hospitality and tourism at San Diego State University and is a co-founder of CODE, an organization focused on equity in the tourism industry. Many Black travelers no longer have living relatives in the rural South anyway, she said.

Robinson still visits her family in the rural South. But instead of driving the entire distance, she flies from her home in Newark to Charlotte, then rents a car for the hour-and-a-half drive to Camden.

She still employs safety strategies that were passed down in her family. "I will not do that drive at night," she said. She makes sure to leave Charlotte with a full tank of gas and food in the vehicle to avoid stopping in an unfamiliar or potentially hostile area. And she has added her own contemporary precaution: Knowing she will lose reception for about 20 minutes on this drive, she screenshots the directions.

"There's still a lot of those sundown town remnants," she said, referring to towns that historically did not tolerate Black people after dark. "It's one of the few times I go and find out what time the sun is setting."

As a child, Robinson was scared of certain things in the



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**Around 6 million Black people migrated out of the South between the 1910s and 1970s, mostly to the North and West. It then became common for those families to visit the rural South in the summer.**

South, like the silence of the country and the cemetery where her relatives were buried. She was alarmed when her aunts mentioned that snakes used to slither up through the floorboards of an old family home. But over time, she developed a "sense of pride" about these Southern elements that shaped her family.

Her father, William Robinson, made these same trips when he was a child in the 1950s and '60s. He also experienced culture shock in the rural South. "Chickens were running all over the place," he said. Some family members used an outhouse, pumped water from a well and cranked their clothes through a wringer.

These trips also exposed the elder Robinson to Southern racism. Once, he went fishing with his grandfathers in a nearby

creek; they all left to get something to eat, and when they returned, the rock they had been sitting on had "KKK" written on it, he said. There were bad experiences at gas stations, too. "Sometimes my father would come running back to the car, full speed, stick the key in the ignition, and zoom, we were off without putting any more gas in the car," he recalled.

Even so, many Black families had a deep, even warm, connection to the rural South. When Robinson's family drove from Camden back to Long Island, he and his siblings smelled their grandmother's coconut cake the whole way home.

In 1988, Robinson moved to South Carolina for the lower cost of living. He now resides in Camden, where he is a business con-

sultant, the executive director of a nonprofit and the chair of the Democratic Party for Kershaw County. He lives in a house that his father left when he passed away.

"People have just died off," he said, citing one reason Black family trips to the rural South are less common than they once were.

"The whole purpose of going what we call 'down home' was about literally a homecoming," said Rue Mapp, founder and CEO of Outdoor Afro, a nonprofit dedicated to reconnecting Black people with nature. "Especially over the last 60-plus years, home feels more entrenched in other places, not necessarily in the South."

Mapp's parents migrated from Texas and Louisiana at the end of World War II, ending up in Oakland. When Mapp was a child in

the 1970s and '80s, she took summertime road trips with her parents in their Cadillac from California back to Texas and Louisiana.

When they arrived — first in Call, Tex., then in DeRidder, La. — they sat down to barbecue, cornbread, collard greens, sock it to me cake and 7UP cake. Mapp also spent a lot of time chatting on people's porches. She explored with her cousins, played games and put on talent shows.

Some Black children went South without their parents, Mapp said. Migrants were working tirelessly in Northern and Western cities, and sending their kids south for the summer was partly a child-care solution. "Black kids didn't get sent to camp. They were sent down home," she said.

Mapp said she didn't experience any racist incidents on these trips, but she heard upsetting stories. "Everybody also has in their consciousness the story of Emmett Till, which was the worst possible outcome of one of these experiences," she said. Chicago-born Till traveled down to Mississippi in 1955 to visit his relatives, only to be brutally lynched, catalyzing the civil rights movement.

But there is more than pain and peril to these trips, Mapp said. Visiting the rural South gave her "a beautiful rootedness," she said, and helped her take pride in how far she's come. "I am the granddaughter of a domestic," she said. "We have a hard time marking progress when we don't have a connection to where we've come from."

The old pilgrimage to the rural South may be fading away, but new traditions are emerging, Dillette said. In recent years, it's become more common for Black travelers to take a DNA test to learn more about their African origins, then plan a trip to the African country from which they're descended. These travelers generally don't have known living relatives there, but the trip still connects them to their roots. "We could think of this as a pilgrimage as well, in a different sense," she said.

Jesse Owens won 4 Olympic golds, then took on horses and a president

BY RONALD G. SHAFER

Adolf Hitler arrived too late to see Jesse Owens blazing down the track in Berlin's Olympic Stadium on Aug. 3, 1936, winning the 100-meter race in a record-tying 10.3 seconds and edging out fellow Black American Ralph Metcalfe.

But the German chancellor witnessed the day's remaining events, and "with Der Fuehrer stroking his moustache in the royal box and brocaded swastikas flying in the breeze," the United Press reported, "Old Man Nordic supremacy took an awful kicking around on the first day of competition in the Olympics."

Owens stood on the podium in front of the crowd of 110,000 and saluted. "My eyes blurred as I heard the 'Star Spangled Banner' played first faintly and then loudly and then saw the American flag slowly raised for my victory," he later recalled. On his right, a German Olympic official gave the Nazi salute.

Germany's dictator didn't shake hands with Owens or most other winners. "Hitler Snubs Owens" was the headline in U.S. newspapers. Owens later had his own version: "Hitler didn't snub me — it was our president who snubbed me. The president didn't even send me a telegram."

Owens delivered this verdict while campaigning against President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Democrat, and for Kansas Gov. Alf Landon, a Republican. To stump for Landon, Owens had been paid \$10,000, about \$225,000 today.

On Friday in Paris, Olympic athletes will begin competing for the kinds of world records and fame Owens achieved 88 years ago when he won four gold medals. Returning home aboard the Queen Mary, Owens, 22, vowed to turn his gold into money. Contrary to frequent stories that he lived in poverty right after the Olympics, he initially did fantastically well with promotions.

But "as the months passed, no

one had offered me a job," Owens recalled later about the racism he faced as a Black American. "When I came back to my native country, after all the stories about Hitler, I couldn't ride in the front of the bus. I couldn't live where I wanted."

Owens grew up in Cleveland as one of 10 children of former Alabama sharecroppers. Working odd jobs, he attended Ohio State University, where he gained fame as the "Buckeye Bullet," winning track competitions. In 1936, he and 17 other Black athletes traveled with the U.S. team to Berlin for the "Nazi Olympics," overseen by a dictator who preached Aryan racial supremacy.

At the Games, Owens won his second gold after the 100-meter with a record broad jump. "Jesse exploded beyond 26 feet as he hurled himself through space," sportswriter Grantland Rice wrote. "The Negro collegian seemed to be jumping out of Germany. The American cheering started well before Jesse was airborne." The Washington Post's Shirley Povich wrote in his column. "Hitler declared Aryan supremacy by decree, but Jesse Owens is proving him a liar by degrees."

Owens took his third gold medal running the 200-meter race in record time, ahead of Mack Robinson, the brother of future baseball great Jackie Robinson. Owens's running was "a thing of beauty, a joy to behold," and "one of the most amazing achievements in the ancient art of foot racing," the New York Times reported. Owens won his fourth gold in a four-man relay race.

Back in the United States, after a ticker tape parade in New York City, Owens went to the Harlem apartment of aging vaudeville dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, who introduced him to an agent. The two men, for a cut, arranged for the Olympic hero to appear at exhibitions and events and with a traveling jazz band for thousands of dollars.



AP

**Jesse Owens is awarded a gold medal for the long jump. Luz Long, right, of Germany, won silver; Naoto Tajima of Japan won bronze.**

*"The President of this country didn't even send me a message of congratulations."*

Jesse Owens, campaigning for FDR presidential rival Alf Landon



AP

**Owens competes in one of the heats of the 200-meter race at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin on Aug. 14, 1936.**

Both political parties wooed Owens to win Black voters in the election. Democrats offered to

buy him a house in Ohio, but a Sun Oil executive paid him a large fee to campaign for Landon, Wil-

liam J. Baker wrote in his 1986 book "Jesse Owens: An American Life." Owens also was angered that Roosevelt hadn't congratulated any of the Black Olympic athletes.

"The President of this country didn't even send me a message of congratulations," Owens told a campaign rally of 10,000 Black people in Baltimore, the Baltimore Sun reported. "People said he was too busy. But Governor Landon sent me one."

Roosevelt crushed Landon, but Owens continued to live high.

"I've made \$65,000 [almost \$1.5 million today] since the Olympics, through personal appearances, exhibition runs, political rallies and endorsing various things," Owens told International News Service in early 1937 as he prepared to take his jazz band on tour. He was a rich American in the Great Depression. He bought a new Buick, an 11-room house in Cleveland for his parents and a house for himself, his wife, Ruth, and the first of their three daughters. He opened the Jesse Owens Dry Cleaning Company with a big sign offering "Speedy 7 Hour Service by the World's Fastest Runner."

By 1940, the runner's fame and riches had faded. "The world has changed for the Alabama-born speedster who had started picking cotton at 6 to help out at home," United Press reported. The "world's fastest human [has] endured the bitterness of bankruptcy in four short years and now is engaged in quietly building a life for his wife and child in comparative obscurity."

To make money, he sometimes traveled with a Black baseball team and raced against horses in the outfield. "I was no longer a proud man who had won four Olympic gold medals," Owens said later. "I was a spectacle, a freak who made his living by competing — dishonestly — against dumb animals. I hated it."

In the 1940 election, Owens supported Roosevelt, declaring he "has done more for the ad-

vancement of the colored people than any president since emancipation," the St. Louis Argus reported. He challenged boxing champion Joe Louis, who backed Republican Wendell Willkie, to a debate. FDR won an unprecedented third term, but Owens wasn't invited to the White House. (Owens finally got presidential recognition in 1955, when Dwight D. Eisenhower named him "Ambassador of Sports.")

Owens was relatively moderate on civil rights. At the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, he supported the removal of sprinters John Carlos and Tommie Smith from the U.S. track team for raising gloved fists in a "Black power" sign while receiving medals. When Owens talked to the team, "the black athletes all but spat in his face," Jeremy Schapp wrote in his 2014 book "Triumph: The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and the Hitler Olympics."

Owens backed President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican, and was welcomed at the White House in 1972. In a 1976 White House ceremony, President Gerald Ford awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter gave him a Living Legacy Award. When Owens died of lung cancer the next year at 66, the New York Times described him as "perhaps the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history."

In 2016, President Barack Obama hosted the families of the 16 Black men and two Black women from the 1936 U.S. Olympics team whom Roosevelt didn't invite to the White House. "It wasn't just Jesse," Obama said.

But as this year's Olympics begin in Paris, the image of Owens's slim figure streaking down a race-track in Berlin continues to endure, kicking up dust in the faces of Nazis who proclaimed an Aryan "master race."

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# Md. county in vanguard using drones as first responders

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operating in the United States, according to the officials. Montgomery's two responder drones are equipped with video cameras that can zoom in on what someone is holding in their hand and can track their movements. Drone operators can also send the video feed to the ground officers' laptops, tablets or cellphones.

The department surpassed 1,000 flights this month, and says the technology has enabled it to not just catch criminals but also to quickly determine which calls do not require a police response, so that cruiser units can be sent elsewhere and officers' time isn't wasted. "The name of the game is speed," said Capt. Jason Cokinos, supervisor of Montgomery's drone responder operations.

Here is a look at the program, the expansion plans and civil liberties concerns.

### How does the drone program work?

Far away from the drones themselves, inside a nondescript Rockville office building, at least two officers monitor a live feed of incoming calls to the county's 911 center. When they hear something drone-worthy, they send word to the drone operators — one stationed atop a high-rise in downtown Silver Spring, the other atop a high-rise in downtown Wheaton. The operators get their two units — Raven 1 and Raven 2 — airborne from special launchpads within about 15 seconds.

The drones lift to between 300 and 400 feet, generally flying 36 mph and reaching an incident scene in about one minute on average, according to county data. Thus far, the drones are limited to airspace in central Silver Spring and central Wheaton — flights that the county reports online. The department is scheduled to begin flights over central Bethesda and Gaithersburg over the next

two months.

### Who pilots the drones?

The rooftop operators always maintain control, but they are assisted by GPS self-navigation tools on the devices and by the officers in Rockville who — sitting inside a drone room in front of giant monitors — can use joystick-type devices to steer the drones and zoom in their video cameras.

In central Silver Spring, Wheaton and soon Bethesda, the drones can go only as far as the rooftop operators can see them, according to Federal Aviation Administration rules. For the soon-to-be-launched operation in Gaithersburg, a more spread-out part of the county, drones will be able to fly up to three miles in any direction, Cokinos said.

Though the drones can fly up to 55 minutes on a single battery charge, operators like to get them back to their launch sites after calls are cleared or stabilized with ground units. One exception: Tracking fleeing suspects.

### What kind of incidents do they respond to?

The county sends out drones after 911 calls reporting fleeing thieves, fights in progress and suspicious situations, such as a person jiggling the door handles of parked cars as if they are looking for one to steal, according to county data. The drones have helped locate more than 200 suspects, according to Cokinos.

Just this month — on a Thursday night — Raven 1 tracked three suspects on foot after they had abandoned a stolen van in downtown Silver Spring. The information was relayed to officers on the ground, and they were able to close in on the three and safely arrest them, Cokinos said.

He and other police officials also point to calls in which a drone has defused situations.

In one case, Cokinos said, a 911 call came in reporting that a man



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was pointing a gun outside a 7-Eleven. Raven 1 was launched, arriving before officers in cars, zooming in and making clear what the man was holding: A cellphone. The drone operators quickly relayed that information to the arriving officers, who suddenly could afford to approach the man calmly. It turned out he was unarmed and was not arrested. "That's the type of thing that keeps everyone safe," Cokinos said.

Cokinos and others predict the rapid spread of "drone as first responder" programs, often referred to by their abbreviation. "DFR programs are transforming policing," said Charles Werner, director of Drone Responders, a trade group for public safety agencies, calling them "one of the most significant developing trends in law enforcement."

New York City recently launched a "first responder" police drone program.

More broadly across the country, drones are used ahead of tactical operations — like aerial reconnaissance for SWAT raids — and for missions such as searching for missing children and documenting crime scenes.

### What about civil liberties and privacy concerns?

They certainly exist for police drone programs as a whole. And not without reason. Whereas officers inside patrol cars have limited vantage points into everyday life, video feeds from above can look right into, say, a fenced backyard — with people on the ground not even knowing they're being watched.

*"We don't use it as a general surveillance tool."*

Montgomery County Executive  
Marc Elrich (D)

"It's important that we don't sleepwalk into a world of widespread aerial surveillance," said Jay Stanley, a privacy expert at the American Civil Liberties Union who lives just across the Potomac River from Montgomery County and last year wrote a detailed paper on "eye-in-the-sky policing." In left-leaning Montgomery



**LEFT:** The Montgomery County Police Department's Raven 1 hovers over a launchpad in downtown Silver Spring. **Across the country, thousands of public safety agencies use drones in some form, according to drone industry officials. ABOVE:** Police monitor incoming 911 calls and summon drone liftoffs from Rockville.

County — where Joe Biden received 79 percent of the vote in 2020 — Montgomery police officials have tried to address any civil liberties issues head on. They held dozens of community meetings over several months before launching the program, stressing several guidelines: The video cameras would get pointed downward only when arriving above the scene, drones wouldn't be sent out for routine patrol, and drones wouldn't be launched to hover over public protests. And they added two more restrictions based on public input: Drone video footage cannot be used in concert with facial recognition software, and drone audio recordings cannot be collected.

Stanley applauded such measures, saying they are more restrictive than some drone programs. But he worries that jurisdictions including Montgomery could just pull down their guardrails, and he urges all jurisdictions to pause expanding any police drone use until they think through what kinds of aerial observation they want to allow. "The ACLU recognizes there are many situations where drones can be

useful for law enforcement and don't involve undue surveillance," he wrote. "The real question is how it will play out over time in this complex and messy world, where it's likely to have cascading effects that we can only dimly anticipate."

A decades-long liberal, Elrich says his concerns about protecting privacy go back to the 1960s and '70s, when the government was spying on groups like the Black Panthers and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. "People should be free to go about their lives without being under surveillance," he said.

But the county's drone program restrictions, which he said cannot be changed without public hearings, leave him comfortable. "We don't use it as a general surveillance tool," he said.

He'd like to add police drones in the Germantown and White Oak areas, and add second units to busy areas like Silver Spring.

"We're going to put the drones in around the county," Elrich said.

Another addition he'd like to see: Drones that can travel at 100 mph that could track suspects in cars.

# 'Nowhere to go': People along D.C.'s Minnesota Avenue swelter in record heat

HEAT FROM B1

sponders. The working-class area features commercial stretches, interspersed with a mix of apartments, rowhouses and redeveloped housing.

Despite the dangerous conditions, the city seemingly avoided any reported heat-related deaths last week as officials directed residents to cooling centers, splash pads and pools, and canceled other outdoor activities.

For many working Washingtonians — and many without work — staying inside wasn't an option, particularly along high-traffic stretches such as Minnesota Avenue between the Deanwood and Anacostia neighborhoods. Many people here buckled in the heat, and while some needed medical help, others needed a seat in the shade.

D.C. fire officials reported being dispatched for 29 heat emergency calls citywide from Monday to Thursday, but often discovered heat as a contributing factor for dispatches related to patients re-

ported unconscious, sick and with difficulty breathing.

City officials said a cooling center was set up in Ward 7 at the Department of Aging and Community Living's Washington Seniors Wellness Center. The city also deployed cooling buses at Minnesota Avenue and T Street SE nearly a dozen times between June 21 and Thursday.

By Thursday, residents caught a break from the blistering heat, with temperatures under 90 degrees for the first time all week.

But even at 85 degrees at a bus stop at Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road, construction worker Cliff Villagram was drenched in sweat and needed to wipe his forehead with a gray wash cloth after finishing a shift that began at 5 a.m.

"There's no way to keep cool but drink water. I drink ice water all day," said the 53-year-old as he waited for a bus to his mother's place in NOMA for his second job, as her home aide.

Sweat towels and cool drinks served as essential tools to weath-

er the heat.

Vendor Diego Cunningham eats lots of fruit and takes the bus for any trip more than a few blocks. The 36-year-old Texas native stashed a bottle of generic Pedialyte in his bag Thursday and admitted that the heat has been unbearable even for him.

*"It's really hot; it's too hot to be out here."*

Sheena Sanders,  
a D.C. firefighter-EMT

"It's almost Houston hot!" Cunningham said. "Between drinking electrolytes and eating fruit bars I stay cool."

Up and down Minnesota Avenue, people found pockets of shade under trees, bus stop shelters and vendor tents.

At lunchtime, office workers zoomed in and out of their buildings to grab their lunches as quickly as possible to avoid the heat.

"I literally just walked down to Popeyes because Popeyes is right here, and it's too hot," said 30-year-old Nadiia Hernandez.

It was just two minutes — 400 feet — from her building, but it was enough for the business owner to break a sweat in her blazer.

Activist Jay Brown, who runs Community Shoulders, said some residents tell him that the closest cooling center, the Benning/Dorothy I. Height Library, doesn't stay open long enough and that more resources would help them to better endure the heat.

"The D.C. government's disconnect or intentional neglect of sustainable lifesaving resources on Minnesota Avenue is a reflection of how [community] members of certain races and backgrounds are treated all over the city," Brown said. "The city cannot expect a positive functioning ecosystem if all of its citizens are not included in the input of the problems and solutions."

Asked about these criticisms, city officials said they partnered with the East River Family

Strengthening Collaborative to distribute air purifiers, fans, surge protectors and smart outlets to seniors in Ward 7. In addition, some families received financial help to pay outstanding utility bills to ensure they had electricity to fuel air conditioning.

"Each year, we review and evaluate the District's Heat Emergency Plan to expand our resources and guidance for residents and visitors to remain safe during periods of extreme heat," Clint Osborn, director of the District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency said in a statement. "DC Government stands ready to support our most vulnerable communities with resources and information on how they can protect themselves from extreme weather and stay safe, cool, and healthy."

On Wednesday near Minnesota Avenue and Naylor Road, Rich Gibson camped in a folding chair all day — with a pair of gold-framed prints of African art leaned against a tree.

The licensed clinical social worker has been unhoused for the

past two months, and as afternoon temperatures climbed to 101 degrees, the shady spot brought the best relief he could manage.

Gibson had two hopes: a cool breeze and a customer for the art that might fund his next meal and a sweet tea with tons of ice.

"I'll sell you the whole thing for \$15," Gibson pitched.

Low on cash and out of favors from family and friends, Gibson perched on the sidewalk with his wares.

The unhoused often seek shelter in vacant apartment buildings nearby, but not during the heat wave, Gibson said. Indoors was simply too hot.

"If you come by at night, you'll see people sleeping under these trees, brother. For real, nowhere to go," Gibson said.

By midafternoon, he hadn't made a sale, and cool breezes were nearly as rare as customers. A friend offered Gibson a place for a few days, but there was no air conditioning.

He shifted to a new quest: a cheap box fan.

## THE DISTRICT

# Supporter of white-supremacist group sentenced to 18 months for rioting

BY RACHEL WEINER

A Fairfax County supporter of a white-supremacist group was sentenced Friday to 18 months in prison for assaulting a police officer and destroying media equipment at the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot.

Joseph Brody, 24, said in federal court in Washington that he "didn't intend to harm any innocents." He said he believed it would have taken "supernatural courage" to "do what is right in the moment" and "go against the crowd." U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich said that she found his remorse lacking but that she was giving him a relatively light sentence because he had just turned 21 at the time of the attack.

"I hope you will reflect on the impact this had," Friedrich said.

Brody was one of several young men who traveled to the Capitol together on Jan. 6 as supporters of Nick Fuentes, an online personality who founded the America First Foundation and whose followers call themselves "Groyperers." Fuentes — who has espoused racist and antisemitic views, denied the Holocaust and endorsed segregation — gained new prominence in 2022 when he dined with Donald Trump and rapper Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, at Mar-a-Lago, Trump's estate in Palm Beach, Fla. Brody was prolific in

"America First" chatrooms, where he frequently made sexist, racist and anti-gay comments and fantasized about rape and murder, according to anti-fascist researchers who reviewed leaked chat files.

Brody and his friends were among the first rioters to enter the Capitol, about 2:15 p.m. They then went into an office belonging to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi; Brody separated from them and went onto the Senate floor, where he photographed some documents he thought looked important, according to facts detailed in his plea agreement from February. After leaving the building, he shoved a bike rack into a police officer guarding the north side of the building, who responded by spraying Brody with a fire extinguisher. Brody then joined a group destroying media equipment on the Capitol grounds; he took apart a corded phone and pulled out an extension cord.

Friedrich agreed with prosecutors that Brody was "a leader," someone "taking charge" in the riot rather than just a follower of the crowd. But she called his pushing of the officer "kind of pathetic" and said many assaults were more egregious.

Public defender Alexis Gardner described Brody in court as akin to "a young, dumb frat boy," drunk on mob passion instead of beer.



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**Joseph Brody stands outside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, after having gone inside the building. During the riot, he assaulted a police officer and destroyed media equipment.**

"They have the president behind them," she said, referring to Trump. "They all feel that they're on the right side of history."

Gardner argued that incarcerating Brody was counterproductive, given that the "neo-Nazi ideals" he had expressed are widespread in U.S. prisons and could prove persuasive again: "His brain still isn't fully developed yet."

After Brody's arrest, Fuentes — who was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 but did not go inside — outed his former ally as the commenter

"Broseph" on America First internet forums. While Broseph accused some far-right figures of alienating mainstream Republicans, according to chats leaked to the alternative media site Unicorn Riot, he also spoke against immigrants, journalists and Jewish people.

"Easy to dehumanize immigrants when you're forced to be around them," one 2018 post reads. In another, Broseph wrote, "Journalists have names and addresses. ... They should be worried about death squads coming

for their lives." He bragged about having Eastern European roots, saying his people "purged" Jews from the continent, and said he was sympathetic to a mass murderer who targeted young women. He occasionally commented on Virginia politics; in 2018, he expressed support for state lawmaker Nick Freitas in the Republican primary to take on Sen. Tim Kaine (D).

After the Jan. 6 riot, Brody briefly coordinated door-knocking efforts in Fairfax County for Glenn Youngkin (R) in his successful gubernatorial campaign. A spokesman for the Republican Party of Virginia said Brody was an employee for only about a month in 2021; he did not work for the Youngkin campaign.

Brody was a football captain at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, which was renamed for late congressman and civil rights icon John Lewis in 2020. After high school, while working various jobs to pay tuition at Northern Virginia Community College, Brody told the court, he "began getting more and more involved in politics ... through online discussions and videos." That content, he said, "led me down a path toward more and more fringe ideas."

He dropped out of school during the coronavirus pandemic, he said in court. In a letter to the

judge, he said he then "started to get involved" with the Groyper movement and participated in "unfortunate" events, including the Jan. 6 riot. But, he said, "that was a phase in my life that has passed. For over two years now I have not been associated with those people."

Friedrich did not ask Brody about his engagement with white-supremacist ideas; instead, she focused on his dropping out of college and his sporadic employment.

"Most 24-year-olds aren't just sitting at home being taken care of by mom or dad," the judge said.

The sentencing was split over two days several weeks apart, and in the interim Brody launched an outdoor handyman company. But Friedrich said Friday that she was still bothered by his "lack of motivation."

"I can't help but be concerned by your inability to launch," she told him.

His mother, Maureen Brody, who has run for school board in Fairfax County and for a seat in the state legislature, has said that she was also at the Capitol on Jan. 6. On social media, she has promoted Fuentes's work and false claims about human trafficking purportedly orchestrated by Democrats. She declined outside court to comment on her views.

# Quality-assurance calls revealed lapses in Bethesda lifeguard training course

LIFEGUARD FROM B1

ance team does not want those who received substandard training to be upheld to the standards of a Red Cross lifeguard.”

The course, conducted at Kenwood Golf & Country Club's indoor pool, appears to mirror long-standing problems with Red Cross lifeguard training nationwide, including frequent corner-cutting by instructors, that were detailed in The Washington Post last year.

One of the coaches, Monica Barry of Stone Ridge, said she has been permanently banned from teaching Red Cross lifeguard courses. “It is very difficult and I am really saddened by the whole thing,” she said in an email to The Post. She said she thinks the students received adequate training April 6. But she said it was a mistake to conduct the class in a shorter span than “the Red Cross required number of hours.” She called it “a one-time lapse” in her long aquatics career.

In an interview, one of the students, speaking on the condition of anonymity to talk frankly about an ongoing Red Cross inquiry, described a fast-paced course that cost \$400 and wasn't nearly as rigorous as the student expected.

The student, a teenager, said some topics in the lifeguard manual were barely mentioned and most others, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, were covered in cursory ways. The student said some lifesaving skills, such as using a defibrillator, were demonstrated but not practiced; there was no final exam; and students did not have to perform Red Cross-mandated water rescue scenarios at the end of their half-day of training.

The April 6 course required seven hours of at-home online learning before the young people gathered at the Kenwood pool on a Saturday for in-person instruction. The student said the training began about 8 a.m. Then, just past noon, “they told us we were done,” the student recalled, speaking to The Post with a parent present. The duration of the

class surprised the student, who is acquainted with a teenager whose earlier in-person Red Cross lifeguard training lasted two or three days and felt grueling.

“I mean, I waited in the lobby for a while because I wasn't sure if we were actually done-done, like whether there was going to be a final test or something,” the student said. “But it turns out that was it, and we went home.”

A day or so later, the student, like others in the class, received a Red Cross lifeguard certification card by email — a ticket to summer employment that carries weighty responsibilities, watching out for the safety of often heedless bathers, including frolicking children, at crowded pools and beaches.

The student who described the course did not use the certification card while it was technically valid for two months. “I was a little skeptical of it,” the teenager said. Parents of several other students in the class either declined to discuss the course or could not be reached for comment.

## Veteran coaches, a ‘one-time lapse’

In a statement, Red Cross spokeswoman Nicole Maul said two of the instructors of the April 6 class have been permanently barred from teaching Red Cross lifeguard courses and a third must “complete comprehensive retraining prior to any future instruction.” She would not disclose the names of the instructors or the people who assisted them.

The Kenwood country club's general manager, Bill Worrell, did not reply to phone messages seeking comment or an email with questions about the course.

Barry, the head coach of the middle school swimming team at Stone Ridge who said she has been banned by the Red Cross, declined to identify the two others who were disciplined.

“I do not agree that the course was substandard, but the Red Cross disagreed,” Barry, 60, said. She said “more than half” of the 25 students were seeking recerti-

fications, while the rest, like the teenager who spoke with The Post, were new to lifeguard training.

“I am, of course, disappointed by the Red Cross decision to revoke my instructor certificate,” Barry said in an email, adding: “I have been teaching courses for close to 30 years. This was a one-time lapse.”

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Monica Barry, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart swimming coach who was banned from teaching Red Cross lifeguard courses

Richard Bettencourt, head coach of the coed varsity swimming and diving team for all-boys St. Albans and all-girls National Cathedral, said in a brief interview that he was present for the April 6 class in a “support” role and was not an “instructor of record.” He said he has not been disciplined by the Red Cross. Like Barry, Bettencourt, 52, said he has been involved in lifeguard courses for years.

Bettencourt said Barry's brother, Christopher Lynch, a coach of the Holton-Arms swimming and diving team, also was at Kenwood that Saturday in a support role. Bettencourt said Lynch, 55, has long been active in lifeguard training.

Asked in emails about her brother's involvement on April 6, Barry replied: “We are subcontractors to Kenwood.” She said Lynch assisted with the class but “did not sign off or was on the course record.” She said: “Rich

Bettencourt and Chris Lynch were NOT instructors of record on this course and neither have been sanctioned by the Red Cross.”

In addition to being a coach, Lynch is listed on the Holton-Arms website as a social studies teacher and “Head of Upper School,” meaning grades nine through 12. He did not respond to an email with questions about the course or phone messages seeking comment.

“I think it's unfair what was done to the instructors — not at least giving them an opportunity to retrain,” Bettencourt said. “They do a great service for the community.”

Bettencourt described Barry and Lynch as longtime friends of his. He said Red Cross lifeguard courses that they have taught in the past “were maybe not as short as this one. But we'd be lying if we told you we didn't cover all the skills” during the Kenwood session.

## Money for each class

The Red Cross name and logo have long been synonymous with aquatic safety in the public's mind, and more than 300,000 people nationwide complete Red Cross lifeguard training annually, according to Maul, the spokeswoman. Yet the Red Cross is not directly involved in the instruction.

“The Red Cross does not train lifeguards,” Maul told The Post last year. “The Red Cross issues nearly 6,000 Lifeguarding Instructor certifications each year but once certified, these instructors are not under the supervision of the Red Cross.”

In a recent interview, John McCallum, who was senior director for quality-assurance in the training division before leaving the Red Cross in 2023, described a complicated system involving numerous “licensed training providers” across the country.

The licensed providers are facilities such as country clubs and recreation centers that have pools and contractual agreements with the Red Cross. In return for being allowed to host Red Cross-brand-

ed lifeguard courses, the facilities give a share of the class fees to the Red Cross and pledge that the training will follow Red Cross protocols, McCallum said.

The licensed providers, in turn, rely on Red Cross-certified instructors, who are independent contractors. McCallum said instructors rent pool time from the licensed providers, collect fees from students and give a share of the proceeds to the facilities, which then pay a portion of the money to the Red Cross. Kenwood has been a licensed training provider since 2017, the Red Cross said. Barry said she and her brother, Lynch, were affiliated with the country club as contractors.

McCallum, who was laid off in a Red Cross reorganization, said instructors usually set the course fees. The price “depends on the [local] market,” he said. “Lifeguard classes typically go from \$250 to \$550 and even up to \$600 in places, per person.” The Red Cross declined to specify how much money it gets from each class. McCallum said the figure in 2023 was \$35 per student.

The Red Cross said “a remediation plan” has been developed for Kenwood as a result of the April 6 course, but the club's licensed provider contract remains in place. “We will continue to monitor Kenwood,” Maul said.

Based on interviews with former Red Cross employees and others, The Post reported last July that the instruction system has a long history of dangerous shortcomings, including loose oversight by the restructured training division of the Red Cross, contract violations by some licensed providers and shoddy work by some instructors who shorten classes and skip critical content.

Maul said some of the criticisms of the system were “mischaracterizations and distortions,” but she did not specify what they were. She said the Red Cross investigates all allegations of substandard training when such reports come to the organization's attention.

Although the Red Cross does not routinely monitor every in-

structor and licensed facility, Maul said in her recent statement, quality-assurance analysts use “a variety of measures” to look for failures in the system. These methods include “our regular surveys” of class participants “and ‘secret shoppers’ who take an instructor's course” undercover and file reports to the Red Cross. Maul said problems with the April 6 class came to light through “a post-training Quality Assurance survey the Red Cross distributed.”

Ten days after the course, the 25 students received a message from James Speegle, a Red Cross quality-assurance analyst. “This email is going out to the entirety of your lifeguarding class,” he wrote on April 16. “I have received a concern regarding the class and would like to have a discussion regarding it.” He asked the students to contact him to schedule times to talk. The teenager who spoke with The Post was among those Speegle interviewed by phone.

“He went through things that typically would happen in the class, and he would ask me if we did those things,” the student recalled. “The main thing I remember was, ‘Did you do a final test?’ And I was like, ‘No, we didn't do any of those things.’”

The Red Cross declined to make Speegle available for an interview.

On April 24, he emailed the students again: “I have now had a phone call with about half the class participants, and they have all corroborated some critical issues in the execution of the class. As of now, all students who took the course will have their lifeguarding certification revoked upon approval from my leadership team. This process generally takes a few weeks.”

Seven weeks later, on June 14, the revocation notices went out. By then, it appears, the course fees already had been divvied up. Maul said the Red Cross “will collaborate ... in the development of a plan to have the students retrained or refunded.”

Douglas MacMillan and Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

# ‘They kept asking’: Death ruled a homicide after family pressed for answers

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ing's manner of death is now a homicide, D.C. police announced this month — a move that opens the door for police to pursue charges.

“Just because there's suicide in the family doesn't mean this was a suicide,” said his uncle, Bruce Weiss, who began regularly calling the medical examiner's office in 2021 and found a sympathetic ear in Diaz.

“Dr. Diaz is a jewel,” said Freeling's aunt, Isa Freeling. “He was comforting and kind and diligent, and even though it took three years, he did what he had to do.”

Diaz said in an interview that TV shows and films have created an unrealistic expectation of quick answers after a death. When he worked in Wayne County, Mich., as an assistant medical examiner, he once changed an “undetermined” death to “homicide” 30 years after the event.

“New information came to light,” Diaz said of that case. “These types of things occur. People expect instantaneous results, like on TV”

In Freeling's case, lab tests had to be farmed out to private labs because the D.C. crime lab had lost its accreditation and the FBI lab was deeply backed up, Diaz said. When the results came back this year, Diaz felt comfortable declaring the case a homicide. He would not detail the type of tests, citing the ongoing investigation. The homicide finding means only that a death was caused by another person, not that a murder was committed. Murder is a criminal act, to be charged and adjudicated by the courts.

Freeling grew up in Bethesda and attended Georgetown Day School, where he made friends easily and participated on the wrestling team, his aunt said. Freeling's father “used to call him his ‘little lion,’” said Isa Freeling. “He'd say, ‘Roar for me, Zack,’ and he'd roar.”

She said Freeling “was an adventurer, he was full of life and he was compassionate. ... He was just full of fun and love. He had no judgment on anybody.”

Freeling first got the idea of a kosher food truck while he attended Vanderbilt University,



**Zack Freeling in a T-shirt for the food truck, Aryeh's Kitchen, he was in the process of opening in D.C. when he was found dead. His father would call him “little lion.” Aryeh is the Hebrew word for lion.**

and he named it Aryeh's Kitchen, with aryeh being the Hebrew word for lion. Built into an Airstream trailer, the truck did well. But it was too tough to balance with a full class load, and Freeling eventually donated it to the Jewish community at Vanderbilt.

While Freeling was at college, his older brother Sam, who his family said had struggled with mental health issues, took his own life in 2013. His father, Kenneth Freeling, was devastated, Isa Freeling said. A former partner at two large law firms and then of counsel at Covington & Burling, Kenneth Freeling leaped to his death from his Park Avenue apartment in March 2017, shortly before Zack's graduation from Vanderbilt.

Freeling's parents had divorced, so Zack inherited much of his father's estate, which came to about \$5 million, his aunt said. Court records show his mother sued her son for the \$5 million in 2018, claiming fraud. Then in 2019, his mother, Sue Cimbricz,

was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Zack helped nurse her, his family said. Days before her death, in January 2020, he posted a photo from her hospital bedside: “Happy birthday mom. I love you.”

“Zack was a very courageous person,” Isa Freeling said, “with all of this happening to him, his mother suing him, having to take care of her as she lay dying. He stuck it out, he wanted to live, he wanted to make that food truck work.”

It was through that work that Zack Freeling came to know Corries Hardy, a fellow food truck owner who cheered Freeling on and treated him like family, Isa Freeling recalled. Freeling's truck was again named Aryeh's Kitchen, to dish up “Southern kosher” fare with “lots of steak, lots of meat,” said his aunt. He printed up T-shirts with the truck's logo, was gradually navigating D.C.'s health department certification process and hired a team of workers in anticipation of the truck's

launch.

But Freeling was “trusting,” his uncle said. “He wasn't maybe as street-smart as he could be. He had some money because his father passed away, people knew that and they took advantage of him.” His aunt and uncle said Freeling hired people to work on his truck without checking their backgrounds, and that his family worried about him.

Freeling's roommate was the one who called police on Oct. 18, 2021, to report finding Freeling unconscious on the first floor of the rented townhouse they shared, according to a D.C. police report. Paramedics tried to resuscitate him, but Freeling was pronounced dead at the scene with a single gunshot wound, the report states.

When Freeling's family learned that the manner of death was “undetermined,” they were stunned. They met with D.C. police, who moved the case from its suicide investigators to its homicide detectives.



**The first version of Freeling's food truck at Vanderbilt University in 2016. Freeling was determined to open the food truck in D.C. even after the death of his mentor and father figure Corries Hardy.**

Isa Freeling and Weiss said detectives listened and seemed receptive, but that nothing changed. They hired private detectives from an agency in New York.

“We did an extensive analysis of the autopsy,” said Michael Ruggiero, the president of the Beau Dietl & Associates agency. “We determined, from the trajectory of the bullet, this in no way made sense as a suicide. You would have to hold the gun at an angle that was physically impossible.”

The gun belonged to Freeling's roommate, who told police that Freeling must have found the gun while the roommate was out, Ruggiero said. The Washington Post could not locate the roommate.

The investigators also met with Diaz, who said all cases that are undetermined are discussed every week by the pathologists in the D.C. medical examiner's office.

“The original consensus here,” Diaz said, “is it could go either way. Is it possibly a homicide? Yes. Is it possibly not? Yes.”

Sometimes, all of the tests and analysis don't provide an answer. “I've performed 10,000 autopsies,” Diaz said, “There's nothing more frustrating than when you don't have an answer.”

He added: “To the credit of the family, they kept asking.”

Diaz said the case needed lab testing, but the D.C. crime lab had lost its accreditation in April 2021 after it made errors testing ballis-

tics in two murder cases, then “misrepresented” the mistakes during the investigation. The District had been using the FBI for some lab work, but it had a two-year backlog. Diaz ultimately hired a private lab, which also experienced some delay, but finally produced results earlier this year. Diaz declined to discuss specifics of the evidence while the case is still under investigation.

Weiss said he was persistent in pushing Diaz. “He kept apologizing that it was taking so long,” Weiss said. “He stayed with it, he said he would get to the bottom of it. We were lucky we found a guy who would listen to us, knew what he was doing, and took the time to care.”

D.C. police spokesman Tom Lynch said “the investigation has been ongoing and has uncovered a lot of evidence that, without a ruling from the medical examiner, you can't apply for murder charges. A classification change like this means the investigation can proceed with the goal of pressing murder charges against someone at some point.”

Freeling's aunt and uncle said they are hopeful that Freeling's killer will be charged and convicted.

“Zack wanted to live,” Isa Freeling said. “He wanted desperately to marry and build a new family. That future was taken away from him, and us. He was the last living member of his family. We will never give up on him getting justice.”

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OBITUARIES

TOMMY ROBINSON, 82

Sheriff who agitated over prison crowding later served in U.S. House

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Tommy Robinson, a former U.S. congressman who captured attention while serving as an Arkansas sheriff, using tactics that included chaining inmates outside a state prison to protest overcrowding, died July 10 at a hospital in Forrest City, Ark. He was 82.

St. Francis County Coroner Miles Kimble confirmed the death but did not provide a specific cause.

Mr. Robinson was first elected as a Democrat to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984, representing a district that included Little Rock and central Arkansas. He switched parties and became a Republican in 1989 before losing the GOP primary for governor the following year.

But it was Mr. Robinson's actions and comments during his years as Pulaski County sheriff that gained him national attention. He was elected to the post in 1980 after serving as state director of public safety.

He had complained about a backlog of state inmates being held in the county's jail and in 1981 had a group of them chained to a gate outside an Arkansas prison.

"The bottom line is, I'm not going to keep state prisoners," he said at the time. "It's their problem, not mine."

Mr. Robinson also clashed with prosecutors and judges during his time as sheriff. He was jailed by a federal judge for contempt



DANNY JOHNSTON/AP

**Tommy Robinson of Arkansas won the first of his three House terms in 1984. The onetime Democrat later joined the GOP.**

for two days after kicking out a special master appointed to oversee conditions at the jail.

Following a string of robberies, Mr. Robinson had deputies hide randomly at convenience stores armed with shotguns to deter would-be robbers.

During his time in Congress, Mr. Robinson aligned with the "boll weevil" bloc of conservative southern Democrats who voted for many of President Ronald Reagan's policies. When he switched parties in 1989, Arkansas was a predominantly Democratic state, but Mr. Robinson complained that the party had

become too liberal.

Mr. Robinson ran for the GOP nomination for governor in 1990, hoping to unseat Gov. Bill Clinton (D). He was defeated by Sheffield Nelson in the Republican primary, and Nelson lost to Clinton that fall. Clinton was elected president in 1992.

Tommy Franklin Robinson was born in Little Rock on March 7, 1942. Early in his career, he served with the North Little Rock Police Department, the Arkansas State Police and the U.S. Marshal Service.

Mr. Robinson remained in the news in the years after leaving Congress. In 1992, he was named as the worst offender in an over-draft scandal involving the House bank. The bank closed in 1991.

Over a 16-month period, he wrote 996 checks on insufficient funds, overdrafts that totaled more than \$250,000. A Justice Department report later said no one would be prosecuted for the overdrafts because it was bank policy to routinely honor checks written on insufficient funds.

Mr. Robinson was appointed to the state Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and the Parole Board by Gov. Mike Huckabee (R).

Mr. Robinson ran as the Republican nominee in 2002 for the 1st Congressional District in eastern Arkansas and lost to incumbent Marion Berry, a Democrat, in the general election.

A list of survivors was not immediately available.

*"I'm not going to keep state prisoners. It's their problem, not mine."*

Tommy Robinson, speaking in 1981 when, as a sheriff in Arkansas, he had state inmates being held in a local jail chained outside a state prison



JOHN DURICKA/AP

**Mr. Robinson, standing at right, and other House members meet in 1986 with leaders of the resistance group known as the contras, who were seeking aid in their fight against Nicaragua's government.**

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FITZGERALD



**JOAN MARILYN (RYAN) FITZGERALD (Age 86)**

Of Locust Grove, VA, passed peacefully July 16, 2024. Daughter of the late Leo F. and Irene A. Ryan, sister of James; mother of Timothy (Stephanie), Maureen (Robert), Michael (Lorna), and Kerry (David); loving grandmother of six; and great-grandmother of two. Rosely at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, at St. James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA, followed by funeral mass at 10 a.m. Burial to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities, the Alzheimer's Association, and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation appreciated.



DEATH NOTICE

FRIEDMAN

**SYLVIA FRIEDMAN**  
On Saturday, July 20, 2024, SYLVIA FRIEDMAN of Rockville, MD. Beloved wife of the late Reuben Friedman, loving mother of Cheryl (Dr. Louis) Essers and Dr. Aaron (Sally Jones) Friedman, dear grandmother of Dr. Jonah (Alicia) Essers, Rebecca (Oren) Linat Friedman and Robin Friedman, great grandmother of Alma and Ellis Essers and Lucy and Eli Linat. Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, 11:30 a.m. at Young Israel Shomrai Emenah of Greater Washington, 1132 Arcola Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Interment following at National Capital Hebrew Cemetery, Capitol Heights, MD. Shiva will be observed at the home of Cheryl and Dr. Louis Essers. Memorial contributions may be made to Young Israel Shomrai Emenah or to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001

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TAYLOR

**JOHN VINCENT TAYLOR**  
5/29/1955 - 7/7/2024

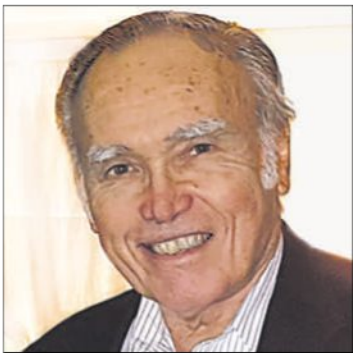
John V. Taylor passed away on July 7, 2024, in Antioch, TN at the age of 69. Before moving to Tennessee in Spring 2021, John spent his life as an active and committed member of his Four Corners community. John was known for his unique and vibrant personality, described by those who knew him as hilarious, kind, hard-working, compassionate, and a leader.

He leaves behind his loving spouse, Naomi Taylor; his son, Brad (Lauren) Taylor along with his grandsons Wes, Ben, and Shane; his daughter, Katie Taylor (Joe Ansalidi); his sister, Kimmy (Jimmy) Walker; his brothers, Matt (Marsha) Taylor and Brad (Melissa) Taylor; along with nieces and nephews, and friends who were like family. John was pre-ceeded in death by his parents, Sidney and Barbara Taylor; his brother, Sidney Taylor, Jr.; his sisters, Kathy Koehn and Robin Taylor; and his infant son, Matthew.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2024, at the Knights of Columbus (9707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910), from 2 to 5 p.m. Guests are invited to join the family in remembering John's remarkable life.



DEATH NOTICE



**JOHN DAVID OFFUTT "Jack"**

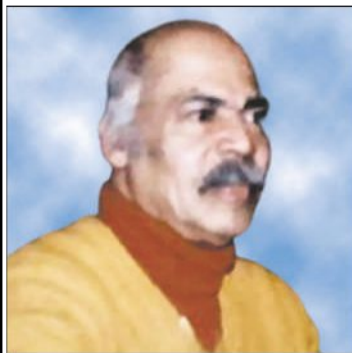
John "Jack" David Offutt, aged 88, passed away on July 4, 2024, in Bethesda, Maryland. Born on January 11, 1936, in Queens, New York, Jack was known for his intellect, charm, wit and warmth; qualities that endeared him to many throughout his life.

Jack earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering at the Carnegie Institute of Technology and furthered his education as a PhD candidate at the California Institute of Technology.

For the first decade of his career, he worked on a variety of advanced engineering development projects at Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Pneumodynamics Corporation and Western Gear Corporation, followed by four decades at the Department of Defense, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Carderock Division, where he was a respected Senior Project Engineer and Manager. He was instrumental in the devel-

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OFFUTT

omplement of several Naval and Marine Corps strategic sealift systems and high speed watercraft including the LCAC, SES200, and JHSV. His tremendous impact was recognized over the course of his career with several awards.

After his retirement, Jack returned to NSWC as a mentor for young engineers in the Center for Innovation in Ship Design. He was described as bringing "a wealth of knowledge gained from over 40 years of working a wide variety of ship and ship systems projects. Mr. Offutt has had the advantage of seeing the design process from both sides, first as an engineer in the design office, and then as a project manager for advanced ship design and concepts." In this role, he guided these interns with critical understanding, patience and wisdom well into his retirement years.

Beyond his professional life, Jack was a true connoisseur of the finer things, embodying the spirit of a sommelier. His love for wine was matched by his passion for travel, exploring new cultures, and savoring the world's various landscapes and cuisines. He was also a committed patron of the theatrical arts and had a profound appreciation for music, which brought joy and enrichment to his life.

He is survived by Elizabeth, his loving wife of 59 years; his daughter Dr. Laura Anne Offutt; his son-in-law Dr. Steven Fukuchi; his grandchildren Alexander Scott Fukuchi and Claire Elise Fukuchi. He was working on ship-related systems and then as government engineer, team leader, and project manager for advanced ship design and concepts." In this role, he guided these interns with critical understanding, patience and wisdom well into his retirement years.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for a later date.

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KANE



**MARGARET MARY KANE (Age 90)**

Margaret Mary "Peggy" Kane, caring friend, teacher and mentor, died July 7, 2024, at her continuing care community in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was 90. She was born June 26, 1934, in Queens, New York, to Dominic V. and Agnes T. Kane. She graduated from the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx, NY, and went on to graduate from the College of New Rochelle, in Westchester County, New York. Peggy earned master's degrees in English and counseling from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She also did further graduate work at Catholic University.

She taught middle and high school, first in New York, and later in Maryland. For a time, she did contract work for the federal government. Peggy was also an educational diagnostician, working with students in the Washington area. Peggy taught the middle grades at Sidwell Friends School for 20 years, retiring in 2000.

ROTHWELL



**HENRIETTA ROTHWELL**

Henrietta "Sissy" Rothwell passed away on July 3, 2024. She was born on August 17, 1932 in Washington, DC to Marian and John Byerly. She grew up in Washington, DC and Frederick, MD. The Frederick Visitation nuns across the street from her home shaped her childhood after her mother passed away. Sissy married the love of her life Gideon "Frank" Franklin Rothwell, IV on September 11, 1954 after knowing him a few short

months. They built a loving home in Chevy Chase, MD and raised their three children, between DC, the farm in Culpepper, VA, and Dewey Beach, DE. Sissy was a devout Catholic and was actively involved in the Bethesda parishes of Little Flower and St. Bartholomew's, and later St. Williams Parish in Naples, FL. Her joyful faith was apparent in her interactions with others and her volunteer work with Washington Home Hospice. Sissy and Frank were never in one place for long, always off traveling the world for both business and pleasure, instilling a love of travel and learning in their children and grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Frank; her siblings Barbara Riley, Sally Aitken, and Jack Byerly; and her son-in-law Patrick Vargas. She is survived by her children Frank (Anita) of Bethesda, MD, Duncan (Marje) of Durango, CO, and Anne of Severn, MD; her grandchildren Caitlin, Pancho, Danika, and Eliana; her great granddaughter Charlotte, and many nieces and nephews. The Rothwell matriarch leaves behind a strong legacy of love and faith, and will live on through all the lives she touched. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sissy's memory can be made to two of the places she loved dearly, the Georgetown Visitation Monastery in Washington, DC or the Naples Botanical Gardens in Naples, FL. Details of funeral events forthcoming.

WEINTRAUB

**ALAN MARK WEINTRAUB M.D.**

On Saturday July 20, 2024, Alan M. Weintraub of Potomac, MD husband of the late Betty Ann Weintraub; father of Jeffrey (Cassandra) Weintraub, Andrew (Joanne) Weintraub and Lisa (Edgar) Bridges; brother of the late Lewis Weintraub; grandfather of Rachel and Alex Weintraub; Caleb (Christine) Weintraub, Noah (Brigid) Weintraub, Eliza Weintraub, Julian and Bernadette Bridges; great-grandfather of Finn, Shae, Declan and Maeve Weintraub, passed. Alan was born on March 18, 1930 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Emanuel and Francis Weintraub. At Syracuse University, he met his future wife Betty Ann Cohn and formed a bond that would last for more than 65 years. They moved to Chicago where Alan attended Medical School at the University of Chicago. Alan started internship at the University of Pennsylvania. Following internship, Alan enlisted in the Navy Medical Corps and stationed at the United States Capitol where he provided care to U.S. Senators including Jack Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. After the Navy, Alan continued with Residency and Fellowship in Cardiology at Georgetown University Hospital. Betty Ann and Alan called Washington home. He established a successful Cardiology practice at Georgetown and Sibley Hospitals.

Alan was instrumental in the cardiac care of patients undergoing the first heart valve operations performed by Dr. Charles Hufnagel. With only a stethoscope and keen clinical skills, he helped create a new era in the treatment of heart disease. With two more children, Andrew and Lisa, they moved from D.C. to Potomac where Alan began an enduring love of the equestrian sport. Moving to East Oaks Farm, Alan became an accomplished Carriage Driver competing at events in the US and Europe. While in the Navy, Alan became a certified SCUBA diver. His children also became certified, and together the family traveled the world for diving adventures. Alan passed on his love of diving to his extended family and grandkids.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 24 at 10 a.m. at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, 14321 Comus Rd., Clarksburg, MD 20871 with interment to follow.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the American Heart Association In Memory of Alan M. Weintraub MD FACC.

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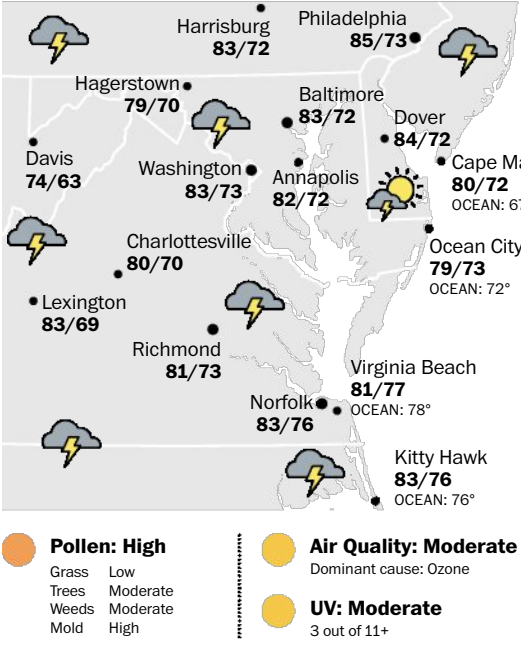
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## Sporadic rain, storms possible



Periodic waves of downpours and storms are possible most anytime Monday. Peeks of sun are possible, but that could just make dew points in the uncomfortable low to mid-70s feel more humid. Expect high temperatures in the low to mid-80s.

## REGION



**Blue Ridge:** Today, a couple of showers, a thunderstorm, mainly later; a couple of showers, a thunderstorm in northern parts. Cooler in central parts. Beneficial rain may come at the risk of localized flooding. High 65 to 73. Winds south-southwest 6–12 mph.

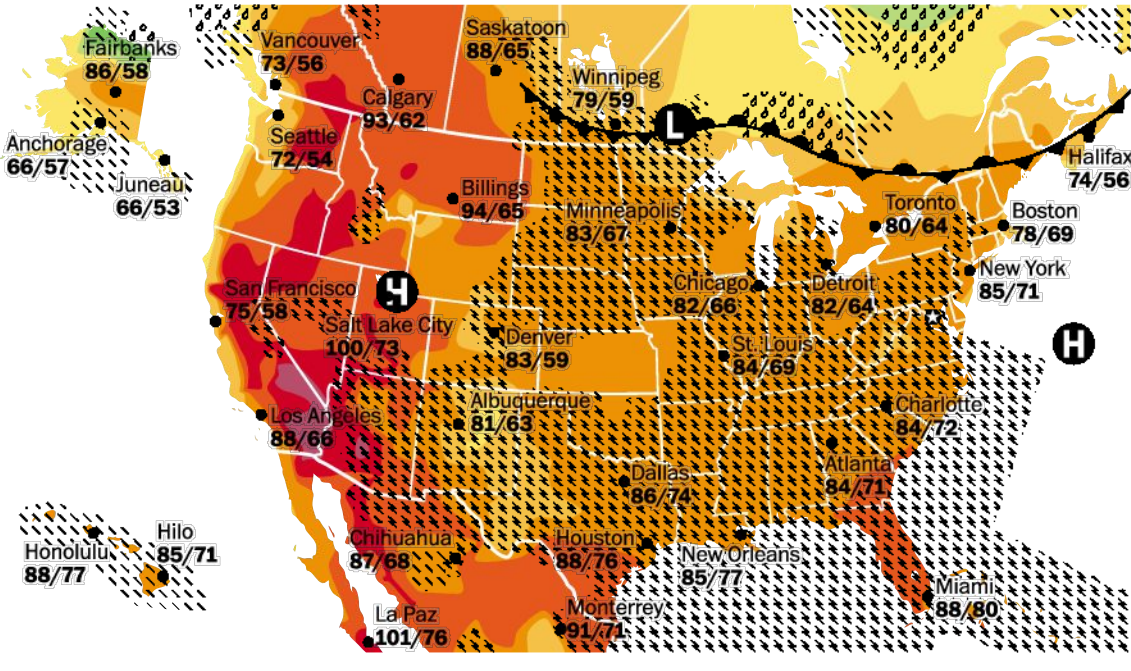
**Atlantic beaches:** Today, mostly cloudy, humid. A couple of showers, a thunderstorm, mainly later in the south; a stray afternoon thunderstorm in central parts. High 79 to 83. Winds southeast 4–8 mph.

**Waterways:** *Upper Potomac River:* Today, mostly cloudy, a couple of showers, t-storms. Wind southeast 4–8 knots. Waves 0–1 foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, mainly cloudy, a couple of showers, a heavy t-storm. Wind southeast 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.60 feet today, with no change of 2.60 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

| Today's tides (High tides in Bold) |                  |                   |                  |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Washington                         | 3:54 a.m.        | <b>9:15 a.m.</b>  | 4:39 p.m.        | <b>9:49 p.m.</b>  |
| Annapolis                          | <b>6:45 a.m.</b> | 1:22 p.m.         | <b>6:45 p.m.</b> | none              |
| Ocean City                         | 2:59 a.m.        | <b>8:50 a.m.</b>  | 2:52 p.m.        | <b>9:20 p.m.</b>  |
| Norfolk                            | 4:55 a.m.        | <b>10:55 a.m.</b> | 4:55 p.m.        | <b>11:16 p.m.</b> |
| Point Lookout                      | <b>2:37 a.m.</b> | 9:47 a.m.         | <b>2:54 p.m.</b> | 8:48 p.m.         |

| Today              | Tuesday        | Wednesday            | Thursday             | Friday          | Saturday       |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Heavy t-storms     | A p.m. t-storm | A shower and t-storm | A shower and t-storm | Showers around  | Mostly cloudy  |
|                    |                |                      |                      |                 |                |
| <b>83°</b> 73°     | <b>89°</b> 74° | <b>85°</b> 75°       | <b>84°</b> 72°       | <b>86°</b> 71°  | <b>89°</b> 72° |
| FEELS*: 90°        | FEELS: 97°     | FEELS: 94°           | FEELS: 89°           | FEELS: 90°      | FEELS: 92°     |
| CHNCE PRECIP: 100% | P: 65%         | P: 90%               | P: 90%               | P: 60%          | P: 15%         |
| WIND: ESE 6–12 mph | W: W 6–12 mph  | W: SSW 6–12 mph      | W: WSW 6–12 mph      | W: ENE 6–12 mph | W: ESE 4–8 mph |
| HUMIDITY: High     | H: High        | H: Very High         | H: High              | H: Moderate     | H: Moderate    |

## NATION



| NATIONAL       |  | Today     | Tomorrow  | Des Moines       |  | 81/66/pc  | 84/65/t  | Oklahoma City  |  | 83/66/t   | 87/67/s  |
|----------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------------|--|-----------|----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------|
| Albany, NY     |  | 88/69/t   | 84/68/sh  | Detroit          |  | 82/64/pc  | 82/66/t  | Omaha          |  | 82/66/t   | 88/66/pc |
| Albuquerque    |  | 81/63/t   | 86/67/t   | El Paso          |  | 87/67/t   | 91/72/s  | Orlando        |  | 94/76/t   | 92/77/t  |
| Anchorage      |  | 66/57/pc  | 66/54/pc  | Fairbanks, AK    |  | 68/58/s   | 88/60/s  | Philadelphia   |  | 85/73/t   | 88/72/t  |
| Atlanta        |  | 84/71/t   | 85/71/t   | Hartford, CT     |  | 90/70/pc  | 84/67/pc | Phoenix        |  | 109/92/t  | 112/94/s |
| Austin         |  | 87/73/t   | 87/70/t   | Honolulu         |  | 88/77/sh  | 89/79/r  | Pittsburgh     |  | 82/67/c   | 84/70/t  |
| Baltimore      |  | 83/72/t   | 89/74/t   | Houston          |  | 88/76/t   | 85/73/t  | Portland, ME   |  | 81/65/s   | 73/65/sh |
| Billings, MT   |  | 94/65/pc  | 98/68/pc  | Indianapolis     |  | 83/66/t   | 81/66/t  | Providence, RI |  | 84/70/pc  | 81/67/pc |
| Birmingham     |  | 85/73/t   | 84/72/t   | Jackson, MS      |  | 88/74/t   | 85/72/t  | Raleigh, NC    |  | 84/74/t   | 90/74/t  |
| Bismarck, ND   |  | 89/63/t   | 86/63/pc  | Jacksonville, FL |  | 91/75/t   | 91/76/t  | Reno, NV       |  | 100/70/pc | 103/70/s |
| Boise          |  | 107/72/pc | 106/75/pc | Kansas City, MO  |  | 81/65/pc  | 86/67/pc | Richmond       |  | 81/73/t   | 90/72/t  |
| Boston         |  | 78/69/pc  | 76/67/sh  | Las Vegas        |  | 109/88/pc | 109/90/s | Sacramento     |  | 103/68/s  | 105/69/s |
| Buffalo        |  | 83/67/c   | 83/68/t   | Little Rock      |  | 83/71/t   | 84/73/s  | St. Louis      |  | 84/69/pc  | 87/71/pc |
| Burlington, VT |  | 85/67/c   | 81/67/pc  | Los Angeles      |  | 88/66/s   | 87/67/s  | St. Thomas, VI |  | 90/80/t   | 90/81/pc |
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# Crocheted cachet

Abercrombie’s signature polo is the menswear shirt of the summer

BY RACHEL TASHJIAN  
IN NEW YORK

I’m not one to normally ever risk having my nipples show unnecessarily,” said the TikTok @itsjust.campbell, “but I figured it’ll look pretty cool.”

The nipple-revealer in question was a crochet shirt by Abercrombie & Fitch, the onetime mall stalwart known for its sexed-up take on Americana and a magazine that paired Bruce Weber images of preppy teen tawdriness with musings by philosopher Slavoj Žizek.

And the creator was not alone in thinking it would “look pretty cool”: This summer, TikTok — and the streets of American cities — are filled with men, millennial and younger, who have made the \$100 crochet polo a keystone of their hot-weather wardrobe.

The Crochet-Style Button-Through Sweater Polo, as it is officially called, comes in a multitude of colors: white and orange, cream and blue and yellow, a tightly woven all black, a cornflower blue in a perforated design.

Although they resemble designs popular in the 1960s and ’70s — which can still be found on sites such as Etsy and eBay — all are made of a combination of cotton and acrylic or viscose, a typical fabrication for fast-fashion pieces and, increasingly, designer goods. Abercrombie may not consider itself fast fashion — and customers are flocking to the brand as an alternative — but there is little to suggest that its materials and design practices differ from those of Shein or Zara, other than the quantity of products made.

On a recent visit to the label’s Midtown flagship, the musky oak scent of the brand’s perfume Fierce no longer clung to the air; there was no shirtless man with washboard abs at the door, enticing and intimidating shoppers like a lacrosse-captain siren. Such previous staples of the Abercrombie shopping experience are now gone, amid shake-ups in the design and C-suite

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## MUSIC REVIEW

# Olivia Rodrigo gives fans a chance to scream their guts out

BY CHRIS RICHARDS

If there’s a through line between Beatlemania and the Eras Tour, it resides in the throats of the young, who, after spending so much of their days practicing obedient silence, are suddenly given a chance to see if God can hear them. At a screamy pop concert, that sense of possibility is literally in the air — an opportunity to add your own decibels to the sound-space you’re now sharing with your favorite singer, a potentiality that doesn’t exist behind the vacuum seal of digital streaming or social media fandom. Dismiss it as kid stuff at your own risk. It is absolutely holy.

Olivia Rodrigo fans know all about this, either explicitly or intuitively, probably because Rodrigo’s sharpest pop songs feel mutually instinctive and self-aware, visceral and alert, and when she sang them on the latest stop of her



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Olivia Rodrigo performs at Capital One Arena in Washington on Saturday.

“Guts” tour at Capital One Arena in Washington on Saturday, thousands of voices knew exactly how to join in. It wasn’t a singalong so much as a shout-behind, which felt almost shocking during the show’s more delicate moments — “Traitor,” “Making the Bed,” “Favorite Crime” — with Rodrigo’s voice melting into a syrupy pout while her devout Greek chorus amplified whatever emotional pain their hero had chosen to steep in. Over and over, Rodrigo seemed to be smothering a blaring hurt inside her head, transposing it into mumbly melody. If you wanted to sing along in real life, you had to voice the blare.

The entire show toggled between those wounded ballads and much punkier punches — and without whiplash. She was a natural in both modes, drawing on an anger that felt sincere, then sincerely blowing it off, skipping

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# How a local news site got the rally scoop

Sources went to reporter at Beaver Countian with info about shooting at Trump event

BY ELAHE IZADI

John Paul Vranesevich, the owner and only full-time reporter for the Beaver Countian, was reporting on a candlelight vigil for a slain transgender teen in Mercer County, Pa., on July 13 when his phone started pinging with text messages.

A lone gunman on a roof had just fired toward Donald Trump at a rally in nearby Butler County, leaving the former president injured, a local man dead and serious concerns about security surrounding the event. People in law enforcement whom Vranesevich had come to know from a dozen years covering this corner of western Pennsylvania wanted the journalist to know what was happening.

“I was literally in the corner, going back and forth with my sources, who were giving me the play-by-play,” he recalled last week.

And he quickly realized that they were sharing details with him that had not yet been reported by national media.

Vranesevich silenced his phone, telling his contacts that he’d get back to them, and kept covering the vigil. But by last Monday afternoon, his follow-up reporting had culminated in a major scoop: Local officers had actually been stationed inside the building the shooter had climbed to fire his shots. And another officer had alerted a command

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# Vance’s book was a hit in 2016. Times have changed.

BY SOPHIA NGUYEN

The opening of “Hillbilly Elegy,” published in 2016, hits different now: “My name is J.D. Vance, and I think I should start with a confession: I find the existence of the book you hold in your hands somewhat absurd.” Then: “I am not a senator, a governor, or a former cabinet secretary.”

Six years later, Vance was elected senator, and this month, Donald Trump selected him as his 2024 running mate, prompting many to revisit the memoir that catapulted Vance into public life — including critics that heaped praise on the book when it was published.

In retrospect, many view the book as having been designed as a springboard into a political career. (“J.D. Vance for President?” asked Vogue in 2017.) Yet when Emily Esfahani Smith filed her review to her editor at the Wall Street Journal that summer, she didn’t think of the book as particularly political.

“I just thought it was a really compelling story,” she said. Only during the editing process did Smith add a quick reference to how the book had been published “during an election in which much has been promised to white working-class voters.” Her review happened to run around the same time that Rod Dreher’s interview with the author crashed the website of the American Conservative, and as the book took off,

SEE ‘HILLBILLY’ ON C5



PATRICK SIREN

Comedian Badar Tareen.

**CAPITAL FRINGE**  
The festival, above, had a familiar vibe. **C4**

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Relive your college years with football. **C5**

**CAROLYN HAX**  
He won’t talk about their lack of sex. **C8**

# Men everywhere are stitching these polos into their hot-weather wardrobes

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that have amounted to what New York Magazine recently called the “unbranding” of Abercrombie & Fitch, focusing on generic designs in a wide range of sizing, and affordable go-tos such as wedding guest dresses and clothes for the dreaded in-office days of hybrid work schedules.

The market seems to agree: The company’s stock has surged some 245 percent in the past year, Fortune reported in January. In the meantime, the media and brand-savvy consumers, exhausted by and skeptical of the constant rebranding of businesses such as Victoria’s Secret and J.Crew, have been puzzling over how to make sense of the transformation of a company better known for its scandalous designs and imagery and discriminatory hiring practices, detailed in the 2022 documentary “White Hot,” than its successes. Two years ago, writer Hanna Phifer wondered, “Since when did Abercrombie become The Row for people on a budget?”

It may be hard to get your hands on the shirt of the summer: Two colorways were almost sold out in store, and the online stock reflects a similar degree of popularity.

Elliot Duprey, a 23-year-old management consultant from Chicago who provides fashion and styling advice for men on TikTok, described the shirt as “easy to wear” — crucially, for young men who are eager to push the limits of their personal style but are hindered by light insecurity. “What’s acceptable for a straight man to wear?” Duprey mused of men’s thinking. “Especially in Chicago. It’s like, ‘What is no one going to say anything about?’ And like, at this point, [this style] has been around for long enough that it’s become this safe, slutty thing to wear.”

The shirt is emblematic of two cultural shifts in fashion: one, the aforementioned remaking of Abercrombie from reviled retailer to your high school’s most villainous athletes, to unexpected basics problem-solver, and two, the rise of affordable, mainstream knockoffs of vintage or sustainable styles — pieces that became popular among those reacting against fast fashion’s dominance.



Crochet and knit polos are having a moment among American men. “Overall, the current trends are less preppy, so we’re seeing more success with our sweater polos than with our traditional pique polo,” said Corey Robinson, chief product officer at Abercrombie & Fitch.

Corey Robinson, chief product officer at Abercrombie & Fitch, wrote in an email that the brand first released the style five years ago in three colorways, “when classic 1950s menswear began trending.” But, Robinson wrote, “overall, the current trends are less preppy, so we’re seeing more success with our sweater polos than with our traditional pique polo.”

“The response from our customers has been incredible, and we have greatly expanded our choices to be a key part of our menswear assortment today,” Search “abercrombie crochet shirt” on TikTok, and you’ll find countless guys giving it a spin. Most wear it layered over a plain cotton T-shirt or tank top, though

several also try it without the underlayer. One man tries it over a black shirt, and then, through the magic of TikTok’s editing tools, appears to tug at the shirt and make it disappear, his bare chest peeking out between the shirt’s woven meanders. Spicy!

Duprey still associates Abercrombie with its mall heyday — in our video interview, he was, incidentally, wearing a shirt riddled with oddball-shaped holes, by the John Waters-favorite Comme des Garçons, layered over a T-shirt — but he said he sees a number of shoppers searching for *copies* of clothes that look sustainable, or vintage. “A brand like Todd Snyder, which I really like, is also making these crochet polos,” he said. “But [Abercrom-



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bie] is taking it to a fast-fashion level, where it’s this very safe zone. They tell you what to buy and what to style it with on their website.”

While generations of consumers have had a distaste for knock-offs, whether because of the monetary, social or intellectual cheapness of such pieces, Gen Z and millennials see them as “dupes,” which position copies as harmless, a hack or a score.

The date at which the shirt was first introduced also points to the thinking behind Abercrombie’s strategy. It was in 2019 that the New York-based brand Bode began to take off, winning the Council of Fashion Designers of America’s Emerging Designer of the Year award. Crochet polos,

some made from reused textiles, others from new fabrics, have been a staple of the brand, which designer Emily Adams Bode Aujla has stated was created to help men think of their clothing as heirlooms, or pieces to wear and repair for decades. Her shirts are more than six times the price of Abercrombie’s. Many are sold out.

The same year that Bode began its hold on menswear, Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time In Hollywood” was released, unleashing a zest of zaddy-ish early-1960s styles. That trend was further cemented in a number of photoshoots — of football player Christian McCaffrey and actors Brad Pitt and Steven Yeun — in GQ styled by longtime menswear

whisperer George Cortina, which emphasized a sexy, sleazy-hunk breed of masculinity with a touch of contemporary sensitivity. (Last year, the magazine even published a shoppable guide to wearing crochet polo shirts). In the meantime, vintage shopping has experienced an explosion in popularity, as shoppers tired of fast fashion’s low quality and middling designs — making the look of something old all the more appealing. By text message, Cortina said that he likes the crochet and knit tops for “their age and patina,” adding that they are also “v. photogenic.”

As Robinson put it, “Our designers get their inspiration for our products by staying close to our customers and following their styling needs and trends.” Most brands do this, of course: Countless designers (including Bode) employ specialists to source vintage pieces as inspiration, and many vintage stores, especially those in New York and Los Angeles, make additional revenue by renting out their pieces to designers who use them as source material for future designs.

But the timing here — a period of five years from indie designer creation, cinematic and magazine mythmaking and the boom in vintage — is most revealing. Duprey calls it “the cerulean sweater trickledown,” referencing the monologue from “The Devil Wears Prada” in which a magazine editor traces a high runway collection to a discount bin sweater. Abercrombie has concentrated much of its energy on sending products to influencers who have a smaller number of followers, a tactic deployed by fast-fashion brands such as Shein and Fashion Nova. That may make style seem more accessible, but it also removes shoppers further and further from the source material — whether that’s a well-designed (but extremely expensive) shirt, or a moment of vintage or film imagination.

As fast fashion’s clutches tighten around more and more businesses, we get further from the sources of real style. But perhaps we are too precious about style. These days, most of us just want to wear a spiffy-looking shirt without having to watch several movies and listen to a bunch of albums to figure it out.



## Crowd sings even the quiet parts loud

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across the stage in sequins and combat boots, occasionally widening her eyes before a big refrain, as if she’d just spotted an apocalyptic meteor falling out of the sky. At 21, Rodrigo contains multitudes, and she isn’t shy about her politics. She gave a shout-out to the Baltimore Abortion Fund, having invited the organization to set up an info table on the arena concourse, and when it came time to funnel her feminism directly into song, she delivered “All-American Bitch,” a dynamite stick concealed in a bubblegum wrapper that rejects the roles young women are expected to play in this patriarchal, fascism-curious country we all share. “All the time, I’m grateful all the time,” Rodrigo sang, her voice turned sticky with mock-sweetness. “I’m sexy and I’m

kind, I’m pretty when I cry.”

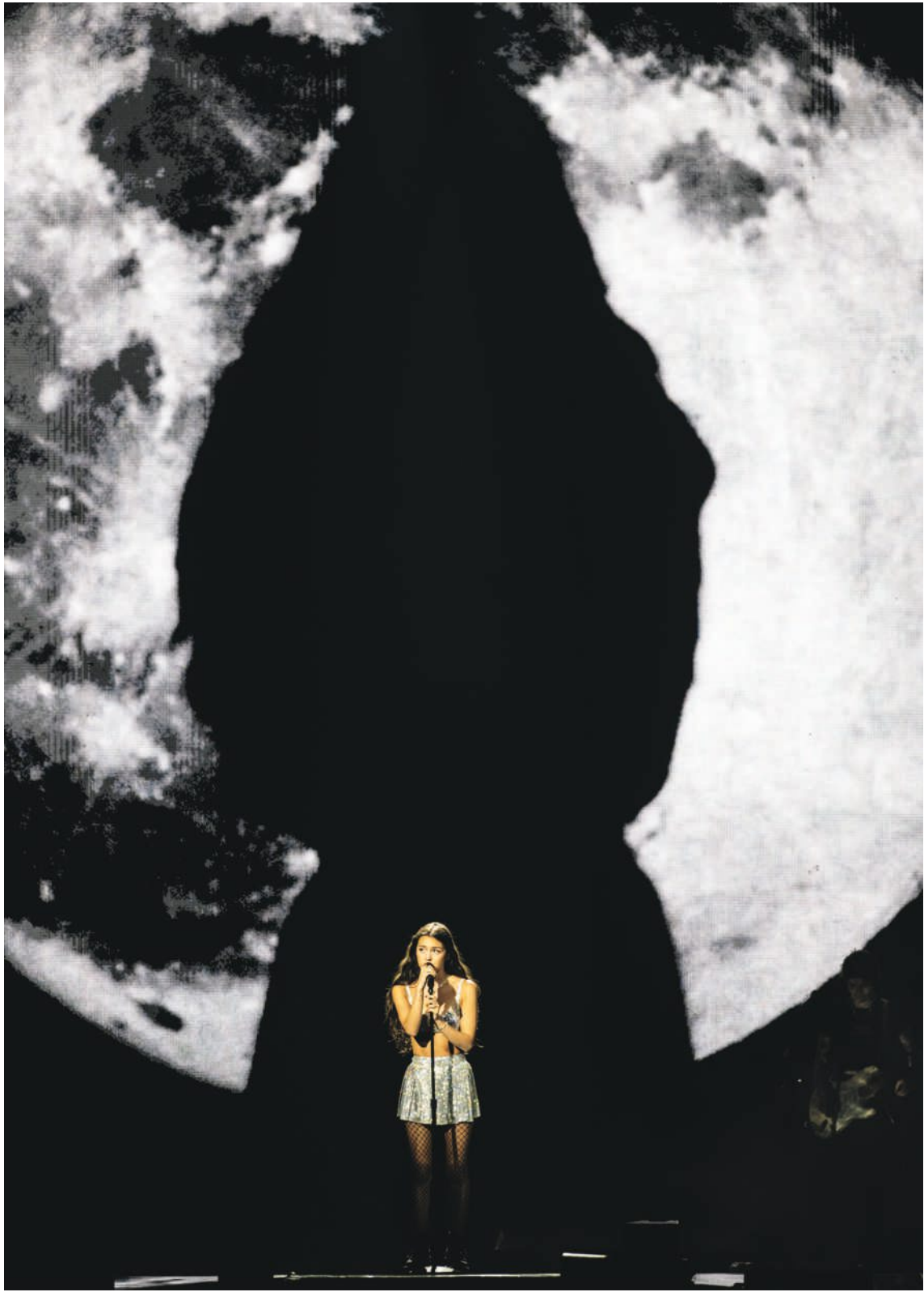
Somehow, that moment paled in comparison to another lyric from the song — “I scream inside to deal with it” — being

*It wasn’t a singalong so much as a shout-behind, which felt almost shocking during the show’s more delicate moments.*

turned inside out. During a breakdown, Rodrigo issued instructions to everyone in the room: Think about something that makes you angry, and then, when the lights go down,

scream it out. After a four count, her band went silent, the room went black, and the air filled with something deafening and mysterious.

Please understand that this was not a festive Saturday night huzzah, or a big rollercoaster whoop, or an intensified horror movie multiplex shriek, or even the wailing veneration of an entirely worthy pop star. This was an omni-scream with its own timbre, totally beautiful and half-terrifying. It came from a crowd that skewed young, but spanned generations, which means it contained contempt for school bus bullies, and national election agita, and countless fears over the future of our species, plus every variant of private hurt otherwise sealed inside the hearts of the assembled. It was hard to remember — or even imagine — a sound more cleansing, more total, more real.



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Olivia Rodrigo performs at Capital One Arena in Washington on Saturday as part of her Guts World Tour. Throughout the high-decibel concert, the crowd was very responsive.

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# ‘Here before the big story happened’

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center about the suspicious man before he even climbed the roof.

The journalist said it did not surprise him, as the solo full-time employee of his small local news site, that he was able to break a major story about the U.S. Secret Service's most dramatic failure in decades — a story that took hours and days for national press, including The Washington Post, to confirm.

“All news is local,” he said. “Everything that happens that the national [media] cares about is happening in some community, somewhere.”

Vranesevich developed relationships with law enforcement sources over years following the ins and outs of Beaver County, including unsolved murders and drama at the county commission.

He said that some of those long-standing sources contacted him after the rally shooting to share some of the details of what had happened that day because they were concerned that the national narrative unfolding about the shooting was inaccurate or incomplete — that it would lead the public to believe that local law enforcement had failed to do its job and had put the former president at risk.

Sources like these may be hesitant speaking to national reporters, thinking “they’re going to come here, get their story, leave, and they don’t care about me or my community,” Vranesevich said. “What they know about me is I was here before the big story happened, and I’ll be here after the big story happened.”

As he was about to publish his story, though, Vranesevich said he tipped off contacts on CBS's news desk. He knew his sources

would want to get their story out to a national audience. CBS News published its story hours later, crediting the Beaver Countian's original work.

Vranesevich started his news site in 2011. He took an unconventional path into journalism, though. As a college student, he started a hacker news site, AntiOnline. But as his focus shifted to computer security and anti-hacking measures, he found himself attracting the ire of hackers. Vranesevich sold off his company — he would not disclose the price, citing a nondisclosure agreement — and decided to get involved in the other side of journalism after his work got the attention of the New York Times, Vanity Fair and other national press. He started the Beaver Countian as a “one-person guerrilla journalism venture.” He now has the help of four or five freelance editors and contributing reporters.

He has reported on stories that have gotten national attention, like the unsolved murder of a local teacher who had been one of his sources (CBS's “48 Hours” hired him as a consultant for its own take on that story), but also topics of local interest, such as whether government officials are filing timely financial disclosures. He also publishes an automated log of all 911 calls in the county.

For all the friendly sources he has developed, Vranesevich has had more than a few clashes with local officials, too. He accused a sheriff of threatening him with a gun; the sheriff was acquitted in a jury trial but voted out of office. Another local official tried to get him to reveal the names of anonymous commenters via a subpoena as part of a defamation

lawsuit, though Vranesevich himself was not sued.

Bill Vidonic, a former reporter at the Beaver County Times who now freelances for the Beaver Countian, said that Vranesevich is seen as somewhat of a “renewed” who “doesn’t always have to play by the rules.”

Some of his stories carry a certain editorial flair that corporate newspapers might frown upon. (He slapped the headline “Nepotism Gone Wild!” on top of a story recounting accusations about a local judge's hiring of a secretary.) He has also harshly criticized the Beaver County Times in past editorials. But Vidonic said Vranesevich sticks to core journalistic tenets of reporting and corroborating facts before he publishes.

“He’s been an outlier in terms of media, and I think that’s where his strength has been,” Vidonic said. “A lot of people reach out to him because they don’t think he’s part of the establishment. He’s one of them.”

Vidonic sees a need for journalists like Vranesevich. As traditional sources of news have dried up in places like Beaver County, local news groups on Facebook have proliferated but can end up promoting misinformation. (Vranesevich erected an unusually tough payroll on his news site, which relies entirely on subscriptions, in part to dissuade readers from cutting and pasting his stories onto social media. He declined to disclose how many subscribers he has.)

While Pittsburgh-based media sometimes cover Beaver County — NBC affiliate WPXI ran some major scoops about security at the Trump rally, including that the officer who first spotted the gunman had called the command



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**The scene after the July 13 shooting at a rally for Donald Trump. “I was ... going back and forth with my sources, who were giving me the play-by-play,” said John Paul Vranesevich of the Beaver Countian.**

center a full 26 minutes before the shooting — the Beaver County Times is the only daily newspaper dedicated to the county.

Vidonic estimates that, when he joined the Beaver County Times in 1994, it had around 50 staffers in the newsroom. But its staff has dwindled over the years, in a reflection of national trends of a decline in advertising, changes in reading habits and corporate consolidation. Now, the paper has five — three reporters and two editors, one of whom also edits a nearby paper — plus dispatches from the USA Today state capital bureau chief. It’s hiring a fourth reporter.

“Local newspapers just don’t have the resources to cover what they should be covering,” Vidonic said.

The Times, owned by USA Today owner Gannett, also broke stories about the rally tragedy, including interviews with a witness to the shooting and a local GOP official who tried to help resuscitate Corey Comperatore, the local fireman who was killed. A spokeswoman for Gannett also pointed out that USA Today was the first to publish the name of the alleged shooter, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks.

“The Beaver County Times has deep roots in Aliquippa and throughout the western Pennsylvania region,” Patrick O’Shea, editor of the Beaver County Times and Ellwood City Ledger, said in a statement, “and we remain firmly committed to serving our readers and advertisers with trusted, reliable local news, while

relying on the strength of the USA Today Network to ensure up-to-the-minute national coverage.”

Vranesevich said he remains in constant communication with his sources on the rally shooting and expects that he will publish more stories about it. Meanwhile, he is also writing about the county’s top public defender and gathering more reporting on the slain Mercer County teen. All along, he takes stock of his own limited resources to tackle the big stories when compared with regional or national press.

“If I think someone else is going to tell that story, I don’t worry about it,” he said. “Being hyperlocal, I can’t compete with that. I concentrate on what’s not being told.”

# Celebrities keep calling it quits. We tried to figure out who’s actually retiring.

BY HERB SCRIBNER

In Hollywood, where retirement is less of a life decision than a passing phase for some, Ellen DeGeneres has been remarkably consistent about her plans to quit entertainment forever.

She pulled the plug on her long-running talk show in 2022, after a toxic workplace scandal tarnished her image. She is now doing one last comedy tour for Netflix, literally called “Ellen’s Last Stand ... Up.” On a tour stop in California this month, DeGeneres reiterated to the crowd, “This is the last time you’re going to see me. After my Netflix special, I’m done.”

And yet, they still doubt. A fan at the same show asked DeGeneres if she planned to return as Dory in a “Finding Nemo” film, so the legendary comedian resorted to baby talk: “No, I’m going bye-bye, remember.”

If no one believes her, it may not be her fault. The history of the U.S. entertainment industry is replete with cases of celebrities announcing they were quitting the industry, only to go back on their word.

**Ye**

The rapper formerly known as Kanye West — who won 24 Grammys before torching his reputation with antisemitic rants in 2022 and has announced three new albums since then — appeared to declare his retirement in a screenshot of a text conversation posted online by Ye’s musical collaborator, Rich the Kid, on July 9.

“I am retiring from professional music,” Ye allegedly wrote, as Rich tried to talk him out of it. “Not sure what else to do.”

Psych. Rich the Kid posted minutes later that he was releasing an album featuring Ye. The same day, it was announced that Ye would release a song with the rapper Consequence on July 12. It’s unclear if the texts about quitting were faked to build hype for the releases; Ye’s people did not reply to a request for comment.

**Verdict:** No retirement from Ye yet. Also, where is the “Yahndi” album?

**Pat Sajak**

Sajak finished his run on “Wheel of Fortune” in June after 41 years on the show, after originally announcing his retirement in June 2023.

But on July 10, Sajak was confirmed as a host of ABC’s “Celebrity Wheel of Fortune,” which premieres in the fall. Kellyn Holmes, a senior publicist for ABC Entertainment, said this will be Sajak’s last season hosting the game show. The number of episodes he

will appear in has yet to be determined, she said.

**Verdict:** Sajak’s retirement has ended, albeit briefly. We are unsure how many episodes his “Celebrity Wheel of Fortune” run will include. But for now, he’s back in the game.

**John Cena**

Okay, this one is a bit messy if you’re not a wrestling geek (like this reporter). Cena, a professional wrestler turned actor, announced July 6 that he would be retiring from the not-quite sport.

Then he added that he would wrestle 30 to 40 more times throughout 2025. Oh, and Cena will continue to work alongside WWE when his career ends, though not in a wrestling capacity. “People say they’re walking away, and two years later they come back. I want to set the record straight right now. I’m done. This is it,” Cena said at a WWE press event. “Part of this business plan that I proposed and they accepted was me remaining in the WWE family in some capacity for an extended time to come.”

**Verdict:** He is retiring from in-ring competition, but he will still act in movies and television shows, and potentially show up on WWE’s television products as a “behind-the-scenes” character. And if he ever does decide to hop back in the ring, he wouldn’t be the first wrestler turned actor to do so.

**Evangeline Lilly**

Lilly, star of “Ant-Man and the Wasp” and the 2004 hit show “Lost,” announced June 3 on her Instagram that she would be taking a break from acting.

“I am so filled with joy and contentment today as I live out my vision. Praise God, I feel so grateful for my blessings,” she wrote on Instagram. “Stepping away from what seems like the obvious choice (wealth and fame) can feel scary at times, but stepping into your dharma replaces the fear with fulfillment.”

She added that she “might return to Hollywood one day, but, for now, this is where I belong.”

**Verdict:** Not clear. Lilly has stepped away before, after her run on “Lost” wrapped up in 2010. It wouldn’t be surprising for her to fade into the background before resurfacing in another “Avengers” movie.

**Lizzo**

Lizzo shocked her fans in April when she suggested that she was leaving the industry, or music, or social media, or ... something. Her Instagram post was mostly spent venting her frustrations over be-



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**Ellen DeGeneres during a taping of the “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” in Burbank, Calif., in 2016. DeGeneres is one of many celebrities who have discussed plans to quit the entertainment business.**

coming “the butt of the joke every single time because of how I look,” concluding simply, “I didn’t sign up for this s--t, I QUIT.”

Days later, Lizzo clarified in a video that “when I say ‘I quit,’ I mean I quit giving any negative energy attention.” She added: “What I’m not going to quit is the joy of my life, which is making music, which is connecting to people.”

**Verdict:** She hasn’t quit. She said it herself. Unless she says otherwise later.

**Britney Spears**

In January, a fired-up Spears denied certain tabloid reports that she was working on a new album.

The ’90s pop icon wrote in an Instagram post: “Just so we’re clear most of the news is trash !!! They keep saying I’m turning to random people to do a new album ... I will never return to the music industry !!!”

So far, Spears has held true to her word, but her decades-long relationship with the music business has many fans doubting that they won’t reconcile. Spears released a song called “Hold Me Closer” with Elton John in 2022, which was her first released track since the end of her conservatorship. She also had a track with Will.i.am called “Mind Your Business” in 2023. So new music isn’t entirely out of the question for her, right?

**Verdict:** Unclear. It seems Spears has nixed the idea of a new album, though new *music* might be possible. As her memoir

proved, she has a lot of songwriting material if she wants to return to music.

**Nicki Minaj**

In September 2019, Minaj shared that she planned to retire and spend time with her family. But that post was subsequently deleted, and Minaj backtracked in an interview with Billboard days later, saying she “can’t really see taking myself completely away.”

Since then, she has released the 2023 album “Pink Friday 2,” featured on several songs and has been touring around the world.

**Verdict:** Case closed. Minaj hasn’t quit music.

**Louis C.K.**

It would be hard to count all the celebrities who have slinked away from the limelight after being accused of sexual misbehavior in the #MeToo era, but Louis C.K.’s mea culpa stands out. The comedian released a long statement to the New York Times in late 2017, a day after the newspaper published the accounts of several women who said he took advantage of them.

“These stories are true,” the message began, and ended with a promise to “step back and take a long time to listen.”

Who knows what Louis C.K. considers a “long time,” but he returned to the stand-up comedy scene less than a year later and has since seemed to have revived his career, selling out theaters and becoming the subject of multiple documentaries.

**Verdict:** #MeToo accusations derailed the careers of many celebrities and Hollywood bigwigs, but as Louis C.K. proved, that doesn’t mean they’re gone forever.

**David Letterman**

Like DeGeneres, David Letterman was pretty blunt when he announced his retirement in 2015. “For the last time on a television program, thank you and good night,” he said on his final episode of “The Late Show.”

And hello and good day. Letterman got his own Netflix series two years later and even stopped by “The Late Show” in 2023. His series, “My Next Guest Needs No Introduction,” has had two episodes in 2024 so far — one with Charles Barkley, the other with Miley Cyrus.

**Verdict:** Letterman is no longer retired and has shown a willingness to stop by Hollywood on occasion. How long he chooses to do so is another question entirely.

**Jay-Z**

One of the more notable “I’m retiring but not really” moments came from the rapper Jay-Z, who said in 2003 that he was done making music. You know how this ends: Three years later he released the album “Kingdom Come” and has since released four more, as well as a handful of features.

In 2022, Jay-Z reflected on his inability to retire in an interview with Kevin Hart. “I tried that. I’m terrible at that,” he said. “I just needed a break. But I really

thought that I was really burned out at the time.”

**Verdict:** Jay-Z could probably afford to retire any time he wants, but he doesn’t seem ready to do so yet.

**Justin Bieber**

Bieber has had a complicated relationship with his career. In December 2013, he announced on Twitter that he was retiring, the night before his movie “Justin Bieber’s Believe” hit theaters. But Bieber didn’t stay retired for long. Since 2013, he has released three albums (2015’s “Purpose,” 2020’s “Changes” and 2021’s “Justice”) and had some pop-charting singles, including “Love Yourself,” “Sorry” and “What Do You Mean?” His appearance on the remix of Luis Fonsi’s “Despacito” led to the hit being a 2017 song-of-the-summer contender.

However, in June 2022, Bieber announced he would take another break from music as he contended with a diagnosis of Ramsay Hunt Syndrome. One month later, he began touring again. The tour, which stretched across Europe, “took a real toll” on him, Bieber said in a social media post at the time.

In February 2023, he canceled his “Justice World Tour” dates and seemingly disappeared from the spotlight.

But Beliebers found new hope when the singer posted several photos in January, one of which showed him with a microphone in a studio. He also appeared to include a snippet of a new song in a post in May.

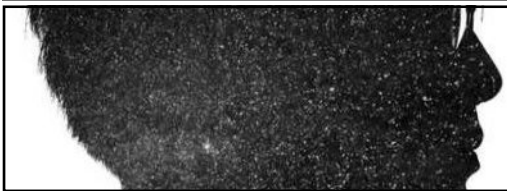
**Verdict:** We somehow doubt Bieber will remain out of the radio playlists much longer.

**On the bubble: Adele, Trixie Mattel**

Two later entries to our list are Adele and Trixie Mattel, who both recently announced that they are feeling burned out and need to step away from the spotlight.

Adele specifically said her “tank is empty” after completing a two-year residency in Las Vegas. Trixie Mattel, a star of “RuPaul’s Drag Race” who has been running a YouTube channel in addition to other television appearances, announced a three-month break and teased “a complete reboot” after what Trixie described to be a difficult year.

So, expect to see Trixie back in the spotlight in the fall. As for Adele, she’ll probably be hanging at Los Angeles Lakers games beside her partner Rich Paul, a longtime associate of LeBron James. Sure, she may not perform new music, but she will probably be on screen.



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EA SPORTS COLLEGE FOOTBALL 25 ★★☆☆

A long-awaited return to campus is much more than a trip down memory lane

BY HERB SCRIBNER

There’s a palpable energy surrounding “EA Sports College Football 25.” A long-awaited revival to a franchise that’s lain dormant for 11 years, the game has already garnered attention from celebrities like LeBron James, Shane Gillis and Tim Tebow, who all streamed it on Twitch earlier this month. In many ways, the hype around “College Football 25” is like the first day of college — lots of sights, sounds and triumphant messaging, with uncertainty about what the future holds.

But once you get going, there’s no looking back. You’ll be here for a good time, and a long time.

“College Football 25,” which is available on PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and S, is the successor to “NCAA Football 14,” a game released in the summer of 2013 that has developed a hero reputation among college football fans. EA stopped releasing college football video games because of legal issues surrounding name, image and likeness deals with players. But once the NCAA

opened the way for players to profit off NIL deals in 2019, EA was quick to bring back the franchise. The newest rendition was announced in February 2021, and the earliest access to the game began last Monday.

Naturally, the first true college football game in over a decade will raise some eyebrows. Does it hold up to the originals? Is it just a re-skinned version of the juggernaut Madden NFL video games? And is “College Football 25” actually fun?

Like many sports games, “College Football 25” is easy to pick up but difficult to master. The new passing system will take some getting used to, since it has a number of custom controls and requires timing a meter while reading an opposing defense all at once (you’ll need to stay locked in to hit your passes). Defense, just like in actual college football, is hard to come by and will require patience. For as much fun as you have moving the chains, you’ll need to take some time to understand how the game works and which players work best for your

team’s scheme.

Your difficulty setting will define your experience. The second-lowest setting (“varsity”) brought me a pair of exciting games (Massachusetts vs. Brigham Young and Texas vs. Georgia) that went down to the wire, filled with high-octane offense and heartbreaking pick-sixes. The highest setting — the dreaded “Heisman” difficulty — should be used by only those who wish to worship the CPU as the new overlord of college football. In my first “Heisman” encounter, the Texas Christian Horned Frogs stomped my Southern Methodist Mustangs, 63-0 (using three-minute quarters, mind you). (I should note I’m a casual Madden player, so you might do better if you’re more experienced with *that* game.)

That said, this isn’t a Madden NFL re-skin. Madden games tend to be chunky, bloated, slow and dark. “College Football 25” is bright, fast-paced, ridiculous and wild. You get high scores, deep throws and raucous crowds. The vibrant colors and intense atmosphere of college

football made all of my blowout losses (we’ll see you again soon, Eastern Michigan) much less painful.

Any fan of the NCAA Football franchise will point to “Dynasty Mode” — in which you take control of the recruiting and on-field performance of a college football program — as the go-to. This revived version is incredibly deep with a heavy emphasis on recruiting, which requires you to plan how to spend your allotted time, whom to recruit and where to look for players. It’s a fun experience for menu merchants and creatives (I spent an hour working my way through my prospect list instead of hitting the field), but it won’t excite everyone who wants to dive right into play.

Similarly, “Road to Glory,” the role-playing mode in which you create a custom college athlete, can have you stuck in the dorm room rather than on the field. As a bench player in year one, I spent two hours using my allocated “energy” coins on studying and teammate bonding, with a few minutes performing practice



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drills. I didn’t see game time until the final game of the season. So if you want to hop right into the action, make sure you pick a “starter” spot from the get-go. (Just be careful not to get blocked by your college crush!)

There’s no question “College Football 25” is worth buying and a welcome return to the franchise. At times, you’ll find your-

self picking apart defenses and scoring wildly entertaining touchdowns. On its worst day, you’ll be stuck in the menu for an hour trying to recruit a quarterback from Riverside, Calif., or studying for an upcoming exam (which is its own puzzle).

The game is truly a combination of work hard, play harder — sounds a lot like college.

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Angelika  
Pop-Up at Union Market  
650 Penn Street N.E. - Unit E

**Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13)** 7:00  
**Inside Out 2 (PG)** 2:00-4:30  
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5612 Connecticut Avenue

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Landmark E Street Cinema  
555 11th Street Northwest

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AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center  
9633 Coleville Road

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**Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice (1969) (R)** 9:15  
**Kinetta (NR)** 9:00  
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**To Die For (R)** 7:00  
**Queen Christina (1925)** 6:00  
**Grand Hotel (1932)** 6:00  
**Dinner at Eight (NR)** 12:30  
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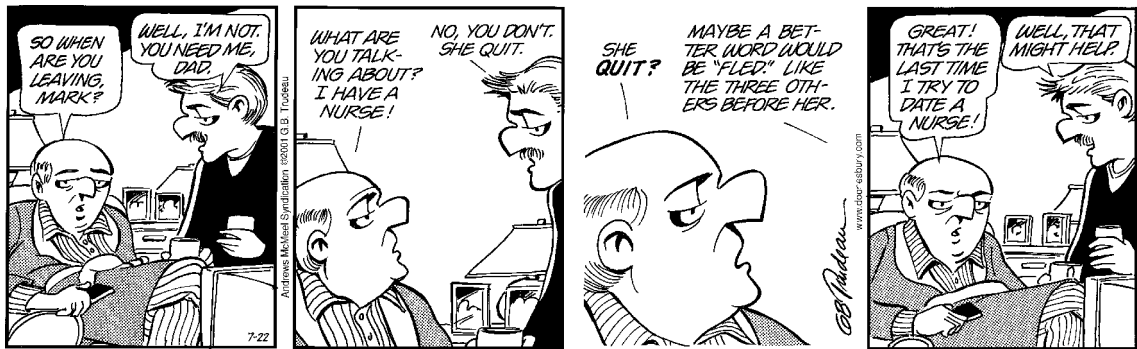
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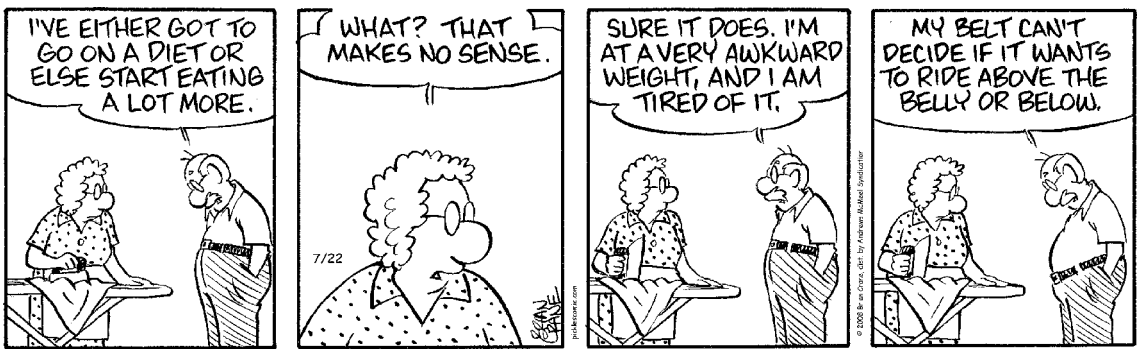
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| ♥ 53            |  | ♥ 87        |  |
| ♦ AKQ93         |  | ♦ 1074      |  |
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**SOUTH**

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**The bidding:**

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| All Pass           |              |             |              |
| Opening lead — ♦ K |              |             |              |

“f not for my bad luck,” Unlucky Louie moaned, “I’d have no luck at all. Meanwhile, good luck trails him around like a large, friendly dog.”

Louie meant the player we call Harlow the Halo, the luckiest man in six states. His key finesses always win, and his errors never cost.

In a team match, both Louie and Harlow played at four hearts. Harlow ruffed West’s third high diamond, led a trump to dummy and returned a club to his jack, accepting the winning finesse as his due. He drew trumps and had 10 tricks.

Louie led a trump to dummy at the fourth trick but next took the ace of clubs and led the jack. Dummy’s queen was high for a spade discard, but East took the king and led a third club. When Louie threw his spade loser, West ruffed. Down one.

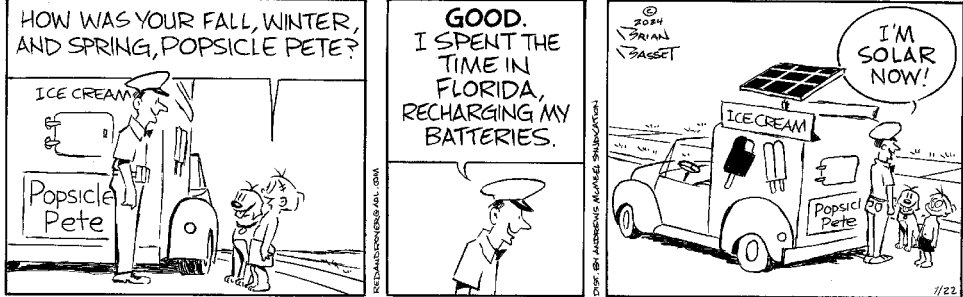
Louie’s play was better but not best: At Trick Four he can lead the jack of clubs. If East wins and returns a spade, Louie wins and takes the ace of clubs and the K-10 of trumps. Then he safely pitches his last spade on the queen of clubs.

**DAILY QUESTION**  
You hold:  
♠ KQ63♥53  
♦ AKQ93♣62  
The dealer, at your right, opens one heart. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Though a two-diamond overall would not be an error, most players would double to seek a fit in the other major. If partner bid two clubs, they would try two diamonds. You really need a stronger hand to double and then bid a suit, but some pairs use “equal-level conversion,” allowing a bid of two diamonds with no extra strength.

— Frank Stewart  
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FRANK AND ERNEST



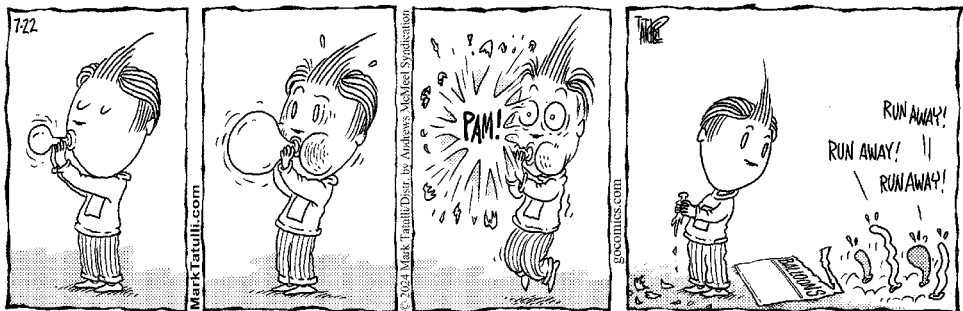
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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JULY 22

You have a sharp intellect. You are also action-oriented and like to make progress at whatever you're doing. This is the beginning of a fresh nine-year cycle for you. It's time to take action, initiative and define your goals. What you do now will benefit your future.

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Aquarius.

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19). The next few weeks will be full of opportunities for recreational diversions and fun, amusing times. Enjoy playful activities with children. Relationships will be lighter. The arts, sports events and romance will be blessed!

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20). Home, family and your private life will be your main focus in the next few weeks. This is why you're happy to stay at home right now and relax among familiar surroundings. Some of you will be more involved than usual with a parent.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20). The pace of your days is starting to accelerate! Get ready for a busy time ahead because of increased interactions with siblings, relatives, neighbors and friends. Short trips are likely.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22). "Show me the money!" Today your attention turns to your relationship with your wealth, earnings, belongings and assets. In fact, this will be a strong interest for you in the next few weeks.

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22). Today the Sun enters your sign to stay for the next four weeks. This happens once a year. This means it's your turn to recharge your batteries and energize yourself! You will attract people and favorable situations to you.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). You feel a stronger need now to be more private, which is why you want to work alone today and in the next few weeks. Because your personal year is coming to an end, use the next few weeks to contemplate what you want for your new year ahead (birthday to birthday).

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22). Your popularity will increase in the next few weeks – definitely! Among your friends, strive to establish who you are. Socialize extensively, but also scrutinize your friends. Are these your people? This is a good time for team efforts.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21). The Sun will be at the top of your chart for the next four weeks. This is something that happens only once a year. When it occurs, it symbolizes that you are thrust in a flattering spotlight. People will admire you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21). Good news! You are the traveler of the zodiac, and in the next four weeks, opportunities to travel might suddenly drop in your lap. This is also a great time to take up a new course of study, a new hobby or any intellectual discipline.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19). Beginning today, for the next four weeks, you will have a stronger desire to experience life at a feeling level, not just an intellectual level. You also might encounter someone who produces some psychological self-inquiry within you.

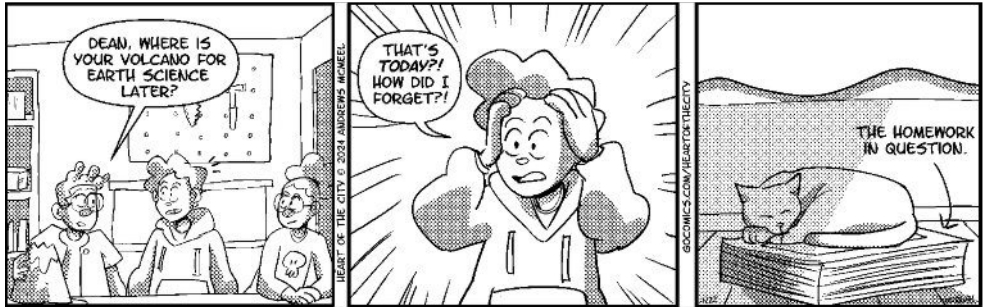
**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18). For the next four weeks, the Sun will be sitting opposite your sign, making you focused more than usual on close friendships, partnerships and marriages.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20). Your desire to work and be productive is growing and will continue to grow in the next few weeks. Make an effort to accomplish as much as possible in the most efficient and effective way. This will please you and give you a strong sense of satisfaction.

— Georgia Nicols

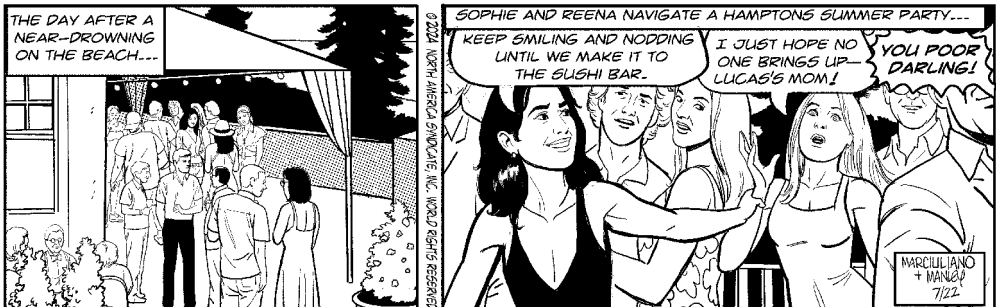
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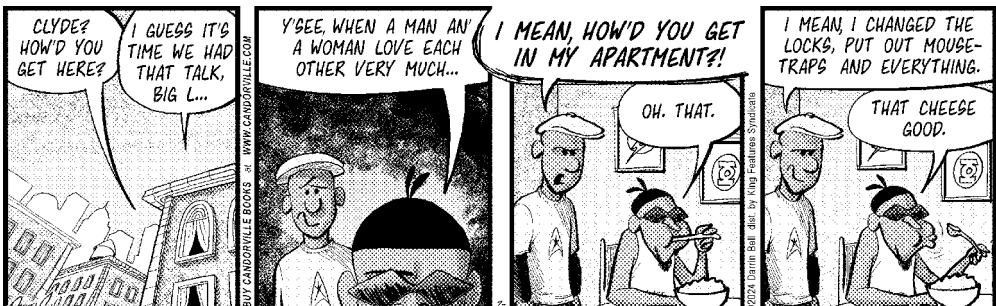
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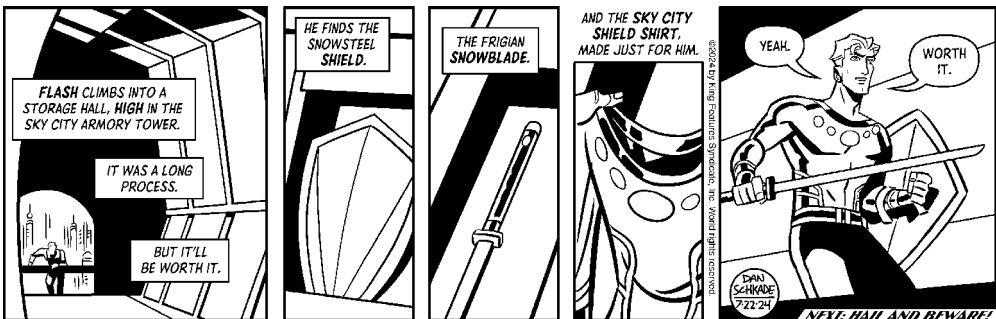
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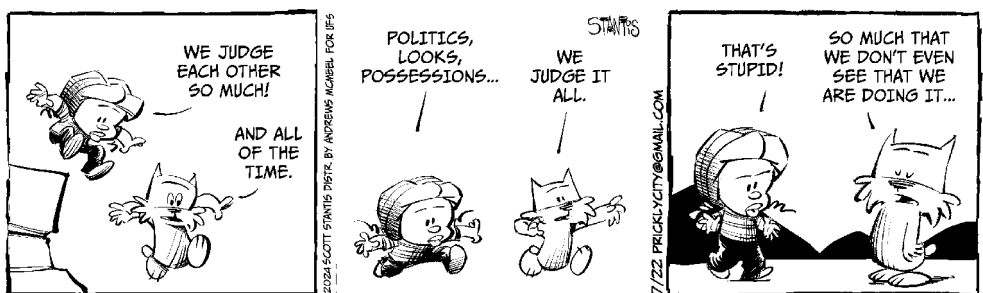
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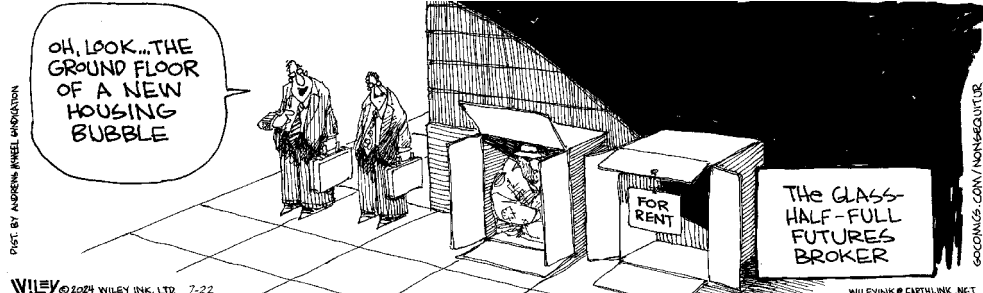
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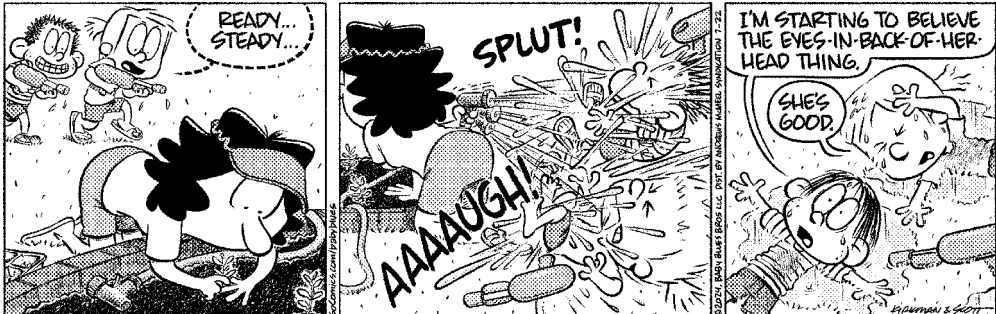
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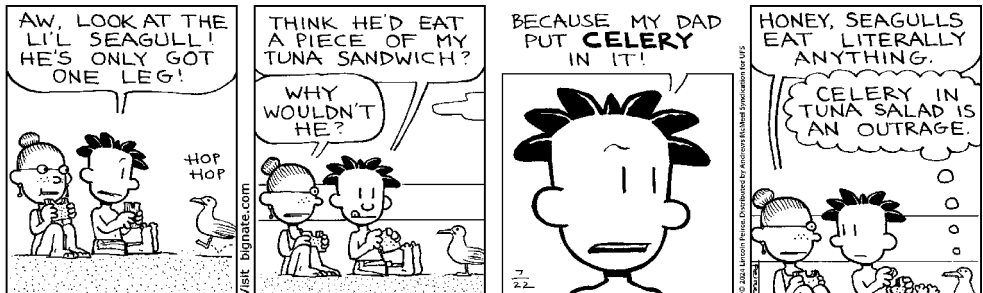
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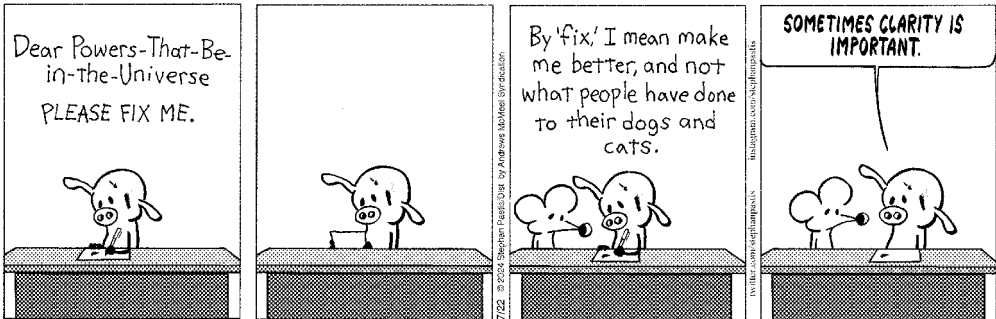
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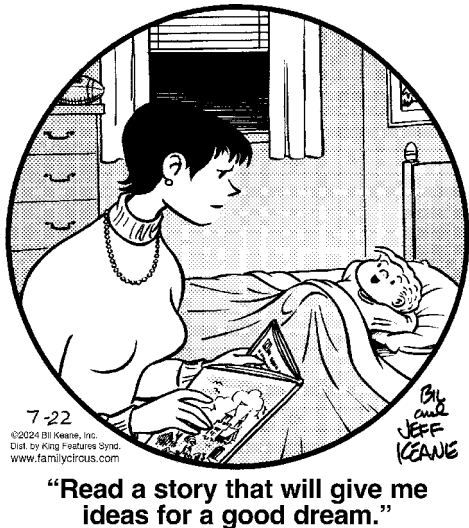
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# He won't discuss their sexless marriage



**Carolyn Hax**

*Adapted from an online discussion.*

**Dear Carolyn:** I'm a woman in my 40s and am in a mostly sexless marriage. The past six or seven years, it has been once or twice a year. I have talked to my spouse about it, and he will blow it off with a joke or get annoyed that I'm bringing it up again. I still enjoy his company in other ways, but I feel as if we are more friends and co-parents than a married couple. Much of the time I think this is enough, but I also think I'm too young to be celibate for the rest of my life.

I don't really know where to go from here. How do you decide whether this is enough or whether you should start over?

By the way, I'm as sure as I can be he's not cheating; he just has zero interest anymore and doesn't seem to want to change that.

— *Mostly Celibate*

**Mostly Celibate:** Before you deal with the sexless marriage, deal with the talkless marriage. Or truthless:

“This is important to me. Please don't blow me off with jokes; that's not fair to either of us.” Or: “I understand this is uncomfortable, but I believe I have a right to an answer, or at least an honest discussion. This is our lives we're talking about.”

If you still get nowhere, then that's the bigger issue. Couples can be forced out of physical intimacy for a bunch of reasons beyond their control: illness, injury, medications, trauma, low drive or interest, etc. But they can get through it on the strength of their emotional intimacy, which is the true heart of a peer marriage.

So if your spouse won't even tell you the truth, then you're headed to a loneliness even more profound than the one you're feeling now. Plant your flag there and don't budge. That'll tell you whether you have a life partner, a pal, a roommate or an ex.

**Re: Sexless Marriage:** Perhaps your husband has a medical problem and is too embarrassed to discuss it with you, because he feels like a failure.

— *Anonymous*

**Anonymous:** One possibility, yes. All the more reason not to let the yuk-yuk response pass for a legitimate answer. When we give difficult topics patience and respect, they become easier to discuss than hold in. Thanks.

Other readers' thoughts:

- Been there. Turned out my husband had the testosterone level of a 4-year-old. Took a lot of pushing for him to tell a doctor, too embarrassed to talk about sex. I finally told him that, if he didn't, I would make an appointment and discuss it. Turned our lives around. At first he used the patches but went to weekly shots.
- It might be worthwhile to start bluntly with: “This is weird to talk about, but we have different sex drives. That's not a value judgment on either of



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us, but it can get really awkward if we can't talk about how to handle it.” Society looks down on men who aren't interested in sex, so he may be making jokes to deflect. There's also the other (potential) elephant in the room: “I also want to be able to cuddle, but I don't want either of us to feel like I'm angling for sex

every time.” Because that happens, too.

- Sounds like my marriage. I finally asked my husband whether he was gay, and he said yes. It broke a dam, cleared a LOT of things up and we decided to stay together (we had been married for 33 years, three kids) because we really liked each other. Maybe

this could/should be your question.

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Republican vice-presidential nominee J.D. Vance, seen Thursday, released the memoir “Hillbilly Elegy” in 2016.

## ‘Hillbilly Elegy’ came out in a different America

### ‘HILLBILLY’ FROM CI

“I had to come to the conclusion that, wow, this book is touching on a nerve.”

During the election and its immediate aftermath, critics declared Vance's personal account of his impoverished childhood in Ohio an urgent sociological text. The memoir was nearly (*nearly*) universally praised, becoming a staple of university reading programs and critics' best-of lists. “Hillbilly Elegy” wasn't just good; it was “essential.”

Vance was “a palatable messenger for information that people were sort of starting to figure out that they needed in that time. They needed to understand the Trump base, the Trump voter,” recalled Meghan Daum, who reviewed the memoir for the New York Times.

Within a couple of years — before Vance declared his intent to run for office in the 2022 elections, and even before Ron Howard's film adaptation came out in 2020 — the public mood seemed to sour on the book.

“At a certain point, everyone just turned on it,” Daum said. “It's hard to say why, though. People were mad at him because he was sort of doing the ‘up by the bootstraps’ thing. And showing any kind of understanding at all of people from those communities was suddenly so taboo.”

The criticism was bipartisan, Smith said. “I think on the right, it was more like, ‘Oh, wait, it's just too simple and glib to say that J.D.'s book explains Trump. The Trump supporter isn't just living in Appalachia.’”

As the Republican National Convention unfolded last week, some critics noted Vance's shift away from the beliefs he'd espoused in the book.

Slate critic Laura Miller wrote Tuesday: “All the qualities that made *Hillbilly Elegy* one of the best books I read in 2016—its brutal honesty, its challenges to the self-delusional and self-defeating aspects of hillbilly culture, its mournful ambivalence about the identity he's only partially left behind—have been

shamelessly jettisoned by Vance for the sake of his political career.” She added: “Nowhere in the book does Vance express concerns about immigrants, documented or otherwise, or the perfidy of the deep state.”

“He's a very good writer. I have to say he's a lot better writer than he is a speaker,” said Financial Times columnist Edward Luce, speaking over the phone the morning after Vance's acceptance speech.

“Probably one of the reasons why ‘Hillbilly Elegy’ hit a chord was because he did in that book the opposite of what he did last night,” Luce said. “In 2016, it was, ‘We are to blame for a lot of our own predicament.’ Last night, he was a victim, and they were all victims, of neoliberalism on Wall Street and the larger forces of capitalism and indifference to middle America. That was a complete U-turn from the moral of the story of ‘Hillbilly Elegy.’”

Their opinions of the author aside, do the critics think that “Hillbilly Elegy” still had something to say to America in 2024?

“It was an inspiring story. I learned a lot about a segment of America that I didn't know very much about before I read the book. Those things totally still stand,” Smith said.

“It's a good story. I think there's a lot of people who don't realize that this stuff goes on. Unfortunately, we're in a moment that once you start talking about this demographic, people just shut down immediately,” Daum said, later adding: “I mean, this is not Tobias Wolff, okay? But there are a lot worse books.”

The vice-presidential nomination appears to have drawn in many new readers: “Hillbilly Elegy” surged to the top of Amazon's bestseller list following Trump's announcement last Monday. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

But any who wish to wade into the literary debate may have to wait, at least on one platform: Goodreads temporarily blocked anyone from posting new ratings or reviews.

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Xander Schauffele, who had 12 top-10s in majors before winning one, beat a packed field Sunday and a week of wicked weather with the “best round I’ve played.”

# Double major

Schauffele soars with back-nine 31, adds British Open to PGA Championship he won in May

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

TROON, SCOTLAND — On a course adjacent to an airport, a 30-year-old golfer from San Diego seemed to leave the ground Sunday and commence gliding above as if oblivious to the fray below. His back nine, so artful and tranquil, felt almost as if he had used the runway just behind No. 10 to start floating overhead like one of those lazy-day planes, the engine barely audible but its hum clearly untouchable. In a callous sport with a furious week of weather, the clear winner wound up looking downright pristine.

Among the many paths to winning golf majors, there’s the one where the mastery looks just about spotless, and that’s the one Xander Schauffele took to his deeply calm win at the 152nd British Open. It’s not just that his final-round 65 and his

## BRITISH OPEN

At Royal Troon, final

|    |                   | TO PAR |
|----|-------------------|--------|
| 1  | Xander Schauffele | -9     |
| T2 | Justin Rose       | -7     |
|    | Billy Horschel    | -7     |
| 4  | Thriston Lawrence | -6     |
| 5  | Russell Henley    | -5     |
| 6  | Shane Lowry       | -4     |
| T7 | Jon Rahm          | -1     |
|    | Sungjae Im        | -1     |
|    | Scottie Scheffler | -1     |

back-nine 31 stood as the best numbers of the 80 players at Royal Troon or that they provided a two-shot win at 9 under par after he started one shot back. It’s how it looked and felt, and it looked and felt like something even the imagination wouldn’t dare entertain. Schauffele wound up disconnected from a bunched leader board, from his bygone image as a chronic contender who couldn’t quite reign and from all known reasonable limitations going forward.

“A wonderful next 10 years,” his father and first coach, Stefan, predicted without committing hubris or nonsense.

The hard facts said Xander Schauffele, who couldn’t snare any of his first 27 tries at majors despite 12 top-10 finishes, went and snared two of the past three. They said he became the first male player since

SEE BRITISH OPEN ON D12

# Wood goes deep to cap a sweep

## NATIONALS 5, REDS 2

Rookie outfielder drills three-run shot in eighth

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

Circumstance decided James Wood would bat with two outs and two on in the eighth inning of a tie game Sunday afternoon against the Cincinnati Reds. In a rare turn of events, Wood decided to swing at the first pitch.

Before tension could build amid the patience typical of the rookie’s at-bats with the Washington Nationals, Wood cracked a go-ahead, three-run homer that never stood a chance of doing anything but clearing the wall in left field at Nationals Park — a fact exemplified by the stare Wood gave from outside the batter’s box as he admired it, his bat still in his hand as the ball landed. That opposite-field thump, which defined Wood’s rapid rise through the minor leagues, and seven solid innings from Jake Irvin gave the Nationals a 5-2 win and their first sweep since mid-June.

“I just felt comfortable going up there — I had seen the guy yesterday,” Wood said of Reds left-hander Justin Wilson. “Sometimes [the first pitch] is the best one you’re going to see all day. Just got to be ready for it.”

As Wood rounded the bases, his mind went blank. The teams’ proximity in the wild-card standings, though, was on his mind in the clubhouse. With five wins in their past six games, the Nationals have the same record as the Reds — 47-53.

“We’re right there with them,” Wood said. “We’re trying to make a push, too, and every game is important.”

“This is the time now where things can go two ways,” Manager Dave Martinez said. “Come out flat and you try to work your way to do something special, or you come out with a good running start. I’m glad the boys chose to get a good running start.”

To call the moment by Baseball America’s top prospect a given, though, understates the jump he is making from Class AAA. In just his first three weeks in the big leagues, Wood has had plenty that could have derailed his season.

Take that he was hitting seventh Sunday, under the guise that it might relax the ever-relaxed 21-year-old at the plate. Or that,

SEE NATIONALS ON D3

**Padres at Nationals**  
Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., MASN2

# Kickoffs, Rodgers, rookie QBs are among storylines for camp

NFL cycle gets going with no shortage of drama

BY MARK MASKE

NFL teams have started to report to training camps, meaning the countdown to the start of the regular season in September has begun in earnest. As the real games get closer, a notable rule change could grab the spotlight.

Team owners ratified one of the most consequential rule changes in NFL history this offseason when they approved a “hybrid” kickoff format. It is designed to make the kickoff relevant again while simultaneously making the play safer.

Players, coaches and fans face a major adjustment. The new alignment, with 21 players lined up on one half of the field and only the kicker on the other side to start the play, could be jarring at first. The

would-be tacklers on the kicking team and blockers on the receiving team, beginning only five yards apart, cannot move until the ball reaches a returner or touches the ground. From there, the proceedings are intended to resemble a play from scrimmage.

The hopes are that the return rate will increase dramatically and big plays will be plentiful. Coaches can get creative with their returns and coverages. Some teams might even have a non-kicker take the kickoff, aiming to get another capable tackler on the field.

Teams began working on the play during the spring, but now that work intensifies.

Here are other storylines that will be in focus before the season kicks off:

SEE NFL ON D5

## BASEBALL

Adrian Beltré, Joe Mauer and Todd Helton finish the journey from phenom to Hall of Fame inductee. **D3**

## CYCLING

Tadej Pogacar makes it three Tour de France titles with one more victory in the last stage. **D5**

## PARIS OLYMPICS

# In France, he could be the face of the Olympics

Under tutelage of Phelps’s former coach, Marchand eyes history in the pool at the Games

BY DAVE SHEININ



EUGENE HOSHIKO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leon Marchand, world record holder in the 400 IM, is a threat to win gold in four individual events.

On Jan. 17, 2004, at an otherwise unremarkable, early-season swim meet in Auburn, Ala., a 30-year-old Frenchman and two-time Olympian named Xavier Marchand climbed the starting blocks for the men’s 200-meter individual medley. A couple of lanes over stood a towering, 18-year-old American phenom named Michael Phelps, already the world record holder in that event. Marchand had a good idea what was coming.

Their career trajectories were moving inexorably in opposite directions: Marchand, having relocated to Auburn in hopes of reaching a third Olympics that summer, would fall short of that goal and soon retire. Phelps, guided by coach Bob Bowman, would win six gold medals at the 2004 Athens Games, the starting point for the most decorated Olympic career in history.

Some two minutes after launching themselves into the water, Phelps touched in first place,

SEE MARCHAND ON D3

# Call some of them baseball converts — maybe

A huge, diverse crowd — including players — watches Jepsen’s breezy performance as the Nationals continue their postgame concert series

BY VARUN SHANKAR  
AND SAPNA BANSIL

The chants began late in Friday night’s game, a chorus emerging from dozens lined up in the lower concourse of Nationals Park.

Kyle Finnegan was on the mound, and the Washington Nationals were one strike away from defeating the Cincinnati Reds. But these chants weren’t for him or for the home team.

“Carly! Carly!” intoned the group, several clad in crop tops, rainbow jeans and sparkly skirts. For many of them, Washington’s 8-5 win was merely the opening act.

The real show came soon after the game ended, when the infield dirt became a dance floor, a black stage replaced second base and the subject of the group’s calls — Carly Rae Jepsen — walked onto the field wearing a yellow, glittering dress and sky blue tights.

Jepsen’s postgame performance, the latest in the Nationals’ summer concert series, drew a group of her die-hard fans to one of Washington’s best-attended games of the year. A crowd of 38,402 filled Nationals Park on a pristine summer evening, over 13,000 more than the team’s average attendance entering Friday.

The singer-songwriter and a Major League Baseball team made for an unlikely pairing. Country, rock, reggaeton and hip-hop typically dominate clubhouses and stadiums. Jepsen is a Canadian pop star whose breezy hits, including her 2012 viral breakout “Call Me Maybe,” have cultivated an ardent fan base that skews younger, female and LGBTQ.

“She is a genius; she’s an icon; she’s a visionary,” said Katherine McCauley, a 30-year-old D.C. resi-

dent who watched from Section 227.

McCauley and other fans praised the unadulterated joy in Jepsen’s performances. The feeling was evident during a vibrant hour-long show that featured 15 buoyant songs, fireworks erupting from the stage and Jepsen singing through a seemingly ever-present smile. The audience reciprocated. Some waved phone flashlights, others their arms and, in one case, a red Nationals foam finger.

The Nationals’ first summer concert of the season, on June 7, featured rapper Flo Rida and drew a crowd of 39,235. Its success prompted Washington to increase the number of field passes available for Jepsen’s show. The passes, which went on sale June 12, sold out just over two weeks later, the team said.

“We look at a number of factors when deciding [performers],” Nationals vice president of events Jonathan Stahl said in an email. “We want to make sure that the overall lineup has something for everyone and that we do not over-index in one particular genre.”

Additional concerts with singer-songwriter Teddy Swims and country band Lady A are planned for later this season. And the success of the first two shows could lead to more. Stahl said fans “should be on the lookout ... for an exciting addition” to the lineup.

Maddy Berner, a 32-year-old D.C. native who attended Friday with five friends, grew up with minimal interest in sports. She had been to a few Nationals games before Friday.

“They were long; they were arduous; they were hot; there was little shade; there wasn’t a lot going on,” she said. “... None of it



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Carly Rae Jepsen performed 15 songs for a crowd of 38,402 following Friday’s game at Nationals Park.

was appealing to me.”

But Jepsen gave her a reason to return to Nationals Park.

“I was really looking at it as just a concert,” she said. “I wasn’t even considering that I would have to attend the game.”

Some even traveled to see Jepsen. Aaron Herschlag, 29, drove from New York to attend his fourth baseball game and his 19th Jepsen concert. Renee Jiang, a 21-year-old software engineer who discovered Jepsen’s music during the pandemic, spent nearly \$300 — and endured significant travel delays caused by Friday’s mass IT outage — to fly in from Boston.

Jiang had never attended a baseball game. She hadn’t even

watched one on TV.

“When I heard that this was happening, I was like, ‘Oh, maybe this is finally a chance for me to actually experience what [baseball is] like,’” Jiang said. “I feel like it’s something I probably have been missing out on for a while.”

While some attendees came primarily for Jepsen, others saw Friday as a perfect blend of their interests.

Drew Rivera loves the Nationals and Jepsen. The D.C. native has been a fan of the team since they moved to the city and attended their 2019 World Series parade.

He became a Jepsen fan after hearing her music at a house

party in college. That made Friday a perfect night, especially because it came a day after his 28th birthday.

Eloise Arcurio, a 10-year-old from Bethesda, was another who came to enjoy her dual interests.

Arcurio follows the Nationals casually. She likes to come on Sunday afternoons, when kids are allowed to run the bases after the game, and collects ice cream helmets. Her first concert was when she saw Jepsen at a festival last year. She now loves live music and the pop star.

“I couldn’t stop speaking with my hand up like a mic,” she said.

“She’s electric, kind of giddy excited that we kind of be able to do both of these things,” added

## SPOTLIGHT: NASCAR

# Larson races to first Brickyard 400 victory

BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS — Kyle Larson made a late charge through the field, managed to get his car refired after a red flag and won the final two restart battles Sunday before coasting to his first Brickyard 400 victory under caution.

Larson took the lead when Brad Keselowski ran out of fuel and pulled off the track just before the second-to-last restart, then he beat pole winner Tyler Reddick at the end with the yellow flag out.

“Today was definitely meant to be for us with the way the strategy was working out and all that fell into place,” Larson said. “Thankfully, it did. I just can’t believe it. It’s just surreal to win here.”

## Driver takes the lead when Keselowski runs out of fuel, then wins two restart battles

Larson won in his first trip back to the track since he tried to become the fifth driver to complete 1,100 miles of racing on the same day in May, at Indianapolis and Charlotte Motor Speedway. He triumphed for the fourth time this season and took the points lead from Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott.

The 31-year-old Californian charged back from 12th over the final 32 laps as many drivers attempted to save fuel in

the first NASCAR Cup Series race on Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s historic 2.5-mile oval since 2020, with the last three being run on the facility’s 14-turn road course.

When Keselowski pulled off the track before taking the green flag with three to go, he ceded the inside lane to Larson, who took advantage of a clean shot to pass Ryan Blaney just before a five-car pileup that began when Daniel Hemric and John Henry Nemechek made contact.

The crash brought out the red flag, and Larson needed an assist in getting his No. 5 Chevrolet started. Once he did, though, he again had the inside lane and again beat Blaney on the restart.

— Associated Press

## TELEVISION AND RADIO

| MLB                           |                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 p.m.                        | Tampa Bay at New York Yankees » MLB Network                                                                                              |
| 7:30 p.m.                     | Philadelphia at Minnesota » MLB Network                                                                                                  |
| NBA SUMMER LEAGUE — LAS VEGAS |                                                                                                                                          |
| 9 p.m.                        | Final: Memphis vs. Miami » ESPN                                                                                                          |
| SOCCER                        |                                                                                                                                          |
| 10 p.m.                       | Concacaf under-20 men's championship, Group A: United States vs. Cuba » Fox Sports 2                                                     |
| TENNIS                        |                                                                                                                                          |
| 5 a.m.                        | ATP: Atlanta Open, Austrian Open Kitzbühel and Croatia Open, early rounds; WTA: Iasi Open and Prague Open, early rounds » Tennis Channel |

| BASKETBALL |                                                                                                          |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 p.m.     | Men's exhibition: United States vs. Germany » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)                                |
| 6 p.m.     | The Basketball Tournament, round of 32: Team Heartfire vs. We Are D3 » Fox Sports 2                      |
| 7 p.m.     | The Basketball Tournament, round of 32: The Ville (Louisville) vs. Sideline Cancer » Fox Sports 1        |
| 8 p.m.     | The Basketball Tournament, round of 32: Red Scare (Dayton) vs. Carmen's Crew (Ohio State) » Fox Sports 2 |
| 9 p.m.     | The Basketball Tournament, round of 32: AfterShocks (Wichita State) vs. Team Colorado » Fox Sports 1     |
| CRICKET    |                                                                                                          |
| 8:30 p.m.  | Major League Cricket: Washington vs. San Francisco » Monumental Sports Network                           |

## SOCCER

### Spirit defeats Chivas in the Summer Cup

Paige Metayer and Lena Silano scored as the shorthanded Washington Spirit opened the Summer Cup with a 2-1 win over Mexico’s Chivas de Guadalajara on Sunday afternoon in Chester, Pa.

Metayer opened the scoring with a 13th-minute header at Subaru Park before Silano converted **Brittany Ratcliffe’s** feed to double the lead in the 47th. Typically reserves, the duo seized their opportunity to start for a Spirit team missing six players because of the Paris Olympics.

**Alicia Cervantes** pulled one back for Chivas with a 68th-minute header.

The Spirit will continue the midseason tournament, featuring clubs from the NWSL and Mexico’s Liga MX Femenil, with matches against NJ/NY Gotham FC next Sunday at Subaru Park and the Chicago Red Stars on July 31 at City Stadium in Richmond.

— Thomas Floyd

## TENNIS

### Nadal falls to Borges in Nordea Open final

Rafael Nadal’s winning run at the clay-court Nordea Open in Bastad, Sweden, ended when the Spaniard was beaten by **Nuno Borges**, 6-3, 6-2, in the final.

The seventh-seeded Portuguese player broke Nadal’s serve five times on his way to his first ATP Tour victory. It was Nadal’s first final since the 2022 French Open.

“It’s crazy; in tennis, it doesn’t happen when you expect it sometimes,” Borges said. “I know we all wanted Rafa to win; a part of me wished that, too. But something even bigger inside of me really pushed through today.”

Nadal was playing at the tournament for the first time since he won the title as a 19-year-old in 2005 as he prepares for the Olympics at Roland Garros in Paris.

The 38-year-old Nadal skipped Wimbledon because he didn’t want to switch surfaces to grass and then back to clay.

## GOLF

### Dunlap makes history with Barracuda victory

Nick Dunlap became the first player in PGA Tour history to win as an amateur and a professional in the same year, rallying for a two-point victory in the Barracuda Championship in Truckee, Calif.

In January in La Quinta, Calif., the 20-year-old Dunlap, then a sophomore at Alabama, became the eighth amateur to win a tour

event and the first in 33 years. He turned pro days later.

On Sunday at Tahoe Mountain Club in the only PGA Tour event that uses the modified Stableford scoring system, Dunlap took the lead with a 55-foot eagle putt on the par-5 15th.

Players receive eight points for a double eagle, five for an eagle and two for a birdie. One point is deducted for a bogey, and three are for a double bogey.

**Vince Whaley** finished second, making a 17-foot birdie putt on No. 18 for a nine-point day. ...

**Chanettee Wannasaen** won the Dana Open for her second LPGA Tour title, birdieing the final two holes to hold off **Haeran Ryu** by a stroke.

Three strokes ahead of playing partner Ryu entering the round, Wannasaen closed with a 4-under-par 67 to finish at 20-under 264 at Highland Meadows in Sylvania, Ohio.

“Last day, I cannot like calm down because my heart is like boom, boom, boom, boom,” Wannasaen said. “Every hole.”

The 20-year-old Thai player won the Portland Classic last year.

Ryu shot a 65, also birdieing the final two holes.

“She made me a little bit nervous,” Wannasaen said.

## AUTO RACING

### Norris yields, allowing Piastri to post first win

**Oscar Piastri** recorded his first Formula One victory after teammate **Lando Norris** handed him back the lead to complete a McLaren one-two at the Hungarian Grand Prix in Budapest.

That result came after a long and at times awkward back-and-forth between the British team and its top driver before Norris finally obeyed orders to let Piastri back in front.

“This is the day I dreamed of as a kid, standing on the top step of the podium,” the 23-year-old Piastri said. “A bit complicated at the end, but I put myself in a good position off the start.

“I had a lot of trust in Lando, and I think it was a fair decision to swap us back at the end.”

**Lewis Hamilton** finished third for his record-extending 200th career podium.

Points leader **Max Verstappen** finished fifth behind **Charles Leclerc** in a Ferrari and has gone three races without a victory. Verstappen still leads the standings with 265 points to Norris’s 189. ...

**Colton Herta** won Indy Toronto for his first victory of the year, starting from the pole and maintaining control throughout the chaotic race at Exhibition Place.

The 24-year-old American raced to his eighth career victory and first in more than two years. He completed the first weekend sweep in IndyCar history, posting the fastest times in both practices, qualifying and Sunday’s warmup before winning the race.

## PRO FOOTBALL

### Chiefs add safety Reid to list of ailing starters

Safety **Justin Reid** joined a growing list of injured starters for the back-to-back champions as the Kansas City Chiefs kicked off their first full-squad workout of training camp in St. Joseph, Mo.

her father, Josh.

Friday also brought together friends and family members whose disparate interests melded into a shared experience. Page Forrest, 29, bought tickets for her and her boyfriend Feb. 26, the day the Nationals announced Jepsen’s performance.

“My bf is a baseball guy becoming a Carly convert and then there’s me, a Carly stan becoming a baseball girly,” she wrote in a Reddit post. “I have never bought tickets to anything so fast.”

Multiple Nationals players, including starting pitcher Jake Irvin, outfielder Jesse Winker and relievers Jacob Barnes and Jordan Weems, stayed after the team’s victory and took in the concert from just outside their dugout.

They all watched Jepsen perform many of her greatest hits — including “Psychedelic Switch,” “Kollage,” “Run Away With Me” and, of course, “Call Me Maybe,” which drew the loudest cheers from the crowd.

Before she performed the megahit, Jepsen joked that she had forgotten the lyrics. She pointed the mic to the assembled throng and invited it to belt out the familiar words.

Some members of her band wore white Nationals jerseys, and Jepsen donned one for the last song of the night, “Cut to the Feeling,” which she sang while waving around her customary inflatable sword.

A few hours later, the infield had returned to normal and Nationals Park sat dark and empty. But the memories endured. Jepsen said at one point during the show that this was a night she would never forget. The fans who again chanted her name as they walked out of the ballpark seemed to concur.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Utah State player dies in apparent drowning

Utah State cornerback **Andre Seldon Jr.** died Saturday in an apparent drowning at Porcupine Reservoir outside Paradise, Utah, according to the school.

A search began Saturday afternoon after callers reported that a young man seen diving from cliffs at the reservoir did not resurface, the Cache County Sheriff’s Office said. His body was recovered by a dive team at around 9:05 p.m.

“Our investigation leads us to believe this is a tragic accident as multiple witnesses recount the same information,” the sheriff’s office said.

Seldon joined the Aggies this summer after transferring from New Mexico State, where he played the past two seasons under **Nate Dreiling**, Utah State’s interim coach and defensive coordinator. Before that, he spent two seasons at Michigan. ...

LSU sophomore cornerback **Javien Toviano** surrendered to authorities on charges of video voyeurism, the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office said.

Toviano, 19, of Arlington, Tex., is accused of recording himself having sex with a woman without her consent, according to an arrest warrant. The woman told detectives she found videos of the two on Toviano’s iPad that were recorded through a clock with a built-in camera placed near the bed, the Times-Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reported.

The woman told detectives that Toviano had recorded them having sex in the past without her consent and she told him she did not want to be recorded. Toviano, in an interview with detectives, admitted using a hidden camera to record the sexual encounters, the arrest warrant states.

LSU said in a statement that Toviano was suspended from all team activities.

## MISC.

### Hauser, Celtics agree on four-year extension

The Boston Celtics locked up another member of their championship core, agreeing to a four-year, \$45 million extension with **Sam Hauser**, a person with knowledge of the deal said.

Hauser joins all-star **Jayson Tatum** and guard **Derrick White** in agreeing to extensions this summer. ...

YouTube-turned-boxer **Jake Paul** stopped former UFC fighter **Mike Perry** at 1:12 of the sixth round of a cruiserweight fight in Tampa to improve his record to 10-1 with seven knockouts.

— From news services and staff reports

# Phenoms Beltré, Mauer, Helton join Hall of Fame

BY KEN LACY JR.

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Adrian Beltré, Joe Mauer and Todd Helton were pegged as athletic phenoms from a young age, and all three lived up to expectations with their induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday.

The Los Angeles Dodgers were so sold on Beltré early on that they broke MLB rules to sign him before he turned 16.

Beltré reached the big leagues just after his 19th birthday and was quickly considered one of the best prospects in sports as a teenager. He played 21 years for the Dodgers, Seattle Mariners, Boston Red Sox and Texas Rangers. He became a five-time Gold Glove winner and is the first third baseman with at least 450 home runs and 3,000 hits. He ended his speech by thanking his wife, calling her “the real Hall of Famer.”

Mauer was a high school phenom in football and baseball, earning national player of the year honors in both sports. He was drafted No. 1 overall by his hometown Minnesota Twins in 2001.

“It was truly an honor to be a [Minnesota Twin] and represent my hometown team,” Mauer said.

Mauer finished his career with one MVP award and three batting titles and is the only catcher in history with at least 2,000 hits, a .300 batting average and a .380 on-base percentage.

Helton was also a football and baseball star and played both

sports at the University of Tennessee. Despite his dominance in both sports at an early age, Helton never felt comfortable in the spotlight or felt like a Hall of Famer.

“Those of you who know me know I’d be more comfortable doing anything other than standing up here talking about myself,” Helton said to open his speech. “I’m just a ballplayer, and anyone in the media can attest to that fact.”

After becoming the Colorado Rockies’ starting first baseman in 1995, Helton batted .315 with 25 home runs and 97 RBI and finished second in National League rookie of the year voting.

He went on to become one of just three players to record multiple seasons with 100-plus extra-base hits and helped the Rockies reach the 2007 World Series.

Manager Jim Leyland, who was elected by the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee, was also inducted Sunday. He managed for 22 seasons, won three manager of the year awards and the 1997 World Series, had a 1,769-1,728 career record as a manager and was the manager when the Americans won their only World Baseball Classic in 2017. Leyland made sure to acknowledge the importance of the fans to the game of baseball.

“No matter which Hall of Famer you’re here to support today or which team you cheer for, your presence is always felt,” Leyland said.

— Associated Press

## NATIONALS FROM D1

since his first big league homer, he entered the eighth-inning at-bat 9 for his past 44 (.205). Or that, between Class AAA Rochester and Washington, Wood has shown a patient approach that benefited him in the minors but has resulted in a bunch of two-strike counts in the majors.

Martinez spoke with Wood before the game and told him to be aggressive.

“Teams come in, they’ve got a game plan. They find your weaknesses,” the manager said. “But you talk to him? He’s really smart. He understands what he wants to do. Today, it showed.”

It didn’t matter that Wood had hit into two hard outs earlier Sunday — he has done so often enough in his young career to have an automated response of “That’s baseball.” In the second inning, the first ball he put in play left his bat at 107.2 mph, and he narrowly reached for an infield single after it ricocheted off Reds starter Andrew Abbott. In the fourth, he hit the ball even harder, a 109-mph laser to left field that, with Wood’s speed, could have gone for three bases if not for a diving catch by Will Benson. And in the sixth, Wood fell victim to another highlight when center fielder Stuart Fairchild leaped against the wall to rob him again.

He sauntered back toward the dugout, expressionless. At least he was hitting the ball in the air — and swinging at the right pitches, connecting on fastballs. The first pitch Wilson threw was a high



MITCHELL LAYTON/GETTY IMAGES

**James Wood entered Sunday in a slump and then was robbed of two potential extra-base hits before his decisive three-run homer.**

heater, delivered at 94.2 mph. Wood sent it out at 105.9 mph, 404 feet into the seats. As he walked into the dugout, he high-fived shortstop CJ Abrams, the motion knocking the “Uncle Slam” home run hat off his head.

The Nationals were only in that position because of Irvin’s excellence; he allowed two earned runs in seven innings with seven strikeouts and no walks. After allowing six earned runs in each of his past two starts before the all-star break, he was back to his old self.

“I think the break served as a

nice little refresher,” Irvin said. “A reminder to stay grounded, be where your feet are and live in attack mode.”

Irvin is used to running into trouble early, so a second-inning solo homer by Noelvi Marte didn’t stress him. Neither did the pressure of trying to hold up with a depleted bullpen, nor the usual lack of run support he has received, nor a brief visit from athletic trainer Paul Lessard in the third inning after he appeared to tweak something in his right leg while fielding a ground-ball. He got into better counts and

| NATIONALS ON DECK              |       |       |  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--|
| <b>vs. San Diego Padres</b>    |       |       |  |
| Tuesday                        | 6:45  | MASN2 |  |
| Wednesday                      | 6:45  | MASN2 |  |
| Thursday                       | 12:05 | MASN2 |  |
| <b>at St. Louis Cardinals</b>  |       |       |  |
| Friday                         | 8:15  | MASN2 |  |
| Saturday                       | 7:15  | MASN2 |  |
| Sunday                         | 2:15  | MASN2 |  |
| <b>at Arizona Diamondbacks</b> |       |       |  |
| July 29                        | 9:40  | MASN2 |  |
| July 30                        | 9:40  | MASN2 |  |
| July 31                        | 3:40  | MASN2 |  |

WDCN (87.7 FM)

used his four-seamer more than usual, generating weak contact.

The Nationals struck back in the third, when a two-out double off the left field wall by Juan Yépez (1.007 OPS since arriving July 5) pushed Jacob Young to third. A few pitches later, Reds catcher Austin Wynns tried to catch Young between third and home but overthrew Marte at third base, allowing Young to score; Marte was charged with the error. Harold Ramírez, another midseason addition, singled Yépez home to give the Nationals a 2-1 lead before Irvin allowed another solo shot to Fairchild in the fifth. Wood accounted for the final three runs.

“Electric,” Irvin said of Wood’s homer. “He’s something special.”

# Marchand has a chance to be France’s face of the Games

## MARCHAND FROM D1

three seconds ahead of the runner-up. Marchand was a distant sixth, nearly nine seconds behind Phelps.

Now, two decades later, consider the cosmic circles — great circles of life, of fate and of history — coming closed this summer at the 2024 Paris Olympics, which fall on the 100th anniversary of the watershed 1924 Paris Games.

Marchand, now 50, married another French Olympian, Celine Bonnet, and had a son, Leon — who, despite his parents’ reservations, born of a shared, lived appreciation of the sport’s brutal demands, eventually found his way into the same chlorinated waters. Though he would quit the sport for two years at age 7, saying the water was too cold, he would return — this time to stay.

Like his father, Leon Marchand would find his way to America. In 2021, at 19, he would reach out to Bowman — Phelps’s former coach — via email and soon join Bowman’s nascent Arizona State program, winning 10 NCAA titles before he was done.

A year later after arriving in the United States, Marchand would become a world champion in his father’s best event, the 200 IM, and claim a second gold in the longer version, the 400 IM.

A year after that, at the 2023 world championships in Fukuoka, Japan — with Phelps in the building as a commentator for Peacock’s streaming broadcast — Leon Marchand would obliterate the legend’s last remaining world record by nearly a second and a half, winning the 400 IM in 4 minutes 2.50 seconds, one of three gold medals earned by Marchand at that meet.

“Uh-oh,” Phelps said into his microphone that day as Marchand turned at the wall for the closing freestyle leg. And a few moments later: “It’s gone.”

Beginning Saturday at Paris La Défense Arena just outside of the French capital, with his Olympian parents in the stands, neither of whom reached the podium in their combined three Summer Games, the younger Marchand, 22, will climb the starting blocks as arguably the dominant male swimmer in the world, a gold medal threat in four individual events and the face of the Paris Games.

“I think I’m well prepared for it,” Leon Marchand said during an interview this year when asked about the massive expectations and pressure on his shoulders at an Olympics in his home country. “It’s going to be a factor, for sure. It’s not going to be only about swimming now. ... My well-being is essential.”

As for Xavier Marchand, an Olympian at Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000, he said he believes Leon inherited his mother’s suppleness and leg strength. “And I’d say he’s taken my mind,” he said in



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**Leon Marchand, 22, was a bit late to emerge as an elite swimmer despite having two parents who competed at the Olympic level.**

an email exchange, with his answers written in French, then translated to English.

Asked whether he recalled racing against Phelps at those years ago, he could summon no specific memories of his sixth-place finish in Auburn in 2004, which is believed to be the only time they raced each other in a 50-meter, Olympic-size pool.

“At the time,” Xavier Marchand said, “I didn’t imagine — and I don’t think many [other] people did — that he would become the greatest champion in history.”

Strangely, though, he has a much clearer memory of racing Phelps at a World Cup meet in Stockholm (in a 25-meter pool) in 2001 — when he was 27 and Phelps was 15 — and beating the future legend by nearly a second. Xavier Marchand’s email referencing that race, details of which were confirmed by a search of World Aquatics results, contained two emojis requiring no translation: flexed biceps and rolling on the floor laughing.

## Another champ for Bowman

Bowman received an email like dozens of others in his inbox every month from prospective trainees looking for a spot on his elite roster. But the name on this one jumped out: Leon Marchand.

“I was like: ‘Marchand? Could this be Xavier Marchand’s kid?’” Bowman said, recalling the graceful French swimmer of the previous generation who stood out for his prominent sideburns and powerful breaststroke leg. “And sure enough, it was.”

It was late spring 2021, and Bowman was in the process of building his Arizona State program into a powerhouse that would win an NCAA men’s championship three years later, with Marchand as its cornerstone. But now, in as much time as it took Bowman to do a quick scan of the

young Frenchman’s times, he sent back a reply: “Yes, we would be very interested in having you.”

The email to Bowman was one of many sent out that week by Marchand, who had decided to train in the United States because of the superior competitiveness and structure of its NCAA system and who appeared to be headed to California Berkeley until the school suddenly informed him it couldn’t offer him a full scholarship. Forced to reopen his search, Marchand hadn’t expected to find his perfect match so quickly.

“What tipped the scales,” he would tell French reporters in 2022, “was the coach.”

Bowman and Marchand carried on a WhatsApp conversation for the next several months — with the coach delighting his new charge by passing along some of Phelps’s training sets to try at home. The first time they met would be in 2021 at the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Games, where Bowman served as a Team USA assistant coach and Marchand was a 19-year-old first-time Olympian who was just starting to gain recognition as a contender in the IMs. Marchand would compete in four events in Tokyo, with a best finish of sixth in the 400 IM.

“We hugged right away,” Bowman recalled, “like we had known each other forever.”

It was evident immediately to Bowman that Marchand had none of Phelps’s obvious physiological advantages, which included a 6-foot-4 frame and a wingspan said to be 79 inches. At 6-2 and 170 pounds, Marchand was neither exceptionally tall nor particularly strong and broad-shouldered.

But once, when the French national team conducted “passive drag tests” on their swimmers — placing a tether around their torsos and dragging them, in a basic and stationary streamline posi-

tion, through a 50-meter pool — Marchand blew away the lowest score team officials had ever recorded. In essence, he was built to glide through water.

“He’s built like a torpedo,” Bowman said. “His hips and shoulders are the same width. That really helps.”

Bowman wasn’t trying to create a chlorine-fueled clone of Phelps, knowing better than most that the latter’s combination of physiology, versatility and capacity for high-intensity, 10-times-a-week training probably would never be seen again. Their skill sets were different — Phelps was more of a freestyle/butterfly sprinter by nature, while Marchand’s best individual stroke is probably breaststroke — but their talents merged in the IM.

The biggest similarity Bowman noticed was in the way they practiced. Once, at the end of a set of 500-yard freestyles, with Marchand hanging on the wall trying to catch his breath, Bowman challenged him to do one more — with the stopwatch running this time. Marchand asked Bowman what Phelps’s fastest time was in that race. Bowman told him — and Marchand beat it by five seconds. This past spring, at the NCAA championships, Marchand took gold in that race despite the freestyle being his third-best stroke.

“Leon has done some practices that I’m pretty sure no one else in the world has ever done — just like Michael would do,” said Bowman, who left Arizona State this year to coach at Texas, where Marchand is expected to join him. “But where he’s most like Michael? On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is terrible and 10 is the best you can humanly do — Leon is like an 8.5 every day. He’s never a 2. He’s seldom a 10. But a high average every time.

“And that’s what Michael did, year after year after year.”

## Sights set on history

The breaking of any world record feels momentous in real time, a recalibration of the outer limits of human capability. But Marchand’s takedown of Phelps’s 400 IM standard in Fukuoka seemed downright tectonic. Not only was it Phelps’s last world standard, it had been the longest-standing world record in the sport. Phelps set it at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, at the height of his unprecedented powers. But he actually had held the record since 2002 — having rebroken it seven more times — making his reign the longest in the sport since World War II.

Japanese media began referring to Marchand as “Shin-Kaibutsu” — “New Monster” — a nod to the “Kaibutsu” nickname by which Phelps was known there.

Almost immediately, Marchand recognized the magnitude of what he had done — and the implications for the future. With Paris 2024 a year away, his life had just become more complicated, more public. The expectations on his shoulders grew exponentially.

“I realized when I broke Michael’s record: ‘Well, the Paris Games are going to be different from what I imagined,’” he told French reporters this year. “I’m preparing myself mentally and physically for this.”

Luckily for Marchand, he won’t have to navigate the Olympic circus alone. In Bowman, who joined the French coaching staff this summer, he will have at his side arguably the greatest such navigator in history, having guided Phelps through the madness at four Olympics. Bowman’s first move when arriving at the Olympic venue, he said, was to locate the side or back exits, so he would be able to direct his superstar swimmer away from the chaos on and around the pool deck.

“I’m very good at saying no,” Bowman said. Of Marchand’s up-

coming circus debut, Bowman said: “He has an idea [of how suffocating it will be]. But until you live through it, you don’t really have an idea.”

While Marchand’s prowess in the IMs has made him an international superstar, swimming insiders are perhaps even more excited about the other events he is expected to swim at the Olympics: the 200 butterfly and the 200 breaststroke.

Not only has no swimmer ever won both events in the same Olympics, no swimmer has medaled in butterfly and breaststroke races of *any distance* in the same Olympics. Of the handful who have attempted both strokes, only American Mary Sears, in 1956, even managed to make the finals in both, earning bronze in the women’s 100 fly and finishing seventh in the 200 breast.

As for Marchand, his path to a historic double victory is daunting. In both races, he will have to vanquish the reigning world record holder: Hungary’s Kristof Milak in the 200 fly and China’s Qin Haiyang in the 200 breast. And because the events are on the same day, he will have to swim both the 200 fly and 200 breast in the preliminary heats on the morning of July 30, then swim both again in the semifinals that evening — and, assuming he advances, yet a third time in the evening finals July 31.

“There are not many people who try this double. It’s a bit weird,” Marchand acknowledged. “But I like everything weird.”

Not so long ago, such a thing scarcely seemed possible. In 2017, when the International Olympic Committee announced Paris as the host city for the 2024 Summer Games, it barely registered a shrug out of Marchand. At 15, the same age when Phelps made his first Olympic team, Marchand was merely a solid swimmer in the southern city of Toulouse. Few considered him a phenom, let alone a future superstar. That summer, Marchand ranked 31st in France in the 400 IM and 78th in the 200, and he failed to make the national team for the world junior championships.

“At the time I was not really good at swimming ... so I don’t think [Paris 2024] was really an idea in my mind,” Marchand said this past spring. “I think my technique was really good from the very beginning when I was young. But I was not really a racer; I didn’t want, really, to win. I was just, like, swimming every day a little bit to have fun.”

Imagine everything it took — the genes of his Olympian parents, the drive and ambition to relocate half a world away, the twists of fate that put his career in the hands of Phelps’s former coach — to propel that non-racer to where he is now, with an entire nation resting its gold medal hopes on his narrow shoulders. In the history of Olympic swimming, France has produced just seven individual gold medalists, none of whom won multiple golds.

The many thousands who pack Paris La Défense Arena will expect nothing less than the sight of Marchand atop the medal stand at least a couple of times, the strains of “La Marseillaise” filling the building, the parents weeping in the stands, the next great circle coming closed.

# BASEBALL

## National League

| EAST         | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  | L10 | STR |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Philadelphia | 63 | 36 | .636 | —   | 5-5 | W-1 |
| Atlanta      | 54 | 44 | .551 | 8½  | 5-5 | L-2 |
| New York     | 50 | 48 | .510 | 12½ | 6-4 | L-1 |
| Washington   | 47 | 53 | .470 | 16½ | 5-5 | W-3 |
| Miami        | 35 | 64 | .354 | 28  | 4-6 | W-1 |

## Nationals 5, Reds 2

| REDS                 | AB        | R        | H        | BI       | BB       | SO       | AVG      |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| India Zb.....        | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2        | .275     |
| De La Cruz ss.....   | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 2        | .255     |
| Candelario dh.....   | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .233     |
| Steer lb.....        | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | .239     |
| Fraley rf.....       | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2        | .280     |
| Marte 3b.....        | 4         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1        | .176     |
| Fairchild cf.....    | 3         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2        | .227     |
| Benson lf.....       | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1        | .188     |
| Wynns c.....         | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .353     |
| Stephenson ph-c..... | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .242     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>32</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>—</b> |

| NATIONALS         | AB        | R        | H        | BI       | BB       | SO       | AVG      |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Abrams ss.....    | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .267     |
| Thomas rf.....    | 4         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1        | .246     |
| Yezpez lb.....    | 3         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1        | .367     |
| Ramirez dh.....   | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .250     |
| Winker ph-dh..... | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .262     |
| Ruiz c.....       | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .220     |
| Núñez pr.....     | 0         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .077     |
| Adams c.....      | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .234     |
| Vargas 2b.....    | 3         | 1        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .265     |
| Wood lf.....      | 4         | 1        | 2        | 3        | 0        | 0        | .246     |
| Lipscomb 3b.....  | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .224     |
| Young cf.....     | 2         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .255     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>32</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> |

CINCINNATI ..... 010 010 000 — 2 5 1  
WASHINGTON 002 000 00X — 5 9 0

**E:** Marte (6). **LOB:** Cincinnati 4, Washington 6. **2B:** Fraley (10), De La Cruz (21). **Yezpez (7), HR:** Marte (2), off Irvin; Fairchild (6), off Irvin; Wood (2), off Wilson. **RBI:** Marte (7), Fairchild (24), Ramirez (10), Wood 3 (12). **SB:** De La Cruz (48). **CS:** Thomas (10).

**REDS IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
Abbott.....6½ 6 2 0 3 103.316  
Sims.....1 2 2 2 0 17.322  
Wilson.....½ 1 1 0 0 44.85

**NATIONALS IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
Irvin.....7 5 2 2 0 7100.344  
García.....1 0 0 0 1 174.41  
Finnegan.....1 0 0 0 1 52.32

**WP:** García (2-3); LP: Sims (1-4);  
**S:** Finnegan (28). **Inherited runners-scored:** Wilson 2-1. **WP:** Irvin. **T:** 2:22. **A:** 23,967 (41,376).

## HOW THEY SCORED

**REDS SECOND**  
Spencer Steer called out on strikes. Jake Fraley strikes out swinging. **Noelvi Marte** homers. Stuart Fairchild flies out.

**REDS 1, NATIONALS 0**  
**NATIONALS THIRD**  
Jacob Young walks. CJ Abrams flies out. Lane Thomas flies out. Juan Yezpez doubles. Jesse Winker pinch-hitting for Harold Ramirez. Jesse Winker flies out. Keibert Ruiz singles. Ildemaro Vargas singles. Keibert Ruiz to second. **Janes Wood** homers. **Ildemaro Vargas** scores. **Nelson** scores. **Trey Lipscomb** lines out.

**NATIONALS 5, REDS 2**

## NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Tuesday's game.

| Batters       | Avg         | H          | 2B         | HR        | BI         | BB         | SB        | SB |
|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----|
| Yezpez        | .367        | 17         | 1          | 0         | 1          | 6          | 6         | 1  |
| Call          | .313        | 5          | 1          | 0         | 1          | 3          | 1         | 0  |
| Garcia        | .277        | 86         | 17         | 11        | 45         | 14         | 12        |    |
| Thomas        | .267        | 98         | 21         | 12        | 49         | 30         | 16        |    |
| Vargas        | .265        | 48         | 14         | 22        | 16         | 6          | 6         |    |
| Winker        | .262        | 78         | 18         | 11        | 43         | 51         | 14        |    |
| Young         | .255        | 71         | 14         | 1         | 18         | 24         | 2         |    |
| Ramirez       | .250        | 10         | 1          | 1         | 10         | 0          | 0         |    |
| Thomas        | .246        | 69         | 12         | 8         | 39         | 26         | 12        |    |
| Wood          | .246        | 16         | 1          | 2         | 12         | 6          | 2         |    |
| Adams         | .234        | 22         | 1          | 2         | 8          | 8          | 1         |    |
| Meneses       | .231        | 65         | 11         | 3         | 42         | 21         | 2         |    |
| Lipscomb      | .224        | 35         | 1          | 0         | 11         | 11         | 11        |    |
| Ruiz          | .220        | 57         | 9          | 7         | 30         | 9          | 1         |    |
| Senzel        | .209        | 43         | 10         | 7         | 18         | 27         | 1         |    |
| Rosario       | .183        | 40         | 1          | 7         | 26         | 13         | 1         |    |
| Mallos        | .167        | 5          | 1          | 1         | 2          | 2          | 0         |    |
| Gillias       | .164        | 23         | 3          | 5         | 11         | 21         | 1         |    |
| Mallos        | .120        | 3          | 0          | 2         | 5          | 4          | 0         |    |
| Núñez         | .077        | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1          | 3         |    |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>.240</b> | <b>793</b> | <b>162</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>394</b> | <b>283</b> | <b>15</b> |    |

| Pitchers      | W         | L         | ERA          | IP           | ER         | BB         | SO        |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Salazar       | 0         | 0         | 0.00         | 2.0          | 0          | 2          | 4         |
| Floro         | 3         | 2         | 2.02         | 49.0         | 11         | 13         | 39        |
| Williams      | 5         | 0         | 2.52         | 56.2         | 14         | 16         | 47        |
| Finnegan      | 6         | 2         | 3.60         | 59.0         | 21         | 17         | 52        |
| Irvin         | 7         | 8         | 3.44         | 123.0        | 47         | 291.06     |           |
| J.Barnes      | 5         | 2         | 3.52         | 38.1         | 15         | 10         | 31        |
| Parker        | 5         | 5         | 3.90         | 92.1         | 40         | 21         | 76        |
| Harvey        | 2         | 4         | 4.20         | 45.0         | 21         | 12         | 50        |
| Gore          | 6         | 8         | 4.40         | 100.2        | 47         | 111.98     |           |
| Garcia        | 2         | 3         | 4.41         | 34.2         | 17         | 12         | 48        |
| Rutledge      | 0         | 0         | 4.76         | 5.2          | 3          | 2          | 7         |
| Herz          | 1         | 3         | 5.17         | 31.1         | 18         | 9          | 41        |
| Ruiz          | 9         | 5         | 5.35         | 111.0        | 58         | 79         |           |
| Adon          | 0         | 0         | 5.40         | 5.0          | 3          | 3          | 3         |
| Weems         | 1         | 1         | 5.62         | 40.0         | 25         | 20         | 34        |
| Rainey        | 0         | 0         | 6.58         | 26.0         | 19         | 18         | 22        |
| M.Barnes      | 0         | 0         | 6.75         | 13.1         | 10         | 4          | 10        |
| Osuna         | 0         | 0         | 21.04        | 8.1          | 12         | 9          | 9         |
| Williamham    | 0         | 0         | 18.00        | 1.0          | 2          | 0          | 1         |
| Ferrer        | 0         | 0         | 18.00        | 0.1          | 3          | 1          | 1         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>4.185</b> | <b>1,406</b> | <b>285</b> | <b>582</b> | <b>33</b> |

## NL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

| BATTING           |     |  |
|-------------------|-----|--|
| Yellich, Mil..... | 320 |  |
| Ohtani, LA.....   | 315 |  |
| Arreaz, SD.....   | 310 |  |
| Osuna, Atl.....   | 304 |  |
| Betts, LA.....    | 304 |  |
| Profar, SD.....   | 300 |  |

## HOME RUNS

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Ohtani, LA.....    | 30 |
| Glasnow, LA.....   | 28 |
| Harper, Phi.....   | 22 |
| Walker, Ari.....   | 22 |
| Hernández, LA..... | 20 |
| 3 tied.....        | 19 |

## ERA

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Sale, Atl.....     | 2.70 |
| Wheeler, Phil..... | 2.70 |
| Suárez, Phil.....  | 2.76 |
| Imanaga, Chi.....  | 2.86 |
| Sánchez, Phil..... | 2.97 |
| Fried, Atl.....    | 3.08 |

## STRIKEOUTS

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Cease, SD.....    | 159 |
| Glasnow, LA.....  | 143 |
| Sale, Atl.....    | 140 |
| Peralta, Mil..... | 138 |
| King, SD.....     | 135 |
| Gray, StL.....    | 131 |

## AL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

| BATTING        |     |  |
|----------------|-----|--|
| Kwan, Cle..... | 346 |  |
| Witt, KC.....  | 337 |  |
| Judge, NY..... | 330 |  |
| Ryan, Min..... | 307 |  |
| Soto, NY.....  | 307 |  |

## HOME RUNS

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Judge, NY.....      | 35 |
| Henderson, Bal..... | 28 |
| Santander, Bal..... | 28 |
| Devers, Bos.....    | 23 |
| Soto, NY.....       | 23 |
| Ramirez, Cle.....   | 23 |

## ERA

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Lugo, KC.....    | 2.38 |
| Buons, Bal.....  | 2.38 |
| Skubal, Det..... | 2.40 |
| Houck, Bos.....  | 2.54 |
| Blanco, Bos..... | 2.75 |

## STRIKEOUTS

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Crochet, Chi.....      | 150 |
| Ryan, KC.....          | 141 |
| Shane Bieber, Det..... | 140 |
| Ryan, Min.....         | 130 |
| Fisher, Min.....       | 128 |
| Flaherty, Det.....     | 127 |

## Mariners 6, Astros 3

Luke Raley hit a three-run homer, and Seattle overcame an injury to Julio Rodríguez to beat Houston.

Rodríguez leaped for a ball and twisted his right ankle against the pad of the center field fence on a triple by Yordan Alvarez, who hit for the cycle.

| ASTROS               | AB        | R        | H        | BI       | BB       | SO        | AVG      |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Altuve 2b.....       | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1         | .304     |
| Bregman 3b.....      | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .295     |
| Alvarez dh.....      | 4         | 2        | 4        | 2        | 0        | 0         | .301     |
| Diaz c.....          | 3         | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0         | .284     |
| Singleton 1b.....    | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .236     |
| McCormick ph-rf..... | 2         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .206     |
| Peña ss.....         | 4         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1         | .274     |
| Meyers cf.....       | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .236     |
| Cabbage rf.....      | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .324     |
| Dubin lf.....        | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .279     |
| Loperfido ph.....    | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .247     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>35</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>—</b> |

| MARINERS          | AB        | R        | H        | BI       | BB       | SO       | AVG      |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Crawford ss.....  | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2        | .204     |
| Robles rf-cf..... | 4         | 0        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .390     |
| Rodriguez cf..... | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .263     |
| France 1b.....    | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .223     |
| Raleigh ch.....   | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .209     |
| Polanco 2b.....   | 4         | 2        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        | .205     |
| Rojas 3b.....     | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .244     |
| Haniger dh.....   | 2         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .208     |
| Raley lf-rf.....  | 2         | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .235     |
| Moore lf.....     | 2         | 0        | 1        | 2        | 1        | 0        | .212     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>31</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>—</b> |

**HOUSTON..... 000 101 110 — 4 9 0**  
**SEATTLE..... 020 103 00X — 6 9 1**

**E:** Snider (1). **LOB:** Houston 5, Seattle 3. **2B:** Dubin (18), Alvarez (22), Robles (5), Rojas (15). **3B:** Alvarez (2), Moore (4). **HR:** Alvarez (20), off Woo; Peña (8), off Snider; Polanco (6), off Blanco; Raley (11), off Martinez.

**ASTROS IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
Blanco.....5½ 6 4 4 1 5 2.75  
Martinez.....1½ 3 2 2 1 1 2.74  
Dubin.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0.06

**MARINERS IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
Woo.....5½ 4 2 2 0 5 2.54  
Saucedo.....½ 1 0 0 1 12.10  
Snider.....½ 2 1 1 0 21.80  
Santos.....1½ 2 1 1 0 21.80  
Muñoz.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0.370

**WP:** Woo (4-1); LP: Blanco (9-5); **S:** Muñoz (16). **Inherited runners-scored:** Martinez 1-1, Saucedo 1-1, Santos 1-0. **HR:** off Saucedo (Diaz). **T:** 2:35. **A:** 35,038 (47,929).

## Cardinals 6, Braves 2

Paul Goldschmidt hit one of four St. Louis home runs after getting dropped in the order, and the Cardinals knocked off Atlanta to win the weekend series.

DH Alec Burleson had a homer and two RBI, giving him 21 in 16 games in July. He has driven in a run in six straight games, which is one shy of the St. Louis record.

| CARDINALS           | AB        | R        | H        | BI       | BB       | SO        | AVG      |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Winn ss.....        | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1         | .287     |
| Burleson dh.....    | 3         | 1        | 2        | 2        | 0        | 1         | .294     |
| Contreras c.....    | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 0         | .279     |
| Donovan lf.....     | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .274     |
| Arenado 3b.....     | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .267     |
| Noothbaar rf.....   | 3         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | .239     |
| Goldschmidt 1b..... | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 0         | .225     |
| Gorman 2b.....      | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | .205     |
| Siiani cf.....      | 4         | 1        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 0         | .235     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>       | <b>35</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>—</b> |

| BRAVES           | AB        | R        | H        | BI       | BB       | SO       | AVG      |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Kelenic cf.....  | 4         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | .252     |
| Allibes 2b.....  | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .258     |
| Short 2b.....    | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .137     |
| Riley 3b.....    | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .258     |
| Osuna dh.....    | 3         | 0        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .308     |
| Olson 1b.....    | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .222     |
| d'Arnaud c.....  | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .258     |
| Rosario lf.....  | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .222     |
| Laureano rf..... | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | .356     |
| Arcia ss.....    | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | .212     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>    | <b>33</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> |

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Case No. D06CV22009689

**Thomas Choice Gardens  
Condominium  
Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor**  
10410 Kensington Parkway,  
Suite 222  
Kensington, MD 20895

vs.

**Thomas Lane  
Defendant/Judgment Debtor**  
19411 Brassie Place, No. 304  
Montgomery Village,  
MD 20886

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED  
RATIFICATION OF SALE OF  
REAL PROPERTY**  
(Md. Rules 3-644 (d)  
and 14-305)

The property specifically described in the inventory has been sold at judicial sale, inventory of property sold: Real property of Estate of Thomas C. Lane, located at 19411 Brassie Place, Unit 304, Gaithersburg, MD 20886 and further described as Condominium Unit 19411-304 in Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium, Montgomery County, Maryland and the common Elements appurtenant thereto, pursuant to Declaration recorded in Liber 5722 at folio 761, and the Plat record in Condominium Plat Book 24, at Plat 2477, et seq. among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, and as the same may be lawfully amended from time to time.

Being the same property conveyed unto Thomas C. Lane, by deed recorded in Liber 14123 at Folio 458 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland

The sale will be ratified unless cause to the contrary is shown on or before **AUGUST 10, 2024** (30 days after the date of this notice). A copy of this Notice will be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks before **AUGUST 11, 2024**, in one or more newspapers of general circulation in MONTGOMERY County. The report states the amount of sale to be \$500.00.

Kathy S. Heifner  
Clerk  
7/10/2024  
Jul 15,22,29 2024 0012466468

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
MONTGOMERY, MARYLAND**

**WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.  
Trustee(s)  
Plaintiff(s)**

**VS.**  
**ROBERT L. STEPHENSON  
JOAN A KING  
Defendant(s)  
Mortgagor(s)**

CIVIL NO. 423530-V  
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this 18 day of July, 2024, by the Circuit Court for the County of Montgomery, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage and Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **27172 Slidell Rd, Boyds, MD 20841**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 19 day of August, 2024 next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD, published in said County of Montgomery once a week for three successive weeks before the 19 day of August, 2024. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **\$241,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY  
Trustees File#: 21-289381  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**ANDREW J. BRENNER, et al.  
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Substitute Trustee(s)/Plaintiffs,**

**VS.**  
**THOMAS CHRIS TABBS, JR.  
10014 Forest View Place  
Gaithersburg, MD 20886  
Defendant(s).**

Case No. C-15-CV-24-001172

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 18 day of July, 2024, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **10014 Forest View Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20886**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 19 day of August, 2024, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 19 day of August, 2024. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **\$262,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL  
Clerk, Circuit Court for  
Montgomery County, Maryland  
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840 **Trustees Sale - DC**

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE  
NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 20-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING  
WITH A FIRST FLOOR COMMERCIAL UNIT  
KNOWN AS  
"THE V AT GEORGIA AVENUE"  
3557 — 3559 GEORGIA AVENUE, NW  
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By virtue of a certain Construction Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust"), duly recorded February 28, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020028612 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all fixtures and personal property described in the Deed of Trust, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale recorded with the Recorder on June 21, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024057994 and Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded with the Recorder on November 15, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022112985, and the recordation of a Deed of Removal of Substitute Trustee and Appointment of New Substitute Trustee recorded with the Recorder on June 21, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024057994 and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. on

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 12:15 PM**

All that certain lot or parcel of land located and being in the City of Washington in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered Eighty-nine (0089) in Square numbered Three Thousand Thirty-Three (3033) in the subdivision made by Miriam E. Ochoa and Rafael Rodriguez, Jr. as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Book 196 at page 107.

Property description: The property is improved by a newly constructed 6-story corner building containing 10 one-bedroom and 10 two-bedroom units. The first floor has a commercial unit. There is storage in the lower level.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property").

**TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE PROPERTY  
PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Pursuant to the Construction Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing as evidenced by UCC Financing Statement duly recorded February 27, 2020 as U.C.C. Initial Filing No. 2020 1421132. Service Request No. 20201609227 among the Delaware Department of State and upon occurrence of a default thereunder, the Noteholder, Parkview Financial REIT, LP, as the holder of a security interest and lien on all of the tangible and intangible assets of the Debtor, will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, ETC. of the Debtor located on or about the Real Estate (that is subject to the security interest and lien of Parkview Financial REIT, LP and not owned by any third party.)

**TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of **\$100,000** in the form of a cashier's check or certified check will be required as a condition to bidding. The deposit must be increased to **10% of the purchase price within two (2) business days after the sale**, which increased deposit must be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check and delivered to the office of the Substitute Trustee. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 45 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid, the Substitute Trustee reserves the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact James E. Van Horn 202-371-6351.

James E. Van Horn  
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840 **Trustees Sale - DC**

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE  
2 ADJOINING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS  
IN VARIOUS STAGES OF APPROVAL FOR A 34 UNIT BUILDING**

**4840 GEORGIA AVENUE, NW  
"PETWORTH"  
WASHINGTON, DC 20011**

By virtue of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing from 4840 Georgia Avenue NW, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company ("Borrower"), to James Peterson, as Trustee dated July 9, 2021 and recorded August 31, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021117435 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), securing Congressional Bank, in the original principal sum of \$2,175,000 (the "Deed of Trust"), and affected by Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated and recorded May 7, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024042781, in the Land Records, appointing Azer Akhtar, as Substitute Trustee ("Substitute Trustee") a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of Noteholder, and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, which was recorded on June 24, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024058586 and Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, recorded on June 24, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024058304 respectively, in the Land Records, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, either of, will sell, at public auction, within the office of **ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016** on

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 11:45 AM**

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered Thirty-one (31) in Square numbered Twenty-nine Hundred Twenty-three (2923) in a subdivision made by Industrial Bank of Washington, as per plat recorded in Liber 204 at folio 141 among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.

**NOTE:** At the date hereof, the above-described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor for the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot numbered 31 in Square numbered 2923. For informational purposes only: The improvements thereon being known as 4840 Georgia Avenue Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia - 20011.

Square 2923 Lot 0031

(the "Real Estate").

The property is believed to be a vacant commercial building with approved plans for a 34 unit building.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the Real Estate, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances and located in, upon or about the Real Estate and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.

**TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of **\$150,000** will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after completion of the sale, and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. In the event the successful purchaser fails to deliver the additional deposit as and when required, the initial deposit will be forfeited. Noteholder (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit or, if they are the winning bidder, any additional bidders. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders, except Noteholder, to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, the entire deposit will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 45 calendar days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the rate then being charged under the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Substitute Trustee reserve the right to retain the entire deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way and limitations of record and such facts as would be revealed by an accurate survey of the Property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. The Property will also be sold without any contingency for the successful purchaser to perform any due diligence investigation of the Property prior to settlement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity or fitness for a particular use of any improvements or fixtures included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes. Acceptance of the Substitute Trustee Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims against the Substitute Trustee or Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. The Property is sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not, and all unfunded lease and capital improvement costs, if any, all of which shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser. Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all (i) recordation taxes, fees and charges, (ii) transfer taxes, fees and charges, (iii) title insurance premiums, (iv) notary fees, (v) settlement and escrow fees, and (vi) all other fees, costs and charges incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of the deposit without interest. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper at paul@alexcooper.com or 443-470-1437.

Azer Akhtar  
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By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust from 2600 Wade Road LLC ("Borrower"), to Sun Hee Kim, as Trustee dated September 22, 2017 and recorded October 2, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017108621 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), securing Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, in the original principal sum of \$1,080,000 (the "Deed of Trust"), and affected by Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated June 20, 2024 and recorded June 24, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024058105 in the Land Records, appointing John D. Sadler, as Substitute Trustee ("Substitute Trustee") a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of Noteholder, and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, which was recorded on June 24, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024058316 and Amended Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium was recorded on July 8, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024062652 and Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, recorded on June 24, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024058319 respectively, in the Land Records, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, either of, will sell, at public auction, within the office of **ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016** on

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 11:35 AM**

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the District of Columbia, and being described as follows:

Part of Lot Numbered (9) in Section Numbered Eight (8) BARRY FARM, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber Levy Court 2 at Folio 1 described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the intersection of the Southerly line of Summer Road with the Easterly line of Wade Road as said roads were widened by proceedings in District Court Case Number 1420 in the Supreme Court of District of Columbia and shown on plat recorded in said Surveyor's Office in Liber 67 at Folio 40, and running thence Southeasterly along the Southerly line of Summer Road, 32 feet thence South 38 degrees 19 West 51.18 feet, thence South 51 degrees 41 East 4 Feet thence South 38 degrees 19 minutes West 6.50 feet, thence South 51 degrees 41 minutes East 25 Feet to the Southeasterly line of that part of said Lot 9 conveyed by William Jackson and wife, Mathias Matthews by Deed recorded in Liber 1974 at Folio 54 of the Land Records of the District of Columbia, thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of said arc of Lot 9 conveyed to Matthews 32 Feet more or less to said Easterly line of Wade Road thence Northeasterly along said Easterly line of Wade Road, 89.77 Feet to the place of beginning according to the plat of survey dated August 24, 1942, and recorded in said Surveyor's book 142 on Page 183.

**NOTE:** At the date hereof the above-described land in known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 888 in Square 5867.

(the "Real Estate").

The property is a mixed-use building with street level retail space and eight residential units.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the Real Estate, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances and located in, upon or about the Real Estate and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.

**TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of **\$50,000** will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after completion of the sale, and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. In the event the successful purchaser fails to deliver the additional deposit as and when required, the initial deposit will be forfeited. Noteholder (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit or, if they are the winning bidder, any additional deposit. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders, except Noteholder, to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, the entire deposit will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 45 calendar days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the rate then being charged under the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Substitute Trustee reserve the right to retain the entire deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way and limitations of record and such facts as would be revealed by an accurate survey of the Property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. The Property will also be sold without any contingency for the successful purchaser to perform any due diligence investigation of the Property prior to settlement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity or fitness for a particular use of any improvements or fixtures included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes. Acceptance of the Substitute Trustee Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims against the Substitute Trustee or Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. The Property is sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not, and all unfunded lease and capital improvement costs, if any, all of which shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser. Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all (i) recordation taxes, fees and charges, (ii) transfer taxes, fees and charges, (iii) title insurance premiums, (iv) notary fees, (v) settlement and escrow fees, and (vi) all other fees, costs and charges incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of the deposit without interest. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper at paul@alexcooper.com or 443-470-1437.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE

APARTMENT BUILDING

2919 NEWARK STREET, NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing from 2919 Newark Ella LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company ("Borrower"), to James Peterson, as Trustee dated May 16, 2022, and recorded August 25, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022089415 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), securing Forbright Bank, in the original principal sum of \$12,650,771 (the "Deed of Trust"), and affected by Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees, dated and recorded June 17, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024056341 in the Land Records, appointing Azer Akhtar and John D. Sadler, as Substitute Trustees ("Substitute Trustees") a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of Noteholder, and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, which was recorded on June 18, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024056746 and Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, recorded on June 18, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024056748 respectively, in the Land Records, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, either of, will sell, at public auction, within the office of **ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016** on

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 11:20 AM

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the District of Columbia, and being described as follows:

Being part of Lot numbered 52 (Fifty-Two) in Square numbered Two Thousand Sixty-Nine (2069), per plat recorded in Book 219 at page 146 in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point, said point being a southeasterly corner of Square 2069 and being on the westerly line of Connecticut Avenue, N.W.; thence S 65°34'00" W 5.81 feet to a point, said point being on the northerly line of Newark Street, N.W.; thence N 74°04'00" W 123.78 feet with said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. to a point; thence along a curve to the left with said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. with a radius of 235.16 feet, arc length 55.34 feet, delta angle 13°29'00", chord bearing and distance N 80°48'30" W 55.21 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence

Along a curve to the left with said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. with a radius of 235.16 feet, arc length 44.26 feet, delta angle 10°47'00", chord bearing and distance S 87°03'30" W 44.19 feet to a point; thence Continuing with said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. S 81°40'00" W 18.75 feet to a point; thence Departing said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. N 02°46'47" W 96.35 feet to a point; thence N 45°10'49" W 12.09 feet to a point; thence N 00°06'00" W 28.0 feet to a point; thence N 33°39'08" W 19.32 feet to a point, said point being on the south line of a 15 foot Public Alley; thence N 75°38'20" E 26.70 feet with said south line of 15-foot Public Alley to a point; thence S 78°01'00" E 52.92 feet to a point; thence S 24°25'18" E 51.71 feet to a point; thence S 11°58'24" W 5.80 feet to a point; thence S 78°01'36" E 7.12 feet to a point; thence S 11°58'24" W 87.15 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 11,118 square feet by record.

NOTE: Said property being now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot numbered Eight Hundred Twenty-Four (824) in Square numbered Two Thousand Sixty-Nine (2069).

(the "Real Estate").

The Property is believed to be a partially constructed apartment building designed for Studio, 1 Bedroom and 2 Bedroom apartments, known as "The Ella".

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the Real Estate, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances and located in, upon or about the Real Estate and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE

STOREFRONT RETAIL (LOWER LEVEL)

3408 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOMES (4 UNITS) (UPPER LEVEL)

KNOWN AS THE LOGGIATOWNES AT UPTOWN PLAZA

2901-2907 NEWARK STREET NW

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By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing from 3408 Connecticut Plaza Corporation, a District of Columbia corporation ("Borrower"), to James Peterson, as Trustee dated May 16, 2022 and recorded August 25, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022089197 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), securing Forbright Bank, in the original principal sum of \$5,421,759 (the "Deed of Trust"), and affected by Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees, dated and recorded June 17, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024056340 in the Land Records, appointing Azer Akhtar and John D. Sadler, as Substitute Trustees ("Substitute Trustees") a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of Noteholder, and following mailing of a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, which was recorded on June 16, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024056747 and Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, recorded on June 18, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024056750 respectively, in the Land Records, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, either of, will sell, at public auction, within the office of **ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016** on

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 11:15 AM

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the District of Columbia, and being described as follows:

Being part of Lot numbered 52 (Fifty-Two) in Square numbered Two Thousand Sixty-Nine (2069), per plat recorded in Book 219 at page 146 in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point, said point being a southeasterly corner of Square 2069 and being on the westerly line of Connecticut Avenue, N.W.; thence

S 65°34'00" W 5.81 feet to a point, said point being on the northerly line of Newark Street, N.W.; thence

N 74°04'00" W 116.34 feet with said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. to a point; thence

Departing said northerly line of Newark Street, N.W. N 11°58'24" E 85.05 feet to a point; thence

S 88°12'40" E 49.02 feet to a point, said point being on said westerly line of Connecticut Avenue, N.W.; thence

S 24°26'00" E 122.14 feet with said westerly line of Connecticut Avenue, N.W. to the Point of Beginning containing 8,038 square feet by record.

NOTE: Said property being now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot numbered Eight Hundred Twenty-Six (826) in Square numbered Two Thousand Sixty-Nine (2069).

(the "Real Estate").

The property on 3408 Connecticut Avenue, NW is a partially constructed building. This is the main-level of the building which can be used as retail store(s) or office space(s).

The property on 2901-2907 Newark Street NW are 4 partially constructed Townhomes described as follows: Townhome One - 2 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms, Townhome Two-3 Bedrooms & 2.5 Bathrooms, Townhome Three-3 Bedrooms & 2.5 Bathrooms, Townhome Four-2 Bedrooms & 2.5 Bathrooms.

Manner of Offering: The properties will be sold as an Entirety.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the Real Estate, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances and located in, upon or about the Real Estate and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (collectively, the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.

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1452 Howard Rd SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case: 2023-CAB-001638 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1452 Howard Rd SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0128 in Square 5809, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on JULY 3, 2006 as Instrument Number:2006087886 the property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of the lesser of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 45 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid forty five (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustee has filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No22-003970

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1621 D ST NE, WASHINGTON DC 20002

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case : 2023-CAB-003115, the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1621 D ST NE, WASHINGTON DC 20002 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JULY 30, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0123 AND Square 4563, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on DECEMBER 19, 2012 as Instrument Number:2012137672

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of the lesser of \$25,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No22-010772

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1313 Dexter Terrace SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case:2023-CAB-004313 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as **1313 Dexter Terrace SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020** at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **JULY 30, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0909 in Square 5807, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on AUGUST 6, 2019 as Instrument Number:2019082743 the property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid forty five (45) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 22-012610

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80 New York Ave NW, Unit 303, WASHINGTON DC 20001

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case:2023-CAB-006255 the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 80 New York Ave NW, Unit 303, WASHINGTON DC 20001 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2076 in Square 0619, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 as Instrument Number:2018091486 the property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

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|     | <p><b>1150 K Street NW #1206, WASHINGTON DC 20036</b></p> <p>In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case:2016 CA 003956 (R/P), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1150 K Street NW #1206, WASHINGTON DC 20036 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On <b>AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.</b> the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2150 And Square 0317, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on JANUARY 16, 2007 as Instrument Number:2007006712</p> <p>The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.</p> <p>TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required to bid at the sale in cash or certified funds. 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CLARKE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE</p> <p>C/O ORLANDS PC<br/>1602 Village Market Blvd SE, Suite 310<br/>Leesburg, VA 20175<br/>(703) 777-7101</p> <p><br/>5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste 440<br/>Washington, DC 20015<br/>202-463-4567<br/>www.hwestauctions.com</p> <p>Jul 15,22,29,Aug 5 20240012465633</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |                    |
|     | <p><b>Law Offices of Gebhardt &amp; Smith LLP<br/>One South Street, Suite 2200<br/>Baltimore, Maryland 21202</b></p> <p><b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF APARTMENT BUILDING KNOWN AS<br/>1605 17TH PLACE, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020</b></p> <p>Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated March 30, 2022 from 1605 17th Place Flats LLC ("Trustor") to the trustees named therein and recorded on April 1, 2022 at the DC Recorder of Deeds at Document # 2022035858 ("Deed of Trust"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust ("Noteholder") having subsequently appointed Michael D. Nord and Michael C. Bolesta as Substitute Trustees ("Trustees") in the place of the trustees under the Deed of Trust by a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees recorded on April 17th, 2024 at the DC Recorder of Deeds at Document # 2024034766, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust and at the request of the Noteholder, and pursuant to a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit filed on May 23, 2024 at the DC Recorder of Deeds in accordance with D.C. Code § 42-815 and the applicable laws of the District of Columbia, the Trustees will offer for sale to the highest qualified bidder at a public auction to be held at Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on:</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 25, 2024<br/>at 12:40 P.M.</b></p> <p>ALL THAT piece, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the District of Columbia, together with any buildings, structures, improvements and appurtenances thereon, more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):</p> <p>All that certain land located in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Lot numbered Thirty-four (34) in Square numbered Fifty-five Hundred Ninety-six (5596) in a subdivision made by William S. Bowling and others, as per plat recorded in Liber No. 118 at folio 141, among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.</p> <p>NOTE: At the date hereof, the above-described property is known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Square 5596, Lot 0034</p> <p>Property Address: 1605 17th Place, SE, Washington, DC 20020</p> <p><b>TERMS OF SALE:</b> A deposit in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), payable by certified or cashier's check, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Within three (3) business days after the date of the sale, the purchaser of the Property shall deliver a certified or cashier's check to the Trustees to increase the purchaser's deposit to an amount that is equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount bid by such purchaser at the sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest thereon at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be due from the purchaser by wire transfer or certified check within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of sale, unless such closing deadline is extended in writing by the Trustees. Time is of the essence. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest on the unpaid purchase price. Settlement shall be held at such place as may be agreed to by the Trustees. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. The Trustees reserve the right to withdraw the Property from sale, to reject any and all bids at the sale, and to extend the time for settlement, at their discretion.</p> <p>The Property is being sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations of any kind, either express or implied, as to the value, nature, condition, use or description of the Property or the improvements thereon. The Property is also being sold subject to: (a) any existing building and zoning code violations; (b) any environmental problems and conditions, lead paint conditions, encroachments and/or violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property; (c) any senior liens, encumbrances, easements, conditions, restrictions, agreements, declarations and covenants of record which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale; (d) any rights of redemption; and (e) such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, if any. The purchaser is responsible for conducting its own due diligence regarding the Property.</p> <p>All senior liens, real estate taxes, water charges and municipal charges and assessments owed against the Property which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement. The cost of all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, transfer taxes, document preparation costs, title examination costs and other costs associated with conveying the Property to the purchaser shall also be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement.</p> <p>The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser's responsibility to obtain possession of the Property after the closing. The purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any rent relating to the Property until the Purchaser pays the entire purchase price and closes on its purchase of the Property.</p> <p>In the event the purchaser fails to go to settlement and pay the entire purchase price as required herein, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available to the Trustees and the Noteholder, the Trustees may declare the aforementioned deposit forfeited by the purchaser and resell the Property at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price sustained by the Trustees and/or the Noteholder, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorneys' fees, and any other damages sustained by the Trustees and/or the Noteholder, including, without limitation, all incidental damages. In the event a resale of the Property results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting purchaser, the defaulting purchaser waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the resale proceeds or a return of any portion of the purchaser's forfeited deposit.</p> <p>If the Trustees are unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser as aforesaid, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustees, the Noteholder or the Auctioneer conducting the sale of the Property.</p> <p>The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms and conduct of the sale shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Michael D. Nord and<br/>Michael C. Bolesta,<br/>Substitute Trustees</p> <p>For further information, please contact:<br/>Michael D. Nord, Substitute Trustee<br/>Michael C. Bolesta, Substitute Trustee<br/>Gebhardt &amp; Smith LLP<br/>One South Street, Suite 2200<br/>Baltimore, Maryland 21202<br/>Tel: (410) 385-5072</p> <p>Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc.<br/>Paul R. Cooper<br/>410-977-4707</p> <p><br/>4910 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. • Suite 100<br/>Washington, DC 20016 • 202-364-0306<br/>www.alexcooper.com</p> <p>Jul 15,17,19,22,24 20240012466003</p> |     |                    |

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|  | <p><b>Samuel I. White, P.C.<br/>6100 EXECUTIVE BLVD.<br/>SUITE 400<br/>ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852</b></p> <p><b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF<br/>VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS:<br/>139 WILMINGTON PLACE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032</b></p> <p>By virtue of Deed of Trust recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia recorded on July 29, 2008, as Instrument Number 2008081250 , and in accordance Judgment filed on March 13, 2024 in case 2019 CA 007253 (R/P) and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer to sell at public auction, within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440 Washington, DC 20015-2034 on</p> <p><b>August 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM</b></p> <p>the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust and as of the date hereof designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment purposes as 139 Wilmington Place SE, Washington, DC 20032, LOT NUMBER 0013 AND SQUARE NUMBER 6118</p> <p>The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, the ability of the purchaser to obtain title insurance or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to any assessments including assessment pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13.</p> <p>TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note (4.625% per annum) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Trustees, payable in cash or certified funds within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale are to be paid by the purchaser. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to title examination, conveying, city revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from date of sale. Time is of the essence for the Purchaser. If the Purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, Purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for all correspondence including any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into and repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event or if the sale is not ratified, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. 55325</p> <p>Daniel J. Pesachowitz, Esquire Attorney for Trustees</p> <p><br/>5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste 440<br/>Washington, DC 20015<br/>202-463-4567<br/>www.hwestauctions.com</p> <p>Jul 15,22,29,Aug 5 20240012464604</p> |  |  |
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|     | <p><b>Law Offices of Gebhardt &amp; Smith LLP<br/>One South Street, Suite 2200<br/>Baltimore, Maryland 21202</b></p> <p><b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF APARTMENT BUILDING KNOWN AS<br/>1605 17TH PLACE, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020</b></p> <p>Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated March 30, 2022 from 1605 17th Place Flats LLC ("Trustor") to the trustees named therein and recorded on April 1, 2022 at the DC Recorder of Deeds at Document # 2022035858 ("Deed of Trust"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust ("Noteholder") having subsequently appointed Michael D. Nord and Michael C. Bolesta as Substitute Trustees ("Trustees") in the place of the trustees under the Deed of Trust by a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees recorded on April 17th, 2024 at the DC Recorder of Deeds at Document # 2024034766, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust and at the request of the Noteholder, and pursuant to a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit filed on May 23, 2024 at the DC Recorder of Deeds in accordance with D.C. Code § 42-815 and the applicable laws of the District of Columbia, the Trustees will offer for sale to the highest qualified bidder at a public auction to be held at Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on:</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 25, 2024<br/>at 12:40 P.M.</b></p> <p>ALL THAT piece, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the District of Columbia, together with any buildings, structures, improvements and appurtenances thereon, more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):</p> <p>All that certain land located in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Lot numbered Thirty-four (34) in Square numbered Fifty-five Hundred Ninety-six (5596) in a subdivision made by William S. Bowling and others, as per plat recorded in Liber No. 118 at folio 141, among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.</p> <p>NOTE: At the date hereof, the above-described property is known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Square 5596, Lot 0034</p> <p>Property Address: 1605 17th Place, SE, Washington, DC 20020</p> <p><b>TERMS OF SALE:</b> A deposit in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), payable by certified or cashier's check, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Within three (3) business days after the date of the sale, the purchaser of the Property shall deliver a certified or cashier's check to the Trustees to increase the purchaser's deposit to an amount that is equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount bid by such purchaser at the sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest thereon at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be due from the purchaser by wire transfer or certified check within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of sale, unless such closing deadline is extended in writing by the Trustees. Time is of the essence. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest on the unpaid purchase price. Settlement shall be held at such place as may be agreed to by the Trustees. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. The Trustees reserve the right to withdraw the Property from sale, to reject any and all bids at the sale, and to extend the time for settlement, at their discretion.</p> <p>The Property is being sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations of any kind, either express or implied, as to the value, nature, condition, use or description of the Property or the improvements thereon. The Property is also being sold subject to: (a) any existing building and zoning code violations; (b) any environmental problems and conditions, lead paint conditions, encroachments and/or violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property; (c) any senior liens, encumbrances, easements, conditions, restrictions, agreements, declarations and covenants of record which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale; (d) any rights of redemption; and (e) such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, if any. The purchaser is responsible for conducting its own due diligence regarding the Property.</p> <p>All senior liens, real estate taxes, water charges and municipal charges and assessments owed against the Property which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement. The cost of all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, transfer taxes, document preparation costs, title examination costs and other costs associated with conveying the Property to the purchaser shall also be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement.</p> <p>The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser's responsibility to obtain possession of the Property after the closing. The purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any rent relating to the Property until the Purchaser pays the entire purchase price and closes on its purchase of the Property.</p> <p>In the event the purchaser fails to go to settlement and pay the entire purchase price as required herein, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available to the Trustees and the Noteholder, the Trustees may declare the aforementioned deposit forfeited by the purchaser and resell the Property at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price sustained by the Trustees and/or the Noteholder, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorneys' fees, and any other damages sustained by the Trustees and/or the Noteholder, including, without limitation, all incidental damages. In the event a resale of the Property results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting purchaser, the defaulting purchaser waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the resale proceeds or a return of any portion of the purchaser's forfeited deposit.</p> <p>If the Trustees are unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser as aforesaid, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustees, the Noteholder or the Auctioneer conducting the sale of the Property.</p> <p>The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms and conduct of the sale shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Michael D. Nord and<br/>Michael C. Bolesta,<br/>Substitute Trustees</p> <p>For further information, please contact:<br/>Michael D. Nord, Substitute Trustee<br/>Michael C. Bolesta, Substitute Trustee<br/>Gebhardt &amp; Smith LLP<br/>One South Street, Suite 2200<br/>Baltimore, Maryland 21202<br/>Tel: (410) 385-5072</p> <p>Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc.<br/>Paul R. Cooper<br/>410-977-4707</p> <p><br/>4910 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. • Suite 100<br/>Washington, DC 20016 • 202-364-0306<br/>www.alexcooper.com</p> <p>Jul 15,17,19,22,24 20240012466003</p> |     |                    |

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|  | <p><b>Law Offices of Gebhardt &amp; Smith LLP<br/>One South Street, Suite 2200<br/>Baltimore, Maryland 21202</b></p> <p><b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF APARTMENT BUILDING KNOWN AS<br/>4649 HILLSIDE ROAD, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019</b></p> <p>Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2021 from 4649 Hillside Road Flats LLC ("Trustor") to the trustees named therein and recorded on May 7, 2021 at the DC Recorder of Deeds at Document # 2021063228 ("Deed of Trust"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust ("Noteholder") having subsequently appointed Michael D. Nord and Michael C. Bolesta as Substitute Trustees ("Trustees") in the place of the trustees under the Deed of Trust by a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees recorded on April 17, 2024 at the DC Recorder of Deeds at Document # 2024034765, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust and at the request of the Noteholder, and pursuant to a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit filed on May 23, 2024 at the DC Recorder of Deeds in accordance with D.C. Code § 42-815 and the applicable laws of the District of Columbia, the Trustees will offer for sale to the highest qualified bidder at a public auction to be held at Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016 on:</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 25, 2024<br/>at 12:50 P.M.</b></p> <p>ALL THAT piece, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the District of Columbia, together with any buildings, structures, improvements and appurtenances thereon, more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):</p> <p>All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Lot 118 in Square 5363 in M. V. Carozza's subdivision as the same is recorded in Liber 121 at folio 1 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.</p> <p>NOTE: At the date hereof, the above-described property is known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Square 5363, Lot 0118.</p> <p><b>TERMS OF SALE:</b> A deposit in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), payable by certified or cashier's check, will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Within three (3) business days after the date of the sale, the purchaser of the Property shall deliver a certified or cashier's check to the Trustees to increase the purchaser's deposit to an amount that is equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount bid by such purchaser at the sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest thereon at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be due from the purchaser by wire transfer or certified check within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of sale, unless such closing deadline is extended in writing by the Trustees. Time is of the essence. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest on the unpaid purchase price. Settlement shall be held at such place as may be agreed to by the Trustees. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. The Trustees reserve the right to withdraw the Property from sale, to reject any and all bids at the sale, and to extend the time for settlement, at their discretion.</p> <p>The Property is being sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations of any kind, either express or implied, as to the value, nature, condition, use or description of the Property or the improvements thereon. The Property is also being sold subject to: (a) any existing building and zoning code violations; (b) any environmental problems and conditions, lead paint conditions, encroachments and/or violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property; (c) any senior liens, encumbrances, easements, conditions, restrictions, agreements, declarations and covenants of record which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale; (d) any rights of redemption; and (e) such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, if any. The purchaser is responsible for conducting its own due diligence regarding the Property.</p> <p>All senior liens, real estate taxes, water charges and municipal charges and assessments owed against the Property which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement. The cost of all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, transfer taxes, document preparation costs, title examination costs and other costs associated with conveying the Property to the purchaser shall also be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement.</p> <p>The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser's responsibility to obtain possession of the Property after the closing. The purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any rent relating to the Property until the Purchaser pays the entire purchase price and closes on its purchase of the Property.</p> <p>In the event the purchaser fails to go to settlement and pay the entire purchase price as required herein, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available to the Trustees and the Noteholder, the Trustees may declare the aforementioned deposit forfeited by the purchaser and resell the Property at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price sustained by the Trustees and/or the Noteholder, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorneys' fees, and any other damages sustained by the Trustees and/or the Noteholder, including, without limitation, all incidental damages. In the event a resale of the Property results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting purchaser, the defaulting purchaser waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the resale proceeds or a return of any portion of the purchaser's forfeited deposit.</p> <p>If the Trustees are unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser as aforesaid, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustees, the Noteholder or the Auctioneer conducting the sale of the Property.</p> <p>The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms and conduct of the sale shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Michael D. Nord and<br/>Michael C. Bolesta,<br/>Substitute Trustees</p> <p>For further information, please contact:<br/>Michael D. Nord, Substitute Trustee<br/>Michael C. Bolesta, Substitute Trustee<br/>Gebhardt &amp; Smith LLP<br/>One South Street, Suite 2200<br/>Baltimore, Maryland 21202<br/>Tel: (410) 385-5072</p> <p>Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc.<br/>Paul R. Cooper<br/>410-977-4707</p> <p><br/>4910 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. • Suite 100<br/>Washington, DC 20016 • 202-364-0306<br/>www.alexcooper.com</p> <p>Jul 15,17,19,22,24 20240012465900</p> |  |  |
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WITTMADT, ESQUIRE<br/>1966 GREENSPRING DRIVE, SUITE LL2<br/>LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093<br/>410-238-2840</b></p> <p><b>TRUSTEE'S SALE<br/>REAL PROPERTY<br/>1550 REAR INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, SE<br/>WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003</b></p> <p>Byvirtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing from 1550 Independence Ave Rear LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company dated May 6, 2022 and duly recorded May 10, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022051199 and subsequently assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust to CCP Asset Holdings, LLC by Assignment of Deed of Trust dated June 10, 2024 and recorded June 11, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024054014 (the "Deed of Trust") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all fixtures described in the Deed of Trust, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on June 25, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024058873 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on June 13, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024054896 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 1:15 PM</b></p> <p>The real estate located at 1550 Rear Independence Avenue, SE Washington, DC and legally described as follows:</p> <p>Lot numbered Eighty-nine (89) in Square numbered Ten Hundred Seventy-two (1072) in the Subdivision made by 15th ST ALLEY LLC, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Plat Liber 218 at Folio 115.</p> <p>For purposes of assessment and taxation the above referenced property is now known as Lot numbered Eighty-nine (89) in Square numbered Ten Hundred Seventy-two (1072).</p> <p><b>FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the Deed of Trust as evidenced by a Financing Statement recorded among said Land Records as Instrument Number 2022051200 and upon occurrence of a default thereunder, the Secured Party, as the holder of a security interest and lien on all of the tangible and intangible assets of the Debtor, will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY, ETC. of the Debtor located on or about the Real Estate (that is subject to the security interest and lien of the Secured Party and not owned by any third party.)</p> <p>TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.</p> <p><b>TERMS OF SALE:</b> ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of \$25,000.00 must be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee". The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. <b>TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.</b> The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the default rate of 24% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.</p> <p>The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to the condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.</p> <p>Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.</p> <p>Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee</p> <p><br/>4910 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. • Suite 100<br/>Washington, DC 20016 • 202-364-0306<br/>www.alexcooper.com</p> <p>Jul 15,17,19,22,24 20240012466004</p> |  |  |
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|  | <p><b>TRUSTEE'S SALE<br/>Of Valuable Real Estate located in the District of Columbia known as<br/>1535 – 1545 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001 (the "Property")</b></p> <p>By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, and Security Agreement duly recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia on September 9, 2013 as Instrument No. 2013104689 (the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with the Notice of Foreclosure Sale recorded June 12, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024054824, Public law 90-566, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS INC., 5335 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 440, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20015, on <b>July 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.</b> the Property described in the Deed of Trust, including certain land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia, and being now known as</p> <p>All of Square East of Square numbered Five Hundred Ten (510) in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>NOTE: Said property now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot 800 in the square East of Square 510.</p> <p><b>Property Address:1535-1545 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001</b></p> <p><b>TAX ID: Square 0510-E, Lot 0800</b></p> <p>Terms of Sale<br/>The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition and the purchaser shall assume the risk of loss or damage to the property after the time of the foreclosure sale. Neither the Trustee, the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the auctioneer, nor any of their respective agents, successors or assigns (collectively, the "Selling Parties") make any representation or warranties, express or implied, with respect to the Property, or any tenancies or parties in possession, including without limitation, the description, use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, marketability, or insurability (hazard or title), subdivision, zoning, environmental condition, compliance with building codes or other laws (such as Americans with Disabilities Act), ordinances or regulations, fitness for a particular purpose, or merchantability of all or any part of the Property. The purchaser waives and releases the Selling Parties from any and all claims the purchaser or the purchaser's successors or assigns may have now or may have in the future relating to the sale or the condition of the Property. The Property will be sold subject to rights of parties in possession, any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, other encumbrances, statutes, if any, affecting the Property, whether or not of record and all statutes, ordinances or court rules, to the extent such things have priority over the Deed of Trust and to the extent such things survive the foreclosure sale. The Property is also sold subject to a post-sale audit of the status of the loan. All interested bidders are specifically encouraged to review all federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, and court rules concerning the Property and to contact the appropriate governmental authorities prior to the sale date regarding the Property, including without limitation, encumbrances, liens, violations, permitted uses and the requirements, if any, for registration, obtaining possession, cure of violations, construction, completion, or development. The Trustee will not deliver possession to the purchaser, who shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the Property.</p> <p>A deposit of \$50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check, or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. Whenever the purchaser is also the party secured by the Deed of Trust, payment of the required Deposit and purchase price is made by crediting the amount thereof to the indebtedness. The balance of the purchase price with interest thereon at 10% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the date of sale unless such time is extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser if settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever. The party secured by the Deed of Trust shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. <b>TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.</b></p> <p>Real property taxes, water charges, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the purchaser. Conveyance of the Property shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, specifically including marketability or insurability as to hazard or title. The Trustee will not sign any loan or settlement document which makes or implies any warranty with regard to the Property. In the event the Trustee is unable for any reason to convey marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be to request and receive a return of the Deposit, after which this sale shall be void and of no effect and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustee, the Selling Parties, or the Property.</p> <p>In the event of a default</p> |
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|     | <b>NAGLE &amp; ZALLER, P.C.</b><br>8840 Stanford Blvd., Suite 1800<br>Columbia, Maryland 21045 |     |                              |
|     | <b>3338 Huntley Square Drive, Unit B2<br/>TEMPLE HILLS, MARYLAND 20748</b>                     |     |                              |
|     | <b>LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND</b>                                             |     |                              |

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred on Huntley Square Condominium by the Maryland Contract Lien Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, Real Property Section 14-201 et seq., for enforcement of condominium liens and as set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws of Huntley Square Condominium whereby Huntley Square Condominium has caused liens to be filed among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and recorded Book 49064, Page 52, and in Book 49064, Page 101, and in Book 49067, Page 590; the undersigned, for the purpose of foreclosure and at the request of the party secured thereby, will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to CASE No. C-16-CV-24-001149 in the front of the CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND AT 14735 MAIN STREET, UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND 20772.

**JULY 30, 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

ALL THAT PROPERTY KNOWN AS UNIT 3338 B-2 IN HUNTLEY SQUARE CONDOMINIUM TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED .318% INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS THEREOF, BEING A CONDOMINIUM UNIT DESCRIBED IN A PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "PLAT AND PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION - HUNTLEY SQUARE CONDOMINIUM" SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORD OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK WWW 86, FOLIOS 51 THROUGH 69, INCLUSIVE. SAID UNIT IS SUBJECT TO A HORIZONTAL PROPERTY OR CONDOMINIUM REGIME BY VIRTUE OF A MASTER DEED DATED OCTOBER ONE, 1973, AND RECORDED OCTOBER 16, 1973, IN LIBER 4289, FOLIO 202, AMONG SAID LAND RECORDS, BEING LOCATED IN THE 12TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID COUNTY, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 3338 HUNTLEY SQUARE DRIVE, B-2, TEMPLE HILLS, MARYLAND 20748. TAX ID NUMBER 12-1273879. BEING THE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY WHICH, BY DEED DATED OCTOBER 8, 2002, AND RECORDED IN THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND, IN LIBER 16377, FOLIO 471, WAS GRANTED AND CONVEYED BY BEULAH E. LIDDELL UNT0 REBECCA GAINES.

The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition, without warranty, either expressed or implied with respect to the nature and description of the improvements contained therein; and subject to all other encumbrances, deeds of trust, mortgages, covenants, conditions, liens, taxes, restrictions, easements, housing and/or zoning violations, rights of way, and agreements of record affecting same, if any, INCLUDING DECLARATION AND BYLAWS OF HUNTLEY SQUARE CONDOMINIUM.

Terms of Sale: A cash deposit by cash or certified check or check acceptable to the Trustees in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be required by the purchaser at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of six percent (6%) from the date of sale to date of settlement, shall be paid in cash at settlement, which settlement shall be held within ten (10) days after final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court unless said period is extended by the Trustees, their successors or assigns, in their sole discretion for good cause shown, time being of the essence. Otherwise, the deposit herewith required shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property and in the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes shall be borne by the purchaser. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Adjustment of all taxes, public charges, interest, and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of the sale and thereafter be assumed by the purchaser. Title examination, conveyingance, state revenue stamps, state and local transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by purchaser. Purchaser must obtain possession and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of the auction forward. If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustees.

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| CRAIG B. ZALLER and/or SEAN E. SUHAR and/or<br>JOHN E. TSKERDANOS<br>TRUSTEES       |            |
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| <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>6607 Adrian Street<br>New Carrollton, MD 20784 |  |

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from GLORIA LEWIS, dated July 22, 2011 and recorded in Liber 32966, folio 239 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-23-003829; Tax ID No.20-2225142 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

**AUGUST 7, 2024 at 2:30 PM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-003515)

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|     | <b>MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC</b><br>7470 Technology Way<br>Suite P<br>Frederick, MD 21703<br>(470) 480-1820 |     |                              |
|     | <b>TRUSTEE'S SALE</b><br><b>1306 WALSHAM DRIVE</b><br><b>Upper Marlboro, MD 20774</b>                        |     |                              |

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 12, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 26050 at Page 231 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

**August 6, 2024 At 1:45 PM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#- 13-1440817

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$33,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 5.25% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. 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. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed, forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or 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.

DIANA THEOLOGOU, GREGORY THORNE,  
ADRIAN JACOBS, BRIAN CAMPBELL,  
CHRISTINE COTTON, Substitute Trustees  
File No.: 23-000144-01

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| <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>11431 Running Bear Court<br>Beltville, MD 20705 |  |

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOANNA OPAL MILLER, dated October 25, 2016 and recorded in Liber 38838, folio 12 MODIFIED ON JUNE 20, 2019 IN LIBER 42241 FOLIO 235 AND MODIFIED ON JANUARY 26, 2023 IN LIBER 45811 FOLIO 363; among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-24-001115; Tax ID No.01-0058669 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

**AUGUST 7, 2024 at 2:30 PM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust. The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-014401)

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|     | <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>8210 Birdsong Drive<br>Fort Washington, MD 20744 |     |                              |

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from TALIB HAKIM ALI AND ADRIENNE D. ALI, dated November 27, 2006 and recorded in Liber 27384, folio 640 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.CAEF15-00026; Tax ID No.09-0886390 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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Terms of Sale: A deposit \$50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 14-700022)

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| <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>9508 Pamela Place<br>Fort Washington, MD 20744 |  |

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARVIN J. MULDER and SARAH L. MULDER, dated September 18, 2006 and recorded in Liber 27308, folio 001 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-23-000342; Tax ID No.05-3590874 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

**AUGUST 7, 2024 at 2:30 PM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions; restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-000643)

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| <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>1806 Campbell Dr<br>Suitland, MD 20746 |  |

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from LAWRENCE E. PERRY AND DOROTHY H. PERRY, dated October 15, 2019 and recorded in Liber 42769, folio 145 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-24-001024; Tax ID No.06-0617985 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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| <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>602 63rd Place<br>Capital Heights, MD 20743 |  |

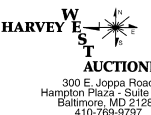
Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DONYA S. GREENE AND DAVID GODBOLT, dated November 27, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26983, folio 035 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-24-000743; Tax ID No.18-2067700 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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| <b>SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE<br/>OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY</b><br>4915 Sharon Rd<br>Temple Hills, MD 20748 |  |

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from TIONA GALLION, dated October 21, 2019 and recorded in Liber 42740, folio 521 RE-RECORDED IN LIBER 49401 FOLIO 521; among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-24-001296; Tax ID No.06-0619056 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from GWENDOLYN E. WILSON AND JAMES WILSON JR., dated February 9, 2006 and recorded in Liber 24833, folio 323 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-16-CV-23-003238; Tax ID No.18-2053536 ) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

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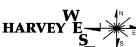
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THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-002233)

JAMES E. CLARKE  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE



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**Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al. Substitute Trustees Plaintiffs

v.

Kevin J. Wolfolk and Charlotte D. Wolfolk Defendants (s)

Civil No. CAEF16-25471

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this 18 day of July, 2024, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at 1005 Fenton Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20744 made and reported by James E. Clarke, Renee Dyson, Brian Thomas, Erin August, Hugh Green and Patricia Green to the Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 19 day of August, 2024, provided a copy of this Order be inserted in the WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the 19 day of August, 2024. The report of sale states the amount of the sale at \$340,000.00.

BY THE COURT:  
Mahasin El Amin  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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**Prince Georges County**

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James E. Clarke, et al. Substitute Trustees Plaintiffs

v.

Marilyn Pringle Surviving Joint Tenant of Earl J. Pringle as Surviving Tenant by the Entirety of Rubye H. Pringle (Deceased) Defendants(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-004588

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this 18 day of July, 2024, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at 9607 Windermere Turn, Fort Washington, MD 20744 made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 19 day of August, 2024, provided a copy of this Order be inserted in the WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the 19 day of August, 2024. The report of sale states the amount of the sale at \$414,000.00.

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# Schauffele soars to ‘the very tiptop’ with British Open win

BRITISH OPEN FROM D1

Brooks Koepka in 2018 to win two majors in one season and the first since Rory McIlroy in 2014 to win the PGA Championship and the British Open. They said he joined with a dizzying haste those in this era with two major titles — from No. 1 Scottie Scheffler to Jon Rahm to Collin Morikawa to Bryson DeChambeau to Justin Thomas, among others — but, better than that, he has joined players such as Morikawa and Zach Johnson among those whose two major titles include one here on the links, shouting his versatility.

They said all that, but Sunday’s round said something else with its outlying cleanliness. It told of a guy whose breakthrough in May in Louisville had taken his trademark calm from considerable to mighty. With his game in the clouds on a gray day featuring cool air ideal for a long walk on the beach by the course, he found his way to No. 18, where he saw the “yellow leader boards” of his prior dreams, asked caddie Austin Kaiser to join him in his walk and said to himself, “You’re about to have your moment here.”

He led by three. Two groups behind him still had to finish. This did not seem all that relevant. Asked later to rank his round, Schauffele said: “At the very tiptop. Best round I’ve played.”

“Oh, my God,” Kaiser said. “It just keeps coming. Wow. He played unbelievably. This is probably the best round he’s ever played.”

The back-nine birdies Sunday on Nos. 11, 13, 14 and 16, separating him from playing partner Justin Rose, third-round leader Billy Horschel, upstart Thruston Lawrence, a fading Scheffler and the rest, looked almost light and airy even from 16 feet (No. 13) and 13 feet (No. 14). They looked as if they were designed to ratify



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**Xander Schauffele escapes the rough on the 12th hole Sunday to make a par that came during his decisive run of four birdies in six holes.**

a post-win conversation Kaiser recalled from May among his buddies just after the PGA Championship, when one said to Schauffele, “Do you feel lighter?” Schauffele replied, “Yeah, I do.” His chip over a bunker to No. 16 looked frightening as he began it and gorgeous as he fashioned it. It said hello to the hole and cuddled four feet away.

Even Rose’s caddie, Mark Fulcher, found it “nice to be able to not pay for a ticket and to watch it because it was fantastic.” He said of Schauffele: “He’s also

quite nice, too. You’d almost like him to be a bit of a wanker,” but he’s “a top-notch guy.”

“He seemed he was in control of everything,” Kaiser said of an event at which the wind off the Firth of Clyde left nobody in control of anything until it eased Sunday at last.

“I thought [the breakthrough win] would help me,” Schauffele said in an on-course interview, “and it actually did. I had this sense of calm, a calm I didn’t have when I played the PGA.” He said at his news conference, “I

kind of grabbed on to it, and there was no chance I was going to let go of it.”

Rose shot a fine 67 to finish tied for second at 7 under, then said of Schauffele, “He plays with a freedom, which kind of tells you as a competitor that he’s probably not feeling a ton of the bad stuff.” Horschel shot a fine 68 to tie Rose, then said of Schauffele, “He’s the second-best player in the world.” As Schauffele lifted off, it almost became a secondary tournament as Lawrence impressed with a 68 to end up at

6 under, Russell Henley had a 69 to make 5 under, Shane Lowry recovered from his aching 77 of Saturday to shoot a 68 and get to 4 under, and Scheffler menaced one or two strokes back until he reached No. 9 and three-putted from 6 feet 7 inches to draw a double bogey and commiserating groans from the crowd bunched around.

He wound up tied for seventh at 1 under as even he — the first player since Arnold Palmer in 1962 to win an unthinkable six events by this point of the year,

one of those the Masters — became a muffled sideshow set against Schauffele’s undisturbed excellence. Suddenly, the subject went from Scheffler’s dominance to Schauffele’s completeness.

“I don’t know if that’s true or not,” Schauffele said of the “complete” part, “but I’m definitely going to believe that’s true because here we are. ... It’s a completely different style of golf. It makes you play shots and have different ball positions. There’s so much risk-reward when the wind’s blowing 20 miles an hour and it starts raining [as it did Saturday]. There’s so many different variables that come into play. It truly is an honor to win this. To me, it’s big. To me, winning the Scottish Open [in 2022] was big because it meant my game could travel. So to double that up and win a major in Scotland is even cooler.”

He had gone and won two majors of completely different tenor, one so sick with birdies in the sun that it required a score of 21 under to conquer and one so rife with windy inconvenience that it told something about sturdiness. He had done one with an admirable quash of trembling and one with an enviable depth of calm. “We knew that, though,” his father said. “See, that we knew because he had seconds in everything. So we knew the versatility, right?” He concluded: “Who is the greatest threat or potential for the next career Grand Slam? I would say, ‘Just look at the numbers.’”

One of the numbers showed “65” on that dreamy yellow leader board late Sunday, its hand-placed letters carried the message “WELL PLAYED XANDER,” and a young man known as shy and affable held the claret jug before a phalanx of photographers. He kept smiling calmly, rather than his electric grins of Louisville. It appeared that, technically, he had come back to earth.



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