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Maduro's victory claim met by protest

Venezuelan opposition claims it has evidence of electoral fraud

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT, ANA VANESSA HERRERO, LEO SANDS AND MARINA DIAS

CARACAS, VENEZUELA — The United States and several Latin American countries cast doubt Monday on President Nicolás Maduro's reelection on Sunday, ordinary Venezuelans took to the streets and opposition leaders prepared to reveal what some said was evidence of brazen electoral fraud.

Venezuela's National Electoral Council, which Maduro controls, claimed early Monday that the authoritarian socialist earned 51 percent of the vote to Edmundo González's 44 percent.

On Monday evening, opposition leaders said they had collected more than 73 percent of voting center records, and they proved that González won twice as many votes as Maduro. That was similar to independent exit polling released Sunday evening.

"We have in our hands the tallies that show our triumph, which is categorically and mathematically irreversible," González told reporters. "Our triumph is historic."

Earlier Monday, council President Elvis Amoroso declared Maduro president for another six-year term — suggesting that a recount would not change the outcome announced earlier in the day.

Opposition leaders, who had seen the election as its best chance in more than a decade of defeating Maduro, demanded he hand over

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At border, Chinese influx poses test

Uptick in migrants partly driven by economic, political pressures in their homeland

BY CATE CADELL, NICK MIROFF AND LI QIANG

LOS ANGELES — Lei Muhan and her parents crossed 11 nations along the journey from China to the United States, riding on the backs of motorcycles, paying off smugglers and trekking through a scorching desert.

The small California bedroom that now houses the family seemed a little dull by comparison. Muhan, 10, passed the time flipping through a spiral notebook, eager to start school. "I Am Happy," she had written over and over in English.

Her father, Lei Xiaoyue, made rice for breakfast. If Muhan could enroll in school that morning, he could look for work.

The family arrived in the United States in April, joining the largest wave of illegal border crossings by Chinese migrants in history — part of a wider influx that is also bringing record numbers of migrants from South America, India, Turkey and an array of African nations. Many are guided by

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ABOVE: A group of Chinese migrants who crossed the border from Mexico exchange information as they step off a bus in San Diego. TOP: Lei Muhan, 10, peers out of a bus window in Los Angeles.

ELECTION 2024

How Musk turned into energetic Trump fan

BY JOSH DAWSEY, EVA DOU AND FAIZ SIDDIQUI

Elon Musk began privately gathering support for Donald Trump's second presidency long before he tweeted his public endorsement on July 13.

At least five months earlier, Musk made a pitch for Trump at the Palm Beach, Fla., oceanfront mansion of Wendy's co-founder Nelson Peltz, where some of the billionaires and top political strategists who had gathered to discuss 2024 campaign strategy were surprised to see him.

The Feb. 16 event included a number of Trump skeptics: Karl Rove, a former adviser to George W. Bush and a current adviser to hotelier Steve Wynn, argued that the assembled crew should give money to down-ballot candidates and state parties. Another donor urged the crowd to keep helping GOP contender Nikki Haley, according to attendees who spoke on the condition of anonymity to

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Experts: Health staff failed Otieno as he suffocated

BY SAMUEL OAKFORD

Virginia authorities moved quickly to investigate after Irvo Otieno, a 28-year-old Black man, was suffocated on the floor of a state psychiatric hospital in March 2023. By the following week, seven officers and three hospital orderlies who piled on him had been charged with

second-degree murder, and that same month, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) promised an "aggressive transformation" of the behavioral health-care system that experts say failed Otieno.

But a year later, the criminal case has fractured, and little public scrutiny has been given to the actions of the clinical staff, including doctors and nurses, at

Virginia's Central State Hospital in Dinwiddie County, where Otieno died. No clinical staff members at the psychiatric facility have been charged; the orderlies were "special management technicians," a position that focuses on security and requires no medical training beyond knowledge of CPR, according to a job listing. Meanwhile, an investigation into

potential abuse and neglect related to Otieno's care is on hold pending the results of the criminal case, which now involves just two officers and an orderly facing downgraded charges of involuntary manslaughter.

A new analysis by The Washington Post of nearly two hours of surveillance footage inside and

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A moment cast in bronze

From left, Brody Malone, Asher Hong, Frederick Richard, Paul Juda and Stephen Nedoroscik took the bronze in Paris for the first medal for the U.S. men's gymnastics team since 2008. **Story, D1**

WILLIAM L. CALLEY JR. 1943-2024

Army officer became face of My Lai Massacre

BY HARRISON SMITH, EMILY LANGER, BRIAN MURPHY AND ADAM BERNSTEIN

William L. Calley Jr., a junior Army officer who became the only person convicted in connection with the My Lai Massacre of 1968, when U.S. soldiers slaughtered hundreds of unarmed South Vietnamese men, women and children in one of the darkest chapters in American military history, died April 28 at a hospice center in Gainesville, Fla. He was 80.

The Washington Post obtained a copy of his death certificate from



Calley

the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County. His son, Laws Calley, did not immediately respond to requests for additional information. Other efforts to reach Mr. Calley's family were unsuccessful.

The Post was alerted to the death, which was not previously reported, by Zachary Woodward, a recent Harvard Law School graduate who said he noticed Mr. Calley's death while looking through public records.

Although he was once the country's most notorious Army officer, a symbol of military misconduct in a war that many considered immoral and unwinnable,

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CORRECTION

• A July 25 Local Living story about removing microplastics from tap water incorrectly implied that the Brita pitcher with an Elite filter and the brand's faucet system may not remove microplastics. Both the filter and the faucet system are certified to remove Class I particles, including microplastics between 0.5 microns and 1 micron.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The headline and subheadline that accompanied a July 29 Page One photo and article about Israeli strikes on Hezbollah targets in Lebanon did not provide adequate context. The headlines should have noted that the Israeli strikes were a response to a rocket strike from Lebanon that killed 12 teenagers and children in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights. The photo depicted mourning for one of those victims, as the caption noted.

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Officer was only person to be convicted in connection to My Lai

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Mr. Calley had lived in obscurity for decades, declining interviews while working as a jeweler in Columbus, Ga., not far from the military base where he was court-martialed and convicted in 1971.

A junior-college dropout from South Florida, he had bounced around jobs, unsuccessfully trying to enlist in the Army in 1964, before being called up two years later. As the war escalated in Vietnam, he found a home in a military that was desperately trying to replenish its lower ranks.

Mr. Calley was quickly tapped to become a junior officer, with minimal vetting, and was soon promoted to second lieutenant, commanding a platoon in Charlie Company, a unit of the Army's Americal Division. The company sustained heavy losses in the early months of 1968, losing men to sniper fire, land mines and booby traps as the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong launched coordinated attacks in the Tet Offensive.

On the morning of March 16, 1968, the unit was airlifted by helicopter to Son My, a patchwork village of rice paddies, irrigation ditches and small settlements, including a hamlet known to U.S. soldiers as My Lai 4. Over the next few hours, Mr. Calley and other soldiers in Charlie Company shot and bayoneted women, children and elderly men, destroying the village while searching for Viet Cong guerrillas and sympathizers who were said to have been hiding in the area. Homes were burned, and some women and girls were gang-raped before being killed.

An Army investigation later concluded that 347 men, women and children had been killed, including victims of another American unit, Bravo Company. A Vietnamese estimate placed the death toll at 504.

For more than a year and a half, the details of the atrocity were hidden and covered up from the public. A report to headquarters initially characterized the attack as a significant victory, claiming that 128 “enemy” fighters had been killed. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the top commander in Vietnam, praised American forces at My Lai for dealing a “heavy blow” to the Viet Cong.

Meanwhile, Ronald Ridenhour, a helicopter gunner who was not at the scene but had heard of the killings weeks later, did his own probing. Back in the United States nearly a year after the massacre, he began writing letters to top political and military leaders about the bloodbath at My Lai — providing information that was credited with sparking official investigations.

Backed with photographs and witness testimony, the Army charged Mr. Calley with premeditated murder days before his scheduled discharge.

Although a four-paragraph Associated Press article appeared in September 1969, providing Mr. Calley's name and reporting that he was being held for allegedly murdering an unspecified number of civilians, a more complete

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William L. Calley Jr., right, is taken from the Fort Benning stockade in Georgia on June 26, 1974.

picture of the massacre was not revealed until that November, through articles by investigative reporter Seymour M. Hersh.

Acting on a tip by an antiwar activist, Hersh worked exhaustively to track down Mr. Calley. He finally located him in the unlikelyst of places for a man facing court-martial for what at the time was believed to be 109 murders: at the senior officers' quarters of Fort Benning, now called Fort Moore, in Georgia.

Hersh's articles, distributed to newspapers around the country by the independent Dispatch News Service, received the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting, shocked a nation that was already divided over the Vietnam War and thrust Mr. Calley into the national spotlight.

Almost from the very beginning, Mr. Calley polarized Americans who variously deemed him a war criminal or a scapegoat, a mass murderer or an inexperienced officer made to take the fall for the actions of his superiors. Defenders argued that he had been forced into a brutal conflict with an often invisible enemy, then blamed for the horrors of the war.

To some, he seemed like a convenient target for military prosecutors, the lowest link in a chain of command that included Capt. Ernest Medina, who was accused of bearing overall responsibility for the attacks, and Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Koster, the highest-ranking officer charged with trying to cover up the massacre.

Mr. Calley was convicted of murdering at least 22 noncombatants and sentenced to life at hard labor, after a military jury rejected his defense that he was just following orders. Amid appeals, he ultimately served about three years, much of it under house arrest.

“My Lai was the absolute low point in the history of the modern U.S. military,” said Pulitzer Prize-winning military correspondent Thomas E. Ricks, whose book “The Generals” traces the evolution of the post-World War II Army.

Beyond the atrocities committed by Mr. Calley, Ricks said it was important to remember that “there were 1,000 causes here, bad people doing bad things up and down the chain of command,” including the “second grave sin” of the coverup.

“My Lai forced a reexamination of the U.S. Army,” Ricks noted, referring to its central role in later studies about revamping military professionalism. “It was not just that hundreds of civilians had been murdered, and a score raped, but that the acts of the day were covered up by the Army chain of command.”

“The incident was just not the work of a deranged lieutenant,” he added. “Other officers were aware of what was going on. And the extensive coverup, including the destruction of documents, went all the way up to the rank of general, with two generals and

three colonels implicated.”

‘Go and get them’

The attack on My Lai came a month and a half after the Tet Offensive. U.S. soldiers had visited the village a few times, interviewing residents while seeking intel about the Viet Cong, or VC. This time, Medina told his men in Charlie Company, the objective was to strike hard against a community believed to be harboring VC.

Destroy anything that is “walking, crawling or growling,” Medina declared in a pre-mission briefing, according to testimony given at Mr. Calley's court-martial. Asked if that included women and children, he replied that according to military intelligence, ordinary villagers should be at a nearby market. Anyone left behind was either a guerrilla or a sympathizer.

“They're all VC, now go and get them,” he said, according to trial testimony.

Around 7:30 a.m. the next morning, Mr. Calley and his platoon arrived at the village expecting heavy resistance. Instead, they found a quiet community sitting down for breakfast.

Some soldiers thought it was a trap, according to court-martial accounts. Viet Cong explosives and mines had accounted for up to 90 percent of American casualties in the previous months. As Mr. Calley's men fanned out, some shot villagers while searching in vain for suspected fighters. Others used grenades to blow apart homes.

Mr. Calley's platoon herded women, children and elderly men into groups. Accounts vary on what happened next: According to Mr. Calley, Medina grew irritated by the unit's slow progress and told Mr. Calley to “get rid of” the civilians. Medina denied giving any order to harm civilians, although other soldiers remembered it differently, recalling that Medina made it clear that it was acceptable to “wipe the place out.” A few minutes later, Mr. Calley and a fellow soldier, Pfc. Paul Meadlo, were said to have opened fire.

At the court-martial, soldiers described a systematic slaughter of defenseless civilians. Entire families were wiped out by the attack. Witnesses said Mr. Calley shot a praying Buddhist monk and, when he saw a young boy crawling out of a ditch, threw the child back in and shot him. Pictures taken at the scene by an Army photographer, Ronald L. Haeberle, provided additional evidence of the massacre and were later published in newspapers and magazines.

The My Lai killings were further exposed in 1969 by Ridenhour. After leaving the service, he wrote to President Richard M. Nixon, Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird and members of Congress with his findings. An Army investigation ensued, leading to the indictment of more than a dozen

men, but several of the cases unraveled before trial or ended with-out convictions.

In the end, only Mr. Calley was held legally responsible for playing a direct role in the massacre. He was convicted on March 29, 1971, after one of the longest court-martials in military history.

“My troops were getting massacred and mauled by an enemy I couldn't see, I couldn't feel and I couldn't touch — that nobody in the military system ever described them as anything other than Communism,” Mr. Calley said in a statement to the court. “They didn't give it a race, they didn't give it a sex, they didn't give it an age. They never let me believe it was just a philosophy in a man's mind. That was my enemy out there.”

The outpouring of support for Mr. Calley was captured in a spoken-word song, “Battle Hymn of Lt. Calley” — “Sir, I followed all my orders and I did the best I could/ It's hard to judge the enemy and hard to tell the good” — that was performed by Terry Nelson and sold more than 1 million copies.

After his conviction, Mr. Calley was removed from the stockade on Nixon's orders and confined to his quarters at Fort Benning. His life sentence was quickly reduced to 20 years and, in 1974, the sentence was halved again, to 10 years, after the secretary of the Army found that Mr. Calley “may have sincerely believed that he was acting in accordance with the orders he had received and that he was not aware of his responsibility to refuse an illegal order.”

Later that year, Mr. Calley was freed on bail and paroled. He seldom spoke about My Lai, although in 2009 he delivered what was reportedly his first public apology for the massacre, at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Columbus.

“There is not a day that goes by that I do not feel remorse for what happened that day in My Lai,” he said. “I feel remorse for the Vietnamese who were killed, for their families, for the American soldiers involved and their families. I am very sorry.”

During the speech, he also said that he had just been following orders, a declaration that irritated critics who questioned whether he had experienced a change of heart.

An ‘average’ schoolboy

William Laws Calley Jr., the second of four siblings and the only son, was born in Miami on June 8, 1943. His father, a Navy veteran of World War II, sold heavy construction equipment. As the business prospered, the family began vacationing at a cottage in North Carolina, and a teenage Mr. Calley — nicknamed Rusty for his reddish-brown hair — was given his own car.

Mr. Calley was often described by peers and adults who knew him as an “average” American schoolboy: reserved, polite and

pleasant but, at 5-foot-3 and 130 pounds, sometimes struggling for attention in school and social settings.

Academically, he was in a downward spiral. He was forced to repeat seventh grade after being caught cheating on an exam. He later spent two years attending military academies in Florida and Georgia before graduating from Miami Edison Senior High School in 1962 in the bottom quarter of his class.

After flunking out of Palm Beach Junior College, he supported himself with jobs as a hotel bellhop and restaurant dishwasher. During a bitter labor strike in 1963, Florida East Coast Railway hired Mr. Calley as a switchman and then promoted him to conductor. Among other incidents, Mr. Calley once let freight cars get loose and smash into a loading ramp.

Around this time, Mr. Calley's home life grew unstable. His mother was dying of cancer, and his father, who developed diabetes, saw his business fall into bankruptcy. In 1964, William Calley first tried to enlist in the Army but was rejected because of a hearing defect.

He began drifting west and south in search of work. At one point, he was on assignment in Mexico for an American insurance investigator when he walked off the job, saying he was “bored and frustrated” and didn't understand what he was doing. Mr. Calley left for San Francisco, where his backlog of mail began to catch up with him, including a Selective Service notice saying his earlier rejection was being reconsidered.

On his way back to Florida, his car broke down in Albuquerque. He walked into a local Army induction center, explained his situation and enlisted as a clerk-trainee in July 1966. He was soon selected for officer candidate school by a senior officer who took notice of Mr. Calley's brief stints at military academies.

Despite the Army's acute need for junior officers in Vietnam, historian Howard Jones wrote in his 2017 book “My Lai,” “The Citadel, West Point, and the Virginia Military Institute had been unable to fill the growing demand, and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) had fallen out of favor on many college campuses. The army immediately needed more recruits from OCS — which opened the door to Calley.”

Mr. Calley graduated 120th in his OCS class of 156. “One thing at OCS was nobody said, ‘Now, there will be innocent civilians there,’” Mr. Calley recalled in his 1970 memoir, “Lieutenant Calley: His Own Story,” written with journalist John Sack. “It was drummed into us, ‘Be sharp! On guard! As soon as you think these people won't kill you, ZAP! In combat, you haven't friends! You have enemies!’ Over and over at OCS we heard this and I told myself, *I'll act as if I'm never secure. As if everyone in Vietnam would do me in. As if everyone's bad.*”

After his release from military custody, Mr. Calley moved to Columbus and married Penny Vick, whose family owned a jewelry shop, in 1976. Smithsonian magazine later reported that their wedding guests included U.S. District Judge J. Robert Elliott, who had attempted to get Mr. Calley's conviction overturned.

Mr. Calley and Vick had a son, Laws, and later divorced. Information on survivors was not immediately available.

Mr. Calley reportedly carried an umbrella at times to prevent photographers from taking pictures of him. He wished, he said, to “sink into anonymity.”

Curiously, his death certificate matched known details about his life — including information on his birth, career, name and nickname — but featured one notable omission. On a line asking if he had ever served “in U.S. armed forces,” the answer given was “no.”

Rae Riiska and Monika Mathur contributed to this report.

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Judge declines to name monitor for NRA

A New York judge on Monday banned Wayne LaPierre, the former head of the National Rifle Association, from holding a paid position with the organization for a decade, but he declined to appoint an independent monitor to oversee the gun rights group's finances.

The split decision from Judge Joel Cohen came on the final day of arguments in the second stage of the civil trial of the NRA brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James.

Ruling from the bench, Cohen said the state's request for a monitor was not the correct remedy, suggesting the outside oversight mechanism would be “time-consuming, disruptive and will impose significant costs on the NRA without corresponding benefits.”

Following the trial's first phase earlier this year, a jury found LaPierre and another deputy liable for mispending millions of dollars on personal expenses.

In her closing statements, NRA attorney Sarah Rogers said the group had no plans to rehire LaPierre.

LaPierre served as the group's CEO and executive vice president

for more than three decades. He resigned in January on the eve of the first phase of the trial.

The jury ordered LaPierre to repay almost \$4.4 million to the organization, while the NRA's retired finance chief, Wilson “Woody” Phillips, was ordered to pay back \$2 million.

The second phase of the proceeding was a bench trial, meaning there was no jury and the judge handed down the verdict.

— Associated Press

Storms bring flash flooding to Dolly Parton's amusement park: Strong thunderstorms brought flash flooding to Dolly Parton's

Dollywood in east Tennessee. Park workers and the Pigeon Forge police and fire departments directed guests to safety on Sunday afternoon, and one minor injury was reported, park officials said. The amusement park said that it was supporting guests whose vehicles were affected and that cleanup crews were deployed. The park was set to open at noon Monday and the park's Splash Country, which wasn't affected, opened at its regular time. A road collapse closed McCarter Hollow Road at the entrance to Dollywood on Sunday night, according to the Pigeon Forge Police Department.

— Associated Press

POLITICS & THE NATION

First, fires burned a N.M. town. Then came the floods.

Ruidoso is inundated again and again, devastating residents

BY CHICO HARLAN

RUIDOSO, N.M. — The dream home that Brook Smith bought last year, located at the bend of a peaceful road, is now protected on one side by a military-grade flood barrier filled with dirt. The babbling creek alongside that home is an artery that’s repeatedly raged with floodwaters in the past few weeks. The driveway is a place where her kids have screamed while fleeing rising waters, and the front door is a spot to which they’re scared to return.

Because all they know for certain is that more rain is coming, and their town — and especially, their street — will probably flood again. And again.

“A never-ending nightmare,” said Smith, 45.

Ruidoso, a scenic town of nearly 8,000 in southern New Mexico, is now at the mercy of an enduring, double-barreled disaster. Two massive fires broke out last month along the mountains encircling the town, torching more than 25,000 acres, burning nearly a thousand homes and killing two people. Then, eight times and counting since June 21, floodwaters have cascaded down those same mountainsides into the village.

It’s a worst-case scenario that might become more frequent as weather extremes intensify in the American West. Studies suggest climate change is increasing the risk that severe rainfall comes in the wake of wildfires. Increasingly hot and dry conditions breed fiercer blazes. Warming air can also hold more moisture, leading to more intense storms. The burn scars from fires can elevate the flooding risk for more than five years, as vegetation regrows.

And while there have been other examples of that one-two, fire-water punch — most notably, deadly 2018 mudslides near Santa Barbara, Calif., soon after a massive fire — experts say Ruidoso and its topography are at particular risk.

The fires in June sheared hillsides of their evergreen trees and shrubs and even altered the composition of the soil, dramatically reducing its ability to absorb rainfall. Andrew Mangham, a National Weather Service hydrologist, said it was as if giant plastic sheets had been draped on the mountains, then covered with ash and tree trunks that would tumble down at the slightest invitation. The blazes came just in time for the state’s monsoon season — and suddenly even normal rainstorms could produce supercharged flash floods.

“The best way to describe it is, this town is sitting at the bottom of a bowl. And the sides of the bowl have burned,” said Mangham, who was dispatched from Albuquerque to Ruidoso to help guide the response. “So everything that runs off is pointing right to the heart of town.”

When rains have come, floodwaters tumble downslope and into town as soon as 30 minutes later. The water — along with all the debris in its churn — has charged through homes, leveling front doors and leaving exit wounds in the back. It has flung cars into trees and tossed propane tanks like tumbleweeds. It has shorn asphalt from roads and dumped unfathomable amounts of mud. It damaged more than 200 homes that had been spared from the fire. And it’s left the people in Ruidoso in a jittery cycle — checking weather patterns, waiting for emergency alerts and trying to figure out what to do with homes that have become dangerous.

“This town is in survival mode, literally,” said Dana Schenk, who owns several flood-damaged vacation properties in a town whose economy depends heavily on tourism. She and her husband spent several thousand dollars on cleanup after a flood on June 29 — one of the largest — renting heavy equipment and laying down new gravel. A subsequent flood, on July 9, obliterated that work.

The people living in Ruidoso are not so much cleaning up as preparing for the next inundation. Recently, homeowners and work crews were boarding up windows, erecting plywood barriers and constructing makeshift sandbag walls. Smith’s husband drove several hours out of town to obtain the military-grade containers — just one step in a do-it-yourself fortification of a home they doubt they can live in again.



PHOTOS BY RAMSAY DE GIVE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Lightning during a thunderstorm this month in Ruidoso, N.M. Beatrice Parraz cleans up part of Cherokee Mobile Village after flooding. Ruidoso Police Chief Lawrence Chavez surveys a residence lost to one of the fires last month.



Just a month earlier, that home had been the place Smith called a “slice of heaven.” A female elk routinely took refuge in their yard. Hummingbirds buzzed around the porch where Smith sipped her coffee. They had purchased the home, which had a second unit on the property, with a decades-long plan. They restored that unit into an Airbnb rental that was occupied almost every weekend. And they imagined that small home could eventually become an independent space for their 16-year-old son, who has autism and would need his parents close by.

But that unit partially flooded. And their home, though not inundated, was lashed by waters — enough that they were terrified of spending nights there. They moved in temporarily with relatives, which wasn’t easy. Smith’s son was having night terrors, soaking the sheets in sweat. Smith noticed her vision blurring from stress. The flood erased income from the rental unit and also from her business — a stall inside a now-flooded antiques mall. She spent hours each night poring through their family finances. They needed to find a place to rent. But they still needed to pay their mortgage.

“How do you live in survival mode continually? Without end?” she said.

One morning, with the next round of storms potentially rolling in, that meant trying to prevent further property damage. Smith’s husband filled the car with sandbags and backed it up to a greenhouse belonging to a neighbor. Anything nearby could become dislodged in the next flood and damage whatever might be in its path.

“You want to stagger them like bricks,” he said, as they took turns carrying the sandbags, setting up yet another barrier.

“I guess this is what we’re doing today,” she said, and she imagined that the sandbags, too, might get flung down the road in the next flood.

Fires left just ‘tire tracks and rubble’

Ruidoso looks nothing like so much of New Mexico — no red empty spaces. It is surrounded, in normal time, by green. Many neighborhoods here smell of pine. It is a skiing and hiking town. It has a main street with stores selling outdoor gear, pottery and turquoise. It has cabin-chic A-frame houses — some vacation rentals, some for full-time residents. It’s a place where people tend to dis-

play name placards in front of their homes and, more recently, where stores have put up signs thanking first responders.

Recently, one of those first responders, Police Chief Lawrence Chavez, went on a driving tour of his town, re-creating the chronology of the fire and what it wrought. The blazes — yes, there were two of them — started on June 17, and within 24 hours, they eclipsed any scenario the small town’s emergency responders had practiced for. They had long imagined a fire but not an inferno sandwiching the town. They had long imagined evacuating a particular neighborhood but not the entire population.

Chavez drove slowly through one neighborhood after the next. Low-lying areas were caked in muck. Other areas — in far-flung zones — were irreparably torched. Rooftops had become warped like gruesome sculptures. At many properties, all that still stood was a stone fireplace. In one home, the last thing standing was a dramatic staircase.

“This was a nice three-story house,” Chavez said, rolling by.

He kept repeating the same things.

“Devastating,” he said. “So depressing.”

As he drove, he retold parts of his own experience: On the day of the fire, he ushered people out of town on the last open road. The emergency kicked off weeks in which he worked on two or three hours of sleep.

Then he turned the corner and stopped at one more home that had burned that first day: his own.

He exited the car and walked onto the lot. He pointed out the remnants of a fence he had installed. He pointed to an area that was once his porch, where just days before the fire, he celebrated his son’s and stepdaughter’s graduation parties.

“Now it’s just tire tracks and rubble,” he said.

The fire consumed his most prized possessions — his grandmother’s wedding ring, the hunting knives he’d been given by his grandfather — and on the day it was burning, he drove by, recording a wordless video he later showed to his wife that caused her to “bawl.” Chavez considered himself a hardened officer. He had dealt with many “critical incidents.” But he found himself feeling overwhelmed in the days after, coming back to the property, finding random things — a doorknob, a spring from the couch.

All he had left of his past life was the uniform he wore on the



“How do you live in survival mode continually? Without end?”

Brook Smith, a Ruidoso resident whose home has repeatedly been at risk of flooding

day of the fire.

Still, he said, losing possessions suddenly seemed better than the gradual undoing that comes with continual flooding. For Chavez, the total destruction had made decisions in the aftermath relatively clear-cut. There was no need to haul out muck. No need to lay sandbags. No torturous work to salvage a past life. As he got back in his car, he passed people girding for the next storm.

“All the stuff they’re doing right now,” he said, “there is a chance that by Saturday, they’ll be doing the same cleanup, with the same amount of debris.”

The wait for more floods

Mangham, the hydrologist, said more flooding is “virtually guaranteed.” Day after day this

month, even the slightest chance of more rain left people tense. Officials placed cameras and gauges in the most crucial areas. Water rescue crews were on standby. From a makeshift command center stocked with snacks and energy drinks, a team of emergency responders tracked radar and looked at weather models.

Then, around 5:45 one night, the dark gray clouds rolled in over the mountains.

Minutes later, one of the officials detected lighting.

“Guys, I think we’re going to get some flooding at Eagle Creek,” Mangham said in the center, as a flash-flood warning went out, saying that a “dangerous and life-threatening situation” could be underway.

Those in the command center communicated with crews in the neighborhoods and watched the storm, pixels of green and yellow, move over the mountains. They tracked a webcam pointed at an intersection of town.

“I don’t like how it’s building,” said Eric Queller, Ruidoso’s emergency manager.

“There are probably some cells that are coming pretty hard,” Mangham said.

“Andrew, what are your gauges saying?” Queller asked.

“I’ve got 35/100 of an inch at South Fork,” he said.

Just after 8 p.m., Mangham thought he saw the first signs of potential flooding. Water was rising in a creek at the base of a canyon. But then he waited 10 minutes. And 20. The levels looked stable. By 9 p.m., even as thunder crackled, the gauges hadn’t risen. When the rain subsided, all Ruidoso had was damp ground.

Mangham predicted a shorter, more high-power storm would be more likely to produce the next flash flood — which is exactly what happened early one morning, when Ruidoso experienced flood No. 7. Then, several hours later, another intense burst dropped several inches in an hour, creating the largest inundation yet: Flood No. 8.

Mangham said the rainfall earlier in the week led the way to this new round of flooding by erasing any last margin for absorption. In the afternoon flood, power lines were downed in the water. Several people were rescued by helicopter. The storm caused crews to close off bridges across town to remove debris, and officials predicted new high-water marks in many homes.

Smith had learned to ride out storms far away from her house. But she didn’t need additional flooding to arrive at her biggest decision.

Even when the regular flooding subsides and the vegetation regrows, her family won’t be living in their home near the bend in the road.

“Just the trauma of it all,” she said.

She said they’ve “already decided” to sell the house.

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Biden blasts Supreme Court and proposes major changes

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and protect our Country.”

Biden also called for a constitutional amendment that would prohibit blanket immunity for presidents, a rebuke of the Supreme Court after it ruled this month that Trump is broadly immune from prosecution for official acts. He called the decision a “dangerous precedent.”

“There are no kings in America,” Biden said. “Each of us is equal before the law. No one is above the law.”

The president’s trip to a venue honoring a president who enacted a sweeping “Great Society” agenda was initially designed to mark the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. When it was scheduled earlier this month, Biden was still a candidate for reelection, trying to prove his vigor and boost his appeal to Black voters.

But the trip was postponed when Biden was diagnosed with covid-19. By the time it was rescheduled, the political landscape had shifted seismically, and Biden showed up having made the same surprising decision Lyndon B. Johnson did in 1968: ending his reelection campaign.

As a result, the national attention has shifted away from Biden and toward Vice President Harris. Biden has kept a light schedule since he announced his withdrawal from the race, and Monday’s event reflected an effort to reinsert himself into the conversation.

Biden spoke like a man thinking about his legacy, not his reelection, with asides to recount highlights of a career that started as a public defender and nods to Johnson and President Abraham Lincoln. “Their work — our work — is not done. It’s not done,” he said. “We do not celebrate these laws as part of our past, but as critical components of our future.”

Following the speech, Biden planned to stop in Houston to pay respects to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.), a long-serving Democrat who was a champion of African American and women’s rights. She announced in June that she had pancreatic cancer and died on July 19.

The White House has yet to announce any other public events for Biden this week, which some Democrats saw as a careful effort to yield the spotlight to Harris.

“A major change happened in the past week. And so we do have to recalibrate and figure out what the next six months are going to be,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters traveling on Air Force One.

Biden had long resisted calls



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The U.S. Supreme Court has come under criticism for recent decisions it has made, including that presidents are broadly immune from prosecution for official acts. President Biden has proposed term limits, but actually passing them will involve major hurdles.

to reform the Supreme Court, and the announcement Monday marked a major shift in his posture. After the addition of three justices nominated by Trump, the court has veered sharply to the right — overturning *Roe v. Wade*, ending affirmative action in college admissions and weakening federal agencies’ power by overturning a 40-year decision. The conservative majority also invalidated Biden’s student-loan forgiveness program.

“I have overseen more Supreme Court nominations as senator, vice president and president than anyone living today,” Biden wrote in an op-ed in *The Washington Post* published Monday morning. “I have great respect for our institutions and separation of powers. What is happening now is not normal, and it undermines the public’s confidence in the court’s decisions, including those impacting personal freedoms. We now stand in a breach.”

Harris, who appears poised to become the Democratic presidential nominee, was consulted on the changes, the White House said, and she endorsed Biden’s proposals in a statement Monday morning. “These popular reforms will help to restore confidence in the Court, strengthen our democracy, and

ensure no one is above the law,” she said.

Biden’s proposals, however, face long odds. Term limits and an ethics code would need congressional approval, and the Republican-controlled House is unlikely to support either. Both proposals would require 60 votes to pass the Senate, and Democrats only hold 51 seats in the upper chamber. Passing a constitutional amendment requires clearing even more hurdles.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) on Friday called the proposals “dead on arrival.”

“That’s what he is,” Biden said in response, amid shouted questions on the airport tarmac. “Dead on arrival.” He later clarified in his speech, saying, “I think his thinking is dead on arrival.”

White House officials said Biden would try to continue making the public case for the plan. “It’s important. It’s timely. And it’s important to the president because it’s important to the American people,” said Stephen Benjamin, a senior adviser and director of the Office of Public Engagement.

Biden’s proposed constitutional amendment, which the president is calling the “No One Is Above the Law Amendment,” states that the “Constitution does not confer any immunity

from federal criminal indictment, trial, conviction, or sentencing by virtue of previously serving as president.”

The Supreme Court ruled on July 1, in a case brought by Trump, that presidents have “absolute” immunity for clearly official acts, though not for unofficial acts. That decision made it extremely unlikely that Trump would go to trial on charges of trying to subvert the 2020 election before voters cast ballots in this year’s presidential contest.

Biden’s call for an enforceable ethics code follows a year of scandals at the Supreme Court, largely centered on Justice Clarence Thomas and his decision not to disclose gifts of luxury travel from a billionaire benefactor, real estate sales and other financial transactions. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. has also come under criticism for what he said was his wife’s display of politically provocative flags outside the couple’s homes.

The justices have long followed federal law requiring them and other officials to file annual financial disclosures of gifts, investments and outside income, although Thomas and others have questioned whether certain gifts and expenditures must be reported.

Last fall, in response to criti-

cism from Democratic lawmakers and outside experts about perceived ethics violations, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. announced that the court had agreed to abide by an ethics code specific to the justices. But the policy did not include any outside oversight of the justices’ individual decisions about whether to recuse from certain cases because of perceived or potential conflicts of interest. Nor did it provide a way to examine alleged misconduct — or to clear or sanction justices who might violate the rules.

The judiciary’s governing body, which is overseen by Roberts, did clarify last year that private jet travel should be reported on disclosure forms, and Thomas since then has reported such travel. He also amended past disclosures to include real estate deals that he had not previously reported.

At a judicial conference last week, Justice Elena Kagan said she would support the creation of a committee of judges to examine potential violations of the Supreme Court’s new ethics code. She called criticism about the inability to enforce the rules “fair,” but she emphasized that she was speaking only for herself and that no enforcement plans are in the works.

“The court is not self-police-

ing,” Biden said in his speech. “The court is not dealing with the obvious conflicts of interest. We need a mandatory code of ethics for the Supreme Court, and we need it now.”

Biden also proposed letting future presidents nominate a justice every two years for 18-year terms. Supporters of terms limits have argued that the change would reduce the stakes, and therefore the ferociousness and partisanship, that have come to engulf Supreme Court confirmation battles.

Still, Biden’s own commission to study potential changes for the court was divided over whether Congress has the power to impose term limits on Supreme Court justices.

As the court has become more conservative in recent years, Democrats have generally embraced proposals to change it while Republicans have opposed them. Trump, the Republican nominee for president, criticized the president’s plan Monday morning.

“The Democrats are attempting to interfere in the Presidential Election, and destroy our Justice System, by attacking their Political Opponent, ME, and our Honorable Supreme Court,” he wrote on Truth Social.

Conservative judicial activist Leonard Leo, who advised Trump on his Supreme Court nominees, said the rulings by conservative justices have been consistent with their views, not driven by gifts from advocates or other potential conflicts of interest. “Let’s stop pretending this is about undue influence. It’s about Democrats destroying a court they don’t agree with,” Leo, a leader of the Federalist Society, said in a statement.

During the 2020 presidential race, Biden rebuffed calls from liberals who advocated expanding the court but he promised he would create a commission to examine proposals for reform. He followed through on that vow after being elected, but before Monday, he had not acted on the changes explored in the commission’s December 2021 report.

Biden’s appearance Monday took place in the district of Rep. Lloyd Doggett (Tex.), the first Democratic congressman to call on the president to drop out of the race after last month’s stumbling debate performance.

Doggett did not fly with Biden on Air Force One on Monday, as several other leaders including Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), Sen. Raphael G. Warnock (D-Ga.) and the Rev. Al Sharpton did. But Doggett was among those who greeted Biden when he got off the plane in Austin; the two exchanged brief words, and Biden smiled.

Trump rally shooter sought information on shooting of Slovakia’s leader

Crooks’s motive for attack during Pa. event still unclear, FBI says

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND PERRY STEIN

The gunman who tried to kill former president Donald Trump conducted internet searches related to power plants, mass shooting events and the attempted assassination this year of Slovakia’s prime minister, FBI officials said Monday, offering new details about what they described as the gunman’s “careful planning” for the attack.

The details, including Thomas Matthew Crooks’s interest in the attack on Prime Minister Robert Fico, were released as agents continue to unpack data pulled from the gunman’s cellphones, laptop and other digital devices. Fico was gravely wounded in the May shooting.

In a call with reporters on Monday, FBI officials said Trump has agreed to an interview about the assassination attempt against him at a July 13 rally in Butler, Pa.

“We want to get his perspective as to what he observed,” said Kevin Rojek, who heads the FBI’s Pittsburgh field office, which is leading the investigation. “It is a standard interview we would do for any other victim of crime.”

Crooks’s motive for the shooting is still unclear, FBI officials said, and they have not found evidence tying any other people to the attack. The officials said they plan to continue searching through his phones and his gaming and social media accounts to identify a possible motive or find any indication that he may have worked with an

accomplice.

He used aliases and at least some encrypted communication accounts to purchase firearm supplies and materials to build explosive devices, the officials said.

Trump was speaking at an outdoor rally when Crooks, 20, opened fire from a rooftop just outside the security perimeter. The gunman fired at least eight shots, killing one person in the crowd, critically injuring two others and wounding Trump, before being killed by a Secret Service sniper.

The FBI said last week that a bullet or bullet fragment grazed the former president’s ear.

Investigators found two explosive devices in Crooks’s car, which was parked at the rally site. The devices were capable of explosions but were in the “off” position, the officials said Monday.

Agents have conducted more than 450 interviews, including with Crooks’s parents, who did not seem to have any indication of the attack before it occurred and have been cooperating with authorities, officials said.

“We believe the suspect made significant efforts to conceal his activities,” Rojek said.

While the FBI has focused primarily on the shooter and his actions before the assassination attempt, there are separate congressional and federal investigations into the security failures that allowed a man with a rifle to obtain a perch from which to shoot at Trump from about 150 yards away. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) have tapped seven Republican and six Democratic lawmakers to serve on a bipartisan task force investigating the attempted assassination. The task force will have subpoena authority and assume control over all House committee probes relat-



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The Butler Farm Show grounds in Butler, Pa., on July 15, two days after a gunman opened fire during a rally by Donald Trump, killing one person, injuring two others and wounding the former president.

ed to the attack.

Rojek said Monday that the gunman climbed heating and cooling equipment near one building to get onto the roof, then traversed other roofs before settling on the spot from which he would launch the attack.

Investigators have tried to reconstruct the gunman’s activities leading up to the early-evening attack. They said he drove to the rally around 11 a.m. and spent about an hour there before driving back home, about 50 miles away.

Later that day, he told his parents he was going to a shooting range, but he actually drove back to the rally site. He arrived around 3:45 p.m. and flew his drone

around the site for about 10 minutes, officials said. Because there was no memory card in the drone, investigators could not determine what information about the site’s security the gunman gleaned from it, officials said.

He left the rally site for about an hour before returning to get in position for his eventual attack, officials said. He carried a backpack and an AR-style weapon with a collapsible stock, an enhancement to weapons that makes them more compact. Officials said they are still determining how he was able to conceal the weapon at the rally.

The gunman was a “highly intelligent” man who attended college and maintained steady employ-

ment, officials said. They indicated that they have struggled to identify much about him or his potential motive in part because he didn’t have many friends.

His social circle consisted mostly of his immediate family, officials said. The family owned more than a dozen firearms, and Crooks became interested in firearms as a hobby years ago. That hobby transformed into more formal shooting training and lessons in September, according to officials.

His father, who bought the gun used in the attack in 2013, legally transferred ownership of the weapon to his son last year.

“We believe he had few friends and acquaintances throughout his

life,” Rojek said.

Separately, aides to Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) on Monday shared texts among law enforcement officers who were helping with security that day, showing they had noticed and were concerned about the gunman even though he was not seen with a weapon until moments before the attack.

Almost two hours before the gunman began firing, a local law enforcement officer texted colleagues that he had seen a young man at a picnic table where he was able to watch counter-snipers on a roof. “He knows you guys are up there,” the officer texted.

Roughly a half-hour before the shooting, another law enforcement officer texted others about his concerns, saying there was someone with “a range finder looking towards stage.”

“FYI. If you wanna notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him,” the officer texted, referring to the Secret Service.

The text exchanges were reported Sunday by the New York Times and ABC News.

FBI officials are not investigating the extent of security failures at the event, but they have noted that in the earlier sightings of Crooks that day, no one reported seeing him with a weapon.

That didn’t happen until a local police officer was hoisted up to peer at the roof where the gunman was and saw him holding a rifle. The officer dropped down because he did not have a hand free to draw a weapon. Butler County Sheriff Michael T. Slupe told *The Washington Post* earlier this month.

About 30 seconds after that encounter, the gunman opened fire, FBI officials said Monday.

Samuel Oakford contributed to this report.

Lack of cardiologists feeds health-care gap in rural areas

Study says counties most in need have limited access, few physicians

BY MARK JOHNSON

Almost half the counties in the United States lack a single cardiologist, according to a new study that puts the decades-long rural health-care crisis into sharp relief.

Researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston looked at all 3,143 U.S. counties and found that just over 46 percent had no cardiologist, a finding senior author Haider J. Warraich called "truly shocking."

Compounding the problem, researchers discovered that risk factors for cardiovascular disease such as smoking, diabetes, obesity and high blood pressure "were actually more prevalent in the counties that did not have a cardiologist," said Warraich, who spent several months in 2019 moonlighting as the only cardiologist in rural Randolph County, N.C.

Warraich said his work in Randolph County, which had a population then of more than 143,000, was "a powerful experience" that provided the impetus for the study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

"I was essentially the only person there for those people," he said.

The lack of cardiologists in many counties places a greater burden on primary care doctors. But those same counties with a dearth of cardiologists also tend to have fewer primary care physicians, Warraich said.

Counties without cardiologists have 41 primary care doctors for every 100,000 people, compared with 63 per 100,000 in counties with cardiologists.

Warraich, who no longer works for Brigham and Women's Hospital, said the study was not designed to determine whether the lack of cardiologists in areas translates into premature deaths,

but "it can't help," he said.

And some lines of evidence suggest that the lack of cardiologists in rural areas correlates with higher rates of severe disease and deaths.

"There's no question that the health statistics of rural America are worse than the health statistics of more urban America," said Robert A. Harrington, dean of Weill Cornell Medicine, who has written on the crisis in rural health care. A 2021 study in the medical journal JAMA showed the gap between urban and rural mortality rates widened considerably between 1999 and 2019, increasing by more than 170 percent.

One reason for the mortality gap, experts suspect, is the lack of cardiologists and other specialists in rural areas. The new study found that the vast majority of rural counties — 86 percent — have no cardiologist.

The struggle to provide sufficient health care in rural America is not new.

Since January 2005, 192 rural hospitals nationwide have closed or converted to facilities that do not provide inpatient care, according to the North Carolina Rural Health Research Program. George H. Pink, the program's deputy director, said many factors have been driving the hospital closures, including declining populations in certain areas, large numbers of uninsured patients, outdated medical technology and severe financial struggles.

"There's a statement and I don't know who said it, but I use it all the time: 'Your Zip code tells more about your health outcomes than your genetic code,'" Harrington said. "And that's certainly the case with rural America."

In few areas of medicine is the disparity as acutely felt as in heart disease. Almost half of all Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease, but many can be placed on effective treatments such as statin medications.

"Most cardiovascular disease and death is preventable, and that is very different from a lot of other conditions," Warraich said. "For example, with dementia, we



A cardiologist in Louisville with a patient in July 2023. A new study found that nearly half the counties in the United States don't have a cardiologist, often creating greater burdens for primary care doctors.

don't have great treatments, but with cardiovascular disease, we've got amazing treatments and many of them are cheap."

The Santa Monica, Calif., health-care company GoodRx acquired data and performed statistical analysis for the new study.

The persistent shortage of doctors specializing in heart and blood vessel diseases burdens both patients and doctors.

Stephen Sigal is one of two full-time cardiologists in Texas's Titus County who serve a four-county area of about 3,000 square miles. Those four counties are part of a larger region in the northeast corner of Texas that is burdened by some of the highest levels of heart illnesses in the country. If this corner of Texas were a state, it would rank dead last in respiratory disease, second to last in strokes and near the bottom in heart disease.

"It's rare that I work less than 12 hours a day," Sigal said. "It's not uncommon that I work 16 to 18 hours in a day."

His hospital, Titus Regional Medical Center, is trying to recruit two more cardiologists. "I don't know of any hospital in our region that isn't recruiting cardiologists," he said.

The new study found that in counties with no cardiologist, patients averaged an 87-mile round-trip drive when they needed to see one — far longer than the average 16-mile round trip for patients in counties with at least one cardiologist.

Eldrin Lewis, a professor and chief of cardiovascular medicine at Stanford University, said he has patients who travel four hours one way just to reach him, a problem that's magnified when it comes to referrals for follow-up care.

"I felt helpless yesterday when I had a patient who was three hours away and needed physical therapy," Lewis said. "The patient said, 'There's literally no one who does physical therapy near my home.'"

One of Lewis's long-distance

patients, 72-year-old Lenore Tate, lives in Sacramento. Even in a city of more than half a million, Tate said, there are not enough cardiologists to meet the need. Tate, who has congestive heart failure, said it is hard to make an appointment with a cardiologist, and if you have to reschedule, the wait can be up to six months.

"It's more than a hardship," she said of the three-hour drive from her home to Lewis's office. "There are times I've had other illnesses and injuries that have made it difficult for me to get in my car and drive."

Usman Salahuddin, a cardiologist for Ochsner Rush Health in Meridian, Miss., a city of about 34,000 people, said surrounding Lauderdale County has 11 other cardiologists. But there are none in the adjacent counties, which have a combined population of about 100,000.

"It's definitely challenging," Salahuddin said, explaining that even in Meridian, "we don't have cardiothoracic surgery or electro-

physiology, specialty fields within cardiology. So we do the first triage assessment and then we, in turn, have to refer them out," as far as Hattiesburg, an hour and a half away, or even New Orleans, about three hours away. Electrophysiologists identify and treat irregular heart rhythms.

"When I tell the family we have to refer the patient to, say Birmingham or New Orleans," he said, "you can see them starting to think, 'Oh, how will I logistically get there?'"

Salahuddin, who went to medical school in his native Pakistan, said he received a special visa to train in the United States, which required that he spend three years working as a doctor in an underserved area. That's how he came to Meridian.

The visa program has helped officials begin to address the shortage of health-care specialists in rural and other underserved areas.

To his surprise, Salahuddin has stayed a year beyond when he could have left. He has received his permanent residency card and said he enjoys being able to dine in a smaller community and find himself approached by a patient or family pleased with the care he provided.

Salahuddin and others said the rise of telemedicine has mitigated to some degree the shortage of cardiologists in rural counties. A neurologist in New Orleans can use a laptop to view a stroke patient and family practitioner in a more remote area and determine whether the patient should receive clot-busters.

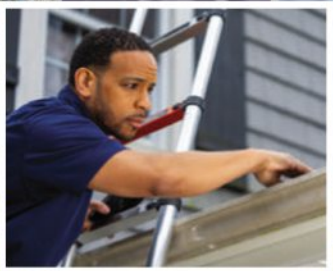
But inconsistent broadband internet limits access to telemedicine in some areas.

Alexander Razavi, a cardiology fellow at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, said cardiologists may need to look beyond telemedicine to additional measures to reach rural communities. Cardiology practices that serve these areas, he said, might consider extending their hours or creating mobile examination units.

"We need to invest and provide resources to these communities," Razavi said.



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Musk’s low-current support of Trump slowly gained energy

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share private conversations.

But Musk, sitting by Peltz at the center of the table, offered an explicitly pro-Trump view, the attendees said. He started by saying he was not a big fan of Trump, but then segued into a lengthy discussion of illegal immigration. While President Biden would allow millions of additional undocumented immigrants to cross America’s southern border — to the detriment of the U.S. economy and American land, Musk asserted — Trump would stop the crossings, he said. He added that a surge of immigrants would fuel a demographic shift that could doom the Republican Party in future elections.

Musk asked people in the room to tell their friends to vote for Trump, saying he had learned from his experience selling Teslas that word-of-mouth promotion was critical. Some people in the crowd shook their heads and winced.

Despite his support, Musk was concerned — along with other potential donors — that Trump might use their money to pay his rising legal bills, the attendees said. Others, he acknowledged, might not want to appear on campaign disclosure forms.

So he suggested giving to an outside group instead. In May, Musk helped launch America PAC, which in a little over a month reported raising \$8.5 million, much of it from Silicon Valley. Musk has signaled that he will donate, too, but he denied a report in the Wall Street Journal that he would give the group \$45 million a month.

Musk’s presence at the Palm Beach event marked the culmination of a political transformation for the world’s richest person, who has said he favored Biden in 2020. But in the four years since, Musk’s relationship with the Biden administration steadily soured.

Under Biden, the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission have advanced investigations into Tesla’s marketing of its driver-assistance technologies. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced a recall of almost every Tesla over concerns about driver inattention. The SEC is pursuing a separate investigation into X, formerly Twitter, which Musk purchased in 2022. And Biden has personally ridiculed Musk’s business acumen, once quipping that the best way for NPR to disappear would be for him to buy it, while the White House snubbed Tesla at a high-profile electric vehicle summit in 2021.

A second Trump administration promises a very different environment for Musk, analysts and investors said. Trump could ease Tesla’s regulatory path to delivering a fully autonomous personal vehicle — a goal key to the company’s \$700 billion valuation — they said, and dial back federal scrutiny of Tesla and X, as well as a National Labor Relations Board investigation into allegations of harassment at SpaceX.

Meanwhile, SpaceX and Starlink, Musk’s satellite business, stand to gain fresh federal contracts. Clare Hopper, chief of Space Systems Command’s Commercial Satellite Communications Office, said her office already is seeking an additional \$12 billion over the next decade for “low Earth orbit satellites” in anticipation of soaring military demand. That spending could increase further under the Republican platform, which calls



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SpaceX CEO Elon Musk talks with President Donald Trump on May 30, 2020, at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., after viewing the SpaceX flight to the International Space Station. A second Trump administration, analysts and investors say, could dial back current federal scrutiny of Tesla and X, as well as a National Labor Relations Board investigation into allegations of harassment at SpaceX.

for boosting satellite investment and accelerating space exploration onward to Mars.

“In the Biden administration, Musk has been an afterthought at best,” said Dan Ives, an analyst with Wedbush Securities. “In the Trump administration, if he won a second term, Musk would be front and center.”

Trump, for his part, has expressed enthusiasm about his growing alliance with the billionaire. At a recent campaign rally in Grand Rapids, Mich., Trump said of Musk: “We have to make life good for our smart people and he’s as smart as you get.”

The Trump campaign declined to answer questions about Trump’s intentions regarding Musk. Musk did not respond to requests for comment.

The road to Trump

One person who has known Musk for years said he sees Trump as a change agent even as he sometimes disagrees with his approaches and policies. Musk also likes Trump’s pick for vice president, Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), a former venture capitalist who moved in the same Silicon Valley circles as Musk, who lobbied for Vance to join the ticket. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity to share private conversations.

In conversations with donors and Trump advisers after the February event, Musk repeatedly raised the border and his fears that the 2024 election will not be secure. “The border and election integrity seem to be the two things he cares about,” said one person who has spoken to him.

Neither Trump nor any of his advisers were present at the event, which was convened by the billionaires.

Musk’s money is expected to build a campaign apparatus in several swing states amid widespread Republican concerns that Trump’s team does not have a sufficient program to get out the vote, people familiar with the plans said.

It’s a stark shift from 2016, when Musk told CNBC days before the election that he felt Trump was “not the right guy” because he “doesn’t seem to have

the sort of character that reflects well on the United States.”

After winning the White House, Trump tried to woo Musk and other CEOs, meeting with them at Trump Tower in New York City in December 2016 and again shortly after his inauguration. Trump praised Musk throughout his presidency as a “friend,” “somebody I have great respect for,” and “one of our great brains.”

In 2020, Trump showed up to celebrate as SpaceX became the first private company to launch humans into space. And he supported Musk’s decision to defiantly reopen Tesla’s Fremont, Calif., plant after county officials ordered it shut down during the covid-19 lockdowns.

But Musk found Trump’s first term disappointing, according to two people familiar with his thinking. In 2017, Musk stepped down from two of Trump’s presidential advisory councils to protest Trump’s decision to pull out of the Paris climate agreement. “Climate change is real,” he tweeted. “Leaving Paris is not good for America or the world.”

During the 2020 election, Musk favored Biden.

A few months later, the White House invited every major American automaker except Tesla to a splashy event on the South Lawn. The electric vehicle summit included Ford, Stellantis and General Motors, along with the United Auto Workers. Tesla, the only nonunion American auto giant, petitioned to be included, but the Biden administration left the company out — a decision Musk later described as “the White House giving Tesla the cold shoulder.”

A former Biden administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal conversations, said the White House kept the gathering small because covid-prevention measures were still in place. But the official said it’s also true that Biden, with the UAW in attendance, wanted to burnish his pro-labor reputation.

Musk took it as “the Biden administration was mean to me,” said the official, who attended the event. “Is this just because

you guys don’t like Elon?” the official recalls a Tesla executive asking.

The snub was a miscalculation that later overtures to Tesla failed to overcome, the official said. In a Christmas Eve post on X, Musk listed the event and Biden’s comments crediting GM’s leadership with the EV revolution as among

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Brian Hughes, Trump campaign senior adviser

his complaints with the Biden administration.

Since the event, Biden has occasionally criticized Musk directly. He said Musk’s relationships abroad were “worthy of being looked at” after a reporter asked if Musk’s ownership of Twitter was a threat to national security.

And when Musk expressed pessimism about the economy, Biden shot back: “Lots of luck on his trip to the moon” — an apparent non sequitur. “Thanks, Mr. President!” Musk responded on X, reposting the press release that SpaceX was under contract with NASA to build a spacecraft to bring American astronauts back to the moon.

Last November, the Biden White House condemned Musk for what it called the “abhorrent promotion of antisemitic and

racist hate” in his social media feed, contributing to an exodus of advertisers from X. Musk apologized.

Political differences

If Musk was disappointed by Trump’s White House, he soon grew frustrated by Biden’s, according to a person who has known Musk for years. Musk has been infuriated by Democrats on social issues, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to share private conversations, but was especially frustrated by the Biden administration’s approach to innovation and regulation.

During the covid-19 lockdowns, Musk frequently lashed out against prevention measures and expert opinions. He also found himself weighing in increasingly on social issues, embracing politics in a way he hadn’t during much of the Trump administration.

One executive who worked with Musk, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss his former boss, said Musk’s forays into the culture wars appeared to be driven by ideological conviction: “The battle wasn’t motivated by trying to make money.” Musk reinstated Trump’s Twitter account in 2022 — soon after he purchased the company — reversing a decision by previous management that Trump had glorified violence after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. This month, Musk announced that SpaceX would relocate its headquarters to Texas from California to protest a new California law that bars school districts from requiring that parents be notified if their child changes their gender identification.

Musk has a transgender daughter, Vivian Jenna Wilson, who disavowed her father in 2022. In an interview last week with conservative psychologist Jordan Peterson, Musk said Wilson had been “killed” by what he called the “woke mind virus.” (Wilson soon took to Threads to decry Musk’s descriptions of her childhood as “entirely fake.”)

During the interview, Musk also praised Trump, saying he had shown “instinctual courage”

when he jumped up after being grazed by a bullet in an assassination attempt during a July 13 campaign rally in Butler, Pa.

“Now you have to admire that Trump, after getting shot, with blood streaming down his face ... nonetheless was fist-bumping,” Musk said, and telling the crowd to “fight, fight.”

Musk tweeted his endorsement of Trump less than an hour after the shooting, touching off a wave of other Silicon Valley endorsements.

Brian Hughes, a senior adviser to the Trump campaign, said Musk’s endorsement is a sign of something bigger. “Many of the nation’s most important leaders in technology and innovation are concerned with the damage done to their industry by the Biden-Harris Administration’s failure to handle our economy and moves to overburden innovators with government bureaucracy and unrelenting regulation,” Hughes said in an email.

Last week, Vice President Harris’s campaign signaled that it would not bend over backward to try to win Musk back. “Arrogant billionaires only out for themselves are not what America wants or what America needs,” Harris campaign spokesman James Singer told The Washington Post when asked about Musk’s endorsement of Trump, echoing earlier comments.

So far, Musk has been dismissive of Harris. On Friday, he praised a video on X that was manipulated to make Harris appear to say she was a “deep-state puppet” who didn’t know anything about running the country. “This is amazing,” Musk commented.

After the election

While analysts and investors predicted a second Trump administration would be good for Musk, there are no guarantees with the former president.

In a move to court traditional manufacturers, Trump vowed at the Republican National Convention to “end the electric vehicle mandate on day one,” which he said would save the U.S. auto industry “from complete obliteration” and save consumers thousands of dollars.

Trump also has promised a fresh trade war with China, which would bring supply chain uncertainty for almost all major manufacturers, Tesla included.

And Trump has not always praised Musk: In a post on Truth Social in 2022, Trump bragged that Musk had sought his help on “subsidized projects,” including “driverless cars that crash, or rocket ships to nowhere,” adding that he could have required Musk to “drop to your knees and beg” and Musk would have done it.

Gene Munster, managing partner at Deepwater Asset Management, said Musk’s alliance with Trump is also likely to alienate many Tesla buyers. On Tesla’s earnings call last week, Musk seemed to acknowledge the risks of Trump 2.0, saying the potential loss of the Inflation Reduction Act “would hurt Tesla slightly.”

But Musk’s support for Trump is a “trade-off,” Munster said, that involves accepting short-term negatives for a bonanza of potential positives in the long term.

“Near-term, it’s going to be some form of a headwind. Trump can be polarizing,” Munster said. But “I think that Musk knows this. And ultimately he doesn’t care.”

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Mark Meadows takes bid to toss out Ga. election charges to Supreme Court

BY HOLLY BAILEY

ATLANTA — Mark Meadows, Donald Trump’s former White House chief of staff, took his battle to throw out the Georgia election interference case against him to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the justices to overturn a lower-court ruling that rejected claims that his alleged conduct was tied to his official federal duties.

The move comes more than seven months after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit upheld a lower-court ruling from September that found Meadows had not proved that his alleged conduct, charged as part of the sweeping criminal racketeering case, was related to his official duties as Trump’s most senior White House aide.

Meadows’s petition to the Supreme Court, dated Friday, sharply criticizes the 11th Circuit decision, describing it as “the first court ‘in the 190-year his-

tory of the federal officer removal statute’ to hold that the statute offers no protection to former federal officers facing suit for acts taken while in office.”

The filing contends the appellate decision was “egregiously wrong, wholly unprecedented, and exceptionally dangerous” and points to the Supreme Court’s recent decision granting Trump immunity for official presidential acts in his federal election interference case as reason for the court to intervene in Meadows’s case. The Washington Post obtained the petition, which was first reported by CNN.

“That decision makes clear that federal immunity fully protects former officers, often requires difficult and fact-intensive judgment calls at the margins, and provides not just a substantive immunity but a use immunity that protects against the use of official acts to try to hold a current or former federal



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Mark Meadows, White House chief of staff under Donald Trump, during a TV interview outside the West Wing on Oct. 7, 2020.

officer liable for unofficial acts,” the filing states. “All of those sensitive disputes plainly belong in federal court.”

Meadows was indicted along with Trump and 17 others in August on charges that they illegally conspired to try to over-

turn Trump’s 2020 election loss in Georgia. Meadows, who has pleaded not guilty, had sought to move his case to federal court, claiming protections under a federal statute that allows federal officials to move legal cases against them from state to federal court when the charges are tied to official duties.

A three-judge appellate court heard oral arguments in December on the issue and appeared skeptical of Meadows’s claims that his alleged actions outlined in the Fulton County indictment were tied to his official government duties.

In a Dec. 18 opinion written by Chief Judge William Pryor, a noted conservative jurist, the panel rejected Meadows’s arguments, writing that the federal removal statute “does not apply to former federal officers, and even if it did, the events giving rise to this criminal action were not related to Meadows’s official duties.”

Meadows’s attorneys later asked the full 11th Circuit appellate bench to reconsider, but the request was denied.

The appeal comes three months after Meadows and several other Trump allies were indicted in Arizona on similar charges of seeking to overturn Trump’s 2020 loss in that state. Meadows pleaded not guilty to those charges in June.

The Georgia election case is largely on pause, as Trump, Meadows and several other co-defendants seek to overturn a ruling allowing Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis (D) to continue prosecuting the case amid claims that she had an improper romantic relationship with the now-former lead prosecutor.

That appeal is pending before the Georgia Court of Appeals, which has scheduled oral arguments for Dec. 5 — a month after the November presidential election.

ELECTION 2024

Top Democrats stress contrasts between Trump, Harris

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AMBLER, PA. — Seeking to capitalize on an outpouring of enthusiasm and an influx of cash, Democratic Govs. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania sought Monday to draw a contrast between Vice President Harris and Donald Trump, warning a packed gymnasium here that he would strip more freedoms from a vast swath of Americans.

The rally in this small suburb outside of Philadelphia was one of the first for the nascent Harris presidential campaign in a hotly contested state both parties hope to take in November. For many Democrats, the enthusiastic crowd exemplified the surge in support for their ticket after President Biden opted to step aside following his disastrous debate with Trump in late June.

The governors spent the afternoon blasting Trump and his running mate, Sen. JD Vance of Ohio, as self-interested, out-of-touch and destructive.

“Donald Trump bragged about overturning *Roe v. Wade*,” Whitmer said. “He appointed Supreme Court justices who are taking away our rights. He cut taxes for himself and for his buddies, and he tried to overturn an election.”

She then went after Vance, saying he “does not see women as equals. He does not want everyone to have a seat at the table. He’s scared of us. ... As Democrats, we want everyone to have a seat at the table. I mean even cat lovers and dog lovers alike.”

The event offered an early look at the themes and messages the party’s likely nominee and her surrogates will roll out over the next three months, including pitting Harris, a former prosecutor, against Trump, a felon. The campaign is casting the election as a choice between freedom and the further erosion of rights. But Monday also served as an informal audition by a pair of Democratic stars rumored to be among those Harris is considering to be her running mate.

Shapiro, taking on a vice-pres-



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Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer interacts with supporters of Vice President Harris during a campaign event Monday in Ambler, Pa.

sidential “attack dog” role, described Trump as “a guy who doesn’t love this country” and asked the crowd to remember what it was like living in America during the Trump presidency.

“It was more chaos, less jobs and far less freedom,” Shapiro said. “He had no earthly idea how to be president back then. I’m serious. He didn’t know what he was doing.”

He described Trump as a “dangerous” man who leans into imagery and iconography associated with American values while working to strip Americans of cherished rights.

“While he’s hugging the flag, he’s taking away our freedoms,” Shapiro said. “It’s not freedom to tell our kids what books they can read. That’s not freedom. ... It’s not freedom to tell women what they can do with their bodies. That’s

not freedom. It’s not freedom to tell people they can go vote — but he’s going to pick the winner.”

Harris’s campaign began a week ago after Biden, facing dismal poll numbers and plummeting party morale, upended the race for the White House by announcing that he would no longer seek a second term.

Biden endorsed Harris, who has long been viewed as his heir apparent. And in less than two days, she announced that she had secured enough delegates to be the presumptive Democratic nominee. Since then, her campaign has touted a huge swell of enthusiasm and donations.

Harris’s campaign announced this weekend that it had raked in more than \$200 million since Biden ended his own reelection bid, with two-thirds of that haul coming from first-time donors.

And the campaign said it had recruited 170,000 new volunteers in little over a week and is holding 2,300 events to mobilize grassroots supporters at the beginning of August.

That fervor seemed apparent in Ambler on Monday, where the line to see Shapiro and Whitmer at Wissahickon High School was queued up more than two hours before the speeches were slated to start.

Gloria Richardson, 72, of neighboring Upper Dublin, said she and her husband had been giving \$100 to the Biden-Harris campaign as loyal Democrats. Now that Harris was at the top of the ticket, they plan to give more.

“It’s like Barack Obama again. People feel connected. They feel like they have a stake in this,” said Richardson, who was wearing a shirt emblazoned with a Shapiro

slogan. “We’re a visual country. We know that [Biden] had good stuff in his brain, but the visuals were taking over the conversation. That was painful. Now it’s very futuristic. I feel like my grandkids have a stake in this.”

Amid the changes at the top of the ticket, Harris is on an accelerated timetable to pick a running mate. She plans to decide by Aug. 7, in line with the Democratic National Committee’s plans for its official nomination. In addition to Shapiro and Whitmer, Sen. Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) is considered to be on the shortlist, The Washington Post has previously reported. Both Whitmer and Shapiro hail from battleground states that Democrats need to win in November. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (D), who was under consideration to serve as Harris’s running mate, announced Monday on social me-

dia that he was withdrawing his name from contention.

Still, it is unclear what enduring impact Harris’s surge of support will have on the race or whether a week’s worth of momentum will last for another three months.

Fox News polls in battleground states found Trump and Harris statistically tied in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin while Harris led by six points in Minnesota. The campaign announced she will travel to Georgia, another battleground state, on Tuesday.

The Trump campaign bought more than \$1.7 million in television ads Monday morning across the major swing states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, Arizona, Wisconsin and Nevada, according to the tracking firm AdImpact. The spots, set to start running Tuesday and continue through Aug. 12, are the first major general-election purchase by the Republican nominee’s campaign. The Harris campaign is planning its own series of ads later this week, its first major purchase, according to a person familiar with the details, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

At Monday’s rally, Beth Staab, a 56-year-old Democratic organizer from Montgomery Township, said that things had grown grim amid her group of Democratic-leaning friends — until everything changed eight days earlier.

“We were in a holding pattern. We all had our tasks to do. We all knew what we needed to do, and yet we were like, ‘I don’t think we can do it,’” she said. They all had qualms over Biden becoming the nominee. “Because we felt as though there were a lot of unanswered questions, and we were afraid to be advocating for something that we were not sure of.”

Though Staab said she feels a deep sense of gratitude and loyalty to Biden, the moment that he withdrew from the race “was like the sun was rising. Everyone was happy. Everyone is motivated.”

Michael Scherer in Washington contributed to this report.

Bay Area’s rough-and-tumble political crucible helped shape Harris’s career

BY REIS THEBAULT

SAN FRANCISCO — Lateefah Simon arrived for her first day at the top cop’s office in her usual outfit of tracksuit and Pumas, ready to work with young men who were fresh out of prison. Her new boss — the woman who persuaded her to trade her career as a high-profile activist and organizer for a job in the district attorney’s office — wasn’t having it.

“You’re working in government, and government is about service, so you never dress down for your people,” Kamala Harris, then San Francisco’s chief prosecutor, sternly told Simon. “Go home and come back tomorrow in a suit.”

Simon, who is now running for Congress to represent California’s East Bay, said the scolding was “my first taste of Boss Kamala, not Mentor Kamala.” It was an early example, nearly 20 years ago, of Harris’s exacting standards. Simon left her office chastened.

Yet when Simon walked into work the next day, clad in business casual clothes hastily borrowed from friends, Harris presented her with a shopping bag. Inside were a newly purchased gray pantsuit and a scarf embroidered with an “L” for Lateefah.

“She made it her business to make me better professionally and politically,” Simon recounted this week.

To her, the story illustrates the two sides of Harris: A hard-driving, demanding public servant, who also displayed compassion and kindness behind closed doors, especially with young people, whether they were on her staff or victims of a crime. Those traits helped Harris navigate the notoriously cutthroat world of Bay Area politics, where she rose from intern to district attorney in little more than a decade, building a career that has taken her to the heights of American government.

As Harris assumes the role of Democrats’ likely presidential nominee, those who worked with her and campaigned against her in California say her time in the crucible of her hometown’s politics could be both blessing and burden come November.

Oakland and San Francisco shaped her political instincts, but despite a rich history of produc-



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Kamala Harris, center, signs papers to run for California attorney general at city hall in San Francisco in November 2008. Harris defeated Republican Steve Cooley for the position in 2010.

ing powerful leaders, the Bay Area has never bred a U.S. president. Indeed, while California has sent several Republicans to the White House, no Democrat from this state has been elected to the nation’s highest office.

In the days since President Biden withdrew from the race and endorsed Harris, conservatives have quickly revived old tropes, tagging her as a “San Francisco liberal” and a “California socialist.” Simon and others say Harris’s early career prepared her to parry such attacks, like an attorney handling cross-examination.

“Every single day of my time with Kamala Harris, I saw not only her rigor and how hard she worked but also how people constantly discounted her and she refused to be anything less than excellent,” she said. “That’s the Kamala who is going to be president of the United States.”

Harris was born in Oakland and raised in a house on Bancroft Way in the formerly redlined Berkeley flatlands. It was from this home that she was bused to an elementary school in the city’s wealthy hills as part of an integration program.

She was 12 when her family left

Berkeley for Canada, where her mother taught at McGill University. There, Harris met a friend whose story of abuse would motivate her to become a prosecutor, and when she returned to the Bay Area, it was to study law.

She got her start as an intern in the Alameda County district attorney’s office, a coveted post in an agency with a storied list of alumni, including former chief justice of the United States Earl Warren. Her time there was transformative, Harris wrote in her memoir, “The Truths We Hold.” She recalled helping free an innocent woman who was swept up in a drug bust, a victory she characterized as “a defining moment in my life.”

She landed a full-time job in the office and was eventually assigned to a unit that prosecuted sex crimes, where her team supervisor, Nancy O’Malley, remembers her displaying “an amazing ability to connect with people,” especially young victims of sexual violence.

O’Malley still thinks about one of Harris’s cases, which involved prosecuting a group of young men who had gang-raped a 14-year-old in foster care. The girl, whose testimony would be key to

securing a conviction, was wary of the attorneys. But Harris took her hand, comforting and reassuring her.

“What Kamala did was make that girl feel like she was the queen of the world,” O’Malley said. “I will never forget watching their interaction, and this young woman transformed before my eyes.”

Harris remembers the case, too. She won a conviction, she wrote in her memoir, but later heard a rumor that the young victim had fallen back into a cycle of abuse. “It was hard not to feel the weight of the systemic problems we were up against,” Harris acknowledged.

In her telling, the case planted a seed, forcing her to consider policy changes that might disrupt patterns of violence. Others believe she always aspired to higher office.

“She was ambitious,” O’Malley said. “She always had her sights set higher than where she was, appropriately so.”

The district attorney’s office in Alameda County had a deep bench — including O’Malley, who would eventually become the first woman to hold the top job. But across the Bay Bridge, the

path to power appeared easier. And in 1998, Harris accepted a job at the San Francisco district attorney’s office.

Still, her first political campaign five years later was bruising and difficult.

She was the underdog against her former boss, the incumbent district attorney Terence Hallinan, as well as longtime prosecutor Bill Fazio. The contest resurfaced a sensitive subject, Harris’s brief romantic relationship with former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown, a local political kingmaker.

The two had broken up years earlier, but Brown supported Harris’s candidacy, and her critics accused her of benefiting from political patronage. According to her then-campaign consultant, Harris came up with an effective counter. Answering a question at a candidate forum about her independence, she highlighted scandalous accusations made about her two opponents before promising to run a positive, issue-focused campaign.

“She knows how to play politics way better than I ever did,” Fazio, now a Harris supporter, said. “She thinks on her feet, and trial attorneys have to do that because you never know what’ll come next. She’s smart, she’s bright, she’s aggressive.”

Early on, Harris branded her approach “smart on crime” in an attempt to balance law enforcement and liberal values. She opposed capital punishment and called herself a “progressive,” yet the San Francisco Chronicle’s endorsement still declared she was “for Law and Order.”

Harris won, and she and Fazio eventually became friendly, bonding over the loss of Harris’s mother and Fazio’s wife, who died within months of each other. He remembers her as a tough prosecutor and said the Brown attacks — then and now — are “nonsense” that would never dog a male candidate.

In her first years at the district attorney’s office, Harris increased the conviction rate but also began taking her first real political heat. In 2004, a San Francisco police officer was killed in the line of duty, and soon after Harris announced she would not seek the death penalty against the perpetrator, infuriating police officers and other

elected officials. In an op-ed, Harris maintained her position, writing that “there can be no exception to principle.”

She then drew criticism from the left when she instituted a policy punishing parents of truant children with fines and possible jail time, though the latter penalty was never applied and truancy rates fell. Her office was also plunged into scandal after accusations that she had violated the rights of defendants by covering up the misconduct of a police lab technician. Harris later said she wasn’t aware of the problems but took responsibility as head of the office.

Louise Renne, who hired Harris to work in the city attorney’s office before her run for district attorney, said the vice president is part of an illustrious line of barrier-breaking San Francisco women, including former U.S. senator Dianne Feinstein, who died in September, and former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, who took hits from right and left but “knew how to stand their ground and be firm.”

Harris is far more moderate than either side gives her credit for, Renne said. As district attorney, “Kamala was looking at being very practical,” she said. “People don’t understand that.”

During her second term as district attorney, Harris announced a bid for California attorney general. The move would take her out of San Francisco and position her more squarely in the national spotlight. As she advanced, some faulted her for being too cautious and often avoiding controversial issues, especially pressing criminal justice matters, said Dan Morain, author of the biography “Kamala’s Way.” Critics said the approach undercut her claims of bold leadership.

Even then, however, her opponents knew she would be a formidable force for years to come. In the 2010 attorney general race, Republicans — then more successful in the state than now — picked a strong candidate to oppose her and poured millions into the contest. They viewed it, Morain said, as their last chance to stymie a promising career.

“If they had beat her in 2010, she would probably be a lawyer at some fancy San Francisco law firm ... but that didn’t work and here we are,” he said. “They saw in her a rising star.”

THE WORLD

Region braces as Netanyahu weighs response to strike

Diplomats urge restraint to prevent a broader conflict from breaking out after a rocket launched from Lebanon killed 12 in the occupied Golan Heights

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JERUSALEM — Civilians on both sides of the Israel-Lebanon border braced Monday for the Israeli army to launch a counterstrike — of a scale, scope and intensity that is still unknown — after Israel’s security cabinet authorized a military response to the weekend rocket attack from Lebanon that killed 12, all teenagers and children.

The region was gripped with uncertainty, hoping for a calibrated, pinpoint response but prepping for a widespread assault that diplomats warned could erupt into a regional war.

Residents of Beirut stocked up on emergency supplies in case the expected strikes reached as far as the Lebanese capital. Hezbollah militants threatened to target Haifa and other Israeli cities if they did. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hinted to supporters that Turkey could “enter” Israel if necessary, prompting a rebuke from Israel.

On a visit Monday to the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, the site of Saturday’s deadly strike, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel “will not, and cannot, ignore this,” before vowing to retaliate. “Our response will come, and it will be severe.”

Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said Monday that “there is no way to restore security for the residents of the north without a war that will destroy Hezbollah, recapture southern Lebanon and return the security zone currently within our territory back to Lebanon.”

The remarks came after Israel’s security cabinet authorized Netanyahu and his defense minister late Sunday to decide on the “manner and timing” of Israel’s response to Saturday’s rocket strike.

The Israel Defense Forces released a list Sunday of victims who were 10 to 16 years old.

“The concerns that it could spin out of control are very high,” said an Israeli official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

“For me, a Jewish child murdered ... on October 7 or a Druze child murdered in the Golan Heights is the same thing,” Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Monday on a visit to the village of Majdal Shams, where the strike occurred. “Hezbollah will pay a price for this — our actions will speak.”

Gallant held a call with U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Monday in which he told Austin that the use of an Iranian rocket equipped with 50 kilograms (110 pounds) of explosives indicated Hezbollah’s responsibility for the attack. Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran, has denied any connection to the attack.

Israel’s military struck a number of Hezbollah targets deep inside Lebanon on Sunday. Hussein Fakih, a spokesman for Lebanon’s civil defense, said in an interview that two people were killed and three people, including a child, were injured in a Monday strike on the road between Chaqra and Meiss El Jabal, in southeastern Lebanon. Later Monday, Hezbollah announced the deaths of two of its members.

Approximately 20 projectiles



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fired from southern Lebanon fell in an open area in northern Israel, the IDF said Monday, adding that it destroyed the launcher used in Lebanon. No injuries were reported.

Netanyahu is under pressure to mount a decisive blow from tens of thousands of border residents who have been displaced from their homes for months. Gallant has pushed previously for Israel to drive Hezbollah away from the frontier and degrade its considerable military capabilities.

A flurry of diplomatic efforts from Washington, Paris and regional capitals commenced within hours of the attack, according to Western and Israeli officials familiar with the efforts to calm the situation. U.S. officials said Israel has a right to respond to the attack but also urged its ally to show restraint.

Early signals suggested that Jerusalem might be listening. The Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper quoted unnamed Israeli officials describing the likely operation as “limited but significant.”

Israel’s predicament, according to current and former security officials, is how to answer the attack without leaving Hezbollah with no choice but to escalate in turn — which might draw Iran more directly into the fight. The Israeli military keeps a range of target scenarios on the shelf, regularly updated with new intelligence, according to a military official who described readiness planning to The Washington Post on a visit to the border zone in the spring.

Planners will also be looking at recent responses. This month, after a drone attack launched by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen that killed one person in Tel Aviv, Israel responded a day later with a withering strike that



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TOP: Waldeen Ibraheem with a photo of his son, Jony, 13, at a funeral for the children and teenagers killed in the rocket attack. ABOVE: A site in southern Lebanon targeted by Israel on Monday.

severely damaged a major Yemeni port.

In April, after Israel and allies shot down most of an unprecedented barrage of missiles and drones fired from Iran, the military answered with a calibrated counterstrike that showed its ability to reach into Iranian territory but did minimal damage. Both sides stood down.

Here’s what else to know

• Some major airlines are suspending and rescheduling Beirut flights, citing tension in the Middle East. Air France said Monday that flights between Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport and Beirut were suspended Monday and Tuesday, while German airline Lufthansa said it was sus-

“Hezbollah will pay a price for this — our actions will speak.”

Yoav Gallant,
Israeli defense minister

pending flights to Beirut through Aug. 5. Lebanon’s main airline, Middle East Airlines, rescheduled flights to and from Beirut on Sunday and Monday, citing “technical reasons related to the distribution of insurance risks.”

• U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken expressed his condolences for those killed in the Majdal Shams attack in a call with Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Monday, in addition to emphasizing “the importance of preventing escalation of the conflict.” State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said. British Foreign Minister David Lammy said on social media that he spoke to Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati about the escalating tensions, with both agree-

ing that “widening of the conflict in the region is in nobody’s interest.”

• Hamas on Monday accused Netanyahu of procrastinating and delaying cease-fire negotiations by “setting new conditions and demands.” In response, Netanyahu said it was Hamas that was “preventing an agreement” by demanding changes, and that Israel has “neither changed, nor added any condition to, the outline.” Both Israel and Hamas are under pressure to close the remaining gaps in reaching an agreement to at least temporarily end more than nine months of conflict.

• Conditions in Israeli prisons have deteriorated dangerously since Oct. 7, rights groups say, as detailed in a Post report. The Post spoke to former Palestinian prisoners and lawyers and reviewed autopsy reports and court records to reveal rampant violence and deprivation in Israel’s prison system, with routine beatings — usually with batons — and sometimes attacks with dogs, as well as psychological abuse and denial of sufficient food and medical care.

• At least 39,363 people have been killed and 90,923 injured in Gaza since the war began, according to 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 on Israel, including more than 300 soldiers, and says 329 soldiers have been killed since the launch of its military operation in Gaza.

Kareem Fahim and Suzan Haidamous in Beirut, Lior Soroka in Tel Aviv and Michael Birnbaum in Tokyo contributed to this report.

DIGEST

BRITAIN

Judge upholds ban on puberty blockers

A High Court judge on Monday upheld the British government’s emergency ban on puberty blockers, saying a study that found “very substantial risks and very narrow benefits” of the treatment supported the restriction.

Justice Beverley Lang said a review commissioned by the National Health Service concluded that gender care is an area of “remarkably weak evidence” and that young people have been caught up in a “stormy social discourse.”

The group TransActual and a youth who cannot be named under a court order sought to challenge the decision of then-Health Secretary Victoria Atkins to ban puberty blockers, which

can pause the development of puberty. They are sometimes prescribed to help children with gender dysphoria by giving them more time to weigh their options.

The NHS stopped prescribing puberty blockers last year, saying there was not enough evidence about the benefits and harms.

The Conservative government that put the ban in place was ousted from power this month. The new Labour government may make the ban permanent.

Health Secretary Wes Streeting said he welcomed the ruling and was working with the NHS to set up a clinical trial on puberty blockers.

— Associated Press

SOUTH AFRICA

Ex-president Zuma expelled from ANC

Former South African

president Jacob Zuma was expelled by the African National Congress party on Monday after he formed a new political party that contested in recent elections.

Zuma’s uMkhonto we Sizwe Party, also known as the MK Party, received nearly 15 percent of the national vote and became the third-largest party in the country. That contributed significantly to the ANC losing its parliamentary majority for the first time since it came into power in 1994.

The ANC has since formed a unity government with several parties, including its biggest rival, the Democratic Alliance.

Despite denouncing the ANC and leading the MK, now South Africa’s official opposition party, Zuma has insisted that he remains a member of the ANC.

His expulsion followed a disciplinary hearing last week.

The ANC had suspended his membership in January.

ANC Secretary General Fikile Mbalula said Zuma has been found guilty by the party of “prejudicing the integrity” of the ANC by leading a rival party, which has 85 seats in Parliament.

— Associated Press

Dozens of Wagner mercenaries were killed by Islamist militants and rebels over the weekend in northern Mali in what one analyst described as the largest battleground blow to the shadowy Russian group in years. At least two others were taken captive. About 50 Wagner fighters in a convoy were killed in an ambush by al-Qaeda fighters, joined by rebels who were in pursuit, along the border with Algeria, said Wassim Nasr, a Sahel specialist and senior research fellow at the Soufan Center, a security think tank. The

mercenaries had been fighting mostly Tuareg rebels alongside Mali’s army when their convoy was forced to retreat into Islamist territory and ambushed south of the commune of Tinzaouaten, Nasr said. Wagner confirmed in a statement that some of its fighters as well as Malian troops were killed in a battle with hundreds of militants.

A former BBC presenter has been charged with three counts of making indecent images of children, London’s Metropolitan Police Service said. Huw Edwards, 62, was one of the BBC’s most prominent figures before he was suspended in July 2023 and later resigned for health reasons. The charges relate to offenses that are alleged to have occurred between December 2020 and April 2022 and that involved images shared

on WhatsApp, police said.

Protests over skyrocketing power bills shut down a key road into Pakistan’s capital as about 3,000 supporters of a major Islamist party continued a sit-in despite pouring monsoon rains. In Pakistan’s southwest, meanwhile, thousands protested police violence, an internet shutdown and highway closures. At least one person reportedly was killed. Protesters demanding that the government withdraw taxes on electricity to offset price hikes have occupied a road in the city of Rawalpindi since Friday, as police prevented them from heading to the capital, Islamabad. The government raised electricity prices 26 percent in the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, before tacking on an additional 20 percent on July 13.

— From wire reports

Chinese exodus vexes Xi

MIGRANTS FROM AI

global smuggling networks that seek to exploit the dysfunctional U.S. asylum system.

U.S. authorities have encountered more than 55,000 Chinese migrants crossing illegally from Mexico during the past 18 months, primarily in the rugged desert mountains east of San Diego — up from 3,813 in 2022. It is the last stage of the journey known in Chinese as *zouxian* — “walking the line.”

Driven in part by the stifling economic and political fallout of China’s extended coronavirus lockdowns, the Chinese arrivals have become a political and national security flash point in Washington. Leading Republicans, including former president Donald Trump, refer to the migrants as “fighting-age men,” and warn the influx could mask espionage activities, while Democrats, analysts and the migrants themselves point to China’s unemployment crisis and repressive government.

U.S. authorities worry about an even larger wave, given China’s population of 1.4 billion people and the difficulty of carrying out deportations. Officials say they detain any Chinese migrants who pose a public safety or national security threat, and the Biden administration is urging other Western Hemisphere nations to tighten controls.

The Washington Post spoke to almost three dozen recent Chinese migrants who had crossed the southern border, including families and lone travelers. They had settled in California, New York and elsewhere across the United States. They describe daily challenges divorced from geopolitics: consternation over their children’s future, struggles to find work in a saturated job market and fears of being scammed as they build new lives in America.

Many have arrived in the Flushing area of Queens, which has surpassed Los Angeles to become the top destination for the most recent Chinese migrants, according to a Post analysis of U.S. immigration court data. The neighborhood’s large Chinese-speaking community is a draw for new arrivals seeking jobs, housing and help with asylum claims.

Beijing denies its economy has influenced the migrants to go abroad, saying they are lured by human smugglers. Chinese President Xi Jinping and other Chinese authorities have appeared more and more determined to suppress the exodus, embarrassed by those willing to risk their lives and spend their savings to flee.

“Zouxian” information online is frequently censored. State-aided documentaries say migrants face mortal danger. Migrants and human rights advocates say Chinese customs officials screen the social media accounts of would-be travelers, refusing to let some depart regardless of whether their documents are in order.

“Even if you have a valid Chinese passport and a valid visa to Turkey or to Thailand or to Vietnam, you are not allowed to go abroad,” said New York-based immigration lawyer Xiang Xiaoji.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington said it has launched efforts to track down and repatriate those leaving China illegally.

President Biden and Xi discussed immigration enforcement during a meeting in San Francisco last year, forging a new area of tentative cooperation at a time of otherwise deteriorating relations. The first U.S. deportation flight, in March, carried eight Chinese migrants; a second in June had 116 deportees.

Illegal entries — including by Chinese migrants — have dropped sharply since June 4, when Biden blocked access to the U.S. asylum system for most border-crossers. That change in policy is being challenged in federal court.

But amid a record numbers of crossings at the southern border over the last three years, China has been the largest source of illegal migration from any nation outside the Americas, according to Department of Homeland Security statistics.

The influx has been a boon to criminal organizations in Mexico, which charge thousands of dollars to ferry customers from safe houses in Tijuana and Mexicali to



TOP: Lei Xiaoyue, daughter Lei Muhan, 10, and wife Ye Qingqiong in Los Angeles. They crossed 11 nations on their journey from China to the United States. ABOVE: The family looks at a secondhand car in an auto service shop.

The long path from China to California

Migrants use several modes of transportation and stop dozens of times on their way to the United States.



The paths shown are for illustration purposes only. Actual routes change frequently.

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remote crossings where migrants can skirt the U.S. border wall. Once on American soil, the Chinese migrants join others from around the world who surrender to U.S. agents and express a fear of persecution in their home nations, a first step in seeking asylum.

Those entering in the mountains outside San Diego are referred for interviews with Border Patrol agents trained to screen Chinese migrants for possible Communist Party and military ties. Their personal and passport information is matched to data collected by nations that share such details with the United States.

But Department of Homeland Security officials say additional information is rarely available, because cooperation with China is so limited.

Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the screening process is inadequate given the potential threat of a coordinated operation by the Chinese government to infiltrate the United States with spies and operatives.

“Their agendas, their ideologies, and the reasons for coming here could substantially be missed,” said Green, who em-

braces his party’s hard line on the border and believes new arrivals from China should be detained longer and more thoroughly screened.

Mae Ngai, a Columbia University historian who has studied Chinese immigration to the United States, said the references by Republicans to “fighting-age men” are part of what she described as new forms of “China-mongering.”

“I think there’s this fascination with Chinese immigration, especially when it’s undocumented, that is disproportionate to its actual occurrence,” Ngai said. “And that has a very long history that’s associated with Chinese being seen as a special threat to the United States.”

Republican lawmakers say the concerns are more than justified. They point to media reports of at least 100 incidents in recent years in which Chinese nationals were caught or suspected of trying to gain access to or information about U.S. military installations.

U.S. immigration court data show about two-thirds of the migrants who have arrived from China during the past year are male, up from about 50 percent during previous years. Many of the men interviewed by The Post said they left their families behind because of warnings on social media about the dangers of the journey.

Migrants described fleeing stifling government control and economic malaise. Most recalled the strict coronavirus lockdowns as a turning point, with many losing their income and finding themselves in conflict with their country’s security apparatus.

When Lei Xiaoyue and his wife, Ye Qingqiong, decided to bring Muhan to the United States, they knew it would be the most perilous thing they ever did.

They guarded their plans tightly, including from relatives. Muhan was told only that they would be “traveling.”

Lei prepared to never see his family in China again.

He bought a coffin and stashed it in his father’s house, worried he wouldn’t be able to return home to bury him.

“I wanted to be able to take care of my dad’s affairs after I’m out,” he said.

To be eligible for asylum, migrants have to show they faced religious, ethnic or political persecution in their homeland. Coming to the United States for better jobs and opportunities is not enough.

Yet those who reach U.S. soil can live and work in the country for years before getting a hearing in the backlogged immigration courts. If their asylum petitions are rejected, there is a lengthy appeal process. Migrants are typically eligible for U.S. work authorization after six months — a policy designed to help migrants support themselves financially while awaiting a court decision.

Lei and Ye said their motivation for coming to the United States was both economic and political. For years, the family endured what they described as a slow suffocation: Lei worked up to 16 hours a day as a taxi driver in Fujian province, 850 miles from their hometown; Ye, who moved there with him, sold



Muhan and her parents visit Xilai Temple near their home in Los Angeles in May. The family arrived in the United States in April, joining the largest wave of illegal border crossings by Chinese migrants in history. The family’s motivation for coming to the United States was both economic and political.

clothes at a mall.

Like hundreds of millions across China, they were confined to their small neighborhoods or apartment complexes for long stretches during the pandemic. Lei said his family went hungry on the government-provided vegetable rations: “There just wasn’t enough to eat in a day.”

The couple left their daughter behind with relatives, seeing her only during the Lunar New Year holiday.

But as lockdowns swept China — hurting the economy and generating a groundswell of public dissent — Lei and Ye brought their daughter to live with them, worried that otherwise they would never see her.

They grappled with how to educate her, because rural transplants to more prosperous areas are not allowed to enroll in public school. Then Muhan became sick.

After three days, her spiking fever drove Lei to sneak out of his home to find food and medicine. He said that’s when he was arrested and charged with obstructing the control of disease prevention — a violation for which, Lei said, he served a 15-day detention.

“The biggest thing that disgusted me is that my daughter was sick and had to go to the hospital during the pandemic, but we were not allowed to go,” he said. “The three years of the pandemic were so miserable for our family. I wanted to commit suicide, but thinking about [Muhan], I couldn’t do it.”

Instead he hatched a plan to walk the line.

Analysts say TikTok and other social media, and the availability of smuggling networks, have contributed to a shift in the demographics of those coming to the United States from China. Before, most relied on education, capital and connections. Now, people without those advantages can use VPNs to circumvent government censorship and learn how to make the trip.

Some recent arrivals in California showed The Post examples of PDF guides with step-by-step instructions for the trek from Ecuador to the U.S.-Mexico border, including the amount and color of Mexican pesos required for each bus trip.

“Remember it’s very dangerous to sit in the front of the (smuggler’s) boat, and people get thrown out a lot,” reads one guide on how to make a water crossing between Colombia and Panama to avoid border controls.

Other Chinese migrants fly to Nicaragua, El Salvador or directly to Mexico, where they can get connecting flights to Mexican border cities.

The journey remains perilous. In March, the bodies of eight Chinese migrants — seven of them women — washed ashore after their boat capsized off the coast of Mexico’s Oaxaca state, a popular migrant route.

Authorities in Ecuador this month temporarily reimposed visa restrictions on Chinese travelers, hoping to keep migrants from using the South American nation as a springboard to the United States. Within days, however, Chinese-language videos on TikTok offered alternative, higher-priced routes with links to

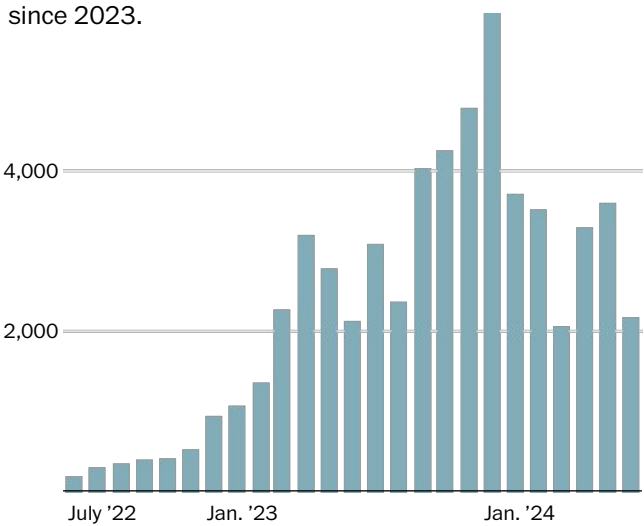


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TOP: The Lei family tries hamburgers at an In-N-Out restaurant near their new home in Hacienda Heights. Muhan, who had seen videos of “American-style hamburgers” on Chinese TikTok, said she enjoyed her first meal out. ABOVE: Muhan waits at a Chinese-speaking law office in Monterey Park where her parents were seeking help applying for U.S. work permits.

Chinese migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border

U.S. agents have recorded more than 55,000 illegal entries by Chinese migrants at the Mexico border since 2023.



Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection data. Updated monthly.

lombia, young Kurdish professionals from Turkey and scattered Ecuadorians and Peruvians — a reminder that migrants from Latin American countries still outnumber those coming from China. A man who said he was part of a Chinese church group in San Diego arrived with a car battery and a web of power strips so migrants could charge their phones.

They waited for Border Patrol vans to take them to a San Diego tent facility for booking. If agents encounter “red flags,” such as links to the People’s Liberation Army or universities that feed into China’s military and intelligence agencies, migrants can be sent to a detention facility for more thorough screening and interviews.

“The info is only as good as the info in the database, and there is limited to nothing on many of these Chinese nationals,” said Chris Clem, who was chief of the Border Patrol’s Yuma Sector until retiring in December 2022.

Like many of the newly arrived migrants, the Lei family’s first days in America were a blur of living moment-to-moment. On their first day out of Customs and Border Protection detention — still dressed in gray and white U.S. government-issued clothes — the trio made their way in the Los Angeles area to Ding Pangzi Plaza in Monterey Park, where an aging strip mall has become a popular landing point.

Listings for dorm-style beds at \$15 a night — including access to rice and cooking oil — cover the shop windows and power poles. Migrants who have been in the United States for months hunt for jobs, lawyers or help getting a driver’s license.

Ding Pangzi Plaza has also become a hot spot for scammers looking to take advantage of new arrivals, as the Lei family learned early on.

A landlord who rented them a place to sleep promised to let Lei drive under the landlord’s Uber driver account to make some money. Lei completed \$900 in trips, but the landlord refused to pay him, and would not return their rental deposit when the family left.

Another man, posing as a lawyer, promised to handle their asylum case for \$2,000. They later discovered he was a fraud.

“They do these types of things to all the newcomers,” Lei said.

Perhaps the worst, the family said, was when Ye replied to a job posting she saw at the plaza.

It called for women with childcare experience willing to work about an hour outside the city. She arrived to find not babysitting work but a cannabis factory where she was expected to spend long hours in a refrigerated room clipping marijuana for around \$100 a day. Workers got one day off a month. An agent took a fifth of the pay.

“Five or six women went there,” she said. “Each of us worked for a few days and left.”

Lei and Ye thought things would get better when Muhan started school, and they both had time to look for work, but even Muhan’s enrollment — the family’s top priority — did not go smoothly. The girl arrived for her first day, only to be turned back because her forms had not been processed.

“She has to go home,” Lei said that day, walking out the school doors with Muhan in tow. “Maybe tomorrow.”

Increases in Chinese immigration to the United States have historically followed major changes in Chinese and U.S. policy, including the upheaval of the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown and China’s 2001 admission to the World Trade Organization.

The most recent influx is characterized by small-business people and factory workers, said New York-based immigration lawyer Wei Zhu. “There are a lot of people wondering now what their future will be, so they say ‘Let’s go zouxian.’”

One draw for Flushing, attorneys say, is that immigration judges in New York City approve asylum claims at some of the highest rates in the country. And the neighborhood’s well-established Chinatown provides a soft landing.

Yet the high cost of living and the long backlog in immigration cases mean crushing financial pressures, which have intensified as the flow of Chinese migrants creates fierce competition for informal jobs in construction and food delivery.

That’s true for Joey — who came to the United States 18 months ago among the first wave of zouxian migrants and hopes to bring his two grade-school-age children as well. He asked to be identified only by his adopted English nickname out of concern that his asylum case could be affected by his speaking candidly.

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Day laborers wait to pick up potential jobs, mostly in cleanup and renovation, along Prince Street in Flushing, Queens. Many Chinese immigrants settle in the area, where the neighborhood’s large Chinese-speaking community is a draw for new arrivals seeking jobs, housing and help with asylum claims.



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The Lei family rests in the yard of their temporary family hotel in Monterey Park. Hundreds of millions across China, including the Leis, were confined to their small neighborhoods or apartment complexes for long stretches during the height of the coronavirus pandemic. Lei Xiaoyue said his family went hungry on the government-provided vegetable rations: “There just wasn’t enough to eat in a day.”

Father and daughter cook for the first time in their new home in Los Angeles. They pay \$1,400 monthly for a bedroom and share the house with more than 10 tenants. The family had moved among different hotels since arriving.

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On a recent morning, he stood on a Flushing street with other Chinese migrants hoping for day labor, mostly cleanup and renovation jobs. He said the rate for a day’s work has fallen since he got here, from about \$200 to \$100 or \$150, prompting some migrants to leave for other U.S. cities or return to China.

“Prices are constantly rising, but your salary is falling,” Joey said.

A van pulled up. Joey surged forward with the other men, but he wasn’t picked. Of the roughly 60 men on the street that morning, about 10 found work.

Newly arrived migrants say they continue to live under the watch of Chinese authorities, who often visit the relatives they left behind. About a month after Lei left China, his family frantically got in touch, telling him that the police had called.

“They said it was illegal and threatened my family. They told me to go back otherwise I would go to jail,” he said.

Likely part of Beijing’s concern, analysts and lawyers say, is the potential for politicized Chinese migrants to become part of dissident communities abroad.

“The [Chinese] police told my parents, tell your son not to speak anymore or do any protests,” said Zhou Zheng, a recent migrant living in Los Angeles who joined groups that protested Xi’s November visit to San Francisco. He’d made the decision to walk the line after he was detained during protests in China.

While the number of migrants from China is relatively tiny in terms of the country’s population, its impact is significant for a government that has sought to advertise its political system abroad.

“It never looks good when people are willing to trek through the Darién Gap to get out of your country,” said Meredith Oyen, associate professor at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, referring to the dangerous jungle crossing between Panama and Colombia.



For many of the migrants trying to get a foothold in the United States, the daily struggle — not Chinese politics — is the focus.

Days after Lei and Ye’s daughter Muhan was turned away from school in Monterey Park, she managed to enroll.

Lei said his daughter made many friends, a stark difference after seeing few other children during the three-month journey to the U.S. border.

He said he regrets what Muhan saw her parents go through, including their struggles to find work in the United States.

“My child has suffered so much along the way. I think in her heart, it’s a perfect lesson,” he said. “She will know how terrible it can be for a person without education.”

“I just hope she studies hard and fits into this culture,” he said.



Muhan waits outside the school while her father attempts to register her. She was turned away on her first day of school because her forms had not been processed. Lei says he regrets what Muhan saw her parents go through, including their struggles once they reached the United States. “My child has suffered so much along the way. I think in her heart, it’s a perfect lesson,” he said. “She will know how terrible it can be for a person without education.”

Maduro’s victory claim risks further isolation of Venezuela

VENEZUELA FROM A1

scanned printouts of all voting records — more than 30,000 documents — signed and dated by poll workers and opposition observers, and not just the numbers shown on the government webpage.

Biden administration officials and the Atlanta-based Carter Center, which sent a technical observation team to monitor Sunday’s vote, made similar calls.

Opposition leaders, who organized, trained and sent thousands of ordinary citizens to polling places Sunday in anticipation of potential fraud, said they would release the records publicly on Monday night.

According to their information, opposition leader María Corina Machado said, Maduro’s win was “impossible.”

“We won, and the whole world knows it,” she told reporters.

If the accusations of fraud prove true, it would mark uncharted territory even for a strongman who has been suspected of manipulating or tampering with elections on the margins several times over the past decade.

Maduro has been accused of coercion, manipulation and other tricks to tip the vote a few percentage points in his favor, but never before has he been accused of reversing a gap as large as the opposition is suggesting, according to electronic engineer Mario Torre, who is auditing the electoral system for the opposition.

“For the first time they dare to give a result that is not the one that the system reflects,” Torre said. “We’re talking about a massive fraud.”

On Monday afternoon, voters across Venezuela poured into the streets, apparently of their own accord, and notably in working-class neighborhoods that have historically been strongholds of support for Maduro and his late mentor, Hugo Chávez. The protesters banged pots and pans and demanded Maduro step down.

“We don’t agree with the fraud President Maduro committed,” said Marjory Rojas, a 40-year-old housekeeper from a working-class neighborhood in Baruta who was protesting along a highway in Caracas. “I have three children living outside of the country, and he’s saying he won? We want him to leave. It’s not fair what they’re doing to the country.”

Machado, by far Venezuela’s most popular opposition leader, called the protests a legitimate outpouring of frustration against an “illegitimate regime.”

“Today we are seeing expressions from citizens who are refusing to have their future robbed, to have the truth ignored,” she said. She called on Venezuelan families to gather Tuesday morning in “popular assemblies.”

U.S. National Security Council



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Residents of Caracas, Venezuela, try to block a street in protest after Nicolás Maduro, who has led the country since 2013, declared himself the winner of Sunday’s election. On Monday, opposition leaders said they had proof that Maduro’s victory was “impossible.”

spokesman John Kirby on Monday called on Maduro to publish “the full, detailed tabulation of votes.”

“We’re going to withhold judgment until that time ... and [then] we will respond accordingly,” he said.

Two senior Biden administration officials said Maduro’s government has all the voting data now and could release it immediately. That data, one said, is “required under Venezuelan law and should be immediately providable.”

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under terms set by the administration, said they had received ample information from multiple sources indicating that the results announced by the electoral council were “at odds with how people actually voted ... potentially substantially at odds.”

The officials declined to detail possible next steps. One said the administration would “continue to assess our sanctions policy” in light of “the action or non-action” taken by the Maduro government and U.S. interests.

But it was unlikely, one said, that the administration would cancel the licenses provided to Chevron and other oil companies allowing them to do business in

Venezuela.

Maduro has ruled Venezuela since the death of Chávez, founder of the socialist state, in 2013. Many here blame him for the oil-rich country’s economic collapse and the exodus of millions of citizens, including hundreds of thousands who have fled to the United States.

“We have in our hands the tallies that show our triumph, which is categorically and mathematically irreversible.”

Edmundo González, Maduro’s opponent

Some Latin American countries, including Colombia and Brazil, which have friendly ties to Maduro, joined in the skepticism about the announced results, as did Spain, Italy and other European nations.

Celso Amorim, a top foreign policy adviser to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, one of Maduro’s most important leftist

allies, was reserving judgment.

Amorim was visiting the Miraflores presidential palace on Monday afternoon to meet with Maduro. He was also hoping to meet with González before reaching an assessment, according to a diplomatic official who was in Caracas with him, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the talks.

Russia, China, Iran and Cuba congratulated Maduro.

In a memo, the opposition campaign declared the vote a “FRAUD” and said the “burden of proof” was on the government.

“Months will go by and they will not be able to deliver it to us. That is what we have to achieve, demanded by us and by the international community,” the memo’s authors wrote.

On Monday, Venezuelan Attorney General Tarek William Saab said the electoral data transmission system suffered an attempted “attack,” and he accused opposition leaders Lester Toledo and Leopoldo López of carrying it out to “manipulate the data.” He also accused Machado of being involved, providing no evidence.

“What has happened in our country is a huge social movement that they will not stop,” said Machado, Venezuela’s most popular politician. “We are a civic

peaceful movement, and that’s how we will keep working until we make the truth prevail — and it will prevail.”

In the run-up to the election, Maduro’s government barred Machado from running, arrested campaign workers and denied the opposition access to state media. During voting on Sunday, there were reports of blocked entry, delays and violence at some voting centers.

Maduro’s claims threatened to increase his and Venezuela’s isolation on the world stage. His Foreign Ministry said Monday it was withdrawing all of Venezuela’s diplomats from seven Latin American countries, including Argentina, Chile and Peru, and demanding those countries’ governments respond in kind. (Maduro severed diplomatic relations with the United States in 2019.)

He’s been down this road before. In 2018, he claimed reelection in a vote marred by charges of irregularities, prompting mass protests at home and condemnation abroad.

The United States and other countries declared Maduro illegitimate and recognized then-National Assembly President Juan Guaidó as Venezuela’s rightful leader.

In a statement early Monday,

Maduro claimed without evidence that the electoral council had been hacked from an unnamed country, causing a delay in the publication of the full election results. “The demons and the devils did not want the total to be counted,” Maduro said.

Latin American leaders across the political spectrum cast doubt on the results.

Luis Gilberto Murillo, foreign minister under leftist Colombian President Gustavo Petro, called for an independent verification and audit of the vote count “as soon as possible.”

Center-left Chilean President Gabriel Boric described the official results as “difficult to believe” and demanded that international observers be given access to the full results. “From Chile, we will not recognize any result that is not verifiable,” he wrote on X early Monday.

On the other end of the political spectrum, right-wing Argentine President Javier Milei, too, said he would not recognize a “fraud.” “Venezuelans chose to end the communist dictatorship of Nicolás Maduro,” he posted on X. He called on Venezuela’s armed forces to “defend democracy and the popular will.”

Peruvian Foreign Minister Javier González-Olaechea accused Maduro’s regime of having the “intention of fraud” and recalled Peru’s ambassador to Venezuela for consultations. “Peru will not accept the violation of the popular will of the Venezuelan people,” he said on X.

Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay also issued calls for a transparent count of the votes by independent observers.

Meanwhile, Russia, China, Iran, Cuba, Bolivia and Honduras — all allies of Maduro — congratulated him.

The Russian ambassador to Caracas described the victory as “credible,” and President Vladimir Putin sent his best wishes. “Remember that you are always a welcome guest on Russian soil,” he told Maduro.

China’s Foreign Ministry congratulated Maduro and Venezuela on their “successful” election. “China and Venezuela are good friends and partners who support each other,” spokesman Lin Jian told reporters, according to state media.

Cuba’s Raúl Castro, the younger brother of the late Fidel Castro and a former premier of the communist island nation himself, called Maduro to congratulate him, Cuba’s Foreign Ministry said.

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Far-right uproar follows Israeli detention of guards over detainee abuse

BY LOUISA LOVELUCK AND MIRIAM BERGER

JERUSALEM — Chaos broke out at an Israeli military base holding Palestinian detainees Monday, as far-right demonstrators rallied after nine reservists were detained in connection to allegations of “serious abuse of a detainee.”

The detentions of the reservists who were serving at the prison followed months of international pressure and domestic legal scrutiny over conditions inside Sde Teiman, a facility on a military base in the Negev desert that holds Palestinian detainees captured in Gaza.

Videos on social media Monday showed a crowd rattling the base’s metal gates and then running inside behind a member of the country’s parliament.

“That is Zvi Sukkot,” shouted one of the protesters, before the far-right lawmaker slipped through the gate. Online, political allies, including those in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s cabinet, quickly seized on the moment.

“I’m calling on the chief military prosecutor, get your hands off the reservists,” Bezalel Smotrich, the finance minister, wrote on X. “Take your hands off the reservists,” posted Itamar Ben Gvir, Israel’s far-right national security minister, who oversees the prison system.

Netanyahu condemned the break-in and called for calm. The army’s chief of staff, Herzi Halevi, described the incident as “extremely serious and against the law.”

“We are in the midst of a war, and actions of this type endanger the security of the state,” he said in a statement. “We are working to restore order at the base.”



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Israeli soldiers stand Monday at the gate to Sde Teiman military base, where far-right demonstrators protested the detention of nine reservists related to allegations of abuse of a Palestinian detainee.

The abuse of Palestinian prisoners has accelerated sharply across the penal system since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, according to rights groups, lawyers and former detainees, who say that torture, sexual abuse and deprivation of food have become commonplace.

The Israeli army said the nine suspects were detained “for questioning on suspicion of serious abuse of a detainee.”

Military detention camps such as Sde Teiman have served as an initial holding point for Palestinians detained in Gaza. After weeks, sometimes months, in detention, those who are later al-

leged to have militant links are typically transferred into the Israeli prison system; others are released without charge, often after weeks of abuse and interrogation, according to the testimony of former detainees.

Palestinian detainees newly released from Sde Teiman describe being beaten, denied medical care and made to kneel handcuffed and blindfolded for days. In May, a CNN investigation found the camp was divided into two parts: enclosed areas housing groups of shackled detainees — some handcuffed so tightly they had to have body parts surgically removed — and a field

hospital, where patients in blindfolds and diapers were strapped to beds and force-fed through straws.

In June, Khaled Mahajna, a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship, was the first lawyer granted access to a detainee in Sde Teiman. He told the Al Araby news outlet that he heard reports of detainees being raped and tortured.

Naji Abbas, director of the prisoners and detainees department for Physicians for Human Rights Israel, said his organization had interviewed former Sde Teiman detainees who reported cases of others being raped and

sexually assaulted there, as well as in Israeli prison facilities.

On Monday, rights groups welcomed the detention of the soldiers from Sde Teiman but warned that a single investigation did not go far enough.

“While it is crucial to investigate and hold the guards accountable, this probe does not address the widespread torture, described in countless testimonies that have accumulated over the past several months,” said Ari Remez, a spokesman for the Adalah legal rights group.

The opposition to the military’s investigation from elected officials on Monday reflected “a deep culture of impunity in Israel, rooted in years of Israeli authorities and courts shielding perpetrators of severe violence against Palestinians,” he said.

The Israeli government offered its first public accounting of the previously secret detentions in May, saying that authorities had detained about 4,000 Palestinians in Gaza since the war began, and released 1,500 of them for lack of evidence.

Israel’s far-reaching Unlawful Combatants Law permits a form of administrative detention, or incarceration without trial. Under the 2002 law, Palestinians from Gaza can be jailed up to 45 days without a detention order, and can be held up to 75 days without seeing a judge and up to six months without legal consul. They are not classified as prisoners of war.

Rights groups say the law has created a black hole ripe for the abuse and torture of Gazan detainees disappearing into military custody.

After months of mounting international scrutiny and domestic legal challenges, in early June Israeli authorities announced

they had begun transferring hundreds of Gazan detainees to other military-run facilities. The development came in response to a petition before Israel’s Supreme Court challenging the detention center’s legality and calling for its closure because of abuse and torture allegations.

“Egregious violations at Sde Teiman make depriving these people of liberty blatantly unconstitutional,” the Tel Aviv-based Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), among the five rights group petitioning, said in a statement at the time.

As of July 18, according to ACRI, the government had transferred more than 700 detainees out of Sde Teiman while about 40 Gazan detainees remained at the site. Palestinians from Gaza are now primarily held at other military detention sites, mainly Ofer and Anatot in the occupied West Bank and Ketziot in the southern Negev desert, as well as makeshift sites run by Israel’s intelligence agencies.

“The conditions at Sde Teiman gravely violate both Israeli and international law,” ACRI said in a statement last week. “Its continued operation is not just illegal — it’s a potential war crime. . . . It’s illegal to hold any detainees there, whether it’s 10 or 100, for a week or six months.”

In another round of legal battles, rights groups have sought access to Gazan detainees and demanded the state account for the thousands of men who disappeared into the system and whose whereabouts have remained unknown for months. Israel has barred the International Red Cross from accessing any Palestinians in detention since Oct. 7.

Lior Soroka in Tel Aviv contributed to this report.

2 children killed, others wounded in mass stabbing in British seaside town

BY NIHA MASIH
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LONDON — Armed police in Southport in North West England arrested a teenage boy with a knife Monday under suspicion of murder after two children were killed and others critically wounded in a mass stabbing at a seaside town on the first day of summer vacation, police said.

Chief Constable Serena Kennedy of the Merseyside police said at a news conference that two children died of stab wounds. Another nine children were wounded, and six of those children remained in critical condition at local hospitals.

Two adults were also stabbed and were in critical condition. Kennedy said the adults appear to have been injured while trying to protect the children.

The Merseyside police said they arrested a 17-year-old boy from the nearby village of Banks on suspicion of murder and attempted murder. They also recovered a knife, police said. They said the arrested youth was originally from Cardiff in Wales.

“We can also confirm that the incident is not currently being treated as terror-related, and we are not looking for anyone else in connection with the incident,” the



Police officers and forensic personnel put up a fence on Hart Street in Southport, England, around the scene of a knife attack on Monday. A 17-year-old boy was being held as a suspect in the stabbings.

police said.

The attack was at a small community center where primary-school-age children were attending a Taylor Swift-themed yoga and dance class. The building is down an alleyway on Hart Street, a mostly residential road of two-story brick buildings with some scattered shops.

“It is understood that the children were attending a Taylor Swift event at a dance school when the offender, who was armed with a knife, walked into

the premises and started to attack those inside,” Kennedy said at the news conference. “We believe that the adults who were injured were trying to protect the children at the time they were attacked.”

Kennedy added: “As a mum of two daughters, and the nana of a 5-year-old granddaughter, I cannot begin to imagine the pain and suffering the families of the victims are currently going through, and I want to send them our heartfelt condolences and sympathies.”

The attack took place a few minutes before noon on the first day of the school holiday.

The North West Ambulance Service said it responded to “reports of multiple stabbings” with 13 ambulances and a helicopter. Emergency services crews treated 11 people at the scene. The wounded were taken to Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, Aintree University Hospital and Southport and Formby Hospital.”

The police described the attack as “ferocious.”

Tim Johnson, a journalist at Eye on Southport, told the BBC he saw a bloodied girl on a stretcher.

“Her parents were running after her. It was horrendous. I’ve never seen anything like it,” Johnson told the broadcaster.

BBC Radio interviewed a man

who he said saw young girls “bleeding.” A Press Association reporter interviewed a man who said some of the victims appeared to be around 10 years old.

Other witnesses told reporters that parents were running up and down the street, wailing and screaming. Local WhatsApp groups received frenzied messages telling people to go inside and lock their doors.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer described the stabbings as “horrendous and deeply shocking news.”

In a statement on X, King Charles III said: “My wife and I have been profoundly shocked to hear of the utterly horrific incident in Southport today. We send our most heartfelt condolences, prayers and deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of those who have so tragically lost their lives, and to all those affected by this truly appalling attack.”

A motive for the stabbings was not immediately clear. The arrested youth will be interviewed by detectives, the police said, and officers were seen at the house where he is believed to live.

Southport is a seaside town known for its beaches and Victorian architecture, about an hour’s drive north of Liverpool. It has a population of about 95,000.

Iran seeks to undermine Trump’s election bid, officials signal

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA

Iran is working to stoke societal discord in the United States and undermine Donald Trump’s bid to regain the White House — as it tried to do four years ago, U.S. intelligence officials signaled Monday in a new assessment of the disinformation landscape ahead of November’s election.

In a briefing for reporters organized by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, officials alluded to but stopped short of directly stating Tehran’s opposition to Trump. Rather, Iran is reprising the stance it took in 2020, said a senior ODNI official, adding that its leaders appear motivated by a desire to “avoid an

outcome they perceive would increase tensions with the United States.”

Like others who participated in the briefing, this person spoke on the condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the intelligence agencies.

Officials also noted that the U.S. government has not detected any foreign hacking, interference or tampering with election machines and websites, though officials have seen efforts to “scan” such networks.

Russia remains a “prominent threat” to U.S. elections, the senior ODNI official said, noting Moscow’s “core interest” is “opposing candidates who want to offer further aid to Kyiv” as Ukraine continues to resist Russia in the almost-2½-year-old war.

That had been President Biden until he dropped out of the race last week and endorsed Vice President Harris, who is the likely Democratic nominee.

The Kremlin is using primarily Russia-based commercial firms to aid its influence operations by creating fake websites designed to impersonate U.S. government and media organizations, the official said, noting that two such firms have already been sanctioned for their activities.

The official could not say how effective these operations by Russia and Iran have been at shaping American attitudes and behavior or fomenting discord, in part because it would entail assessing American public opinion. The intelligence community is charged with monitoring and as-

sessing the capabilities and actions of foreign actors, but not U.S. political processes or public opinion.

China probably does not plan to influence the presidential election, the official said, though U.S. spy agencies are monitoring the possibility that pro-Beijing actors might seek to denigrate down-ballot candidates as they did in a handful of midterm races in 2022.

President Xi Jinping pledged to Biden at a summit in San Francisco in November that Beijing would not interfere in the election. “China’s being more cautious and we anticipate that they’re concerned about getting caught if they’re meddling in the election and they do not want to risk further damaging the bilateral relationship,” the official said.

Iran relies on a vast web of online personas and propaganda mills to spread disinformation, and has notably been active and exacerbating tensions with Israel over the Gaza conflict, the official said.

Some of Iran’s primary influence operatives work under its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a paramilitary organization with intelligence and cyber personnel, which has a direct line to the country’s supreme leader, the official noted.

Given the recent Biden decision to exit the race, “it’s pretty early” to assess whether Iran will actively seek to promote Trump’s eventual opponent, the official said. In 2020, Tehran sought to undercut Trump’s reelection

prospects, but did not appear to be actively promoting any rivals, the intelligence community concluded in a post-election assessment.

“It’s also important to stress that most activity we’re observing from Iran’s influence actors remains focused on stoking chaos and divisions,” he said.

In an election threat briefing earlier this month, ODNI officials said Tehran had sought to take advantage of ongoing protests over the war in Gaza. “We have observed actors tied to Iran’s government posing as activists online, seeking to encourage protests, and even providing financial support to protesters,” Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines said in a statement.

On Monday, the ODNI official said the intelligence community has “no further information” to suggest that Iran was “trying to engage or support the protesters.”

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Justice Dept. declines to defend affirmative action programs

Two federal initiatives created to benefit minority-owned businesses have adopted new race-neutral rules instead of fighting adverse court rulings

BY JULIAN MARK
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On his first day in office, President Biden ordered federal agencies to adopt a broad “racial equity agenda,” one that would increase investment in communities of color, enable agencies to hold diversity trainings and expand opportunities for minorities to tap billions in government contracts.

But in the past year, the administration has backed down from defending two affirmative action programs that had been at the core of its efforts to “deliver racial justice,” as Biden put it in his 2021 inaugural speech. Both programs, instituted nearly a half century ago or more, had been upended by court decisions.

The legal retreat marks a major turn in the nation’s years-long debate over racial preferences. Both initiatives had been intended to expand economic opportunities for racial minorities: The Minority Business Development Agency helps participating companies access capital and other resources, while the other, run by the Small Business Administration, opens pathways to billions in federal contracting dollars.

But in each case, after judges ruled that racial preferences were unconstitutional, the Justice Department opted not to appeal the rulings, choosing instead to quietly undo fundamental aspects of the programs’ missions.

“It’s pretty simple — they aren’t appealing because they will lose,” Dan Lennington, a lawyer with the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, which represented the plaintiffs in the case against the Minority Business Development Agency case in Texas, said in an email. “And losing at a higher court is worse because it would create important precedent and accelerate challenges to other programs. ... Their litigation strategy appears to be containment — they want to prevent the wholesale dismantling of Biden’s racial equity agenda before he leaves office.”

Asked about the court cases, a senior administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because some of the litigation is ongoing, said that “we review every decision carefully to decide on the right path to achieving our core goal of achieving a level playing field for everyone.”

The official said the judges in those adverse decisions “ignore the reality that the playing field for many entrepreneurs still is not equal.”

The administration’s decision to forgo appeals disappointed some representatives of minority-owned businesses.

“Once we capitulate to some basic tenets of equity, I think we become complicit to the goal of those who are trying to dismantle and decimate [diversity and inclusion] initiatives and programs,” said Lenwood V. Long Sr., chief executive of the African American Alliance of CDFI (community development financial institutions) CEOs, a coalition of leaders intent on building “power in Black communities by challenging and influencing financial sectors to operate more equitably.”

The court retreats come amid a multi-front legal battle between the Biden administration, which has promoted racial equity



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Over the past year, the Justice Department has opted not to appeal court rulings involving the Minority Business Development Agency and the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) program, choosing instead to undo fundamental aspects of their missions.

ty efforts, and a phalanx of conservative legal groups that have been motivated, in large part, by a Supreme Court more inclined to uproot racial preferences in academia and government.

During Biden’s first three years in office, the White House sought to create more programs tailored to minorities. Federal contracts for “small disadvantaged companies” — a category largely composed of minority-owned businesses — climbed nearly 30 percent, from \$59 billion to \$76 billion, government figures show.

Biden also signed major pieces of legislation that allotted benefits based on racial preferences. Provisions in the American Rescue Plan, for example, prioritized racial minorities in the distribution of \$28.6 billion for restaurants, \$4 billion to help farmers repay their loans, and as much as \$4 billion in assistance for homeowners.

Almost immediately, those programs came under legal attack from conservative public interest law firms. During the Biden administration, conservative legal groups have filed more than a dozen lawsuits challenging racial preferences in federal programs.

Many of the challenges from conservatives have succeeded, while the outcomes of others are pending. Meanwhile, scores of state programs that carved out preferences for minorities also are at risk. There is no comprehensive list of the programs, but they permeate the federal government and range from the very small, like internships, to multi-billion-dollar initiatives tethered to government contracts. Most federal agencies — including Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture and Energy — have civil rights offices or disadvantaged business programs that oversee diversity programs.

Legal scholars agreed with

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Lennington’s assessment that the Justice Department risked losing on appeal, which runs the risk of a loss in a higher court that would set precedents disqualifying other diversity programs.

Government affirmative action under fire

By far the largest program that uses racial preferences is the “8(a) program,” which is run by the SBA but affects almost every aspect of the bureaucracy. It is one of the key programs now under legal attack.

It enables designated small companies to win set-asides and sole-source contracts that can be worth millions. To be eligible, a company must be majority-owned by people who are both socially and economically disadvantaged. People who are Black, Hispanic, Asian or Native American qualify as socially disadvantaged.

In making the case for its expansion, the White House noted that less than 10 percent of federal agencies’ contracting dollars typically go to small disadvantaged businesses.

The program is “one of the most effective economic instruments ... to achieve this commitment to underserved communities,” the SBA reported to Congress.

Across the government, contracts with small disadvantaged businesses have risen nearly 30 percent during the Biden ad-

ministration, though some demographics saw bigger increases than others. Federal contracts for Black-owned companies rose 9 percent, from \$9.4 billion to \$10.2 billion. Among companies owned by Asian Americans, they rose 31 percent to \$20.5 billion. Native American firms recorded a 54 percent jump, to \$23.3 billion.

After a White entrepreneur challenged the 8(a) program, a federal judge in Tennessee ruled that the government could not give preferential treatment to people based on race, despite what the government has identified as long-standing barriers to wealth faced by minorities. The judge found that the programs’ use of broad racial categories to direct benefits to minorities violated the Constitution’s equal protection clause, which echoed the Supreme Court’s decision in overturning affirmative action in college admissions.

The Justice Department declined to appeal the SBA ruling when it was rendered last July. Instead, the SBA scrambled to come into compliance with the court order that it could no longer presume certain minorities were disadvantaged. It’s now having applicants prove their disadvantage through essays.

Though the government could still appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, the agency appears to have adapted to the July 2023 injunction, hav-

ing formalized the essay-writing process and trained new staff to read the narratives.

“This does seem to be functioning,” SBA Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman told The Washington Post. “And we’re moving forward with this process and still able to really onboard people who have faced disadvantage in this country.”

The plaintiff, a White female contractor who alleges she lost out on contracts because of 8(a) preferences, is challenging the SBA’s implementation of the essay-writing process, arguing the program did not fully comply with the injunction. She questions whether the process is less rigorous for participants that previously benefited from the presumption.

The government argues that is not the case. While it has so far opted not to appeal the injunction, it continues to oppose the plaintiff’s request that the court further restrict the program.

‘Containment’ strategy

The other court case, brought by three White entrepreneurs in Texas, concerns the Minority Business Development Agency — a 55-year-old program established to help minority-owned businesses access capital and government contracts.

A Texas judge ordered the agency to open its doors to all races, including White people, in March.

The Justice Department is not appealing. In a June 28 letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar wrote that, while the Justice Department is committed to defending the programs, “it would not be in the best interests of the United States to seek further review of the district court’s judgment in this particular case.”

Prelogar did not provide further explanation, other than characterizing the decision as

narrow in scope, with minimal impact on the agency’s mission — though that mission has been broadly expanded to include everyone, not just minorities.

“The injunction does not currently prevent MBDA from continuing to fulfill its mission, which is our fundamental priority,” Commerce Department Secretary Gina Raimondo and Deputy Secretary Don Graves said in a joint statement acknowledging the Justice Department’s decision not to appeal.

If the administration had chosen to appeal, the case would have been heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, which is composed of a majority of Republican-appointed judges and is fast gaining a reputation as one of the most conservative appeals courts in the nation.

Legal experts characterized the Justice Department’s backing down on both cases as a sort of cost-benefit analysis that found long odds of winning in conservative-leaning appeals courts.

“They might well want to avoid a holding that goes far in undermining or even striking down other programs that serve historically discriminated-against minorities,” said Noah Feldman, a constitutional law professor at Harvard University. “Or they could fear that an appeals court would go further than the district court and find there was insufficient evidence of prior discrimination here, with implications for other programs.”

Many losses, one appeal

Biden administration programs for minorities faced setbacks when conservative groups challenged elements of the American Rescue Plan in 2021. One of them was a \$29 billion SBA grant program for restaurants struggling during the pandemic, which prioritized businesses owned by women, veterans and minorities.

In May 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit found the program violated the Constitution’s equal protection clause, forcing the SBA to drop its race- and sex-based preferences.

Since then, a number of cases challenging race-based government programs have cited the case against restaurant aid in the American Rescue Plan — *Vitolo v. Guzman* — as a precedent for the unconstitutionality of race-based preferences.

In June 2021, a federal judge in Florida temporarily blocked the \$4 billion debt relief program for minority-owned farms, also authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act — one of several preliminary injunctions blocking the program after it saw a flood of challenges. The Justice Department did not appeal any of the temporary orders. Before the cases could advance to a stage where courts could decide on permanent remedies, Congress repealed the debt relief program when it passed the Inflation Reduction Act in August 2022. The new debt relief program focused on economic need, rather than race. The cases were dismissed.

More recently, in June, a federal judge in Texas temporarily blocked an Agriculture Department disaster relief program from giving preferences to minority and female farmers.

As with the others, the government has not appealed.

DIGEST

STOCK MARKET

Big Wall Street week gets off to mixed start

U.S. stock indexes drifted to a mixed finish Monday at the start of a week full of earnings reports from Wall Street’s most influential companies and a Federal Reserve meeting on interest rates.

The S&P 500 edged up by 4.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,463.54. It is coming off its first back-to-back weekly losses since April. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 49.41, or 0.1 percent, to 40,539.93, and the Nasdaq composite index added 12.32, or 0.1 percent, to 17,370.20.

ON Semiconductor helped lead the market with a jump of 11.5 percent after the supplier to the auto and other industries reported stronger profit for the spring than analysts expected. McDonald’s rose 3.7 percent

despite reporting profit and revenue for the latest quarter that fell shy of forecasts. Analysts said its performance at U.S. restaurants was not as bad as some investors had feared.

They helped offset slides for oil and gas companies, which were some of the heaviest weights on the market after the price of oil sank back toward where it was two months ago.

— Associated Press

BRITAIN

New Treasury chief makes billions in cuts

Britain’s new finance minister, Rachel Reeves, told Parliament her Conservative predecessor had left public spending on track to go over budget by 21.9 billion pounds (\$28 billion) this year and announced immediate cuts of 5.5 billion pounds.

Reeves penciled in a further

8.1 billion pounds of cuts for the next financial year and promised more measures at a full budget on Oct. 30, when the newly elected Labour government would need to make “difficult decisions,” including on taxes.

Part of the cost comes from Reeves’s decision to give public-sector workers pay raises costing 9.1 billion pounds, following recommendations from independent pay-setting bodies that she said the Conservatives had ignored for too long.

Reeves said the state of the public finances was not sustainable and posed a risk to economic stability if left unchecked.

“It therefore falls to us to take the difficult decisions now to make further in-year savings,” she told Parliament in her first major speech as Treasury chief since Labour’s landslide victory this month.

— Reuters

PHARMACEUTICALS

Firms’ concerns ease over negotiated prices

Four pharmaceutical companies involved in the first negotiations over prices for the Medicare program said they do not expect a significant impact on their businesses after seeing confidential suggested prices from the government for their drugs that will take effect in 2026.

Under President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act, the Medicare agency was required to identify the 100 most expensive drugs in the program and pick 10 for price negotiations. Executives from Bristol Myers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson, AbbVie and AstraZeneca, which have five of those 10 drugs, described their newly informed views on quarterly conference calls.

“I think the drugmakers were

frightened [these prices] would be a big deal. But now, the ones who have reported or commented have actually said it seems to be okay and in line with expectations,” UBS analyst Trung Huynh said in an interview.

— Reuters

Federal Medicaid regulators

have signed off on a proposal by North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper’s administration to offer scores of hospitals in the state a financial incentive to eliminate patients’ medical debt and carry out policies that discourage future liabilities. Cooper’s office said Monday that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services late last week approved the plan submitted by the state Department of Health and Human Services. Cooper (D) and health department leaders have described the plan as a first-of-its-kind proposal in the country to give hospitals a new financial

carrot to cancel debt they hold on low- and middle-income patients and to help residents avoid it. Cooper’s administration has estimated that the plan has the potential to help 2 million low- and middle-income people in the state get rid of \$4 billion in debt. Cooper has said hospitals would not recoup most of this money anyway.

U.S. health regulators on

Monday approved a first-of-its-kind blood test for colon cancer, offering a new way of screening for a leading cause of cancer deaths. Test manufacturer Guardant said the Food and Drug Administration approved its Shield test for screening in adults 45 and older who have an average risk of colon cancer. The test is not a replacement for colonoscopies, but it provides a noninvasive approach to screening.

— From news services

Inquiry into Otieno case has been inadequate, experts say

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outside the hospital, along with interviews with 10 medical and use-of-force experts, identifies serious shortcomings in Otieno's care by clinical personnel as officers and hospital workers pinned him down for more than 11 minutes. Staffers failed to monitor Otieno's condition, nor did they attempt to safeguard his life as he was suffocated, according to medical experts and video footage. After Otieno appeared limp, a nurse did not check for signs of life but injected him with a sedating mix of drugs that were later listed in court filings, according to video and experts, who described the action as medically unsound. When staff eventually attempted CPR, experts said, they performed it incorrectly.

"I've admitted many, many patients within a setting that looks just like this," Jhilam Biswas, director of the Psychiatry, Law and Society Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital, said after reviewing surveillance footage for The Post. "But I've never seen that."

Experts say the stalled state behavioral health investigation — known as a DI-201 — is inadequate because of the magnitude of the mistakes. And while Virginia has moved forward with a series of behavior health initiatives — including passing a law named for Otieno that grants relatives improved access to loved ones facing mental health crises — officials have not offered an accounting of the actions of the medical staff at Central State that preceded Otieno's death.

"There absolutely should have been a review other than the stalled 201 investigation," wrote Jack Barber, who served as interim commissioner of the state's department of behavioral health from 2015 to 2018 and previously was director of Western State Hospital in Staunton, Va. "This is too tragic an event to not examine thoroughly and make changes to prevent it ever happening again. If that has not happened (especially now a year later) it is a serious problem and, to me, would be unacceptable."

Both Central State and the agency that oversees it, the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, declined to comment on The Post's findings or to answer specific questions about whether clinical staff members were fired or faced any other repercussions while legal proceedings are still pending.

"DBHDS and Central State Hospital have fully cooperated with the Virginia State Police in this investigation and will respect the legal process while staff continue to care for the patients at the hospital," said Lauren Cunningham, a spokesperson for the department.

In custody

Police detained Otieno — an aspiring musician whom family described as sensitive and caring — on March 3, 2023, for a mental health evaluation after a call that day about a suspected burglary. They took him to a Richmond-area hospital, and he was arrested there and transferred to the Henrico County Jail after he allegedly assaulted officers. On March 6, sheriff's deputies took Otieno to Central State Hospital, where he was declared dead less than an hour and a half after entering.

For decades, Virginia has struggled to care for and house its mentally ill residents, among them patients who have died waiting for hospital admission. A state oversight report from December found that overcrowding at Virginia's public psychiatric hospitals, which include Central State, created unsafe conditions for patients and workers. Underpaid staff have left, creating shortages and deteriorating the quality of care for patients, the report found.

After Otieno's death, an investigation by the Virginia Department of Health into the events at Parham Doctors' Hospital, where Otieno was originally taken, found that staff did not provide stabilizing care for the 28-year-old, who never saw a psychiatrist there. In response, the hospital said it had submitted an action plan to address the problems.

"Virginia's mental health system failed him from the moment he went into crisis," said Colleen Miller, who is executive director of the disAbility Law Center of Virginia and has reviewed hospital records on the case.

Otieno's family said his condition deteriorated when he was locked up for a weekend at the Henrico County Jail without access to medication. The following



Caroline Ouko, holding a portrait of her son Irvo Otieno, is joined by attorney Ben Crump, left, and her son Leon Ochieng at the Dinwiddie County Courthouse in Virginia in March 2023. Otieno, 28, was suffocated at a state psychiatric hospital that month.

Monday, footage showed deputies at the jail violently struggling with Otieno as they removed him from his cell for transfer to Central State Hospital.

Staff at Central State appeared unprepared to admit Otieno once he arrived, said C.T. Woody, a former Richmond sheriff who took patients to the hospital over more than three decades on the city's police force. After waiting outside for more than 15 minutes, video shows, deputies pulled Otieno from a vehicle and dragged him, handcuffed and shackled, into the hospital, down a hallway and into an admissions room as orderlies trailed behind.

No one from the hospital but the orderlies appeared to initially approach Otieno once he was in the room.

Central State and behavioral health department officials declined to say who at the hospital oversaw Otieno's admission.

"I think emergency people should have taken over as soon as the officers got him inside," said Woody, who reviewed the surveillance footage.

No visible intervention

In the admissions room, the video shows that two deputies pushed Otieno to the floor and leaned his upper body against a large chair. Shortly afterward, a third deputy held down lower on his body, then a fourth pushed on his legs.

Virginia State Police said in a statement after Otieno's death that it was reported he had become combative during the intake process. But several experts consulted by The Post noted that Otieno offered little visible resistance as he was taken into the hospital.

"Otieno was handcuffed and shackled and presented no present threat to the sheriff's deputies and hospital staff," said Philip Stinson, a professor of criminal justice at Bowling Green University who reviewed the footage at The Post's request.

After Otieno appeared to briefly move, the video shows that deputies and orderlies piled on him and that, for more than 11 minutes, as many as 10 people tried to restrain him. Otieno could be seen at times facing the floor as deputies and orderlies

held him down. Central State policy at the time prohibited restraint of a person facing the floor, linking it to the risk of sudden death. The technique has been cited as a contributing factor in high-profile deaths at the hands of law enforcement, including George Floyd's.

Trained clinical staff should have intervened once Otieno was on the ground and substantial weight was being applied, especially to vital parts of his upper body, said Jeffrey Metzner, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of Colorado. That training should have included how to recognize whether someone was at risk for positional asphyxia, he said.

According to a statement that lawyers for the Otieno family released May 30, after a Virginia prosecutor reduced charges against the three remaining defendants in the case, a witness said that "defendants were directed by staff more than once to place" him on his side. But surveillance video from the hospital has no sound and deputies did not wear body cameras, leaving it unclear when this allegedly took place or what else was communicated in the room.

Video shows clinical staff passing in and out of the room without visibly intervening. The hospital personnel consistently nearest to Otieno were orderlies involved in the restraint.

One hospital staffer entered the room several times holding restraint devices used by the hospital, which others attempted to place on his legs.

But clinical staff did not appear to assess his condition before the attempts, the video shows. Hospital policy says restraints should not be applied before an assessment, according to documents obtained by The Post via a Freedom of Information Act request.

Employees at Virginia public psychiatric hospitals told the state oversight body that reviewed facilities and issued the December report that they were not sufficiently trained in employing restraints in response to "patient aggression."

At 4:39 p.m., 11 minutes after deputies piled on Otieno, one of the officers seemed to register that something was wrong. In the video, a deputy appeared to jostle Otieno's head and attempt a pulse reading. Otieno remained limp. Hospital staff still did not appear to check his vitals.

A patient suffering from asphyxiation is in need of rapid medical intervention, experts said. Hospital policy requires staff to start lifesaving measures in such instances.

"Once Otieno becomes nonresponsive, there should have been an immediate attempt to assess his responsiveness," said Utsha Khatri, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. "If he does not respond to verbal or physical stimuli, a pulse should be checked and breathing should be assessed immediately. If no pulse is felt within five to 10 seconds, chest compressions should be started."

None of that took place as soon as it should have, she said.

As a deputy continued searching for a pulse on Otieno's neck, others rolled his limp body onto its back. For the first time, a hospital staffer stepped over and appeared to attempt a pulse reading.

"The one thing that could have saved his life in my opinion is if the medical staff had tried to intervene to either access and assess the patient or warn the deputies about the possibility of restraint asphyxia," said Peter Canning, a paramedic and EMS coordinator at UConn John Dempsey Hospital.

Attorneys for some of those involved in handling Otieno have asserted that their clients had minimal physical contact and were positioned in such a way that it would have been hard to observe Otieno's breathing.

Injection

Surveillance footage shows that a nurse entered the admissions room and administered two injections to a motionless Otieno at 4:40 p.m., according to the video time stamp — at least a minute and a half after deputies first appeared to sense something was wrong. The nurse did not appear to check for vitals. At least a dozen other hospital staff members, some in scrubs, looked on.

In court filings, prosecutors identified the drugs as olanzapine, an antipsychotic medicine, and diphenhydramine, a commonly administered antihistamine.

Four medical experts consulted by The Post said Otieno appeared to be unresponsive at that time — and may have been unconscious for minutes. They said the drugs should not have been administered because of that.

"If the patient is unresponsive, sedatives can have adverse effects," said Biswas, the director from Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The state behavioral health department declined to comment on drugs that were administered to Otieno.

In March 2023, then-Dinwiddie Commonwealth Attorney Ann Baskerville claimed at a hearing that the drugs injected into Otieno "didn't have a chance to even go through his veins, because his heart wasn't pumping at the time that it was given because he died of asphyxia, which shut down all of his organs." The office of Virginia's chief medical examiner declined to comment on that assertion. Baskerville stepped down from her position in June 2023, and a new prosecutor has since taken over the case.

Questions over CPR

Hospital staff began chest compressions at 4:42 p.m. — at least three minutes after the deputy appeared to check for a pulse.

Otieno was still handcuffed when hospital workers began chest compressions, which they did from a standing position. According to the American Red Cross and the experts consulted by The Post, a person should kneel to give chest compressions.

"You can't be effective that way, and there was no reason for

the person not to get in the proper position to start chest compressions," said Bill Toon, a retired paramedic and former EMS training manager for Loudoun County, Va.

Initial attempts to ventilate Otieno using a bag valve mask began at 4:44 p.m., five minutes after a deputy first appeared to check his pulse.

A minute later, staff tried using a defibrillator machine, then returned to chest compressions and continued doing those for about 25 minutes while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

It's unclear exactly what was happening in the video when Central State called 911. A behavioral health department spokeswoman acknowledged that the time stamps on surveillance video in the admissions room are out of sync with other cameras by about two minutes.

The department of behavioral health said the hospital did not have an emergency department. Barber, the agency's former interim commissioner, said the hospital historically would not have employed an emergency physician. Clinical staff, he said, were typically not trained in advanced life-support measures and would rely on emergency services to respond to a patient in Otieno's condition.

Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS records show that it received a 911 call from the hospital at 4:40 p.m. requesting an ambulance for a patient who wasn't breathing, then another at 4:48 p.m. and a third at 5:02 p.m. "This is just totally unacceptable, and y'all know it, too," a caller from the hospital said about the wait. "Totally unacceptable."

According to the surveillance video, paramedics arrived in the admissions room at 5:08 p.m. and seven minutes later began to insert a breathing tube. They worked to revive him for another 25 minutes — but it was fruitless. At 5:48 p.m., they covered Otieno's body with a white sheet.

"This is delayed, and earlier intubation could have potentially made a difference," said Khatri, the Mount Sinai physician.

The state legislature tasks Virginia's inspector general with investigating complaints about public psychiatric facilities like Central State, but an oversight report said the office reviewed less than 20 percent of the more than 600 complaints received in the last fiscal year. A spokesperson for the inspector general's office declined to comment on whether it is investigating Otieno's case. A spokesperson for Youngkin's office said the only inquiry into the conduct of Central State staff is the halted abuse-and-neglect inquiry.

Miller, of the disAbility Law Center, said state policy allows the director of psychiatric facilities to suspend investigations pending criminal charges.

"If they make that decision to resume the investigation later, all that information is stale and unreliable," she said.

In September, the commonwealth and Henrico County and its sheriff's office paid Otieno's relatives \$8.5 million to settle a wrongful-death lawsuit, but did not admit wrongdoing.

Those still charged criminally in the case — orderly Wavie Jones and sheriff's deputies Kaiyell Sanders and Brandon Rodgers — have pleaded not guilty, and their trials are scheduled to begin in September. Edward Riley, an attorney for Sanders, said in a statement that "Kaiyell did nothing wrong and he remains ready to defend himself against this allegation."

"Kaiyell, working with the other deputies, were doing their jobs," the statement said. "They were tasked with getting the inmate to Central State where he could get the help needed to address his severe mental health issues. There was no desire or intent to hurt him."

An attorney for Jones declined to comment, and an attorney for Rodgers did not return messages. The prosecutor has said the cases were dropped against the others because she inherited the case and was unable to change her office's trial strategy by the time she took over.

Mark Krudys, a lawyer for Otieno's family, said the criminal cases should not sidetrack any other investigations.

Barber recommended that Central State conduct a wide-ranging review of Otieno's death, "to identify changes to prevent it ever happening again," he said. "This is not simply the right thing to do, but a debt we owe the deceased and his family."

Salvador Rizzo contributed to this report.



Videos show, from top, that deputies pulled Irvo Otieno from a vehicle outside Virginia's Central State Hospital. Hospital personnel tried to place Otieno in "soft restraints" even as deputies began to notice something was wrong. Staff started doing chest compressions standing up but should have been kneeling, experts say.

TUESDAY OPINION

KAREN ATTIAH

Black women and the police

“In the name of Jesus, I rebuke you.”

These were some of the last words of Sonya Massey, 36, according to police body-camera video taken inside her home in Springfield, Ill., on July 6. Massey had called 911 to report a disturbance. Sangamon County Sheriff’s Deputy Sean Grayson responded. After a short time inside Massey’s home, Grayson ordered her to take a pot off the stove. When she complied, Grayson’s energy changed. “You better f---ing not,” Grayson said, gun drawn. “I swear to God I will f---ing shoot you right in your f---ing face.”

Though Massey posed no apparent threat (a breakfast bar separated the kitchen from the family room where Grayson leveled his weapon), the deputy then shot the unarmed mother in the face. Seconds later, according to the video, Grayson refused to call for medical aid.

There is something particularly odious about the mixture of murder and the mundane. Black women are killed in their homes by police officers while doing the most banal of domestic activities. Massey, dressed in a robe and pajamas, was shot while taking a pot off the stove. Atatiana Jefferson was killed in Fort Worth in 2019 while playing video games with her nephew. In 2020, Breonna Taylor was killed by Louisville officers executing a no-knock warrant. She had been asleep next to her boyfriend.

A study published by The Post in 2020 found that nearly 250 women had been killed by police in the United States since 2015 — 89 of them in their home or the home of someone they knew.

Grayson has been fired, arrested and charged with first-degree murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. He entered a plea of not guilty. His employment record shows one short stint after another in the U.S. Army and various law enforcement agencies, but his failure to distinguish himself never prevented him from landing another badge-carrying, gun-toting, order-giving job. People in cities across the country see this as a systemic failure, even if people in power cannot. Outraged citizens marched and held vigils for justice for Massey this past weekend.

As activist and educator Alicia T. Crosby said in 2020, Black women killed by police deserve uprisings, too.

Vice President Harris, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president, has a choice to make: whether she will be with the marchers or with the people in power? Since President Biden’s exit from the presidential race, and as Harris moved quickly to sew up the nomination, her fellow liberals are scolding those who are raining on the parade by demanding clear policy on this issue. In the lush throes of the Harris honeymoon, they are enjoying the excitement of a Black and South Asian woman with a path to the presidency. At the same time, they are aht-aht-ing those of us who would push Harris to stake out strong, humane positions at home and abroad. Wait until she beats Donald Trump, until she takes office, until, until, until. But, as James Baldwin famously asked, “How much time do you want for your progress?”

The harsh reality is that police brutality and racism against Black women never take holidays.

Knowing the Massey case is important to address, Harris called the Massey family on Friday. In the call, according to NBC News’s Yamiche Alcindor, Harris reportedly mentioned the George Floyd Policing Act, which aims to ban racial and religious profiling in policing, reform qualified immunity, and ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants. That was weak consolation, as the bill has been held up in Congress for years.

That’s the problem with America, as it has been for generations. Killings of Black people are not seen for what they are: crimes. They are “race” issues, they are “police training” issues, they are bad apples among otherwise good public servants. Very rarely are police shootings of unarmed people considered murder, the ultimate failure of law and order. Because in this country, the law killed Black people to maintain the racial order.

As a former prosecutor, Harris has law-and-order credentials that can appeal to voters in the center and on the right. During her time as attorney general of California, she did not support legislation that would have empowered investigations into police shootings by the Justice Department. Harris’s presidential campaign is using her past to say she’s not afraid to take on criminal bad guys — including, of course, the felon Donald Trump.

But will “Kamala the cop” take on criminal cops?

There is no denying that Black candidates at the national level must tread a tough line on what are seen as racial issues. But they must be on the right side of the line. Though burdened in their grief, Massey’s family said they would enthusiastically vote for Harris. The vice president must earn that vote by committing to address race and police brutality in her future administration. It’s the very least that Massey, and other Black women killed by police, deserve.

DANIEL PINK

Why not run a team against Trump?



MICHELLE KONDRICH/THE WASHINGTON POST; DEMETRIUS FREEMAN; GETTY; AP

In a compressed and competitive race, a dream team helmed by Harris has several advantages over the usual dynamic duo.

simple problems. But teams are better at tackling complex challenges. Groups bring diverse experiences and clashing perspectives, which generate more options and yield smarter solutions for complicated problems.

So, to determine whom to fire on a reality TV show, rely on a triumphant loner. But to repair a broken immigration system, strengthen wobbling democratic institutions, manage ever-shifting geopolitical alliances, prepare for the rise of artificial intelligence or address just about any 21st-century issue, a squad beats a squawker.

At the same time, this novel approach shines a light not just on her opponent’s past performance but also on his future policies. Trump allies have laid out two equally disturbing plans of governance. One is Project 2025, 900 pages of authoritarian revenge porn that rolls back rights, rewinds regulations and rewards the president with the powers of a king. The other is the platform the party unveiled at its convention this month — a shaggy

collection of randomly capitalized catchphrases and outbursts that read as if Bart Simpson scratched them on a chalkboard.

A fleet of pragmatic policy wonks ready to govern on Day 1 delivers a stark contrast — more mainstream than Project 2025, more substantive than an ALL CAPS party platform.

A team recasts the conversation about age and vigor

Many national elections distill to a single question: Forward or back?

With Biden out of the race, Trump is the oldest presidential nominee ever. In the space of two weeks, he has become the last gasp of baby boom politics, the very embodiment of “back.” Democrats can press that case.

Picture a split screen. On one half is an elderly Florida man dishing out a word salad with a side of grievance. On the other half is a lineup of accomplished, energetic professionals — a physician, a carmaker, even an astronaut, almost none of them yet eligible for Social Security — rolling up their sleeves and getting to work.

On one side is a 78-year-old politician who has attempted to launder his age by selecting a 39-year-old yes-man as a running mate — enlisting him less as a partner than as a sidekick. On the other side is a Gen X woman tough enough to assemble a team of rivals to serve her country.

Present that contrast relentlessly until Election Day and the question bubbles to

the top of the conversation: Forward or back?

A team mitigates some of the nominee’s political disadvantages

Women leaders often confront what social scientists call a “double bind.” Though people in general, and voters in particular, readily accept that a male leader can be both likable and effective, they assume that women face an inherent trade-off. If you’re warm, you must not be competent. If you’re competent, you must not be warm. And we want our leaders to be both.

A contingent of running mates gives Harris a way to untangle this unfair knot by outsourcing some of the effort. When she’s displaying the steely competence of a prosecutor, her partners can project warmth. When she’s showing the kindness, laughter and dance moves of “Momala,” her colleagues can demonstrate competence.

Likewise, a unit can insulate Harris from the inevitable attacks. It’s tougher to portray her as a woo-woo San Francisco liberal if she’s leading a squadron of political centrists, corporate executives and military veterans.

In movies and comics, heroes like Batman and Wonder Woman can battle most bad guys on their own. But facing a supervillain requires a team. The signal goes out. The band assembles. And the work begins.

That’s the secret to victory in November: Kamala’s own Justice League of America.

A path toward civility in politics

BY DUSTY JOHNSON

While back, I was welcoming home a National Guard unit that had been overseas. After the ceremony, a sergeant who had been deployed three times, including twice to an active combat zone, thanked me for my service, saying he couldn’t imagine a post so difficult.

I was speechless. When those who have risked their lives in the defense of our country think that political engagement is the tougher duty, we know our politics are too jagged, too mean, too combative.

The tragic events that unfolded at former president Donald Trump’s rally in Pennsylvania illuminated the anger that poisons our national political climate. We’ve all felt the tension increasing over the past several years, and we know the hateful rhetoric has risen well above its boiling point.

Too often, we view people with differing opinions as enemies, rather than fellow Americans. Our country is not

well-served by this. Anger is a powerful short-term motivator, but it is not a foundation for successful marriages, churches, businesses, communities or careers.

We need thoughtful discourse among engaged citizens, not emotional attacks from enraged partisans. For those willing to rise to the occasion, here are six pathways to civility:

Give others the benefit of the doubt: Relationships fail when couples stop seeing the best in each other. If our country is to stay together a while longer, for the sake of our kids, we can’t assume that people on the other side of the aisle are always motivated by racism, fascism, communism or some other evil-ism. Assume, instead, that they view an issue differently than you do.

Subscribe to reputable news sources: Facebook is not a reputable news source; it’s home to adorable puppy photos, cute dance videos and wildly unreliable news reports posted by your uncle Trent. All too often, free news, especially the kind shared on Facebook, fuels our fear, anger

and outrage. Instead, find two professional news sources, pay for their content and consume it regularly. If a source tells you only what you already believe, you are paying for propaganda, not news.

Reject whataboutism: Rather than engaging on the merits of an issue, an online commenter will say “what about this” and point to a past mistake made by the other side — in an attempt to discredit its view. This diverts the discussion from the issue at hand. We should evaluate the merits of an argument, not the imperfections of its messenger. No one is perfect, so all good ideas come from flawed people.

Criticize actions and ideas, not people: Insults abound in political discourse, but you’ll be a better citizen if you avoid using them. We should have robust and spirited debates. It is possible to attack weak ideas and improper actions without labeling someone evil, crooked or a traitor.

Amplify constructive views: Facebook and X can steam with fury. Support

commenters who try to be constructive by using logic rather than bile. It can be as simple as giving their remarks a thumbs up. It’s more fun to repost an angry hot take, but it’s better for our nation to share something productive. Politics must be about addition and multiplication, not subtraction and division.

Illegitimi non carborundum — “Don’t let the bastards grind you down”: Even when overwhelmed by negativity, don’t give up. Politics is not a spectator sport. If the respectful citizens allow negativity to drive them out, the trolls win.

Tragedies such as the assassination attempt on Trump can be a catalyst to bring us together. I’m ready to do my part. I can’t change things overnight, but I hope my actions move the needle in the right direction, and that yours will, too.

The writer, a Republican, represents South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives. This piece first appeared in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

OPINION

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Will democracies fight for Venezuela?

VENEZUELA'S YEARS-LONG crisis has now reached its peak. It demands urgent action from the United States and democracies around the world. In Sunday's general election, the opposition led by Edmundo González and María Corina Machado resoundingly defeated President Nicolás Maduro, but he has fraudulently claimed victory. This blatant attempted electoral theft cannot stand.

EDITORIAL Now is the golden hour of democratic change, the moment after the votes have been cast but before a theft of the outcome has solidified. It must not be squandered amid Mr. Maduro's lies and distractions. The United States and every nation that values electoral competition, rule of law and democratic transfer of power has an obligation to recognize that the opposition are the true winners and to demand that Mr. Maduro submit to the will of the people. No temporizing, no maybes, no false negotiations. Protestations of "serious concern" are not enough.

To be sure, the national election commission, which Mr. Maduro's allies control, said the president received 51.2 percent of the vote, compared to 44.2 percent for Mr. González, who headed the opposition ticket after the government denied Ms. Corina Machado the right to do so. However, anyone familiar

with recent Venezuela history cannot credit this spuriously precise "tabulation." Far more believable are exit polls showing that 65 percent of the people voted for the opposition, in keeping with previous opinion polls showing Venezuelans are sick of the Maduro regime's corruption, repression and economic incompetence and want change. And that does not include the millions who have voted with their feet and left the country. The throngs who waited in long lines to cast their ballots obviously did not do so to uphold the status quo.

Mr. Maduro had long planned to suppress the free and fair expression of this sentiment through limitations on assembly and the media; on election day itself, officials barred international observers from the vote. Once the polls closed, the election commission began a public count — then suddenly, and suspiciously, stopped it because of what Mr. Maduro announced was a massive "hack" against the electronic transmission system. "The demons and the devils did not want the total to be completed," he declared. This is an obvious smokescreen for rigging the election results, as was the subsequent government announcement of an investigation into the opposition for the purported hacking.

The stakes are enormous for what was once a prosperous anchor of all Latin America. Already, more

than 7.7 million Venezuelans have fled since 2014, one of the largest displacement crises in the world. If Mr. Maduro persists in clinging to power, another million or more may soon depart, creating a wave of desperate new arrivals at the borders of its South American neighbors and, eventually, the United States. Moreover, the United States made two attempts in

President Nicolás Maduro was resoundingly defeated, but he clings to power. The U.S. has an obligation to recognize the opposition.

recent years — once under President Donald Trump and once under President Biden — to advance democracy against Mr. Maduro's dictatorship. Now the opposition has united and, at U.S. urging, tried to make the most of the limited and manipulated democratic opening Mr. Maduro — pressured by U.S. sanctions — permitted. If they fail, it will resonate around the world, and could set back Venezuela for many years.

And that will be especially true if the United States fails to support them. There are those in the United States who hint that it would be better to acquiesce to a Maduro power grab so as to assure U.S. access to Venezuela's oil. This would be a betrayal of principle but also a misreading of this country's true economic interest — since it is now the world's leading oil producer and can afford to do without crude from Caracas.

Mr. Maduro probably will not hesitate to crack down if his opponents take to the streets. That is more or less what happened in Belarus in 2020, when frustration over stolen elections led to protests, which President Alexander Lukashenko crushed. Diplomacy, in the form of a negotiated "off-ramp," including amnesty on corruption and drug charges for Mr. Maduro, might help avoid bloodshed — assuming Mr. Maduro could be interested in a deal. Or that his patrons in Iran, Russia and Cuba would countenance one.

Unfortunately, it's more likely he will cling to power as dictators in the aforementioned countries, and Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega — also a Maduro ally — have done. The United States and other democracies have invested heavily in a peaceful democratic transition for Venezuela. In that sense, this election is being stolen from them, too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Americans should listen to ordinary Israelis, not Mr. Netanyahu

Regarding the July 25 front-page article "Defiant Netanyahu thunders at war's critics":

Please do not take anything Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in his address to Congress as representing what most of the citizens of Israel think. Polls over the past half-year have shown that he and his governing coalition do not have the support of most of the voters in the country.

A prime minister who spends most of his time placating his government partners rather than focusing on the general good of the country has no moral standing to make life-and-death decisions for us or to undermine our relationships with our allies.

Since Oct. 7, Mr. Netanyahu has not taken any responsibility for what happened and has continued to deflect any blame and promote discord, division and hatred in Israel. Even as he speaks to the international media, he has largely confined his interviews with Israeli outlets to Channel 14, which provides him with a comfortable echo chamber. He has surrounded himself with yea-sayers and nonentities. He only goes to places where he will be fawned over. Mr. Netanyahu has continued to support those in his government who wish to undermine our democracy even while we are at war. He has not presented the citizens of Israel with any strategy for the day after beyond empty slogans.

Mr. Netanyahu sketched for Congress a portrait of Israel that most Israelis would not recognize or agree with. He talked about the necessity of bringing the hostages home, while the reality is that he has done little to achieve this goal. He has torpedoed every agreement that has been on the table, knowing that if he signs off on one, his government will fall. Tens of thousands of Israelis are still internally displaced because of his lack of leadership and ability to make hard decisions.

This can also be seen in his unwillingness to stand up to the ultra-Orthodox and ensure that they also contribute to the future of this country and serve in the military. Mr. Netanyahu has pandered to Aryeh Deri, the corrupt leader of the Shas political party who has been barred by the Supreme Court of Israel from serving in ministerial positions because of his convictions for fraud, bribery, breach of trust and violation of tax laws. And he has whitewashed the record of National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, who has been convicted on charges of inciting racism and supporting a terrorist organization. These positions are a testament to Mr. Netanyahu's political and moral weakness.

Though many of us go out on the streets and protest, we have no legal means of removing Mr. Netanyahu from power, unless some of the members of his own party rediscover their moral compass. Mr. Netanyahu is trying to save himself and his legacy at our expense.

Harvey Hames, Beersheba, Israel

There are roughly 2 billion members of the worldwide Muslim ummah, or community. For decades, many of them have watched in dismay as the United States carries out a lopsided foreign policy in the Middle East.

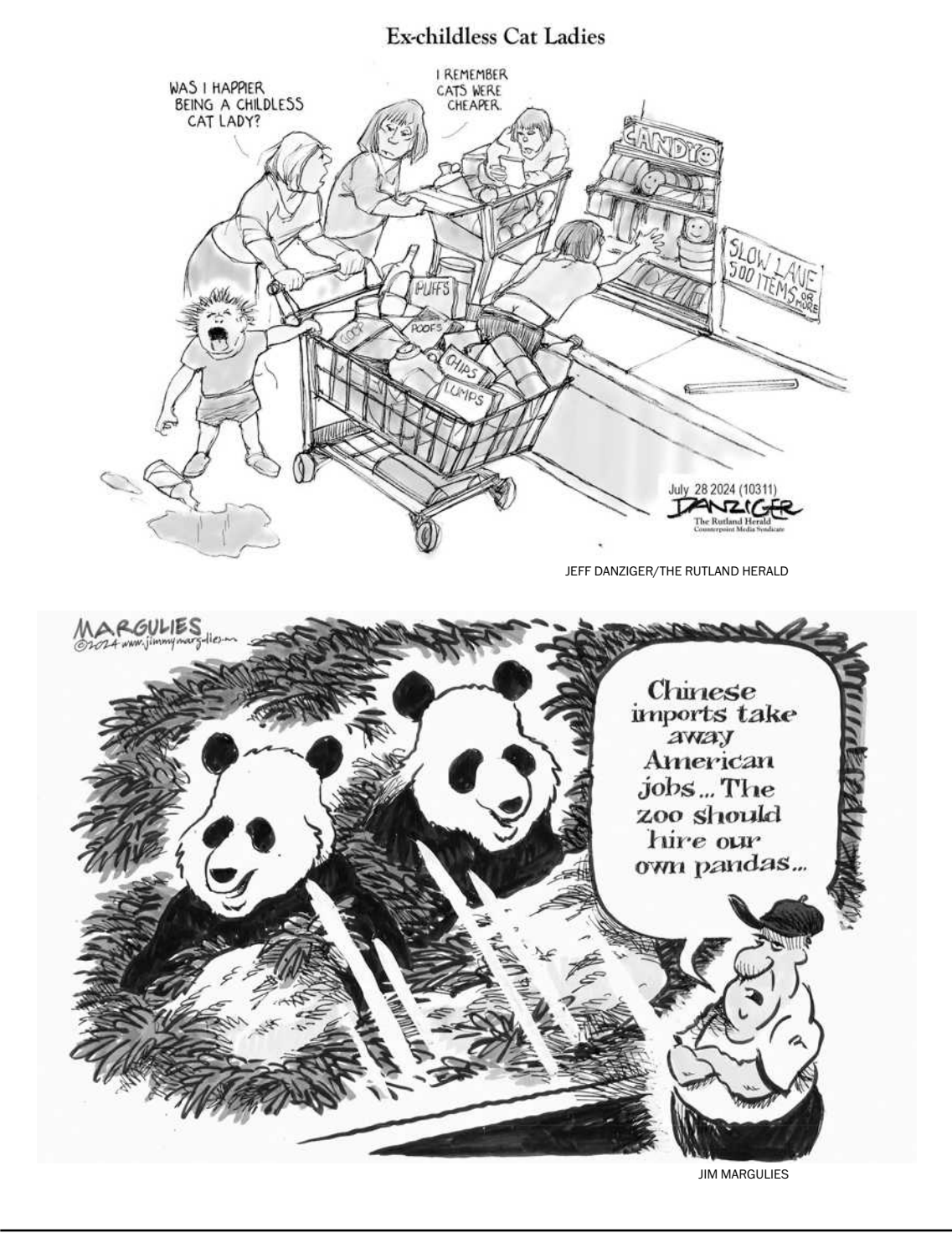
It was the wrong message to invite Benjamin Netanyahu, who the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor wants to arrest on allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity, to speak to a joint meeting of Congress. We are light-years away from the peacemaking efforts advanced by Presidents Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.

The White House and State Department should have dissuaded Congress from issuing an invitation to Israel's prime minister until after Israel holds elections.

The residents of Israel are in the streets trying to preserve their own democracy. They deserve to have legitimate representation on this side of the ocean. Netanyahu belongs on trial before the ICC, not on a congressional dais.

Howard Dotson, Minneapolis

DRAWING BOARD



With his decision not to seek a second term, President Biden has thrown off the long-term political burden of navigating between those who decry any criticism of Israeli policy as antisemitic and those who say any support of Israel is genocidal. Now he should listen to State Department analysts calling on the United States to pause offensive military aid to Israel.

We can provide for Israel's defense without enabling the Netanyahu government's unconscionable military actions in Gaza and its support of Jewish settlers who attack Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. For decades, Mr. Biden has been outspoken in his criticism of Israeli settlement policy as a deterrent to peace and to a two-state solution.

His current diplomatic efforts are being undermined by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, including in Mr. Netanyahu's recent address to Congress.

Mr. Netanyahu enjoyed a better reception from Congress than he would have from the Knesset. Rather than soberly addressing what the United States' policies toward Israel have accomplished, lawmakers abased themselves before the demagoguery of a leader responsible for his nation's greatest intelligence failure and its bloodiest war. The Netanyahu government's incursions into Gaza have not retrieved the

hostages. Instead, the campaign has eroded Israel's national security.

Why would American lawmakers fall all over themselves applauding *that*? It's time for Mr. Biden to say, "Enough."

Annlinn Kruger, Bar Harbor, Maine

Friends of Israel?

You can tell who is a true friend of Israel by who attended or did not attend Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech before a joint meeting of Congress. It has always been customary for the vice president, as president of the Senate, to preside when a foreign dignitary addresses a joint session.

Vice President Harris — the likely Democratic presidential nominee — chose instead to hold a private meeting with Mr. Netanyahu. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Senate president pro tempore, also boycotted the event. Both were joined by more than 100 congressional Democrats who also passed on their opportunity and obligation to attend Mr. Netanyahu's address.

We know former president Donald Trump and his running mate, Sen. JD Vance (Ohio), are strong longtime supporters of Israel. But by deciding to attend a campaign event rather than Mr. Netanyahu's speech, Mr. Vance did both himself

and Mr. Trump a disservice by not being at the Capitol.

Larry Penner, Great Neck, N.Y.

What the protesters want

Since Hamas's ghastly Oct. 7 assault on Israel, many Americans from all ethnic and religious communities have defended Israel's right to protect itself while objecting to the slaughter of Gazan civilians. There has been a concerted attempt to discredit the demonstrators. Student protesters have been derided as either ignorant, misguided or naive. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) smeared them as antisemitic, although a significant number were Jewish. In a blatant effort to shut them up, he ordered that many University of Texas at Austin students be arrested and issued an executive order aimed at restricting protesters' speech.

Now we have disgraced Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claiming protesters are "Iran's useful idiots." That is a hypocritical put-down from an Israeli leader whose government long supported Qatar's efforts to provide financial support to the Hamas government in Gaza even as the group prepared for the Oct. 7 attack.

And he has little standing to talk about reckless political behavior: Mr. Netanyahu is reviled among many Israelis who believe he contributed to the toxic environment that led to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's 1995 assassination. "If you ever heard their speeches, you would understand what I mean. They were very, very violent in their expressions: 'We are selling the country down the drain.' 'There will be no Israel after this peace agreement.' I mean, this was wild," Rabin's widow, Leah, said of Mr. Netanyahu and his Likud party colleagues shortly after her husband's murder. To her death, she blamed Mr. Netanyahu for the collapse of the peace process.

The protesters are not stooges. Rather, they are Americans with an informed conscience, who want to see a permanent cease-fire and an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

George W. Aldridge, San Marcos, Tex.

Making Mr. Netanyahu's point

You wouldn't think Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the angry mob that came to protest him would make the same point at the same time. But that's what happened Wednesday as Mr. Netanyahu warned members of Congress that Israel's enemies around the globe hate America just as much as they hate Israel. "Our enemies are your enemies," he declared. "Our fight is your fight."

As if to prove Mr. Netanyahu's argument, some protesters were, at that moment, burning American flags near the Capitol, holding high the flag of a terrorist group and threatening that "Hamas is coming."

Portraying America as the enemy and Hamas as a source of righteous retribution against it is a perfect example of how to play "useful idiots" to the Iranian regime that has long called Israel the "Little Satan" and the United States the "Great Satan."

Americans may vigorously disagree over how the Israel-Gaza war is playing out, but there should be no disagreement when it comes to rejecting this mob.

Aviva Klompas, Waltham, Mass.

The writer is co-founder of the nonprofit Boundless Israel and a former director of speechwriting for the Israeli delegation to the United Nations.

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OPINION



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The U.S. Supreme Court in Washington.

My plan to reform the Supreme Court and ensure no president is above the law

BY JOE BIDEN

This nation was founded on a simple yet profound principle: No one is above the law. Not the president of the United States. Not a justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. No one. But the Supreme Court's 6-3 decision on July 1 to grant presidents broad immunity from prosecution for crimes they commit in office means there are virtually no limits on what a president can do. The only limits will be those that are self-imposed by the person occupying the Oval Office. If a future president incites a violent mob to storm the Capitol and stop the peaceful transfer of power — like we saw on Jan. 6, 2021 — there may be no legal consequences. And that's only the beginning. On top of dangerous and extreme decisions that overturn settled legal precedents — including *Roe v. Wade* — the court is mired in a crisis of ethics. Scandals involving several justices have caused the public to question the court's fairness and independence, which are essential to faithfully carrying out its mission of equal justice under the law. For example, undisclosed gifts to justices from individuals with interests in cases before the court, as well as conflicts of interest connected with Jan. 6 insurrectionists, raise legitimate questions about the court's impartiality. I served as a U.S. senator for 36 years, including as chairman and ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. I have overseen more Supreme Court nominations as senator, vice president and president than

anyone living today. I have great respect for our institutions and the separation of powers. What is happening now is not normal, and it undermines the public's confidence in the court's decisions, including those impacting personal freedoms. We now stand in a breach. That's why — in the face of increasing threats to America's democratic institutions — I am calling for three bold reforms to restore trust and accountability to the court and our democracy.

We have had term limits for presidents for nearly 75 years. We should have the same for Supreme Court justices.

First, I am calling for a constitutional amendment called the No One Is Above the Law Amendment. It would make clear that there is *no* immunity for crimes a former president committed while in office. I share our Founders' belief that the president's power is limited, not absolute. We are a nation of laws — not of kings or dictators. Second, we have had term limits for presidents for nearly 75 years. We should have the same for Supreme Court justices. The United States is the only major constitutional democracy that gives lifetime seats to its high court. Term limits would help ensure that the

court's membership changes with some regularity. That would make timing for court nominations more predictable and less arbitrary. It would reduce the chance that any single presidency radically alters the makeup of the court for generations to come. I support a system in which the president would appoint a justice every two years to spend 18 years in active service on the Supreme Court. Third, I'm calling for a binding code of conduct for the Supreme Court. This is common sense. The court's current voluntary ethics code is weak and self-enforced. Justices should be required to disclose gifts, refrain from public political activity and recuse themselves from cases in which they or their spouses have financial or other conflicts of interest. Every other federal judge is bound by an enforceable code of conduct, and there is no reason for the Supreme Court to be exempt. All three of these reforms are supported by a majority of Americans — as well as conservative and liberal constitutional scholars. And I want to thank the bipartisan Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States for its insightful analysis, which informed some of these proposals. We can and must prevent the abuse of presidential power. We can and must restore the public's faith in the Supreme Court. We can and must strengthen the guardrails of democracy. In America, no one is above the law. In America, the people rule.

The writer is president of the United States.

EUGENE ROBINSON

Republicans: Yes, you're getting weird

It would be strange for Democrats to attack the Republican presidential ticket for being “weird” if it weren't true. But those men are getting weirder by the day. Former president Donald Trump's running mate, Sen. JD Vance (Ohio), is off to a wobbly start. A Harris 2024 campaign email sent on Friday was headlined, “JD Vance Is a Creep (Who Wants to Ban Abortion Nationwide).” The statement continued, “JD Vance is weird. Voters know it — Vance is the most unpopular VP pick in decades.” It was bad enough when footage resurfaced of a 2021 interview in which Vance called Democrats “a bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable at their own lives and the choices that they've made.” Things got worse last week when Vance offered a non-apology, blaming “people” for “focusing so much on the sarcasm and not on the substance of what I actually said.” Uh, okay, but that doesn't help at all. The substance — which Vance said he stands by — is asserting that adults without children do not deserve an equal say in the nation's affairs. Another unearthed clip of Vance showed him arguing that parents, when they vote, should be able to cast an extra ballot for each child in their family who is under voting age. He didn't take that back, either, going only so far as to claim it was a “thought experiment” and not a firm policy position. The normal thing would have been for Vance to recognize that he said some dumb things and now regrets them. But being Trump's wingman means never having to say you're sorry — actually, never being *allowed* to say you're sorry. “These are weird people on the other side,” said Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, who is on Vice President Harris's list of possible running mates. “My god, they went after cat people. Good luck with that. Turn on the internet and see what cat people do when you go after them.”

Democrats would be foolish to think the weirdness factor alone is enough to defeat Trump and Vance. But a little mockery doesn't hurt.

Trump is weird, too, and that's increasingly clear. Since last fall, at campaign rallies he has been regularly telling that nonsensical story about a boat, a battery and a shark. When it was pointed out that the whole thing makes no sense and critics laughed at Trump's ignorance of basic physics, he insisted on his self-proclaimed infallibility. It's “actually not crazy” and “sort of a smart story,” he told one crowd. Not in this universe, though. Trump also can't stop talking about “the late, great Hannibal Lecter,” a reference to the fictional cannibal serial killer portrayed by Anthony Hopkins in the 1991 film “The Silence of the Lambs.” It's unclear where “late, great” comes from, since the character does not die in the movie and Hopkins is very much alive. Trump even repeated his Lecter riff during his 92-minute acceptance rant at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. No one knows why. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, another of Harris's possible vice-presidential picks, said Sunday on Fox News that Trump is getting “older and stranger.” It's hard to argue with that assessment. Democrats would be foolish to think the weirdness factor alone is enough to defeat Trump and Vance. But a little mockery doesn't hurt. For months, the party trudged dourly through the campaign as if toward a root canal. Now, suddenly, Democrats are having fun. They can look forward to the coming convention in Chicago as a celebration, a new beginning. The \$200 million they have raised since President Biden withdrew and Harris became the presumptive nominee further brightens their mood. Republicans, meanwhile, are struggling to settle on a new strategy. They were all set to run against Biden's age and fragility. Now, the instinct of some MAGA zealots is to run against Harris's race and gender — calling her a “DEI hire,” for example, using “diversity, equity and inclusion” as shorthand for “Black, Asian American and female.” A campaign based on unapologetic racism and misogyny — on “othering” Harris as somehow alien to “real” America — would, of course, be vile. It would also require convincing voters that Trump and Vance are regular guys, and, manifestly, they are not. To say that Vance's attempts at bonhomie are wooden is to insult oaks and maples, as shown by his awkward visit to a Minnesota diner over the weekend. And Trump, meanwhile, has road-tested “laughing Kamala” as a nickname, making fun of the vice president's robust sense of humor. But at least she has one. Think about it: We've heard Trump snarl and mock, we've seen him smile, but can anyone remember him laughing out loud? I can't. Kind of weird, no?

MAX BOOT

Only Venezuelans can reclaim their stolen election

We don't yet know what will happen in the wake of Sunday's stolen election in Venezuela, but we can already be relatively certain of one thing: U.S. policy toward that country has been a dismal, bipartisan failure. And, sad to say, there isn't a more promising approach on the horizon. In the run-up to the election, there was palpable hope both in Venezuela and abroad that this could finally be it for the brutal dictatorship of Nicolás Maduro, who has misruled the once-wealthy and once-democratic country since taking over in 2013 from the left-wing populist Hugo Chávez. Although the chief opposition leader — María Corina Machado — was not allowed to run, the opposition had consolidated around a formerly obscure diplomat named Edmundo González. The opposition parties braved harassment from the government and violence to urge a vote against Maduro. On election day itself, millions of Venezuelans flocked to the polls in their eagerness for a better, freer life. Exit polls showed that González won a resounding victory, but Maduro's election authority decreed otherwise, claiming that the president had won 51 percent to González's 44 percent. The Venezuelan electoral system actually has two ways of counting votes: a computer system and paper ballots. That the regime refuses to release the paper ballots is all but a confession of fraud. William LeoGrande, a specialist in Latin American politics at American University, suggested to me that things had not exactly worked out as planned for the regime. “The Maduro strategy was to boost his international legitimacy by having a more or less credible election that he would win. U.S. sanctions would then be lifted, and the economy would begin to recover,” LeoGrande told me. “But when the regime finally had to confront the possibility of either surrendering international legitimacy or surrendering power, they decided to surrender international legitimacy.” The question is, where does this leave the United States, which has long been agitating — with scant success — for Maduro's ouster? The Trump administration imposed some of the most draconian sanctions in history against Venezuela. Those sanctions, combined with Maduro's egregious corruption and mismanagement of the economy, have contributed to an economic free fall twice as precipitous as the one the United States experienced during the Great Depression. Nearly 8 million Venezuelans — roughly one-third of the population — have fled the



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Nicolás Maduro was certified as the winner of Venezuela's presidential election at a ceremony Monday in Caracas.

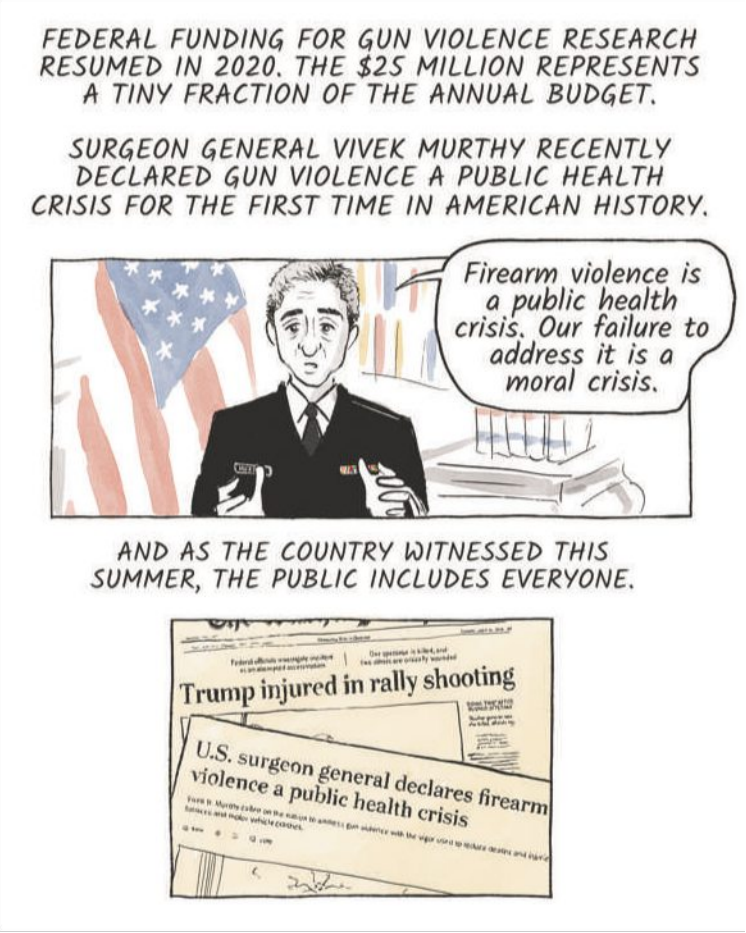
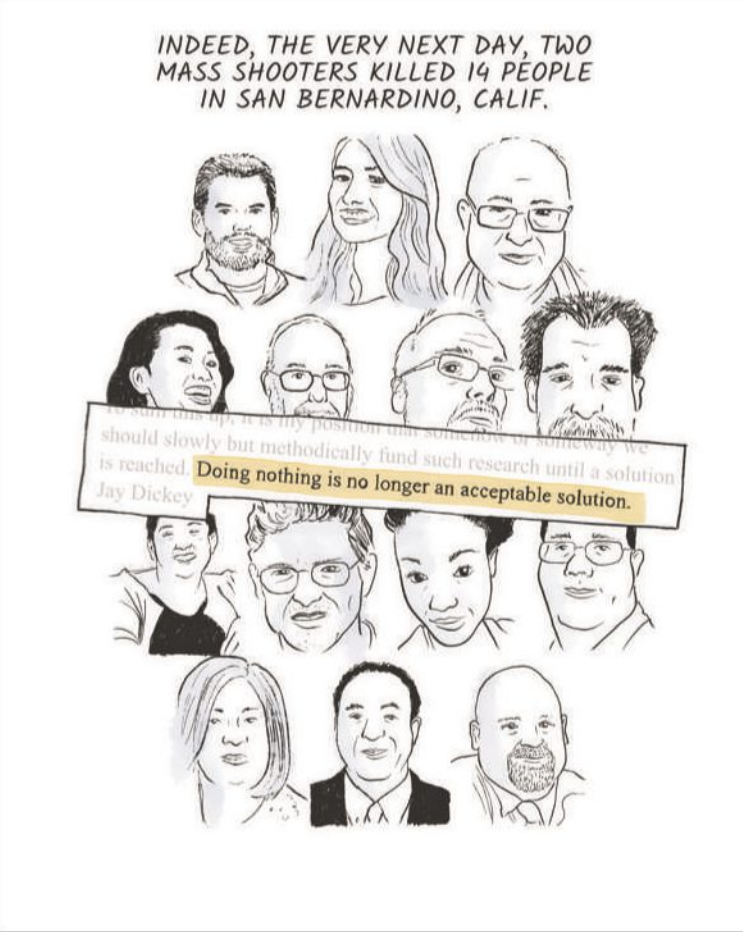
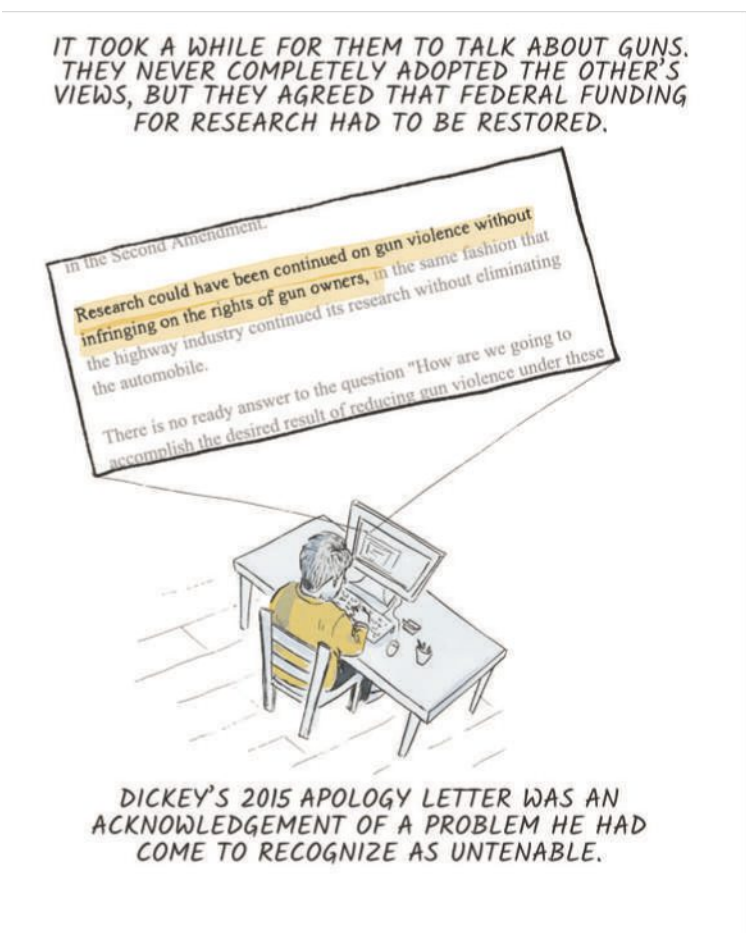
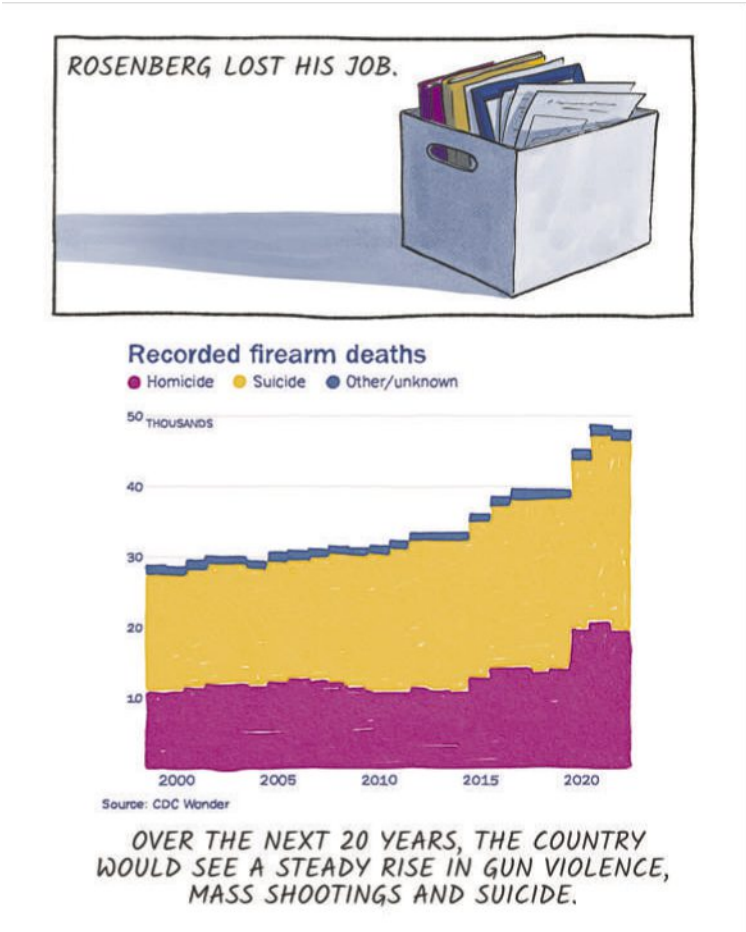
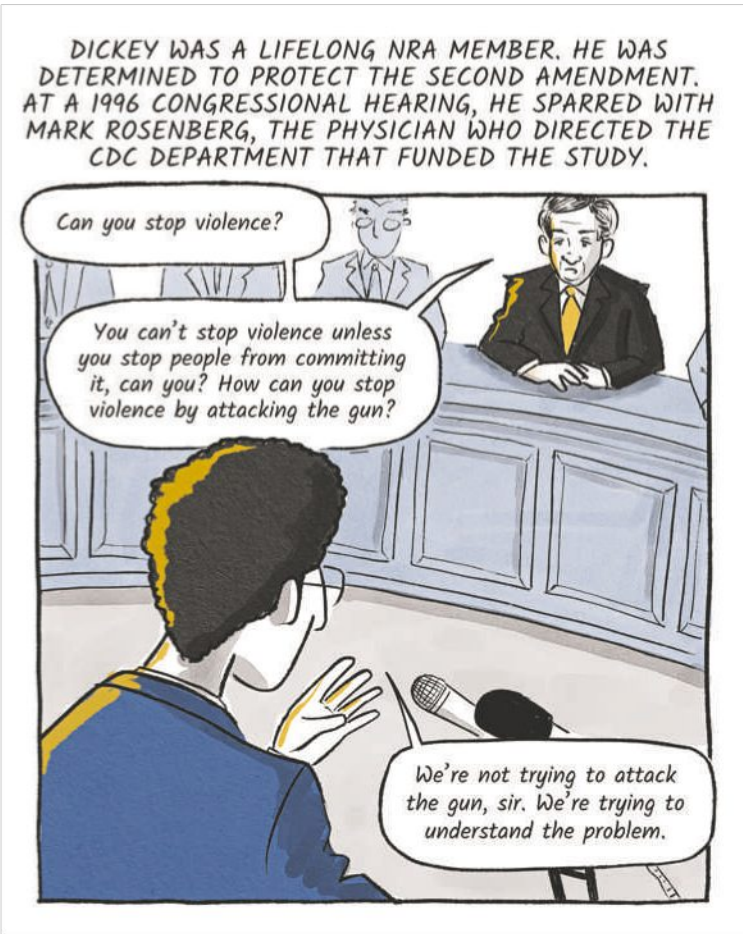
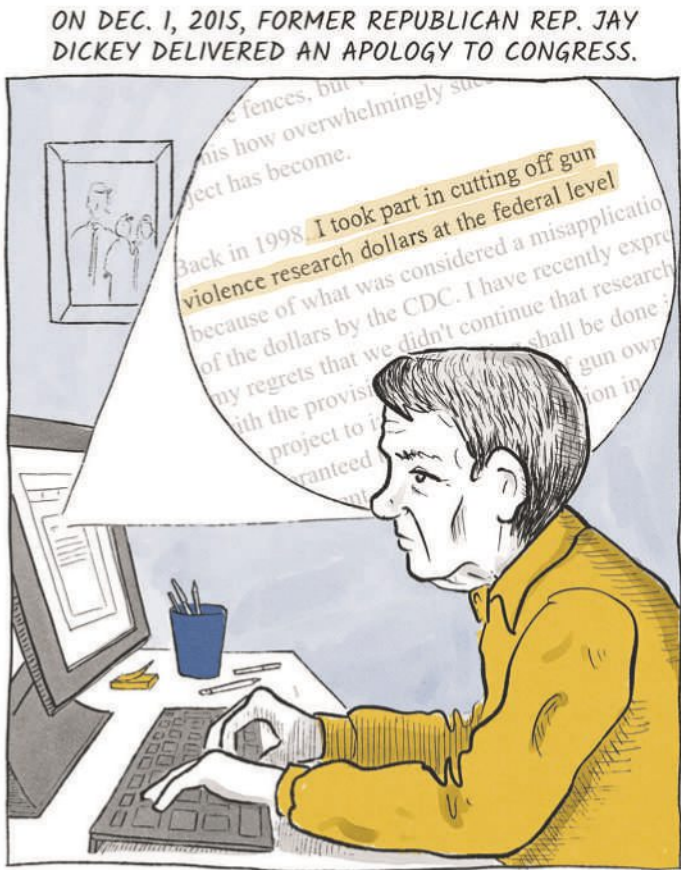
country, with many coming to the United States. More are likely to leave now. But no amount of economic immiseration has dislodged Maduro. In 2019, the Trump administration declared National Assembly leader Juan Guaidó the rightful president of Venezuela. Other nations followed suit. With U.S. support, Guaidó tried to foment a popular uprising, including a call for the Venezuelan military to abandon Maduro. That too failed, reportedly leading even President Donald Trump to question his own Venezuela policy. Nevertheless, the Trump administration continued to ratchet up the pressure, issuing more sanctions until Trump's very last day in office. In 2020, the U.S. Justice Department also indicted Maduro, along with other senior Venezuelan leaders, on charges of narcoterrorism, and the State Department offered a \$15 million bounty for information leading to his arrest. Yet, unlike former Panamanian president Manuel Noriega, Maduro has so far escaped a U.S. courtroom — and a prison cell. The Biden administration tried a different approach: It offered to ease sanctions on Venezuela's oil sector if Maduro would allow free and fair elections monitored by the international community. Maduro failed to fulfill his promises, and U.S. sanctions were reimposed in April. But as late as Friday, senior administration officials, speaking with reporters in a background briefing, were still taking a premature victory lap,

Lawmaker blocked gun violence research, then came to regret it

BY CAMILA KERWIN

On June 25, for the first time in U.S. history, the surgeon general declared gun violence a public health crisis. More than 48,000 people died from gun-related injuries in 2022, a near-record high. Guns have been the leading cause of death for children and adolescents ages 1 to 19 since 2020. Nobody is immune: Recently, a shooter attempted to assassinate former president Donald Trump, who, in 2016, received over \$30 million from the National Rifle Association in support of his campaign. ¶ The story of the Arkansas Republican who led an effort to bar research into gun violence at the federal level — and his subsequent change of heart — offers a window into the forces that have shaped the country’s gun crisis.

The text of Jay Dickey’s letter was obtained from the website of Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) The study “Gun Ownership as a Risk Factor for Homicide in the Home” was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.





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VIRGINIA
Fairfax County plans to alter its zoning ordinance to restrict the construction of data centers. **B4**



OBITUARIES
Actress Yvonne Furneaux, 98, embodied the spirit of the 1960s in films such as “La Dolce Vita.” **B4**



OBITUARIES
Scholar Robert L. Allen, 82, championed Black sailors tried for mutiny after a 1944 disaster. **B5**

Region is put under drought watch

Residents urged to limit water use after stretch of record-setting hot days

BY KYLE SWENSON AND IAN LIVINGSTON

Six million residents across the region are being asked to be careful with their water use after the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments issued a drought watch on Monday.

The guidance comes after a stretch of record-setting hot days that has created unusually dry conditions in Maryland, Virginia and the District, including low flow in the Potomac River.

Officials remain adamant the region is prepared. The three water supply reservoirs in the region are full, and if needed water can be directed from them into the river basin. The water-saving measures suggested by local leaders on Monday — including taking five-minute showers; turning the faucet off when brushing your teeth; and waiting to wash dishes and laundry until you have full loads — remain voluntary.

“Our water supply infrastructure is well-equipped to handle drought,” Michael Nardolilli, the executive director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), said in a news release. “Nevertheless, it makes sense for all of us to use water wisely and not waste this precious resource.”

The current drought watch is the second level in a four-part assessment scale used by local leaders and water utilities, according to Lindsey Martin, a communications specialist with the Council of Governments.

“If we reach ‘drought emergency,’ then the utilities would be looking to enact mandatory measures,” Martin said, referring to the scale’s highest level. The emergency level would be triggered if, based on the regional drought plan, there was a “50 percent probability” the region cannot “meet water supply demands over next month.”

According to the Council of Governments, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has declared that local precipitation levels are nearly 4 inches below normal in the last 60 days.

After a wet start to 2024, rain shut off abruptly this summer as
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D.C. Police Chief Pamela A. Smith visits the scene of a shooting in Southeast Washington that left two people dead and two hurt this month. While violent crime has fallen since Smith took over the agency, polls show many residents continue to feel unsafe.

A year at the helm of D.C. police

BY EMILY DAVIES, JENNY GATHRIGHT AND PETER HERMANN

A man was still firing bullets at police officers when the mayor called D.C. Police Chief Pamela A. Smith.

Muriel E. Bowser, the District’s mayor, told her chief that it was time to let the city know what was happening on this block of Hanna Place in Southeast Washington, where the man with the gun was barricaded with dozens of dogs inside of his home. Transparency was part of the job.

Less than eight months into her role as the city’s top law enforcement officer, Smith decided to push back.

“We’ve still got this person out here,” Smith told Bowser, the mayor recalled in an interview. “We are going to have to wait a little while.”

The disagreement, on Feb. 14 in the midst of a 13-hour standoff, reflected a shift in thinking atop the D.C. police department, which for nearly a generation had been helmed by leaders who rose up through the ranks and embraced public news conferences on high-profile incidents.

A self-described “pistol-packin’ preacher” who served for 24 years with the U.S. Park Police, Smith has sought to reshape public expectations

Leaders, residents reflect on Chief Smith’s tenure

for the role during her first year in office — and is still finding her footing.

Since she has taken over the department, violent crime in the District has fallen, mirroring a nationwide trend. Homicides are down roughly 25 percent, and robberies have plunged 39 percent compared with the same period in 2023, a year that ended with the most killings in a quarter-century.

Still, polls show that many District residents continue to feel unsafe. And some have questioned why Smith has been less outspoken than her predecessors.

“There were news conferences that affected the city, and she wasn’t there,” said Anthony Muhammad, chair of the 7th District’s citizens advisory council, a group that serves as a liaison between police and residents. “She’s still learning the community and how D.C. actually works.”

In one particularly high-profile case this year — the fatal shooting in May of a 3-year-old girl during a gun battle in Southeast Washington — a district commander, rather than

Smith, went to the scene to brief reporters, frustrating some residents, who said it made them feel that crime in their community did not matter.

Smith in an interview said she has worked hard to keep the community at the heart of decision-making.

Over her first year, she won support from key political leaders and public safety officials, though at times frustrated her own staff. She has sternly told officers to spend more time out of their cars and has tweaked assignments so that they are focused on preventing robberies and patrolling higher-crime areas overnight. She has increased the frequency of crime briefings with her command staff from once a week to daily. She has also overseen the opening of a surveillance monitoring center that police say has helped them make quicker arrests. Her perspective, she said, is that her job is to train her staff to respond to crime so that she can focus on structural changes, such as how and when officers are deployed.

In more than a dozen interviews with elected officials, community leaders and members of her department, observers described an approach that, in some ways, plays to the moment she is in.

The anger at and distrust in
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D.C. set to meet housing unit goal

36,000 NEW HOMES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Many rentals allocated as affordable, mayor says

BY MEAGAN FLYNN AND MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

D.C. has surpassed a goal Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) set to add 36,000 housing units to the market by 2025 — a housing construction boom that officials expect to cool rocketing rental prices in a city that has long struggled with major housing affordability challenges.

Addressing a large crowd of city employees at the new Department of Housing and Community Development headquarters in Anacostia, Bowser reflected on what led her administration to set the ambitious goal five years ago. With housing costs on the rise and the housing market still catching up to D.C.’s population boom, Bowser said one thing was clear: The city needed to rapidly build thousands of new homes.

“We have good-paying jobs, we have great transportation, we have incredible amenities, and so when you have all of those things, the demand on housing is high,” Bowser said. “When we came together in 2019, I told you we can’t undo the previous 15 years — but we can double down on what we’re doing now.”

The District eclipsed the goal with the completion this week of Terrace Manor Apartments in Ward 8, a formerly dilapidated complex that a D.C. developer bought out of receivership and rebuilt. In exchange for funds from D.C.’s Housing Production Trust Fund, the city’s main vehicle to build affordable housing, the developer, WC Smith, pledged to keep all 130 new units affordable for the next 50 years.

Among the 36,000-plus new homes added to the housing market, Bowser set a goal to make 12,000 of them affordable for households earning below 80 percent of the area median income, or \$121,700 for a family of four based on the median income of about \$152,000.

Bowser said Monday the city expects to achieve that goal next year, with several projects in the pipeline — although not every
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ALMA POWELL 1937-2024

A service-minded civic leader

Wife of Colin Powell wrote children’s books, served on many boards

BY MAHAM JAVAID

Alma Powell, a civic leader and widow of retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, the first Black national security adviser, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state, died July 28 at a hospital in Alexandria. She was 86.

Peggy Cifirino, former chief aide to Colin Powell, who died in 2021 at 84, confirmed the death but did not provide the cause. She moved to Alexandria from her longtime home in McLean two years ago.

In a career mostly as a military spouse, Mrs. Powell also was a children’s book author and served on the board of America’s Promise Alliance, which focuses on civic engagement, education and workforce development.

She married Powell, then a lieu-



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Alma Powell, seen in 2005 in D.C., turned her focus to education and children’s issues after many years as a military spouse.

tenant in the Army, shortly before he left for his first deployment to Vietnam in 1962. Her husband rose to the rank of general, becoming the first Black national security adviser in 1987 and the young-

est and first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989.

He retired from the military in 1993, was appointed secretary of state by President George W. Bush
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Construction firm to pay out \$3.75M

Workers’ rights settlement is largest in District’s history

BY JENNY GATHRIGHT

More than 1,200 construction workers will receive restitution for lost compensation and sick leave as part of the largest workers’ rights settlement in the District’s history, according to the D.C. Office of the Attorney General.

Under the terms of the settlement, a construction firm that has worked on more than 200 projects in the region has agreed to pay out \$3.75 million in back pay, civil penalties and attorney’s fees as part of a broader push by the attorney general’s office to enforce D.C. wage laws.

“The landmark settlement reflects the ongoing commitment of my office to holding accountable any company that exploits its workers to gain an unfair competitive advantage,” D.C. At-

torney General Brian L. Schwalb (D) said in a news release.

Schwalb’s office alleged the lead plaintiff, Power Design, and general contractor John Moriarty & Associates of Virginia worked with subcontractors to misclassify hundreds of construction workers as independent contractors instead of employees. The structure allowed the companies, which have denied wrongdoing, to skirt payroll taxes and avoid having to pay the workers sick leave, the lawsuit originally filed in 2022 states.

Power Design, a national firm with projects in 25 states, has a broad development footprint in D.C., with a portfolio that includes dozens of apartment buildings in neighborhoods across the District — from Buzzard Point to Fort Totten. Though the suit does not allege which projects made use of improperly classified workers, the company’s website lists a number of D.C.-based partnerships with John Moriarty & Associates, including apartment buildings in rapidly developing neighborhoods such as Union Market,

NoMa and Navy Yard, along with a student housing building by Georgetown’s law school.

Typically, according to the attorney general’s lawsuit, John Moriarty & Associates would hire Power Design to install electrical systems in the projects. In turn, Power Design worked with labor subcontractors to find electrical workers — whom they improperly classified as independent contractors, denying them proper overtime pay and other benefits, the lawsuit states. The lawsuit alleged that Power Design should be held accountable for its subcontractors’ alleged violations of D.C.’s wage laws because it exercised significant authority and control over both the companies and the workers they employed.

“Worker misclassification harms hard-working Washingtonians, deprives the District of tax revenue needed to fund critical citywide programs, and unfairly undercuts law-abiding competition,” Schwalb said. The office reports securing more than \$30 million in wage theft settlements since gaining authority to
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36,000 new homes meant to ease renters’ troubles

HOUSING FROM B1

neighborhood appears on track to meet its target.

Bowser set the housing goal as government leaders across the region were grappling with a serious problem: a drastic gap between housing supply and demand.

That problem was especially pronounced in the District, which experienced dramatic population growth beginning in the late 2000s, spurring an economic development boom. The city’s population ballooned by more than 100,000 between 2000 and 2015, driven largely by young professionals in the latter half of the period. That huge growth in turn accelerated gentrification and displacement, reshaped entire neighborhoods — and hiked rents.

Data from D.C.’s Office of Revenue Analysis, an arm of the chief financial office, puts in perspective how significantly new housing production accelerated in recent years. While D.C. managed to add more than 36,000 new housing units over only 5½ years, by comparison, the city added about 40,000 new units in the previous 18 years, according to a 2020 study from the ORA in partnership with Howard University.

The study estimated that, if not for the city’s plan to build 36,000 new units, rents could have been 5.5 percent higher by 2025.

Bowser’s goal was part of a regionwide effort by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to increase the housing supply — though as of last year only a few jurisdictions, including D.C., were on track to meet their own targets by 2030.

Leah Hendey, a principal research associate at the Urban Institute who studies D.C.’s housing market, described the District as a leader in addressing a regionwide housing shortage problem, owing in part to major investments that have incentivized more affordable housing production over the past decade. Since taking office in 2015, Bowser has invested more than \$1.3 billion in the Housing Production Trust Fund.

“It is really important that

they’ve been adding these units to the housing stock, because they’re desperately needed,” Hendey said. “And I think increasing the housing supply is going to help with affordability in the market overall. That’s not something that happens overnight, though. It’s going to take some time, because we were making up that shortfall of housing to begin with.”

Terrace Manor is one of almost 200 buildings added to the District’s stock of apartment buildings since 2019, ORA data shows. Many of the new buildings have been concentrated in the Water-front/Near Southwest and Central Washington planning areas — according to a city map — as a succession of new luxury apartment buildings remade the city’s skyline.

Hendey said natural market forces stemming from D.C.’s population boom — and, in turn, a housing demand boom — were largely to thank for the acceleration in housing production in the mid- and late 2010s. But she said a number of D.C. policies contribute to higher housing production as well. For one, more land is zoned for multifamily housing, making it easier to build. D.C. pumps significantly more money into affordable housing than its neighbors through its Housing Production Trust Fund, she said. And the city also seizes on opportunities to require affordable housing when developments are built on public land, such as an affordable housing plan slated for the Chevy Chase Library and community center.

“D.C. has really incentivized and set the stage for folks investing in affordable housing in more robust ways than any other jurisdiction in this region,” Hendey said.

Nina Albert, D.C.’s deputy mayor for planning and economic development, said the city’s consistent efforts — including the use of federal pandemic relief dollars to further boost housing production — “were an advertisement to the market that we’re open for business.”

“When you make a big commitment into HPTF [the Housing Production Trust Fund], it makes the lenders, equity provid-

ers and investors pay attention,” Albert said.

Colleen Green, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, pointed to neighborhood planning efforts such as zoning changes and working with the D.C. Housing Finance Agency to secure bond financing for affordable housing products.

“Every aspect of affordable housing has been put on steroids in the District to meet this goal,” Green said. “The commitment that has been made here is bar none in the nation, and I think that’s really what it is.”

Housing advocates have for years pushed for more urgency to address the affordable housing shortage. Census data has shown almost half of D.C. households are cost-burdened or severely cost-burdened — meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their monthly income on rent — while a November Urban Institute report estimated 12 percent of D.C. residents, or more than 80,000, experience housing insecurity.

As part of the goal to build 12,000 affordable units, officials set out to more equitably distribute new affordable housing across the District — especially in areas where, historically, exclusionary housing policies contributed to segregation.

But data shows the District is woefully behind producing new affordable housing in some areas, such as Rock Creek West, while far exceeding its goals in others, such as the Far Southeast and Southwest, where lower-income residents are more concentrated. Rock Creek West has met only 11.6 percent of its 2025 affordable housing goal — raising the stakes for the city to garner neighborhood support for projects like the one at the Chevy Chase Library. Meanwhile, Far Southeast and Southwest have more than doubled its target goal; about half of the projects preserved affordable housing through new affordability covenants, like that at Terrace Manor.

Albert said part of the reason neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River have carried a greater share of the affordable housing goals is because much of the

city’s affordable housing already existed there. But many residents have struggled with deteriorating or unlivable conditions in their buildings. In those cases, Albert said the city could invest in major renovation projects counting toward the goal, while both preserving the affordability of the buildings and making them more attractive to residents. That was largely the story of Terrace Manor.

“There’s a combination of what existed in the past, where we’ve been putting huge amounts of money to make sure that continues to be a quality place for people to live,” Albert said. “But if you look at new ground-up construction, you’ll see it’s much more equitable” citywide.

Housing officials on Monday also noted that, when reviewing applications from developers for Housing Production Trust Fund dollars, they would give greater weight to projects in planning areas that are lagging in their target goals.

For some residents, such as Ciara Williams, who introduced the mayor on Monday, the expansion of affordable housing in D.C. drastically changed her family’s quality of life.

Williams, a 39-year-old mother of two, was homeless and living in a hotel between 2020 and 2022 when the father of her children was killed.

In the city’s shelter system and with nowhere else to turn, a case worker helped her secure a permanent housing voucher to live at Spring Flats — a housing project announced by the city in 2020 with a majority of affordable units.

Now, instead of a hotel room with two queen-size beds, Williams lives in a spacious apartment; her children, ages 13 and 9, have their own rooms.

She called the opportunity a “blessing.”

“I can actually let my hair down and not feel frustrated when I come in, not have to worry about strangers walking around my door,” she said. “My kids can have their own room and just relax and be themselves, and not have to worry about where we’re going to be tomorrow.”

Officials advise limiting showers to five minutes



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Children fish and cool off last month near the White's Ferry boat launch ramp along the Potomac River in Poolesville, Md.

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temperatures soared to record highs. As the ground dried out rapidly, a “flash” drought overtook the D.C. area and other parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast.

The federal government’s drought monitor shows extreme drought — the second-highest category — covering much of northwest Virginia, including the Interstate 81 corridor, most of Loudoun County and parts of Fairfax and Prince William counties. The rest of the D.C. area is classified under moderate to severe drought, except for Southern Maryland, where recent rains have helped close the rainfall deficit.

In early June, there was no drought in the region, but minimal amounts of rain have fallen since. Only about 0.5 to 2 inches

of rain have fallen, which is less than half the norm.

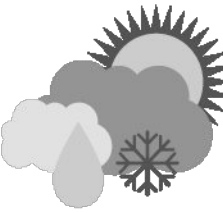
The District posted its fourth-driest June on record with just 1.15 inches of rain.

Somewhat more rain has fallen in July, but it has been hit-or-miss with the highest amounts east of Interstate 95 and minimal totals to the west.

Both Dulles International and Baltimore-Washington International Marshall airports have registered their second-driest summers on record to date.

Through this week, downpours will continue to be hit-or-miss. The kind of widespread drenching needed to put a meaningful dent in the drought is not in the forecast.

The National Weather Service, however, gently leans toward above-normal rainfall during August in the region.



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A year in, D.C. chief is still finding her footing

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policing that manifested in D.C. and across the country after a Minneapolis police officer killed George Floyd in May 2020 had mostly faded by the time Smith took over. In its place was an urgent fear of rising crime and, increasingly, agreement among residents and officialdom that more aggressive prosecution, detention and policing was required.

In a city whose autonomy is subject to the whims of federal lawmakers, the loudest congressional voices on public safety have not come from those concerned about police abuse of power, but instead from Republicans who have argued that liberal policies have failed to keep people safe.

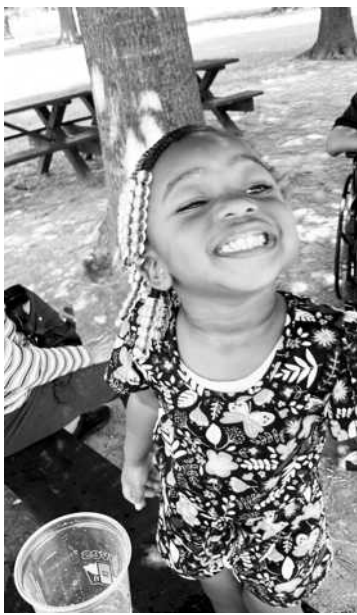
Casting the District as ravaged by violence and run by unequipped liberals, House Republicans last year fueled a successful effort to block the D.C. Council's revisions to the criminal code, marking the first time in 30 years that federal lawmakers overturned local legislation. President Biden signed the disapproval resolution, which also had support from some Democrats, saying he was concerned with a provision that would have lowered the statutory maximum penalty for carjacking.

Since then, Biden, who has said he supports D.C. statehood, has stood between Congress's will and the District's autonomy — vetoing a congressional vote to block D.C.'s major police accountability legislation. But the posture of the Oval Office could change if former president Donald Trump is elected in November. He has threatened to “take over” the city, and Republicans in their national platform have said they will “reassert greater Federal Control” over the District “to restore Law and Order.” A battle over the city's independence would thrust the mayor — who has so far refused to say how she is preparing for the potential dynamic — and her chief into the spotlight.

Over the past 12 months, Smith has shown herself to be a rousing orator when speaking from a pulpit and an expert connector when walking the streets — winning over residents who in interviews described her as honest, competent and warm. Before a TV camera, however, she has struggled, reading from scripts and sometimes fumbling for words. She is also still working to win over some officers, who are skeptical of a résumé largely built outside the department and have shown signs of frustration with her leadership.

“Crime is down, but not because of her,” said a police supervisor who spoke on the condition of anonymity because department rules forbid police to contact members of the media without permission.

Morale has suffered under Smith because of a crush of overtime and weekend work, according to the supervisor and another police official, also speaking on the condition of anonymity because of department policy. As of late March, the department's overtime spending for local initiatives was double what it was at that point last year,



FAMILY PHOTO

“She’s still learning the community and how D.C. actually works.”

Anthony Muhammad, chair of the 7th District's citizens advisory council, a group that serves as a liaison between police and residents

according to D.C. police data.

Smith, asked if she had been fully embraced by the department, said that she had and that “if it's one or two people who are stirring the pot, it's okay. I can't be distracted.”

The D.C. police union, which represents officers, did not respond to requests for an interview.

Earlier this summer, even as crime was falling, rumors persisted for weeks that Smith was on her way out. The hearsay ultimately grew so loud that the chief proactively called a Washington Post reporter to reaffirm her commitment to the department.

“Allow me to reiterate,” Smith said in a follow-up text message. “I am not leaving the MPD.”

Earlier this month, The Post requested an interview with Smith to discuss her first year as chief. Bowser came, too.

As they sat beside each other at the Wilson Building, Bowser, asked about Smith's perception among officers, stood by her hire.

“What I like is she is the people's cop,” Bowser said. “Because that's the job of the chief of police.”

Smith oversees a sworn staff of just under 3,300, the department's lowest head count in at least a quarter-century, according to police data. The officers are responsible for the safety of the District's roughly 690,000 residents, as well as for coordinating with dozens of federal agencies to staff motorcades and demonstrations around the National Mall. Smith earns a salary of \$270,000 a year and lives in a section of Ward 8 that lies across the Anacostia River and was added to the ward through redistricting in 2021.

Those responsibilities are a departure from what Smith oversaw as chief of the U.S. Park Police, a federal agency with a narrower mandate focused on protecting monuments and visiting dignitaries.

In her time with the Park Police, Smith moved among posts in San Francisco, New York and D.C., working as a K-9 officer at the Statue of Liberty and evaluating security at parks around the country. She left the agency in April 2022, just over a year after becoming chief, saying she was intrigued by a job offer from the D.C. police department to be-

with the two offending subcontractors and instituted new procedures to monitor payroll for its remaining subcontractors.

“Since implementing the improvements in January 2021, Power Design has had zero compliance issues,” the spokesperson said, adding that though the company has agreed on a settlement in the 2022 lawsuit, it denies all of the suit's allegations. “Our dedication to fair and equitable compensation remains unwavering, reflecting our core values of integrity and accountability.”

Under the terms of the settlement, the companies agreed to



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D.C. Police Chief Pamela A. Smith, above, delivers remarks on July 18 at the scene of a shooting in Southeast Washington that left two people dead and two others injured, including a 2-year-old named Emily, above left. “We are sick and tired of this,” Smith told reporters.

come chief equity officer, focused on ensuring diversity and inclusion. She soon became an assistant chief in charge of homeland security.

Inside the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in July 2023, she introduced herself to the District. She would become the first Black woman to permanently lead its police department.

“As a child I had no hopes, I had no dreams. They were far beyond my reach,” she said. “But I believe that all things are possible.”

It had been a long and painful road to the podium where she stood.

Her childhood in Pine Bluff, Ark., was shaped by an absent father addicted to cocaine and a mother who turned to alcohol and physical abuse to cope with the challenges of raising three children alone, she previously told The Post. Relief, she said then, came when she was almost grown and legally adopted by the pastor at her church.

Over the last year, Smith has appeared most passionate when speaking about the District's children — encouraging parents to be involved in their kids' lives and engaging with teens at neighborhood events.

Smith said in an interview that the hardest days in her first year as chief were when she bore witness to the agony of the children and teens she is tasked with keeping safe.

One of the most excruciating cases came on a Friday night in May. Ty'ah Settles, 3, was riding in an SUV in Southeast Washington when a gun battle erupted along Hartford Street. More than two dozen bullets flew. One struck the cheerful, chatty toddler, who was pronounced dead at a hospital soon after.

It was the kind of horrific moment that recent police chiefs would have used to make a public point — like when Smith's predecessor Robert J. Contee III stood before the press the day after 6-year-old Nyiah Courtney was gunned down in Southeast in 2021, raised his voice, and declared that he was “sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

But that night at the scene of the crime, the first official words about the killing came from the

commander of the 7th District station. Smith was not there, and the public noticed.

She held a prayer walk days later. Then she met privately with the girl's family.

Asked about her absence the night of the killing, Smith said she had trained her staff to step up and lead when necessary: “There are moments in my life, even as the chief of police, where there are other things that I am doing or other places where I have to be.”

Joseph Johnson, who chairs the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for the area where Ty'ah was killed and is friends with her family, called Smith's absence a slight. He said the family thought of the chief's prayer walk as a mere photo op. A relative of Ty'ah did not respond to an interview request.

“It sends a message that this is just another killing in an impoverished community,” Johnson said. “They just lost another child, and it's just another day.”

Smith has pledged to make police visibility a priority during her tenure. She has urged her staff to be more present, especially on foot, in neighborhoods — a change that residents confirm they have seen. And she committed the department to leading community safety walks in each district every week of the year. At many of them, the chief shows up.

“She needed people to see her,” said Robert Pittman, a member of Smith's 1st District citizen advisory council. “She needed people to understand, ‘I care. I'm here.’”

In June, Smith stood in the basement of Washington National Cathedral, amid a crowd of about 50 people. They were there for Gun Violence Awareness Month. She was dressed in her uniform.

Smith told parishioners about the moment in April 2023 when her mother, with whom she had reconciled later in life, died after a sudden illness.

“My life was over,” Smith said. “Done.”

She understood what it was like to lose someone.

The chief broke out into a Christian hymn, talking about hope.

Here was the pistol-packin'

preacher.

Patrice Green, whose 23-year-old son, Christopher Redfear, was fatally shot in Southeast in 2016, watched the chief and then approached her. They spoke quietly for a number of minutes.

The chief gave Green her card. Green said, “It really touched my heart.”

Federal and local public safety officials in Washington said Smith has been easy to work with on crafting and implementing policy. Unlike her predecessor, Contee, who felt he had to spend time in front of microphones advocating that the D.C. Council shed policies he saw as too lenient, Smith has spent hers enacting and enforcing the more punitive policies that are now in place. Contee left the department last year for a job at the FBI that he said would allow him to spend more time with his family. The previous police chief, Peter Newsham, left his post in 2020 after four years amid nationwide protests against police violence and clashes with the D.C. Council over police funding and policy changes; Newsham said he did not leave because of the disagreements.

The District's most influential public safety officials — including Bowser, U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves, D.C. Attorney General Brian L. Schwalb (D), Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D), and the council's public safety and judiciary committee chair, Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2) — praised Smith in interviews this month, describing her as collaborative.

Graves complimented her “data-driven” approach in considering officer deployment.

He also said he was impressed by her leadership style. Soon after she was named chief, Graves said, Smith brought the former acting chief, Ashan Benedict, with her to a meeting and let him lead it. The chief sat back, listening and learning.

“I thought that was really impressive and showed a lot of confidence,” Graves said. “She didn't need to be performative to show that she was the chief.”

Schwalb said he finds Smith “responsive, professional and focused on getting results.”

Mendelson described her as “able to show a lot of empathy,” which he said is important for building trust in communities.

Pinto, who shepherded a massive public safety package that put D.C. on track toward harsher punishments for a range of crimes, called Smith “a great partner” in developing and implementing the law.

Residents outside of D.C.'s halls of power, meanwhile, are still getting to know her.

On a recent afternoon in Columbia Heights, people running errands had little to say about the chief, noting they were still forming an impression of her. Their focus was on crime.

Saunya Connelly, 59, who has lived in the Mount Pleasant area for 15 years, said she has noticed public safety improve in the last year. “But there are still too many shootings and carjackings,” she said, “especially children getting caught in the crossfire.”

Selena Williams, who lives several blocks from the Benning Road Metro station in Northeast and often hears gunfire, said she wants to see more police on her street. But she expressed confidence in Smith, whose leadership style she described as straightforward and strong.

“I'm grateful to have her as an example of a female leader,” Williams said.

This month in Southeast Washington, a stray bullet struck yet another toddler. The little girl, who is 2, was wounded on a morning walk with her day-care classmates.

This time, Smith addressed the cameras.

“This was another example of gun violence that we cannot have in our communities,” she told reporters. “We are sick and tired of this.”

She appeared to read largely from a script, measured and to the point.

In her car on the way to visit the child, named Emily, at the hospital, Smith called a community activist, Jay Brown, Brown said. She sounded distraught, he recalled, and vowed she was doing everything she could to keep residents safe.

“For the first time, I felt like she wasn't being handled,” Brown said. “I felt like she was one of us.”

Workers' rights settlement is largest ever in D.C.

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pursue such cases in 2017 — more than half of which have come since Schwalb assumed his role in January 2023.

The companies denied the claims against them throughout the course of litigation and argued they followed all D.C. wage laws.

A spokesperson for Power Design wrote in an emailed statement that it took “swift, corrective action” to address employee misclassification errors made by two of its subcontractors several years ago. The spokesperson said that it terminated the contracts

alter their business practices and sharpen oversight of labor subcontractors. Power Design, for example, agreed to stop working with labor subcontractors who have misclassified workers, according to the settlement agreement. The company also agreed to require its labor subcontractors to submit documentation that workers are receiving proper compensation, and to create a hotline or other communication method for workers to report suspected wage law violations. John Moriarty & Associates also agreed to post notices in English and Spanish on all its D.C. job sites informing workers of their

rights and letting them know to contact the Office of the Attorney General if they are not receiving paid sick leave.

John Moriarty & Associates in an emailed statement said that the company has “never been part of any scheme to pay reduced wages to workers.” The company agreed to the settlement terms to make it easier for the attorney general's office to develop future cases against subcontractors who violate the law, according to the statement.

“As part of this injunctive relief, and out of goodwill for the District, JMA agreed to strengthen its already existing subcon-

tract provisions and to supplement its ongoing worksite signage informing D.C. workers of their rights,” the statement said.

The companies' alleged actions follow a pattern that is common in the construction industry, according to a 2019 industry analysis by the attorney general's office. Because work in the construction industry is awarded by competitive bid, companies are rewarded for cutting costs — which can incentivize them to misclassify workers. Companies can save anywhere from 16 to 40 percent in labor costs when they classify workers as independent contractors instead of employees, the analysis concluded.

The lawsuit is the second wage theft action that the D.C. attor-

ney general's office has filed against Power Design. An earlier lawsuit, in which the attorney general's office alleged Power Design was also systematically misclassifying electrical workers as independent contractors and denying them overtime pay, was settled in 2020.

The lawsuit against Power Design is one of a series of actions the attorney general's office has taken to target construction companies for alleged wage theft. In June, the office sued a group of companies that worked on the large mixed-use City Ridge project in Northwest Washington, alleging they misclassified hundreds of construction workers, paying them subminimum wages and denying them sick leave.



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VIRGINIA

Fairfax to consider data center restrictions

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

With the data center industry continuing to expand throughout Virginia, the state's largest local government plans to adopt policies Tuesday meant to avoid problems with noise, the buildings' proximity to homes and the power lines providing electricity to them that have afflicted other communities.

Fairfax County has just a handful of data centers, primarily because there aren't many available large tracts of land in the community that can host the mammoth-sized facilities whose thousands of computer servers process the data that makes the internet and cloud computing possible, county officials say.

But the county of 1.1 million residents has seen an uptick in the development of smaller "edge" data centers that make connectivity even faster in densely populated areas, officials say.

The growth has prompted a board of supervisors vote Tuesday to amend the county's zoning ordinance to restrict where and how data centers can be built — a step also occurring in other communities such as Loudoun and Prince William counties as concerns about noise and the massive amounts of energy consumed by data centers ripple across the region.

"We want to have data centers in Fairfax County, but we want to make sure that we're steering them not only to the right zoning categories but also that we have the right environmental, noise abatement and other protections in place," said Jeffrey C. McKay (D), chair of the county's board.

"What's most important is that we are getting ahead of this problem," McKay continued. "That we're not finding ourselves in a Prince William or Loudoun situation," where, despite the large influx of local tax revenue generated by the industry, its rapid growth has led to an angry backlash from residents and community groups.

Among other things, the proposal before the Fairfax board would allow data centers as large as 80,000 square feet as a "by right" use — meaning no special exceptions would need to be approved — in industrial areas of the county. Facilities as large as 40,000 square feet would be allowed as a by right use in some areas zoned for commercial use.

All of the buildings would be required to be at least 200 feet away from residential properties, with equipment at least 500 feet away and kept out of view. And the facilities would have to be at least a half mile from the nearest Metro station, unless a special exception is granted for a shorter distance, with proof that they are in compliance with the county's zoning ordinance.

Environmental groups and some county residents are pushing for even stricter requirements, while industry advocates say they go too far.

The proposed guidelines "are fairly prescriptive and suggest a relatively narrow aperture in terms of the number of developable parcels and the design aspects the County may consider for data center projects," Josh Levi, president of the Data Center Coalition industry group, said in a statement. "This may limit the number of developers interested in investing and the number of potential projects."

Homeowners near the site of a planned 466,000-square-foot data center in the county's eastern Bren Mar area argue that the restrictions should apply to projects like that one, which have been submitted to the county but are not yet approved for construction.

That project is currently al-

lowed as a by right development. But its proximity to nearby homes — just over 200 feet away — and to the Van Dorn Street Metro station could make it subject to a special exception hearing if the board decided to include it in the zoning amendment, those residents argue.

Not including it "would basically shut off any kind of opportunity that we would have to have a public hearing on this," Tyler Ray, president of the homeowners association in the nearby Bren Pointe neighborhood of townhouses, said in an interview Monday. "The county isn't doing anything to protect us."

During a four-hour public hearing on the zoning change earlier this month, other groups called for the county board to expand the distance from the nearest homes to at least 500 feet and make all new data center construction subject to a special exception hearing.

"Data centers might be one of the most pivotal issues of our generation," Renee Grebe, a conservation advocate with the Nature Forward environmental group, said during that hearing. The zoning changes under consideration "will have decades-long consequences on our county and us residents," she added.

That sense of urgency stems from broader projections about the industry's growth and its impact on the portion of the nation's power grid that includes Virginia, D.C., Maryland and 10 other states as data centers handle more energy-intensive artificial intelligence technology.

Recently, the Dominion Energy utility estimated that the industry's demand for electricity in its service area will quadruple by 2040 to nearly 14 gigawatts, or enough to power 11.2 million homes.

Meanwhile, Loudoun County is preparing to adopt its own zoning amendment that will also further regulate the industry, with the county board considering a proposal to require new data center projects to include plans for a microgrid that would supply the facility with its own electricity.

Prince William, the area's second-largest market, is also working to regulate the industry.

"If we continue to try to meet the power needs of the data center community through the traditional regional grid structure, we will fail," said Loudoun Supervisor Michael R. Turner (D-Ashburn), who is spearheading his county's zoning amendment effort.

Turner noted that the region's grid operator, PJM Interconnection, has warned that power failures are a possibility in the coming years if more energy isn't delivered to the region. The organization recently approved \$5.2 billion of transmission lines projects meant to ensure grid reliability, including one that connects Northern Virginia to coal plants in West Virginia, and is planning to solicit bids for even more power line projects while relying in part on fossil fuel plants for extra energy.

Turner argued those fixes won't occur in time.

"We won't have the build out on these new lines until 2028 and AI is here," he said.

McKay said Fairfax is not seeking to add to the problem by becoming a major market for data centers. But the county nonetheless wants to prepare for the inevitability that the industry's footprint will spread further into Fairfax, he said.

"Who knew when this started that this was where this was going to end up?" McKay said. "I'm not criticizing Loudoun or Prince William, per se, but I am saying that don't want to end up in a situation they're in."

YVONNE FURNEAUX, 98

Actress embodied modern women



SILVER SCREEN COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES

Yvonne Furneaux played roles in Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita" and Roman Polanski's "Repulsion."

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Yvonne Furneaux, a raven-haired actress raised on both sides of the English Channel who found acclaim playing women navigating the sexual freedoms of the 1960s in films including "La Dolce Vita" and the psychological drama "Repulsion," died July 5 at her home in North Hampton, N.H. She was 98.

The cause was a stroke, said her son, Nicholas Natteau.

Born in France to British parents and multilingual, Ms. Furneaux fit well into the spirit of an age when cultural and social boundaries in Europe were being toppled by a postwar generation impatient for change. She worked with French, German, Spanish, American and British directors — as well as Italian filmmakers in her breakout roles — in more than 30 films from dark comedies to horror.

She was best known, however, for characters who embraced the free-spirit modernity of the jet set, or as playing the "other woman" in turbulent and ill-fated relationships.

The British press in the 1960s sometimes referred to her as a "tigress" of cinema, commenting on her sexually confident roles, her striking green eyes and an accent that could be flavored with hints of French and Italian.

She laughed off the descriptions. She reminded interviewers of her early films playing damsels in distress in swashbuckling films starring Errol Flynn in the 1950s and as a 4,000-year-old princess in 1959's "The Mummy" by Britain's horror-flick factory, Hammer Films.

Yet she also liked to cultivate an image as a screen siren and a real-life devotee of a flirty and fun-seeking ethos. Shortly after

the premiere of Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita" in 1960, Ms. Furneaux met with a correspondent for Britain's Evening Standard for cocktails near Rome's Spanish Steps. She claimed to enjoy the attentions of Italy's sweet-tongued lotharios.

"They will tell the most dreadful lies," she said. "No girl is safe here. Oh, it's just marvelous."

In Fellini's film, Ms. Furneaux played Emma, the anguished live-in girlfriend of a philandering journalist, Marcello Rubini (Marcello Mastroianni). Their toxic life together was part of Fellini's commentary on decadence, consumerism and a man adrift amid temptations and self-doubt. (The other women in Marcello's life in the film include a wealthy lover played by the French actress Anouk Aimée and an innocent soul portrayed by Anita Ekberg.)

In one scene, Marcello returns home after spending the night with a prostitute to find Emma had attempted suicide by overdose. As their relationship reached a breaking point, Emma and Marcello quarrel in a car parked in the bleak outskirts of Rome. "What have I done to be treated this way?" she tells Marcello after declaring her love for him. "Not even a dog gets treated like this." Marcello accuses her of smothering him with "sticky, maternal love."

Emma bites his hand when he tries to toss her out of the car. He slaps her. As dawn breaks, she is shown holding wildflowers, alone by the roadside. Marcello, contrite for the moment, returns and she rides back home with him.

Fellini praised Ms. Furneaux's performance as deeply authentic, saying that Ekberg and others received more attention from viewers because their characters

were more "mysterious, were thus more intriguing."

In her next major film, Ms. Furneaux was cast by director Roman Polanski in his exploration of London's Swinging Sixties in "Repulsion" (1965).

Ms. Furneaux's character, Helen, finds liberation in the club scene and casual sex with her married boyfriend, while her sister Carol (Catherine Deneuve) slips deeper into a nightmarish cocoon of self-loathing and rejection of pleasure.

After the movie's release, New York Times film critic Bosley Crowther lauded Ms. Furneaux for a convincing performance as the "subtly contentious older sister" who allowed the brewing "maelstrom of violence and horror."

According to the 2007 book "Polanski: A Biography" by celebrity chronicler Christopher Sandford, Ms. Furneaux and Polanski had their own tense moments. The director reportedly tried to provoke anger and unease among the actors, seeking to have them carry those emotions onto the set. Ms. Furneaux pleaded with executive producer Michael Klinger to have Polanski ease off, Sandford wrote.

"Why are you giving the girl such a hard time?" Klinger asked the filmmaker. "Michael, I know she's a nice girl," Polanski replied, according to the book's account. "She's too bloody nice. She is supposed to be playing a b----. Every day I have to make her into a b----."

Studied drama in London

Ms. Furneaux was born May 11, 1926, in Roubaix, France, and named Elisabeth Yvonne Scatcherd. Her father was a director at a Lloyds Bank branch, and her mother, whose family name was Furneaux, tended to the home.

The family moved to Britain

when Elisabeth was 11 and she later studied modern languages at St Hilda's College at the University of Oxford, learning Italian and perfecting her French. She was then accepted at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, graduating in 1951.

She found her first professional roles on the London stage in productions that included Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and "The Taming of the Shrew." In the January 1953 issue of Vogue magazine's British edition, she was part of a photo spread (with her newly adopted name Yvonne Furneaux) on the theater world's promising young talent.

Film roles soon came. She played a jilted lover in Peter Brook's musical "The Beggar's Opera" (1953), starring Laurence Olivier; and made three adventure films starring Flynn, the last being "The Dark Avenger" (1955).

That year she made her Italian cinema debut in Michelangelo Antonioni's "Le Amiche," or "The Girlfriends," starring with four other women (Eleonora Rossi Drago, Madeleine Fischer, Valentina Cortese and Anna Maria Pancani) dealing with the ups and downs of life in Turin.

Ms. Furneaux's character, Momi-na, worldly and jaded, is recently separated from her husband, has a new lover and finds the best way to deal with problems is to talk them out over drinks. When the series "Sex and the City" first aired in 1998, many reviewers looked back on Momi-na as something of a mid-1950s prototype for Kim Cattrall's character, Samantha.

After Ms. Furneaux co-starred in Ray Milland's crime drama "Lisbon" (1956), a Hollywood production shot in Portugal, she returned to the theater for a Shakespeare tour in India. On her return in 1958, she stopped in Rome for a short holiday. A call came from the office of American producer and talk show host David Susskind, who wanted to cast her in a CBS television production of Emily Brontë's novel "Wuthering Heights."

"I screamed," she told the Daily News. "I was so excited! America at last ... I caught the next plane out, without even seeing the Colosseum."

During the 1960s, she appeared in films including "The Story of the Count of Monte Cristo" (1961) — where she met her future husband, cinematographer Jacques Natteau — and the 1967 thriller "The Champagne Murders," co-starring with Anthony Perkins. She mostly retired from acting in the early 1970s but made a brief comeback in the oddball comedy "Frankenstein's Great Aunt Tillie" (1984).

Ms. Furneaux and Natteau were married in 1962. Natteau died in 2007. Survivors include her son.

Her reputation as a self-assured achiever was far from reality, she said. She described herself as full of insecurities during her years on the stage and screen.

"I'm so nervous," she once told the Manchester Evening News. "I always think this part is going to be my last."

A military spouse who served in her own way

POWELL FROM B1

in 2001 and spent four often-beleaguered years in that job amid the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

The Powells moved more than 20 times during Colin Powell's decades of active-duty service, and Mrs. Powell took a leading role helping other military families prepare for similar adjustments with their families. She was also a member of the Arlington Ladies, a group that attend funerals of service members at Arlington National Cemetery.

After her husband reentered civilian life, Mrs. Powell began to focus her energies more on education issues and improving children's lives.

The couple were key to launching America's Promise Alliance in 1997, and Mrs. Powell held several positions on its board, including her most recent post of chair emeritus. She also wrote two children's books to support the mission of the organization, called "America's Promise" and "My Little Red Wagon," aimed at encouraging children to give back to their communities, according to publisher HarperCollins.

From 1989 to 2000, she was chair of the National Council of the Best Friends Foundation, which aims to improve the lives of young girls.

Mrs. Powell, who was appointed to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts board during Bill Clinton's presidency, was

also picked to be on an advisory board for historically Black colleges and universities in 2010 by President Barack Obama. She sat on many other boards and won service awards.

Alma Vivian Johnson, the eldest of two daughters, was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Oct. 27, 1937. Her father was the principal of one of Birmingham's Black high schools, and her mother ran a day care, according to the obituary sent by Ciffrino.

In 1957 she received a bachelor's degree in speech and drama at Fisk University, a historically Black college in Nashville. She returned to her hometown and briefly hosted an afternoon radio show that played music and discussed household tips.

She soon relocated to Boston, where she studied speech pathology and audiology at Emerson College and worked for the Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing by providing hearing tests, fitting veterans with hearing aids and teaching the deaf to read lips, according to the family obituary. She was set up on a blind date with Colin Powell in 1961.

She was reluctant to go out with a soldier and told The Washington Post she purposefully overdid her makeup and put on an unflattering dress. But when she met him, the general wrote in his memoir, she decided he looked "like a little lost twelve-year-old" and changed both her mind and her dress. Colin Powell, meanwhile, wrote that he was



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Alma Powell was married to Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state, until his death in 2021.

"mesmerized by a pair of luminous eyes, an unusual shade of green."

They married the next year, at the First Congregational Church in her hometown, and she did not complete her graduate education.

Survivors include three children, Michael, Linda and Annemarie; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson. Michael Powell, a lobbyist, served as Federal Communications Commission chairman under President George W. Bush.

Mrs. Powell supported her husband throughout his military career, but she was opposed to him running for president, The Post reported, and despite entreaties from leaders of both parties, he said he was unenthusiastic about campaigning for high office. He also acknowledged his wife's struggle with clinical depression in 1995 after the diagnosis became public amid heated discussion of his political prospects.

Depression, he said in 1995, "is very easily controlled with proper medication, just as my blood pressure is sometimes under control with proper medication. ... When the story broke, we confirmed it immediately, and I hope that people who read that story who think they might be suffering from depression make a beeline to the doctor."

The Post's Bob Woodward asked the former general a few months before his death, "Who was the greatest man, woman or person you have ever known?"

"It's Alma Powell," he said. "She was with me the whole time. We've been married 58 years. And she put up with a lot. She took care of the kids when I was, you know, running around. And she was always there for me and she'd tell me, 'That's not a good idea.' She was usually right."



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OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. ALLEN, 82

Champion of Black sailors in 1944 mutiny case

BY EMILY LANGER

On the night of July 17, 1944, blasts rocked the Port Chicago Naval Magazine outside San Francisco, where sailors were loading a cargo ship with more than 4,000 tons of anti-aircraft ammunition, bombs and other munitions bound for the Pacific.

The ship disintegrated, along with most of the pier and much of the surrounding site. A second cargo ship was blown to pieces. Three hundred and twenty people, including Navy personnel and civilian employees, were killed instantly.

Eight decades later, the Port Chicago disaster is often overlooked in the history of World War II. But the munitions explosion — its exact cause was never determined — marked one of America's worst home-front disasters during the conflict and became a tragic symbol of injustice in a military still cleaved by segregation.

Port Chicago was staffed principally by African American sailors and commanded by White officers. Almost two-thirds of the blast victims were Black. Convinced that their lives had been needlessly put at risk, 258 Black sailors refused to return to work after the incident until enhanced safety protocols were put in place.

Threatened with court-martial and potential execution, 208 resumed their duties but were still charged with refusal to obey orders. Fifty held firm and were convicted of conspiracy to commit mutiny, in the largest mutiny trial in Navy history.

The court-martial attracted the attention of the NAACP and other civil rights groups, and publicity surrounding the trial help spur the desegregation of the Navy in 1946. But the surviving sailors remained pained by their convictions, which stayed on the books until this month, when Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro issued a formal exoneration.

Their story was established in large part by Robert L. Allen, a professor and scholar of African American studies and the author of the 1989 book “The Port Chicago Mutiny: The Story of the Largest Mass Mutiny Trial in U.S. Naval History.”

Dr. Allen, 82, died July 10 at a care facility in Vallejo, Calif. His son, Casey dos Santos Allen, said the cause was kidney failure and other ailments. The exoneration of the sailors took place exactly one week after Dr. Allen's death, on the 80th anniversary of the blast.

Dr. Allen spent decades as a senior editor at the Black Scholar, one of the country's oldest Black studies journals; founded a small publishing house in 1984, Wild Trees Press, with novelist Alice Walker, his partner at the time; and taught at a host of California schools, including San José State University, Mills College in Oakland and the University of California at Berkeley.

He was working as a journalist in the 1970s when he first learned of the Port Chicago sailors and was compelled to delve deeper into a story that he saw as a matter of racial injustice. His views aligned with those of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who ran the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund at the time of the case and helped the sailors mount an appeal.



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Robert L. Allen, seen in the 1960s, was a professor and scholar of African American studies known for his book “The Port Chicago Mutiny: The Story of the Largest Mass Mutiny Trial in U.S. Naval History.”

“These guys were victims of racism and the military legal system.”
Robert L. Allen, describing the mutiny case to the Los Angeles Times in 1991

“I can’t understand why,” Marshall had said, “whenever more than one Negro disobeys an order, it is mutiny.”

Dr. Allen conducted oral histories with survivors of the blast, some of whom had not spoken of their experience even to their families because of the shame of their court-martial convictions.

The sailors had received little training as stevedores but were forced to load munitions — a dangerous task — as White officers made bets on which units would move the fastest. One enlisted man told Dr. Allen that he narrowly missed killing or maiming fellow servicemen on a daily basis because of the speed at which he was required to work.

The blasts, which left the stench of burning flesh in the air, were deeply traumatic to witnesses. White personnel were given 30 days’ leave to rest, while the Black sailors were tasked with searching for survivors and the remains of the dead. Only 51 bodies were identifiable, according to the Navy.

The Black sailors were transferred to another shipyard and commanded to resume their duties loading ships with ammunition. The trial that followed, Dr. Allen said, was a “mockery.” He saw their actions as a wildcat strike, not a mutiny.

“I wasn’t trying to shirk work. I don’t think these other men were trying to shirk work,” Joe Small, a winch operator, told him in an interview. “But to go back to work under the same conditions, with no improvements, no changes, the same group of officers that we had, was just — we thought there was a better alternative, that’s all.”

The 208 men who continued loading lost three months’ pay. The 50 convicted of conspiracy to

commit mutiny received sentences ranging from eight to 15 years in confinement. First lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped civil rights activists secure their release in 1946. But the horror and humiliation they had experienced endured.

“It’s an American tragedy,” Mr. Allen told the Los Angeles Times in 1991, referring to the case. “It was the world as it was, and it was pretty grim. These guys were victims of racism and the military legal system.”

Through the efforts of Dr. Allen and other advocates, the military and the public began to reevaluate the mutiny case. A Port Chicago national memorial was dedicated in 1994, and five years later President Bill Clinton pardoned Freddie Meeks, one of the last surviving sailors in the Port Chicago case, and the only one to formally seek a pardon.

By the time Del Toro issued the exoneration this month, none of the sailors were alive to see the event. The Navy secretary told The Washington Post at the time that the charges were “a tremendous wrong,” adding that setting aside the convictions “clears their names, restores their honor and acknowledges the courage they displayed in the face of immense danger.”

Dr. Allen suffered at the end of his life from dementia, but “for however brief a moment,” his son said, he seemed to understand that the exoneration was coming.

Several days before he died, Dr. Allen received promising news from Diana McDaniel, a niece of a Port Chicago sailor and a co-founder with Dr. Allen and another activist, David Salniker, of the advocacy and fundraising organization Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial.

Word of the exoneration was not yet confirmed, but Del Toro had committed to attending the upcoming 80th anniversary commemoration. “I figured the secretary of the Navy wasn’t going to give us bad news,” McDaniel said.

Speaking to Dr. Allen on the phone, she recalled, “you could hear the smile in his voice.”

Robert Lee Allen Jr. was born on May 29, 1942, in Atlanta, where his mother was an administrator at Spelman College, a historically Black school for

women. His father was a mechanic.

Dr. Allen was less than a year younger than Emmett Till, the 14-year-old African American whose lynching in the Mississippi Delta in 1955 helped galvanize the civil rights movement. Dr. Allen was a regular reader of Jet magazine, which published photographs of Till’s mutilated body.

“I looked at those pictures, and I just could not believe it. It was horrifying,” he said in an oral history with Berkeley in 2019. “I realized this was done by White people to a Black boy who was accused of whistling at a White girl. ... This is when I realized that the White people were not only dangerous, but they were dangerous to all of us, including me, because he was my age.”

Dr. Allen received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1963. He moved to New York, where he became one of the first Black journalists at the leftist newspaper the National Guardian, and where he received a master’s degree from the New School for Social Research in 1967.

During the Vietnam War, he was a self-described “draft resister,” later writing that he considered the war “illegal and racist.” He moved to the Bay Area and received a PhD in sociology from the University of California at San Francisco in 1983.

Besides his volume on the Port Chicago case, Dr. Allen wrote or co-wrote books including “Black Awakening in Capitalist America” (1969) and “The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: C.L. Dellums and the Fight for Fair Treatment and Civil Rights” (2015).

Dr. Allen’s marriages to Pamela Parker and Janet Carter ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of seven years, Zélia M. Bora of João Pessoa, Brazil; his son, from his first marriage, of San Francisco; three sisters; and three grandchildren.

To Dr. Allen, the Port Chicago sailors offered lessons beyond the immediate significance of their case.

“They were just ordinary boys, teenagers, who changed the most powerful military institution in the world,” he told the Los Angeles Times. “All of us have that in us, to rise up and face injustices and change history.”

IN MEMORIAM

WADE

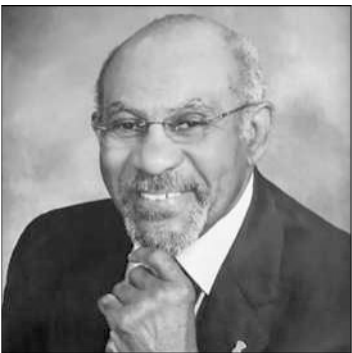


JULIANNE WADE “Pebbles”

Happy birthday to the most wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend. You may be up in heaven but you’re always in my heart. I wish that we could spend your birthday together. Instead I am going to light a candle and spend today thinking of all those treasure memories I have of you. Happy birthday mom, all the way up there in heaven.

IN REMEMBRANCE

CRAIGEN



JAMES CRAIGEN SR. “Jim” (Age 85) NOVEMBER 6, 1938 - JULY 17, 2024

James “Jay” and Rhea Craigen announce the peaceful transition of their beloved Father, Professor Emeritus James “Jim” Edward Craigen, Sr., on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The family asks for your continued prayers as we prepare to celebrate his well-lived life. We appreciate your love and support during this difficult time. Arrangements are as follows:

Viewing
Thursday, August 8, 2024, 4 to 6 p.m.
March Funeral Homes – West Baltimore
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Friday, August 9, 2024
Wake / Final Viewing: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Omega Ceremonies: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Funeral Service: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
St. John Baptist Church
9055 Tamar Dr., Columbia, MD 21045

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to Morris Brown College (https://morrisbrown.edu/give/) or Howard University (https://giving.howard.edu/givenow).

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IN MEMORIAM

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DEATH NOTICE

DEMPSEY



CYNTHIA C. DEMPSEY

After a valiant, two-decade battle with Parkinson's Disease, Cindy Dempsey died peacefully on July 24, 2024 surrounded by her family.

The fourth of six children, Cynthia Lyn Cluss was born in 1955 to Mary (Mimi) and Charles Cluss in Uniontown, Pa. She is a graduate of Uniontown High School and Gettysburg College.

After graduation, Cindy and a few friends moved to Washington, living first in Alexandria and, later, on Capitol Hill. She worked as a tour guide at the Custis-Lee Mansion, as an editor at Realtor magazine, and as a technical support representative for NBI Word Processors. Cindy then transitioned to the

US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) where she was a member of the Management Information Services department for twenty years.

Cindy was a smart and creative problem solver who could fix anything. Her specialty at home was stopping at the right moment to patiently repair someone else's job gone bad. Her greatest gift was an unwavering ability to see the good in every thing and every person. She was a wonderful friend, neighbor, aunt, sister, and wife. Most importantly, she was a generous and loving mother who never missed a game, parent-teacher meeting, or an opportunity to encourage and cherish her children.

Cindy is survived by Joe Dempsey, her loving husband of 40 years, her children Michael (Libby), Kevin (Devon), and Patrick. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Claire, her five siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be on August 1, at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 5949 Western Ave., Washington, DC. The family will receive visitors beginning at 10 a.m. and the Mass will begin at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington (www.catholic-charitiesdc.org).



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P.M. showers and storms likely



Skies should be a good deal cloudier than they were on Monday, which will help keep temperatures somewhat subdued. Highs are expected to be mainly in the mid-80s to near 90. Showers and thunderstorms — some could be strong — will become probable in the afternoon and evening. Winds should blow from the south at about 10 mph.

Today
T-storms



86° 76°
FEELS*: 92°
CHNCE PRECIP: 75%
WIND: SSW 8-16 mph
HUMIDITY: High

Wednesday
T-storm



98° 76°
FEELS: 102°
P: 45%
W: SW 6-12 mph
H: High

Thursday
Partly sunny, hot



96° 76°
FEELS: 100°
P: 25%
W: W 7-14 mph
H: High

Friday
T-storms



97° 75°
FEELS: 104°
P: 80%
W: W 6-12 mph
H: Very High

Saturday
T-storm



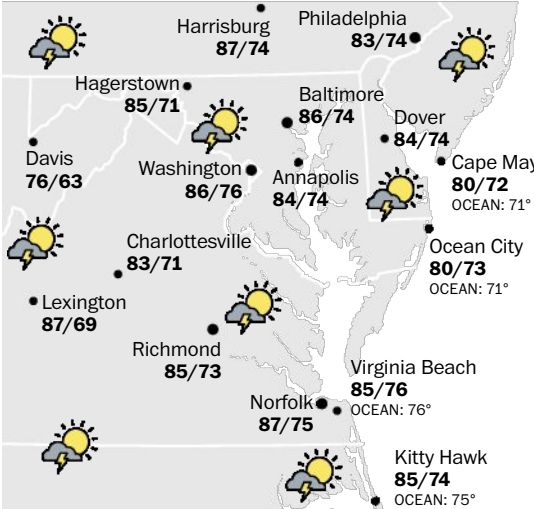
95° 76°
FEELS: 102°
P: 45%
W: WSW 6-12 mph
H: High

Sunday
Rain, t-storm



89° 76°
FEELS: 95°
P: 60%
W: W 7-14 mph
H: High

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass Moderate
Trees Moderate
Weeds Moderate
Mold High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
4 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, mostly cloudy, a couple of showers, a thunderstorm, mainly later. High 70 to 81. Winds southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots; a couple of showers, a heavy thunderstorm in northern parts. Low 65 to 69.

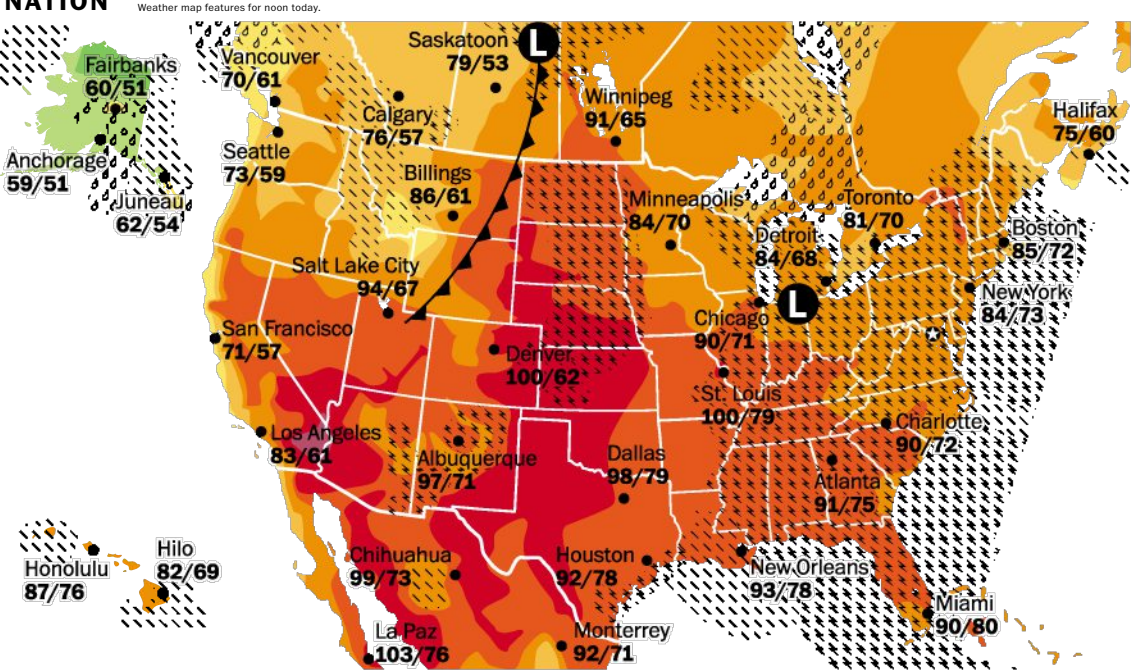
Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny. A stray thunderstorm, arriving during the afternoon in the south. High 80 to 87. Winds south 7-14 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in the area; a couple of showers, a thunderstorm in the north. Low 72 to 76.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River:* Today, partly sunny, a stray thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind south 6-12 knots. Waves 1-3 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, partly sunny, a t-storm around in the afternoon. Wind south 8-16 knots. Waves 1-2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 1-3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.70 feet today, with no change of 2.70 Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides

	(High tides in Bold)		
Washington	4:08 a.m.	11:36 a.m.	4:49 p.m. 11:26 p.m.
Annapolis	2:02 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	1:11 p.m. 7:37 p.m.
Ocean City	3:36 a.m.	9:42 a.m.	4:24 p.m. 11:03 p.m.
Norfolk	12:02 a.m.	5:43 a.m.	11:44 a.m. 6:28 p.m.
Point Lookout	4:55 a.m.	9:21 a.m.	3:21 p.m. 10:41 p.m.

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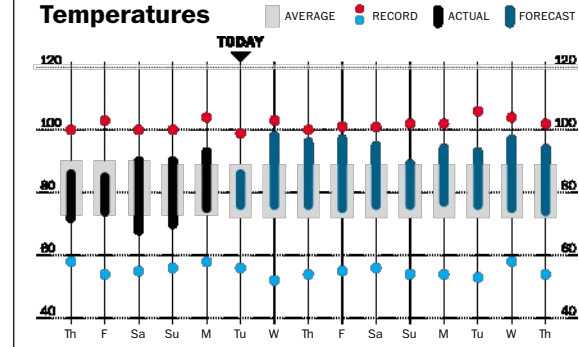
Yesterday's National
High: El Centro, CA 110°
Low: Mammoth Lakes, CA 32°
for the 48 contiguous states

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	89/74/t	84/70/t
Albuquerque	97/71/t	97/74/pc
Anchorage	59/51/r	64/54/pc
Atlanta	91/75/t	95/75/t
Austin	95/77/pc	97/73/s
Baltimore	86/74/t	98/71/t
Billings, MT	86/61/s	90/63/s
Birmingham	93/76/t	96/76/t
Bismarck, ND	96/65/t	85/62/t
Boise	86/62/pc	95/67/t
Boston	85/72/t	79/71/t
Buffalo	84/70/t	83/68/t
Burlington, VT	89/73/t	83/70/t
Charleston, SC	92/74/t	94/78/t
Charleston, WV	87/69/t	89/71/t
Charlotte	90/72/t	95/73/t
Cheyenne, WY	93/59/s	91/58/pc
Chicago	90/71/pc	90/72/t
Cincinnati	88/71/t	89/72/t
Cleveland	80/70/t	88/70/t
Dallas	98/79/s	99/78/s
Denver	100/62/s	97/60/s

Des Moines	93/74/t	98/71/t
Detroit	84/68/t	87/72/t
El Paso	103/80/c	100/79/pc
Fairbanks, AK	60/51/r	64/49/c
Fargo, ND	91/71/t	87/66/t
Hartford, CT	88/73/t	82/70/t
Honolulu	87/76/sh	88/75/pc
Houston	92/78/pc	95/75/s
Indianapolis	90/72/t	92/74/t
Jackson, MS	97/76/t	96/75/pc
Jacksonville, FL	93/75/t	93/74/t
Kansas City, MO	97/77/s	99/75/s
Las Vegas	107/81/s	108/86/pc
Little Rock	96/78/s	97/77/s
Los Angeles	83/61/s	84/63/s
Louisville	94/75/t	93/78/t
Memphis	94/77/t	95/78/s
Miami	90/80/t	93/82/pc
Milwaukee	87/71/pc	83/71/t
Minneapolis	84/70/t	91/72/t
Nashville	96/77/t	96/75/t
New Orleans	93/78/pc	92/80/pc
New York City	84/73/t	86/74/t
Norfolk	87/75/t	95/77/t

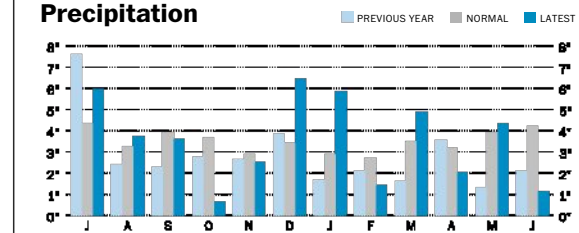
WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	69/55/sh	69/56/sh
Amsterdam	83/63/pc	80/62/pc
Athens	96/78/s	92/75/s
Auckland	60/52/sh	61/45/sh
Baghdad	113/88/pc	115/87/pc
Bangkok	90/80/t	91/79/t
Beijing	82/75/pc	91/76/pc
Berlin	81/58/s	85/61/pc
Bogota	66/49/c	64/47/sh
Brussels	87/64/s	82/64/sh
Buenos Aires	57/50/pc	62/59/pc
Cairo	98/81/s	99/80/s
Caracas	78/66/t	80/66/t
Copenhagen	74/58/sh	71/56/pc
Dakar	88/80/pc	86/78/c
Dublin	68/52/c	67/57/s
Edinburgh	69/46/pc	69/55/pc
Frankfurt	88/64/s	92/69/pc
Geneva	92/68/c	92/68/t
Ham., Bermuda	86/79/sh	87/80/t
Helsinki	75/56/sh	70/55/c
Ho Chi Minh City	92/77/t	91/78/t
Hong Kong	84/80/t	88/82/t

OFFICIAL RECORD



	National	Dulles	BWI
High	93° 3:41 p.m.	96° 2:57 p.m.	94° 12:55 p.m.
Low	75° 7:00 a.m.	69° 4:51 a.m.	72° 6:00 a.m.
Normal	89°/73°	88°/67°	88°/68°
Record high	104° 2011	103° 2011	101° 2011
Record low	58° 1920	52° 2014	59° 2014

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: +2.7° yr. to date: +3.1°



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	3.95"	2.54"	0.93"
Normal	4.07"	3.89"	4.16"
Total this year	23.64"	20.53"	22.62"
Normal	24.50"	25.53"	25.48"

Moon Phases	Solar system
Aug 4 New	Sun Rise 6:08 a.m. Set 8:21 p.m.
Aug 12 First Quarter	Moon 1:12 a.m. 4:52 p.m.
Aug 19 Full	Venus 7:24 a.m. 9:11 p.m.
Aug 26 Last Quarter	Mars 2:06 a.m. 4:44 p.m.
	Jupiter 10:13 p.m. 9:38 a.m.
	Saturn

Islamabad	84/77/t	92/78/t
Istanbul	89/72/s	88/73/s
Jerusalem	88/69/s	91/72/s
Johannesburg	68/41/pc	68/44/s
Kabul	98/70/s	100/71/s
Kingston, Jam.	90/80/sh	90/81/t
Kolkata	90/81/t	90/80/t
Kyiv	74/60/r	79/59/s
Lagos	84/76/r	83/75/r
Lima	66/59/pc	67/60/pc
Lisbon	83/67/s	85/66/s
London	87/64/s	85/63/pc
Madrid	99/73/s	99/72/s
Manila	89/79/r	90/79/t
Mexico City	75/56/sh	75/56/pc
Montreal	88/72/t	80/70/t
Moscow	69/57/sh	68/58/sh
Mumbai	89/81/t	87/80/t
Nairobi	73/57/sh	73/52/pc
New Delhi	99/86/t	93/81/t
Oslo	77/56/pc	77/53/pc
Ottawa	88/70/pc	81/67/t
Paris	95/71/t	88/69/t
Prague	82/57/s	88/63/pc

Key: s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, r=rain, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, sf=snow flurries, snow, ice
Sources: AccuWeather.com, US Army Centralized Aileren Extract Lab (pollen data), aimov.gov (air quality data), National Weather Service
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PARIS OLYMPICS

For U.S. water polo, a timely Flavor boost

BY DAN ZAK IN PARIS

After almost 10 years, Lelf is back — this time as Kalifa

BY CHRIS KELLY

Brooklyn-based musician Kalifa dispatched a carpe-diem ditty called “Right Now” at the end of May, just in time for summer. The song’s rubbery synths give way to a propulsive dance-pop-rock hybrid as he sings, “What if I break my chains and escape? / I’ll be my own creation / Tired of waiting.”

For Kalifa (born Khalif Diouf), the wait has been more than eight years since his last proper project, an album released in 2015, when he was known as the rapper LeIf. That’s a long hiatus in a pop music career, especially as social media algorithms whittle down Andy Warhol’s 15 minutes into smaller increments of fame. So while Diouf is a step ahead of musicians just getting in the game, he knows not to take for granted any fans waiting for the return of the artist formerly known as LeIf.

“I know that a lot of them were not looking for an up-tempo song with a synth guitar in it,” he admits with a laugh over Zoom.

What those listeners were probably expecting sounded more like “Wut,” his signature track as Lelf, and one that blasted the musician onto the upper echelons of the underground music world in the previous decade. The song, with its sparse horn samples and sub-bass production, introduced the world to a rapper-producer equally adept at shrugged-off sneers and double-time, multisyllabic attacks.

Perhaps most notably, amid still-resonant couplets (“Toss my gems up, raise the bar, Yung Phenomenon / I make a neo-Nazi kamikaze wanna firebomb”) were the kind of out-and-proud come-ons that are still extremely rare in mainstream rap: “The fever in his eyes, he wanna suckle on my muscle / He wanna burst my bubble and see what’s up in my jungle.”

SEE KALIFA ON C2

It was the yellow ball, for her. It was the piano keys, for him. That first touch of the future.

“Ever since I was 5 years old, man,” he says.

“From diapers,” she says.

That’s when they knew where they were headed. Sports, specifically water polo, for Maggie Steffens. Music, specifically hip-hop, for William Jonathan Drayton Jr., a.k.a. Flavor Flav (a.k.a. *Flaavorrrr Flaavaa*).

Steffens, 31, was born to a water polo family in Northern California a few months after Flav went to his fourth Grammys ceremony as a nominee with the monumental hip-hop group Public Enemy, which fought the power and then accumulated its own.

Three decades later, Flav and Steffens have found themselves together at the Paris Olympics — two veterans of their chosen endeavors using their own power to find new fans. Steffens is the captain of the U.S. women’s water polo team, and Flav, 65, is the team’s sponsor and official hype man.

Maybe you’ve seen a lot of Flavor Flav over the past several days. If so, that means you’ve seen more women’s water polo than you’re used to. That’s synergy. It’s the magic that buoys niche sports and keeps old careers afloat.

There’s Flav now, way up there in the muggy nosebleeds

at the Aquatics Center in Saint-Denis, wearing a water polo cap, a golden glint on his clock-faced sunglasses, swooping his arms and shouting a signature hype-man phrase at the women — “Yyyeahhhhh boyyyy” — as they play Greece.

There’s Steffens down in the chlorine, cleaving and thrashing, egg-beating her legs so she can rise from the water, swivel her throwing arm like a threatened cobra, and collapse the distance between ball and net through deltoids and determination.

“These girls are my girls,” Flav says. The signature clock around his neck says it’s time — you guessed it — for water polo.

“His energy and positivity is infectious,” says Steffens, who has scored more goals in the Olympics than any other female water polo player in history. “And that’s something we want to bring to the game. We want to be a joy to watch.”

American women have won three consecutive Olympic gold medals in water polo, and they’re going for a fourth in Paris. This is dynasty territory. But they do not get the attention or the money bestowed on, say, the men’s basketball team.

That’s where synergy comes in. Partnerships between sponsors and Olympic athletes are way down compared

SEE FLAV ON C6



ARTURO HOLMES/GETTY IMAGES

Maggie Steffens, above, captain of the U.S. women’s water polo team, posted on Instagram a plea for sponsorship of the squad, which led to a response from rapper Flavor Flav, at top. “AYYY YOOO,,, as a girl dad and supporter of all women’s sports - imma personally sponsor you my girl,,, whatever you need,” Flav wrote.

Family of editor jailed in Russia pleads for aid

BY MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA

One basketball player went for one arms dealer.

One former Marine went for one cocaine smuggler.

What might the journalists go for?

Such is one of the questions — there are so many questions — for another family alighting in Washington, caught up not so much in a new Cold War between Russia and the United States, but something closer to a perverse and messy version of a trading-card show, only with real humans on offer for swaps.

There have been others, too many others, but this time, it was the husband and daughters of Alsu Kurmasheva, an editor and broadcaster for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), the editorially independent, U.S.-funded media organization that reports the news in 27 languages across 23 countries from its headquarters in Prague. They shuttled from television studios to congressional offices to advocacy events, trying to draw attention to the waking nightmare of this 47-year-old veteran journalist and American citizen imprisoned in Russia on trumped-up charges of spreading false information about the Russian military.

The settings could be as surreal as the dilemma. There was Kurmasheva’s 16-year-old daughter, Bibi Butorin, ushered through the heavy barriers swaddling the U.S. Capitol grounds, past the oceans of police and guns, into an eerie, echoing Capitol mostly cleared out for another Bibi — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — in advance of his address to Congress. There was her sister, Miriam, about to turn 13, sitting next to her in a windowless, wood-paneled meeting room with that elegant, old-school red carpeting, listening to the government officials and advocates walk a small group of reporters through the latest numbers on Americans wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad.

SEE KURMASHEVA ON C6

My husband refuses to admit that he prefers sleeping in separate bedrooms


Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My husband decided that he functions better when he goes to bed later and gets up later, so he stopped

going to bed with me and would crawl into bed a couple of hours after I did.

Since then, he keeps finding new reasons to sleep in the guest bed in his office instead of with me. We got a puppy, and the back door is closer to his office. Our older dog had surgery and couldn't take the stairs. Each of those added up to months. I came down with covid. He got sick, too, and just didn't answer when I asked if he was coming back to bed.

I've asked point-blank if he just doesn't want to share a bed



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with me, and he denies it, but then he keeps sleeping elsewhere anyway.

I miss my husband, and I don't know how else to ask the same question if he won't give me a straight answer.

— *Take the Hint?*

Take the Hint?: I'm sorry. You

have your answer, just not in words.

I suggest two things from here: 1. Say it for him. "You deny that you prefer to sleep in separate rooms, but your choices every night are making that preference clear. It's not what I want, I think I've made myself clear there — but I would rather

hear you say it than be in this kind of weird limbo where I'm being told one thing and living another. So. Would you like to make it official, that you are more comfortable having your own room and own bed?" That phrasing is much easier to agree to, by the way, than, "Do you not want to share a bed with me anymore?" which emotionally can be much more loaded than the situation really is. Some people just sleep much better alone, nothing personal.

2. Tell him how you feel: that you will accept it, for example, but also miss having him next to you. Express your worries about intimacy and suggest other ways to stay close.

People still reflexively connect sleeping apart with alienation — whisper, whisper, "separate bedrooms!" — but will grant in the next sentence how important sleep is to physical and mental

health. Snorers, insomniacs, fidgets, late readers, human furnaces and other involuntary enemies of co-sleeping, and people who just prefer to sleep alone, can have close, loving, intimate marriages, too. Imagine if marriage had to be one thing for everyone? Oof.

Re: Hint: My partner stops breathing for a long time. Like ... 45 seconds. Often, as soon as he falls asleep. I'm not a doctor, so I can't say it's sleep apnea, but I know it's dangerous, and he refuses to get a sleep study. Listening to someone you love dearly and passionately STOP BREATHING is agony. When I can't stand it, I get up and sleep in the next room. I hate it, but I've also said my piece about sleep apnea, he's said no, and there's nothing more I can do.

—*Anonymous*

Anonymous: There is one more thing — you can make sure your wills and other paperwork are in order. This must be terrifying; I'm so sorry he won't hear you.

Re: Hint: My husband and I have always had separate bedrooms. It's wonderful. We both get good-quality sleep and still engage in plenty of happy time. Definitely discuss it to make sure there isn't something bigger lurking. If not, try not to take it personally and set up a bedroom for him. You won't regret it.

— *Happy*

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Brooklyn musician who paved the way for queer hip-hop returns after hiatus

KALIFA FROM C1

"Wut" quickly became part of the legacy of queer music. But it also led to press coverage that pigeonholed LeIf as a "queer rapper" — not just a rapper — alongside peers such as Cakes da Killa, Mykki Blanco and Zebra Katz. In retrospect, he's able to see both negative and positive. Defining LeIf and his peers in terms of a social identity rather than a musical one might have blocked them from mainstream conversations, but it also provided a service for a nascent culture.

"I have like 100 daughters and Cakes has 100 daughters," he says of his musical descendants. "It is a legacy of freedom and a path that was given to a lot of younger queer artists."

Diouf spent a few years building buzz and releasing a steady stream of music, culminating with a debut album, "Riot Boi," released via XL Recordings and Terrible Records. Then it all stopped, and while he says it was "fun while it lasted," his experi-



MALACHI MIDDLETON

After nearly a decade away from music, Kalifa has returned with his new single "Right Now." Kalifa says he is not taking for granted any fans waiting for the return of the artist formerly known as LeIf.

ence as LeIf was disheartening.

"Working with a major label at the time was a bit tricky for me," he says. "My hype train dwindled before I was able to really navigate and understand all the back-end business and set my team up properly."

As his buzz evaporated, Diouf hoped to step back, regroup and come back more prepared, possibly rebranding under a moniker closer to his birth name. Then, in a now familiar twist, the onset of the pandemic put those plans on hold. Not all was lost: He was able to use the socially distanced time to learn about music theory and composition. Diouf's research into a range of musical topics helped him understand his own intentions as a musician, and how the music he makes relates to everything from prehistoric sub-Saharan instruments to Little Richard.

"Having this wealth of material and inspiration has really fueled me to make exactly what I want to make, how I want to make it and shoot for the stars," he says.

In the period between LeIf and Kalifa, Diouf found it challenging to access the mental and physical space he needed to execute his vision. He worked with both operatic and R&B vocal trainers to sharpen his skills, and is now more comfortable experimenting and executing as a vocalist (even if he finds calling himself a singer "a little cringe").

In the past few years, he has been able to trace his music back to its inspiration points, accumulating songs for cohesive records that pay tribute to the genres of mainstream music with Black roots, such as rock and disco. He knows what he wants to do for the next "three and a half albums," and — after the long hiatus — he knows he has to get started ASAP.

"The material that I've been making is so much better than anything I've ever put out before. ... It's so much more relatable and refined than anything I've ever released," he says. "When I listen to them side by side, it's just night and day."

TELEVISION									
7/30/24	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4.1 WRC (NBC)	◆ NBCNe..	◆ Olympic	◆ Primetime Oly. Gymnastics, Swimming, Surfing: Primetime in Paris (Live)						
4.2 WRC (IND)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	◆ Fox 5	◆ TMZ	◆ Beat Shazam		◆ The Quiz With Balls		◆ Fox 5 at 10		◆ Fox 5
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆ Wheel	◆ Jeopardy!	◆ Celebrity Fam		◆ Judge Steve Harvey		◆ What Would		◆ News
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	◆ InsideEd.		◆ ET	◆ FBI	◆ FBI: International		◆ FBI: Most Wanted		◆ 9 News
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	◆ Rosa		◆ Golpe de suerte		◆ Marea de pasiones		◆ El amor no tien		◆ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆ FamFeud	◆ FamFeud	◆ Fox 5 News		◆ FamFeud	◆ FamFe..	◆ Strange		◆ Puzzler
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	◆ Farm	◆ Outdoors	◆ Finding Your Roots		◆ Gods of Tennis		◆ Frontline		◆ Amanp..
26.1 WETA (PBS)	◆ PBS News Hour		◆ Finding Your Roots		◆ Gods of Tennis		◆ Frontline		◆ Amanp..
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	◆ Hidden..	◆ Legacy	◆ POV			◆ Nature		◆ Untam..	◆ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	◆ Neighbor	◆ Neighbor	◆ Conners	◆ Conners	◆ Conners	◆ Conners	◆ DC News Now		◆ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	◆ Chicago Fire		◆ Chicago Fire		◆ Chicago Fire		◆ Chicago Fire		◆ Chi. Fire
A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Customer	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
AMC	(5:30) Movie: I, Robot ★★ (2004)		Movie: John Wick ★★★ (2014)				(:15) Movie: John Wick ★★★ (2014)		
Animal Planet	North Woods Law		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Movie: Boyz N the Hood (1991)		
Bravo	(6:00) Movie: The Ugly Truth ★ (2009)		Movie: 13 Going on 30 ★★★ (2004)				Watch What	Movie: 13 Going on 30 ★★★ (2004)	
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	American
CNN	E. B. OutFront (Live)		Cooper 360 (Live)		The Source (Live)		CNN (Live)		Laura
Comedy Central	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office		Office	Office	Daily Show
Discovery	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Sin City Tow		Sin City Tow		Contraba..
Disney	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Raven
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	E! News
ESPN	Soccer Champions Tour: FC Barcelona vs. Manchester City FC (Live)		In the Arena: Serena Point of No Return		The Ultimate Fighter		SportCtr (Live)		
ESPN2	NFL Live		In the Arena: Serena Into the Light		The Ulti World Class Killer Instinct		In the Arena: Serena Into the Light		Arena
Food Network	Chopped		Chopped		Bobby's Triple Threat		Bobby's Triple Threat		Bobby's
Fox News	Ingraham (Live)		Jesse Watters (Live)		Hannity (Live)		Gutfeld!		Fox News
Freeform	Movie: Jungle Cruise ★★ (2021) A wisecracking skipper guides a researcher down the Amazon.				Sasha Reid and the Midnight Order			The 700 Club	
FX	(5:30) Movie: Talladega Nights: Ballad of Rick...		Movie: Step Brothers ★★ (2008)				Movie: Step Brothers ★★ (2008)		
Hallmark	Movie: 'Tis the Season to Be Merry (2021)				Movie: A Very Vermont Christmas (2024)			Golden Girls	
Hallmark M&M	Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Aurora Teagarden Mysteries			Murder ...	
HBO	Movie: Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire ★★ (2024)				Hard Knocks	(:40) House of the Dragon		(:45) Hard Knocks	
HGTV	Fixer to Fabulous		Dream Home		Dream Home		Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl
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MTV	Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop		The Surreal Life		Love, Hip Hop		Surreal
Nat'l Geographic	Port Protection		Port Protection		Port Protection		Port Protection		Life Below
Nickelodeon	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	On Balance (Live)		Cuomo (Live)		Dan Abrams (Live)		Banfield (Live)		Cuomo
Paramount	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Movie: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy ★★ (2004)			Movie: The Hitman's Bodyguard ★★ (2017)			
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TLC	Fat Fabulous		Fat Fabulous		Fat Fabulous		Welcome		Unexpect..
TNT	(4:30) Movie: Dark Knight Rises (2012)		What's My Name: Muhammad Ali				What's My Name: Muhammad Ali		
Travel	Haunted Hospitals		Haunted Hospitals		Haunted Hospitals		Haunted Hospitals		Haunted
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How do I ask my cousin to stop bringing her friend to every family event?

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

years and my cousin has moved back home after widowhood. Guess who's back at everything? The friend is a lovely person. I have no issue with her. It's just that sometimes we want it to be only family. How do I broach this?

— *Perplexed Cousin*

Cousin: Where I'm from, people used to talk about having "play cousins" — people who weren't really related to you but with whom you were often expected to hang out because your parents were friends, or what have you. I think you have a play cousin. And your blood relative, your actual cousin, may see her friend as part of the family. She may care

about her as if they were related. It's also possible that they have a deeper relationship. Ask your cousin in a nonjudgmental way to tell you about the friendship. Ask her if the friend feels more like family. Depending on what your cousin says, you may just need to set another place at the table.

Dear Eric: I am a 65-year-old widow with two adult sons in their late 20s. No partners or grandchildren and that's fine with me as they are still young and maturing. One lives too far away to see more than twice a year. The other lives close enough for me to have dinner with once a week. I try not to be needy and give them space, but I'm lonely and I'm sad they don't call me more often.

I think they're just living their lives and not thinking about me, which I probably did to my

parents when I was their age. Am I expecting too much? I tend to take it personally and think they don't like me, which seems absurd. When I do talk to them, there's no conflicts or problems that would discourage them from reaching out again.

Would I be wrong to tell them I'm lonely and would like to hear from them more often? For the record, I am trying to expand my social circle and do things I'm interested in, but I'm growing tired of doing things alone and it takes a long time to make new close friends. I also can't help but think if I'd had a girl, it would be different.

— *Lonely Mom*

Mom: Please tell your sons how you feel! Healthy communication can be such a gift. Please tell them what they can do to help you. That's a gift, too. They may have busy lives, but you're a part of

those lives as well.

Sometimes, in relationships, it's hard to carry the burden of advocating for ourselves. But I believe that your sons would be saddened to find out that you had this ache and didn't ask for help.

Try setting up a regular phone date with each of them, it will give you all something to look forward to. Plus, knowing that you'll be chatting — and wanting to have something to chat about — might also give you an extra boost in your effort to find things that interest you.

Dear Eric: My brother's son, "Dan," has chosen to totally delete his dad from his life. He has refused all forms of contact for more than a year. My brother has no idea why Dan has disengaged without explanation.

My brother continues to attempt contact via our usual forms of communication but to

no avail. How does a family approach this conundrum? We are baffled and so deeply saddened by this turn of events.

What message is Dan sending to his two sons: my brother's grandsons?

— *Dismayed Aunt*

Aunt: I'm sorry that you're going through this. Estrangement is jarring. It runs cracks through the foundation of a family. And for an extended family it can feel hopelessly confusing.

I know that your brother says this came out of nowhere, but I wish that we had more information from him about what exactly that "nowhere" looked like before Dan cut off all contact. Often, estranged parents are willfully or accidentally blind to the events that precipitated the divide. It's hard to say what a healthy path forward is without knowing more about Dan and

your brother's relationship. If Dan will speak to you, you should reach out to him. Don't try to lobby on your brother's behalf; simply ask Dan to share his perspective with you. Find out whether he's open to a relationship with you. Family members don't have to be judge in disputes like this. Indeed, it's best if you don't make a ruling.

There's something that has hurt Dan so deeply that his only recourse, he feels, is to cut off contact with his father. Find out whether he's open to an outstretched hand and a listening ear.

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AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13)
CC: 11:40-2:20-6:45-9:55

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:20-1:50-6:40-9:00

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:10

Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:50-5:00-7:30-9:20

Twisters (PG-13) CC: 11:20-1:20-2:30-4:20-5:40-7:20-10:20

Longlegs (R) CC: 2:50-5:20-10:20

Touch (R) CC: 12:00-1:00-4:00-6:55-9:45

Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 4:20

Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 1:10-7:40-10:35

Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:00-3:15-9:30

Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05

The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:50-9:20

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 2:15

Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 4:30

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:00-11:30-2:15-2:45-5:30-5:50-9:00

Twisters (PG-13) CC: 8:30

Longlegs (R) CC: 7:50

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 8:40

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8833 Colesville Road

The Portrait of a Lady (PG-13)
12:00

Thelma (PG-13) CC: 8:45

It's Always Fair Weather (1955) (NR) 4:30

Thelma (PG-13) 3:30

Manhattan Melodrama (NR) 2:30-6:20

The Last Picture Show (R) 12:30-9:00

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) (G) 12:20-6:45

AMC Academy 8
5198 Greenbelt Road

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 1:30-7:30

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 10:50-4:30-10:15

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:30-1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:00-12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00

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Longlegs (R) CC: 10:20-1:40-3:40-7:20-9:50

Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 3:00-9:00

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:50-2:20-5:00-7:35-10:10

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 9:55-11:20-2:00-4:30-7:10-9:35

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:45-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45

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Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 11:45-6:00

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:30-12:15-2:30-3:15-5:30-6:15-8:30-9:15

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Road

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:30AM

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15

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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 5:00

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 4:30

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 9:50

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 10:35-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10

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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00

Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 1:40-6:40

Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-8:00

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The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15

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AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinema 18
9811 Washington Blvd

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 7:30-10:15

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:15-5:30-8:00-10:45

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:30-1:00-4:30-7:15-9:45

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Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 11:15-2:00-3:45-6:30-10:15

Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 11:45-3:00

Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 10:30-1:45-5:00-8:15

Oddity (R) CC: 5:00

Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 3:30-9:50

Bad Newz 6:45-10:00

Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot (PG-13) CC: 12:15

The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 10:15-1:00-3:30-10:45

Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 5:00-7:45

Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 6:15-9:30

The Beast Within (R) 10:30AM

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 4:30

Twisters (PG-13) CC: 2:45

Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30

The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 3:45

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 7:45

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center
800 Shoppers Way

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00

A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:25-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

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The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45

Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 1:00-7:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard

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A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 10:30-7:15

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Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 5:00

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle

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Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 1:15-3:45

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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 1:10-10:40

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625 Center Point Way

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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:00-2:30-6:00

The Fabulous Four (R) 1:00-4:15-7:15-10:15

Greenbelt Cinema
123 Centerway

Touch (R) 7:15

Widow Clicquot (R) 7:30

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:15-2:20-4:30-6:45

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Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) 12:45-3:45

The Fabulous Four (R) 12:10-2:15-4:25-6:50

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 2:00

Landmark Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

ABBA: The Movie (G) 1:30-7:30

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:10-2:25-4:40-7:05

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Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:35-2:50

Twisters (PG-13) 1:20-4:00-6:40

Longlegs (R) 5:00-7:25

Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) 3:50

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3939 Branch Avenue

The Cat in the Hat (2003) (PG) 10:00AM

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:45-3:35-6:30-9:45

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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 4:00-10:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 2D & IMAX
900 Eldsworth Drive

Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) 11:00AM

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 10:25-5:05

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (PG) 11:00AM

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2000 Century Boulevard

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Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 7:00

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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 6:40

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Boulevard

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Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

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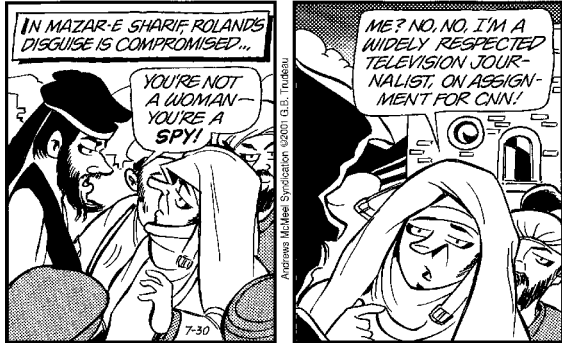
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SOUTH (D)

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The bidding:

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1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ J

The forecast had been partly sunny, but raindrops were doing needlepoint on the bridge club's roof.

"The weatherman sometimes makes a mistake and guesses right," a penny-game player observed.

At today's four spades, South took the ace of hearts and cashed the A-K of trumps. When West discarded, declarer led his deuce of diamonds to dummy's jack to pick up East's trumps.

South next led the king of diamonds. Had East-West followed, South would have made an overtrick. But when East discarded, the suit was blocked. South cashed the queen, but when he led a club to dummy's king next, he lost three clubs and a heart.

I've heard a weatherman called yet another person who doesn't learn from his mistakes, but maybe South learned something here. At Trick Four he must lead the king of diamonds and overtake with the ace.

East's nine falls. So after South draws trumps, he can cash the queen of diamonds, lead to dummy's eight and take the jack and the fifth diamond.

DAILY QUESTION

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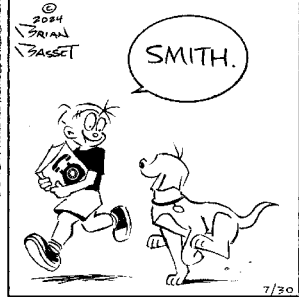
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Your partner opens one club, you respond one heart and he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have enough strength to invite game, especially since your club honors will fill out partner's suit. Jump to three spades. If your jack of spades were the ace, you would bid four spades. With a hand such as J 9 8 2, Q 9 7 3 2, 9, A 3 2, you would raise to two spades in case partner's hand was strong.

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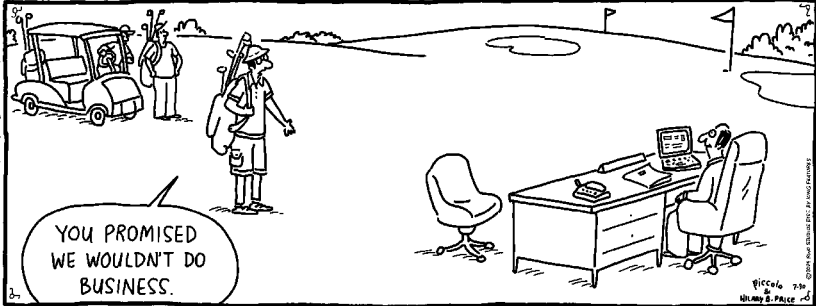
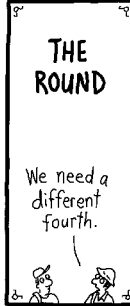
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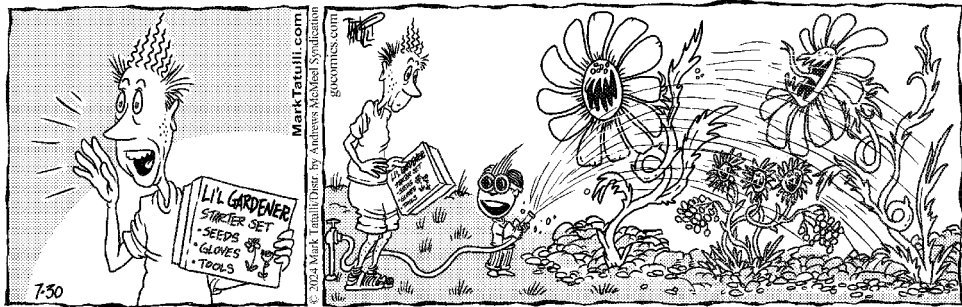
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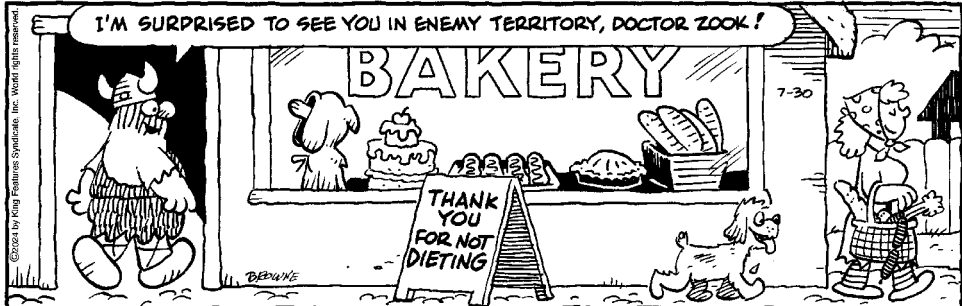
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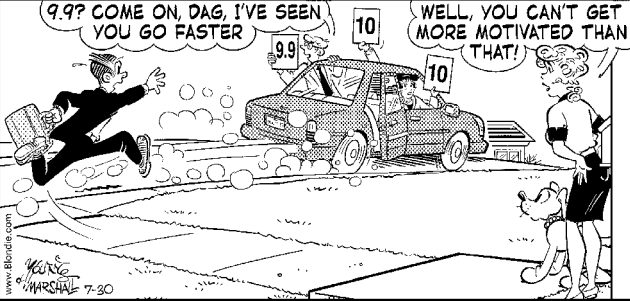
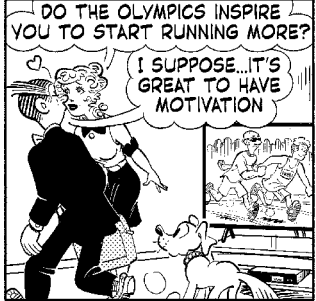
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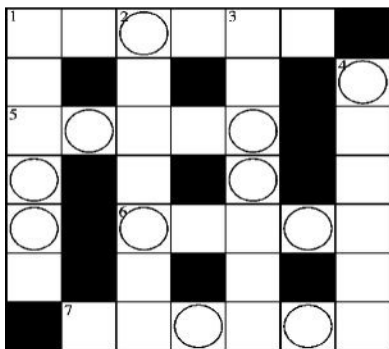


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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



ACROSS

- London waterway
- Abscess, lesion
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DOWN

- Type of hairpiece
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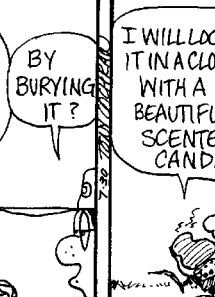
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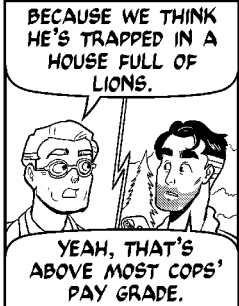
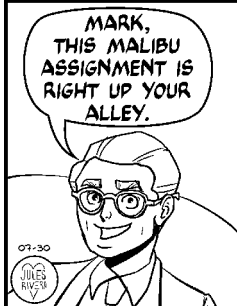
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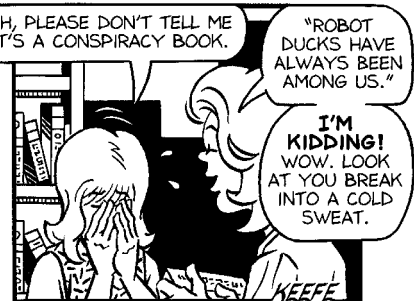
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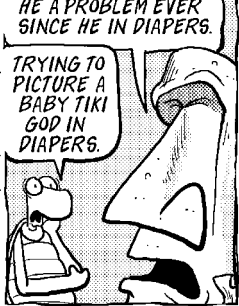
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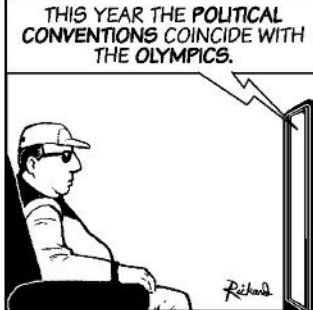
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BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!



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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JULY 30

You are practical and down to earth, and you get things done. You are confident and work hard for success. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people and circumstances that have been holding you back. Clear the decks!

HEART OF THE CITY

STEENZ

JUDGE PARKER

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY

MOON ALERT

There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).

This is a positive day for you. You feel optimistic and hopeful for your future. It's also a busy day, which is why you are juggling appointments, errands plus discussions with relatives, neighbors and siblings.

FRAZZ

JEF MALLETT

CANDORVILLE

DARRIN BELL

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20).

You are the financial wizard of the zodiac, and today you feel positive about financial transactions. However, if things look too good to be true, this might be the case. Nevertheless, this is a great day to boost your earnings and, likewise, move forward with major purchases.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20).

This is a great day to get things done! You're energetic, positive and enthusiastic about something, and you're not afraid to think big. Travel plans and ambitious ideas for your future will hype your enthusiasm for something.

GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS

BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22).

You give some credence to your moneymaking ideas because you are basically a sensible, practical sign. (Admittedly, right now, you're interested in buying beautiful clothes, jewelry or art objects.)

DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER

FLASH GORDON

DAN SCHKADE

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22).

Enjoy interacting with friends, especially female acquaintances. It's also a great day to get involved in groups, clubs and associations, because people will listen to you and be impressed with your big ideas.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).

This year many of you look successful in the eyes of others. (Even if partnerships are challenging.) Today your success shines! This might attract some publicity to you, because people seem to know personal details about what's happening in your life.

PRICKLY CITY

SCOTT STANTIS

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).

This is a popular time for you. Today you might want to celebrate. You certainly want to do something different or shake things up a bit. If you can travel, by all means, do so.

NON SEQUITUR

WILEY

BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).

Your ability to impress authority figures is excellent today. This might be one reason you'll come out smelling like a rose if dealing with disputes with banks, shared property, inheritances or anything that is jointly held.

BIG NATE

LINCOLN PEIRCE

ON THE FASTTRACK

BILL HOLBROOK

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).

Although things have been testy with partners and close friends lately, today relations with those who are closest to you are warm and friendly. This is a good day to smooth over minor disputes.

BEETLE BAILEY

GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

STEPHAN PASTIS

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).

Work-related travel is likely today. Note: You will achieve more by working in groups or in partnership with others. You might deal with other cultures and foreign countries for some reason.

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).

Make plans to socialize with others, because this is an upbeat, friendly day! Enjoy sports events, movies, the theater, musical performances, as well as fun-filled get-togethers with children.

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).

You might entertain at home today, because people will gather at your home for some reason. Perhaps you will have a group meeting related to business or community purposes. Meanwhile, discussions about real estate and family will be optimistic.

— Georgia Nicols
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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

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SPEED BUMP

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DONNA A. LEWIS

Rallying for journalist sentenced in Russia

KURMASHEVA FROM C1

Grim words, jargon, acronyms. Torture. Moral hazard. SPEHA (that would be Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, but SPEE-haw to anyone in the know).

Later, over lunch nearby, Bibi tried to explain the unexplainable. Her mother wasn't even on a reporting trip when she was detained last year in the Russian republic of Tatarstan, where the Volga and Kazanka rivers meet more than 500 miles east of Moscow. Her mother was visiting Bibi and Miriam's elderly grandmother.

"It's crazy that it's happening to her," Bibi said. "It's not like she was on the front lines."

Kurmasheva was temporarily detained by Russian authorities on June 2, 2023, while waiting for her return flight at the airport in Tatarstan's capital, Kazan, where she'd gone to see her mother. A dual citizen of Russia and the United States, she was flagged for allegedly not registering her U.S. passport. Both of her passports were confiscated, essentially trapping her in the country.

Her husband, Pavel Butorin — the director of RFERL's Current Time TV — thought it was a minor paperwork issue that could be easily resolved. Weeks passed before he told his daughters.

And yet it was far from easy.

All through the summer and into the fall they waited. In October, Bibi, at home in Prague, got a text message from a friend. Something like: "I just saw. I'm so sorry." She had no idea what her friend was talking about.

"I was like, 'okay, thank you,'" Bibi remembers responding. Then she went to Starbucks to meet another friend, who passed along some news she'd just read: "Did you see an RFE journalist was detained? I think in Russia."

Bibi knew it had to be her mother. And yet, it was almost impossible to process at the time.

"I didn't understand what a big deal it was until I saw it on the New York Times," she said.

Kurmasheva, who had been under house arrest, was now in prison. The Russian court system is inscrutable to say the least, and Pavel Butorin said that to this day, he's not precisely sure what charges she faced when she was imprisoned awaiting trial Oct. 18, 2023.

Her husband worried that she'd soon been forgotten. In the corridors of U.S. power, her name wasn't being mentioned.

"What's up with that?" he thought. "You can't pronounce



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: American-Russian journalist Alsu Kurmasheva at a hearing in Kazan, Russia, in May; Pavel Butorin, Kurmasheva's husband; Kurmasheva's daughters, Bibi Butorin, 16, left, and Miriam Butorin, 12, on Capitol Hill on July 24.

her simple name? It's four letters. It pissed me off."

That began to change this past April when President Biden mentioned her by name in his remarks at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner while also referencing the better-known case of Evan Gershkovich, a 32-year-old Wall Street Journal reporter detained in Russia in March 2023 while on assignment for the newspaper.

"Journalism is clearly not a crime," Biden told the audience of

media executives, reporters, government officials and celebrities. "Putin should release Evan and Alsu immediately."

For many, it was the first time they'd heard her name.

Her husband said he still relies on news reports, which have suggested that his wife may have been targeted because she was one of the editors of the book, "Saying No to War: 40 Stories of Russians Who Oppose the Russian Invasion of Ukraine." He said he's also certain that Russian au-

thorities would have been familiar with Kurmasheva — an ethnic Tartar who was born in Kazakhstan but grew up in Tatarstan — because she'd been a RFE/RL newscaster before moving into a less-public editor's role. (Kurmasheva became a U.S. citizen through a program for employees of U.S.-sponsored media abroad. Her daughters are also U.S. citizens. Her husband, who grew up in Russia, is a U.S. citizen, too, but renounced his Russian citizenship long ago.)

Since Kurmasheva's detention, Pavel Butorin and his daughters have had only limited communication with her. They send postcards, but her responses — made more infrequent and complicated by a miasma of Russian prisoner rules — have been heavily censored.

The family was in Washington for two July weeks of media appearances and meetings with U.S. government officials when they got the news that Kurmasheva had been sentenced to 6½ years in

a penal colony for supposedly spreading false information about the Russian military. The sentence had been handed down three days earlier, on July 19, the same day that a Russian court sentenced Gershkovich to 16 years in prison on espionage charges following his arrest last March.

In an interview, Diane Foley — founder of the Foley Foundation, which hosted the Capitol event attended by Kurmasheva's daughters and husband — said that journalists are particularly prized by despotic regimes to silence the flow of information.

"Putin doesn't want people to know the truth," she said.

The arrests and sentencing of the two journalists have been met with widespread condemnation of the Russian regime of Vladimir Putin by media organizations and the U.S. government. It has also thrust their families into the labyrinth of international diplomacy.

For some, finding a way out of that labyrinth amounts to a quest for an affirmation from the U.S. government that has attained an aura of mystery, something like a holy grail for the families of American's imprisoned abroad. It's an official designation that a person has been wrongfully detained, which pushes that person's case to a part of the State Department — the one represented by that SPEHA acronym that Kurmasheva's daughters and husband heard about during the Capitol event they attended July 24.

SPEHA has juice. It has broad authority to negotiate prisoner swaps and has access to special resources and diplomatic tools.

Basketball star Brittney Griner — who was freed in a 2022 prisoner swap for Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout, known as "The Merchant of Death" — had received the designation after she was arrested outside Moscow for carrying a small amount of cannabis oil. So too had Trevor Reed, a former U.S. Marine who had been accused of assaulting a Russian police officer after a night of heavy drinking and was later swapped for a Russian drug smuggler.

Advocates have been critical of the wrongfully detained designation process because it's so opaque, leaving families puzzled about who gets it and why. Foley — whose freelance reporter son, James, was beheaded in 2014 by extremists after being held captive in Syria — calls the designation something "precious" but incredibly difficult to attain.

Gershkovich, the Wall Street Journal reporter, was quickly designated wrongfully detained. But Kurmasheva has not been — for reasons unknown.

In a different version of her story, she would have been home long ago. Her husband was so confident her passport problem would be quickly resolved that he bought tickets for his family of four to see a Taylor Swift concert next week in Warsaw — on Miriam's 13th birthday. Now they'll just be three.

FLAV FROM C1

with the Olympics in London in 2012 and Rio in 2016, according to Brant Feldman, Steffens's agent. On May 4, at Feldman's urging, Steffens posted an Instagram photo of her team with a caption that courted new support.

"Many of my teammates aren't just badass champions, but also teachers, business owners, coaches, physicians assistants," Steffens wrote, and "most Olympians need a 2nd (or 3rd) job to support chasing the dream (myself included!) and most teams rely on sponsors for travel, accommodations, nutritional support, rent/lodging, and simply affording to live in this day and age. Especially female sports."

Feldman made sure the post was seen by his friend Rhiannon Rae Ellis, a talent manager. Ellis thought of one client in particular.

"I have crazy ideas," Ellis says, "and Flav says yes to almost all of them." So she asked: Why don't we sponsor an Olympian?

And Flav said: Let's do the whole team.

He then commented on Steffens's post: "AYYY YOooo,,," as a girl dad and supporter of all women's sports - imma personally sponsor you my girl,,, whatever you need. And imma sponsor the whole team. My manager is in touch with your agent."

How this is playing out here in Paris is different from all the self-promoting corporate synergy NBCUniversal creates every time you see a Kelly Clarkson or a Snoo Dogg or a Minion as you're watching the Games. If there's a gold medal for creating synergy from scratch, give it to Feldman and Ellis. Flav signed a five-year sponsorship deal with USA Water Polo, gave the team a monetary donation, and committed to hyping the women and the sport. Within two weeks of Steffens's



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Rapper Flavor Flav, left, was among the fans cheering on Maggie Steffens, at right, and Team USA as the women's water polo team competed against Greece on Saturday in Saint-Denis, France.



LEAH MILLIS/REUTERS

Instagram post, Flav was spotted at Yankee Stadium wearing a "USA Water Polo" shirt." His Instagram became a water polo bonanza.

"Flavor Flav is the first celebrity of any sort to do something like this," Feldman says, referring to Flav's partnership with a national governing body of sport (in this case, USA Water Polo). "This may become the norm in the future."

On Sunday, as if to prove the point, U.S. rugby player Ilona Maher posted an Instagram video in which she asked former NFL player Jason Kelce if he would publicly endorse her team. Maher began her pitch: "Women's water polo has Flavor Flav as their superfan." (Kelce rattled off a quick endorsement.)

A couple of weeks ago in Berke-

ley, Calif., Flav jumped in the pool to practice with the team, as video was captured for everyone's socials.

Treading water with women a third his age, Flav said: "This. Is not. Easy." The video on Flav's Insta has at least 121,000 views.

"I read through the comments [on the post], and I see people asking questions about water polo, and people of color wanting to start playing," said goalkeeper Ashleigh Johnson, who in 2016 became the first Black woman to make the Olympic water polo team. "And that's a different community than I've seen talk about our sport — in the way they were talking about it — than I have this whole time I've been on this team."

Water polo has elements of

many sports: the passing of basketball, the speed of hockey, the strategy of soccer, the pitching of baseball, the physicality of rugby or judo or wrestling. The women glide like dolphins and fight like grizzlies.

"The first thing everyone needs to know about water polo," Steffens says, "is that never once — not even in warm-up — do we touch the bottom of the pool. It is all our own power, our own strength."

At dinner in Los Angeles before the Olympics, Steffens asked Flav what his version of a gold medal was.

"And right away, he said: 'Honestly, my Olympics is every time I get to get on that stage,'" Steffens said. "I loved that, because that's my mentality."

In Paris, Steffens and her teammates have been keeping rigorous training sessions and "grandma sleep schedules." They play Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

Flav, meanwhile, has been living his best life in the run-up to the Olympics: appearing on sunset terraces in Ibiza, hitting a Taylor Swift concert in Hamburg ("Flaavovrrrr Flaaaav," the singer mouthed to him from the stage), then arriving in Paris, where he gave Public Enemy swag to the U.S. ambassador to France after a tour of her residence. (Apparently, there was synergy here, too, with Flav's Instagram account reposting some State Department travel information for Americans headed to Paris.)

These past few days here,

"Flaavovrrrr Flaaaav" seems to be ringing out from passersby as regularly as bells from all the churches.

"Another thing that I'm doing for the team ... is after this water polo thing is over: putting 'em all on a Virgin cruise," Flav said at a news conference here Friday — the only Team USA news conference on the schedule for a non-athlete. (Flav is not a spokesman for Virgin Voyages. He just loves the cruise line. But it's all synergy. He got Virgin to give the team and staff an all-expenses-paid, seven-night cruise anywhere in the world, according to Ellis, who added this via text message: "Maybe more companies will step up now.")

On Saturday, at the women's water polo match against Greece, first lady Jill Biden sat front and center while Flav was up in the nosebleeds. During the third quarter, reps for the team and the U.S. Olympic Committee arranged a meeting spot for Biden and Flav, who embraced in the stands, in full view of NBC. (Synergy, synergy, synergy.) The first lady praised Flav's work with women's sports.

"They got three back-to-back gold medals," Flav told Biden. "I'm just trying to cheer them on to get that number four."

After the match, which the U.S. team won 15-6, the first lady and her delegation met the players in the athlete's lounge on the bottom floor of the Aquatics Center.

"That was incredible," Biden told the team, marveling at their prowess. "Most of us had never seen this before, so we were learning. I mean, I don't know how you have the strength to do it!"

"I don't want to trade jobs," Steffens replied with a laugh, implying that Biden's job was much harder. "We all have our lanes."

But for this moment, in these Olympics, all lanes seem to be intersecting in the pool.



Rising to the occasion



ABBIE PARR/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pommel horse specialist Stephen Nedoroscik delivers a strong routine to clinch the bronze medal for the U.S. men's gymnastics team. "Man, that's a memory that's going to live in my head forever," Nedoroscik said.

Merci for the memories: Roland Garros pays tribute to 'Ra-fa! Ra-fa!'



Barry
Svrluga

PARIS — No matter the occasion — the familial and familiar French Open, where he built his legend, or the once-in-a-lifetime Olympics on the clay he all but owned — it was hard to imagine Rafael Nadal being muscled and bullied out of Roland Garros. He had played 117 singles matches on these hallowed grounds. He had won 113 of them.

They ought to build a statue of him at the entrance to this place. Oh, wait. They already have.

But on Monday afternoon, in front of an adoring crowd that seemed, collectively, on the verge of tears, here was the 38-year-old Nadal, crumbling. The stakes weren't what they normally are for the Spaniard at Court Philippe-Chatrier. Neither was Nadal's form. With him down 6-1, 4-0 to old rival Novak Djokovic in the second round of the Olympic men's tennis tournament, the air hung heavy with sympathy, not celebration.

"Playing against Novak without creating damage to him and without having the legs of 20 years ago," Nadal said, "it's almost

SEE SVRLUGA ON D10

Fear, wonder and Teahupo'o

Sally Jenkins on the Olympic surfing competition at the mystical break in Tahiti. **D7**

An almost unimaginable level of difficulty

For a Ukrainian diver, competing during wartime has a way of putting things in perspective. **D8**



JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

Summer McIntosh has thrilled Canadians by winning two Olympic medals.

Summer's time: McIntosh sails to 400 IM gold

BY DAVE SHEININ

NANTERRE, FRANCE — The freshly constructed pool deck at Paris La Défense Arena, stretched atop the floor of a rugby stadium in Paris's western suburbs, looks like it was designed for victory laps, with vast expanses of blue flooring that spread in a semicircle all the way out to the first few rows of seats.

On Monday night, minutes after the final of the women's 400-meter individual medley, that proved beneficial — and

time-consuming.

Summer McIntosh, the newly minted gold medalist, had a lot of constituencies to visit.

There was her family — mom, dad, sister — in the corner nearest the medal stand, and within seconds of the ending of "O Canada," which McIntosh sang while toggling between English and French, the way she learned in grammar school, she headed straight for them. What followed was a four-way hug that

SEE SWIMMING ON D6

Specialist Nedoroscik seals first team medal for U.S. men in 16 years

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

PARIS — There's pressure all over this city. It will live here for two weeks during these Olympics, at every venue and inside the thumping hearts of athletes in every medal-deciding moment. It's inescapable, and after more than two hours on the sideline during the men's gymnastics team final, American Stephen Nedoroscik finally had his turn under a career-defining spotlight.

He's a specialist, here because he excels on a single event: pommel horse, an apparatus so fickle that one misstep can derail an athlete's rhythm and send the routine into disarray. And in the waning moments of Monday's final, Nedoroscik had to deliver for the United States to clinch its first Olympic team medal since 2008. He leaped onto the apparatus and began swinging, floating through each element and maneuvering his hands with precision. The other gymnasts watched with their arms around each other, and as soon as he dismounted, the celebration began.

Nedoroscik's teammates lifted him off the ground, and he said, "Man, that's a memory that's going to live in my head forever."

Nedoroscik had done more than enough to
SEE GYMNASTICS ON D9

Still a highflier

Candace Buckner on Chase Budinger's move from NBA to the sands of beach volleyball. **D9**

Biles gets green light for team final

Simone Biles is officially good to go for today's team final, shaking off a minor calf injury. **D10**

On eve of trade deadline, Nationals send Thomas to Guardians

BY ANDREW GOLDEN
AND SPENCER NUSBAUM

PHOENIX — The Washington Nationals dealt Lane Thomas to the Cleveland Guardians for three prospects Monday, moving the 28-year-old outfielder one day before the MLB trade deadline.

Cleveland sent infielders José Tena and Rafael Ramirez Jr. to Washington along with left-hander Alex Clemmey.

During his time in Washington, Thomas established himself as an everyday big leaguer and a clubhouse leader for the Nationals, who played at Arizona on Monday night. (The game ended too late for this edition.) He arrived in 2021, early in the franchise's rebuild. He departs this summer with Washington in a much different place, with its young arms showing promise and some of its budding prospects starting to

emerge.

"Hopefully the guys that I've played behind trusted me to play out there in right field and earned the trust of the coaches over time," Thomas said. "That's what I'm proud of. I've been in the lineup for the last two years straight and showed up every day."

Manager Dave Martinez informed Thomas ahead of Monday's game that he was being traded. Then, players gathered

around Martinez's office. Before Thomas departed, he hugged the Nationals' relievers as they were warming up on the field.

"I don't necessarily have any favorites," Martinez said. "But he's one of the guys that I could count on to show up every day and do what he does."

Thomas said the trade came as a shock, even though he knew it was possible. He said he was excited to join the American League

pennant race and sees a lot of similarities between the Guardians and Nationals. But Thomas was proud of what he and the team accomplished during his time in Washington.

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PRO FOOTBALL

The Commanders put on pads and keep mixing, matching combinations. **D3**

BASEBALL

Ex-National Erick Fedde is sent to the Cardinals as trading season heats up. **D3**

TENNIS

Robin Montgomery, a D.C. native, wins her opening match at the DC Open. **D6**

THE DAY IN SPORTS

AUTO RACING

Ferrari’s Sainz agrees to drive for Williams

Ferrari Formula One driver **Carlos Sainz Jr.** agreed to a two-year contract to drive for Williams starting next season. “Carlos will race alongside **Alex Albon** for Williams Racing for 2025 and into the new F1 regulations era as the formidable pairing look to spearhead the team’s mission to return to the front of the grid,” the team said in a statement Monday. “Williams Racing would also like to thank **Logan Sargeant** for his hard work and dedication over the past two years. Logan became the first U.S. driver to score a point for 30 years when he finished 10th in Austin last year, and has played a fundamental role in developing the team. Williams will give Logan every support as he looks to continue his racing career for 2025 and into the future.” Sargeant is the only American driver on the F1 grid and the first since 2015.

Sainz, a 29-year-old from Spain, has notched three race victories, 23 podiums and more than 1,100 career points. He is fifth in the standings this season. After becoming the only non-Red Bull driver to win a race in 2023, Sainz won the Australian Grand Prix in March, just 10 days after having surgery for appendicitis. He has another four podium finishes this season. “It is no secret that this year’s driver market has been exceptionally complex for various reasons and that it has taken me some time to announce my decision,” Sainz said. “However, I am fully confident that Williams is the right place for me to continue my F1 journey, and I am extremely proud of joining such a historic and successful team, where many of my childhood heroes drove in the past and made their mark on our sport. “The ultimate goal of bringing Williams back to where it belongs, at the front of the grid, is a challenge that I embrace with excitement and positivity. I am convinced that this team has all the right ingredients to make history again and, starting on Jan. 1, I will give my absolute best to drive Williams forward alongside every single member of the team.” Williams has the option to extend Sainz’s contract beyond 2026.

PRO BASKETBALL

Hawks acquire Roddy, send Liddell to Suns

The Atlanta Hawks acquired **David Roddy** from the Phoenix Suns for **E.J. Liddell** in a swap of power forwards. Liddell was traded for the second time in less than a month. The Hawks acquired him as part of a package that included two first-round draft picks in a deal that sent high-scoring guard **Dejounte Murray** to the New Orleans Pelicans on July 6. Liddell was a second-round pick out of Ohio State by New Orleans in 2022. Roddy was the No. 23 pick by the Philadelphia 76ers in the 2022 NBA draft before his rights were acquired by the Memphis Grizzlies.

Roddy started 13 of 65 games with Memphis and Phoenix in 2023-24 and averaged 6.5 points and 3.2 rebounds. He scored in double figures in 18 games and had two games in which he matched his career high with 10 rebounds. Roddy started in five games in the Summer League, averaging 14.8 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists. Liddell saw limited playing time in eight games with New Orleans last season. He averaged 7.8 points and 4.0 rebounds in Summer League play.

SOCCER

FIFA gets formal bids for men’s World Cups

On the sidelines of the Paris Olympics, FIFA is doing business with its future hosts of the men’s World Cup, including Saudi Arabia. FIFA said it received the formal bid books from leaders of the seven member federations that are the exclusive bidders for the World Cups of 2030 and 2034. The 2030 World Cup is being co-hosted by Spain, Portugal and Morocco plus three South American neighbors — Argentina, Paraguay and inaugural 1930 host Uruguay — that each will stage one of the tournament’s 104 games. Saudi Arabia is the only

candidate for the 2034 World Cup, which was fast-tracked by FIFA last year. The two bids are set to be confirmed at a Dec. 11 online meeting of FIFA’s 211 member federations. First, the proposed World Cup project plans must be detailed in hundreds of pages that FIFA aims to publish this week. They must include plans for stadiums, hotels, training fields, transportation and security. “FIFA will thoroughly assess the bid books and publish its evaluation report,” which is due in the last quarter of the year, the world soccer body said in a statement. World Cup bidders also must submit to an assessment of their human rights obligations to host

the tournament. FIFA was invited in May to work with independent experts to assess the candidates. FIFA’s human rights policy was introduced eight years ago after it awarded the 2018 and 2022 editions to Russia and Qatar, respectively, and was first applied for the 2026 tournament candidates. The United States, Canada and Mexico will co-host the 2026 World Cup, the first with 48 teams instead of 32. ... Arsenal signed Italy defender **Riccardo Calafiori** from Bologna. The English Premier League club did not confirm the fee for the 22-year-old Calafiori or the length of the contract, but media reports said he agreed to a five-

year deal and Arsenal paid 42 million pounds (about \$54 million). “[Calafiori] gives us huge strength to reinforce our defense,” Arsenal Manager **Mikel Arteta** said. “Riccardo is a big personality and character, with specific skills, which will make us stronger as we push to win major trophies.” Calafiori is a versatile defender who can play center back or left back. He was part of Italy’s squad at the European Championship this summer. “He has already shown great development in recent seasons with his performances for both Bologna and Italy, with his progression and development in the past year being really impressive,” Arteta said.

HOCKEY

Wild’s Faber lands eight-year extension

Minnesota Wild General Manager **Bill Guerin** saw more than enough potential in **Brock Faber**’s rookie season to sign the defenseman to an eight-year, \$68 million contract extension. The deal doesn’t kick in until the 2025-26 season, after Faber’s rookie contract expires. It comes after the 21-year-old finished second behind Chicago Blackhawks forward **Connor Bedard** in Calder Trophy voting for NHL rookie of the year honors. “He’s shown that he’s mature enough to handle it. He’s shown that he’s going to keep getting

better,” Guerin said. Faber is one of just four players in Wild history to make the NHL’s all-rookie team, along with **Jonas Brodin** (2013), **Kirill Kaprizov** (2021) and **Marco Rossi** (also last season). Faber led all rookies and was sixth among NHL skaters as he averaged 24:58 of ice time last season. His ice-time total (2,047:53) was the most by an NHL rookie since 2000-01. He also finished tied for second among rookies with 47 points in 82 games, and his 39 assists set a franchise rookie record. Faber is one of the young building blocks of a team already looking ahead to having more salary cap room to sign players once the bulk of **Zach Parise**’s and **Ryan Suter**’s bought-out contracts come off the Wild’s books next summer.

Faber was selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the second round of the 2020 draft. Two years later, the Kings traded Faber and 2022 first-round pick **Liam Ohgren** to Minnesota to acquire forward **Kevin Fiala**. Faber’s contract extension through the 2032-33 season comes three weeks after the Wild signed **Jake Middleton** to a four-year, \$17.4 million extension that also kicks in after this season. Faber, who played at the University of Minnesota, grew up an avid fan of the Wild with his bedroom decorated in all kinds of memorabilia.

“I’m a Minnesota kid, born and raised,” Faber said. “And it’s always been a dream of mine to be able to wear this sweater and play for this team.” ... The Carolina Hurricanes agreed to a two-year, \$13 million deal with forward **Martin Necas**, keeping one of their most skilled offensive players through the 2025-26 season.

The deal provides roster certainty for the 25-year-old Czech, who had been discussed as a trade candidate since the close of Carolina’s sixth straight playoff season. “Martin is an immensely skilled player who provides a scoring threat whenever the puck is on his stick,” new general manager **Eric Tulsky** said in a statement. “He will play a key role in the continued success of our franchise, and we’re excited to have a multi-year contract done.”

That wasn’t a sure thing for Necas, a first-round pick by the Hurricanes in 2017 who has played with the franchise for his entire career. He was a restricted free agent heading to arbitration, and there had been a report out of Europe in which Necas’s father said his son would prefer to be traded. Necas had 24 goals and 29 assists in 77 games last season, which followed a breakout 2022-23 campaign in which he tallied 28 goals and 43 assists for a team-best 71 points in 82 games. He scored four goals in 11 playoff games last season, with Carolina losing to the Presidents’ Trophy-winning New York Rangers in the second round. Necas’s nine overtime goals since the 2020-21 season are tied for the NHL lead in that span. His future had been one of the key questions hanging over the Hurricanes in what has been an offseason of change. Tulsky took over as GM when **Don Waddell** left for the Columbus Blue Jackets, and big names such as forward **Jake Guentzel** and defensemen **Brady Skjei** and **Brett Pesce** departed in free agency. Carolina has been in talks for a deal with another one of its young forwards, **Seth Jarvis**. The 22-year-old is a restricted free agent.

TENNIS

Chasing gold, Djokovic won’t play in Montreal

Novak Djokovic withdrew from a U.S. Open tuneup tournament in Montreal after his victory over **Rafael Nadal** at the Paris Olympics. The 37-year-old beat Nadal in straight sets at Roland Garros to reach the third round at the Summer Games. Djokovic had been planning to play in the National Bank Open, an ATP Masters 1000 event that begins Aug. 6. The tournament announced his withdrawal. Djokovic has won a record 24 Grand Slam singles titles but has never won Olympic gold. “While we’re disappointed that Novak will be unable to take part in this year’s tournament, we understand his decision and wish him the best at the Olympics and the remainder of his season,” tournament director **Valérie Tétrault** said. **Roman Safiullin** took Djokovic’s spot in the main draw. — *From news reports*



Steve McMichael, shown in 1991, can’t move or speak and won’t make the trip to Canton, Ohio, for his induction Saturday.

McMichael, battling ALS, gets Hall moment

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN

CHICAGO — Steve McMichael always had that big and boisterous persona and a willingness to say whatever was on his mind, so it’s no stretch to think the Chicago Bears great’s Pro Football Hall of Fame induction speech would have been one to remember. “He would cut a scorching,” his wife, Misty, said. “He would have been amazing.” McMichael is in the advanced stages of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and won’t be able to make the trip from Homer Glen, Ill., to Canton, Ohio, for his induction Saturday. He lost his ability to move and speak, but he will deliver a brief and heartfelt message he put together through an eye-gaze device: “Hello, Chicago. Thank you, Chicago.” The 66-year-old is part of a seven-member class that also includes former Bears Devin Hester and Julius Peppers. An all-pro defensive tackle in 1985 and

1987, McMichael played in a franchise-record 191 consecutive games from 1981 to 1993 and ranks second to Richard Dent on the Bears’ all-time sacks list with 92.5. His final season was with the Green Bay Packers in 1994. Whether he was terrorizing opponents or discussing the Bears on sports-talk radio, the man known as “Ming The Merciless” and “Mongo” remained a prominent presence in Chicago long after his playing days ended. He also spent five years in professional wrestling in the late 1990s. McMichael told the Chicago Tribune in April 2021 that he was battling ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, which affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, causing loss of muscle control. “I promise you, this epitaph that I’m going to have on me now? This ain’t ever how I envisioned this was going to end,” McMichael told the Tribune. McMichael has gone from a

270-pound giant who used to blast through NFL offensive linemen to someone who is bedridden and rail thin. “It just breaks my heart,” said Dave Siden, McMichael’s friend for more than 40 years. Siden got prime seats at games and behind-the-scenes access at wrestling events. “It’s just really cool to be a part of Steve’s life and, as Steve says, bask in his reflective glory,” Siden said. Now, McMichael gets one more moment of glory. “He’s scared to die, and he shouldn’t be because he’s the most badass man I’ve ever known inside and out,” Misty McMichael said. “He’s a good man. He’s going to be in heaven before any of us, so I don’t know what he’s afraid of. But I’ve told him to please hang on till [Saturday], and then, you know, I don’t want to see him suffer anymore. He’s been suffering.” — *Associated Press*

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NFL NOTES

Williams is hoping to get some extra snaps

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Chicago Bears rookie quarterback Caleb Williams has experienced some ups and downs during his first eight days of training camp. Despite his occasional struggles, the first pick of the NFL draft believes he's making progress.

"I think I'm on track to be ready," he said. "I'm exactly where I need to be and where they want me to be. I'm excited."

The Bears haven't decided whether or how much Williams will play in Thursday night's preseason opener, the Hall of Fame Game against the Houston Texans in Canton, Ohio. Coach Matt Eberflus was expected to announce his plans for the game Tuesday, but Williams sees the upside in getting playing time against mostly backups in an extra preseason game.

"The reps are always paramount for anybody like myself — a young rookie, second-year guy, third-year guy," Williams said.

Williams has struggled at times with simple things such as the cadence or getting a play off before the play clock expires. At other times, he flashes brilliance with his throws. At Monday's practice, he made two passes into tight windows for touchdowns in the back of the end zone. Linebacker Jack Sanborn had to marvel at one of them.

"He made a throw in the back that I even gave him a little high-five for because it's impressive," Sanborn said.

•**TEXANS:** Houston defensive lineman Denico Autry was suspended for the first six games of the season after violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Autry denied he knowingly ingested a banned substance but said he would accept the suspension. Autry said he discovered the pharmacy that filled a prescription for him had "intentionally, recklessly or negligently" included a banned substance.

Autry, 34, has 59 sacks in 10 NFL seasons. He had a career-high 11.5 last season for the Tennessee Titans and then signed a two-year, \$20 million contract with the Texans in March.

•**PATRIOTS:** Unhappy with his contract situation, New England outside linebacker Matthew Judon had an animated conversation with Coach Jerod Mayo and Patriots front-office members while not participating in practice.

Judon had been a full participant in four previous practices before sitting out the team's first full-pads practice at training camp. He told reporters earlier this month that he wanted to upgrade his contract, which will pay him a base salary of \$6.5 million in the final year of a four-year, \$56 million deal.

•**RAVENS:** Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson said he is feeling good after overcoming an illness that caused him to miss four of the team's first five practices.

Jackson now has gone through two consecutive practice sessions without a problem.

"I feel wonderful," Jackson said. "Good to be back."

•**VIKINGS:** Still seeking depth and experience for its secondary, Minnesota signed former Washington defensive back Bobby McCain. John Parker Romo was waived to make room on the roster, effectively securing the kicking job for Will Reichard, a sixth-round draft pick out of Alabama.

Experiments continue with Commanders in pads

BY NICKI JHABVALA

The Washington Commanders had a shorter but more intense practice Monday — their most intense yet — while wearing pads for the first time at training camp. One thing that became clear from their 75-minute workout is that they're still experimenting.

Much of training camp will be focused on movement, to figure out what the team has in certain players and certain personnel groupings. This is especially true for the lines and the secondary, where the combinations of players are as important as the positions.

The movement offers some insight to where coaches might be eyeing certain players, but it also means individual reps need to be put in context. If a player is with the starters one day, it doesn't necessarily mean he'll be with the starters the next day or when Week 1 arrives.

On the offensive line, Coach Dan Quinn has regularly mixed first- and second-team players — and sometimes even third-stringers. He's also mixing quarterbacks so all four — Jayden Daniels, Marcus Mariota, Sam Hartman and Jeff Driskel — have time with multiple line groupings.

"Certainly at tackle we've had a little more movement over the last few days, but putting people at different positions, this is the time to explore some of that — right tackle, left tackle, who is going to be in the nose spots, who's going to be the swing," Quinn said. "Most of the guards can play center and just about all of the centers can play guard, so it's not just a one-hole backup or spot. It's worth it now to do those positions because you're exploring, you're finding out more information. Then you



JOHN MCDONNELL FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Commanders Coach Dan Quinn, left, and linebackers coach Ken Norton Jr. had plenty to analyze during Monday's intense practice.

later get locked into one spot."

Sixth-year veteran Michael Deiter, signed in the offseason, has taken reps at left guard, right guard and center. Rookie tackle Brandon Coleman and veteran Cornelius Lucas have played on both sides.

Backup linemen typically play multiple spots, as Lucas has for much of his four seasons with Washington.

In the secondary, where Washington has several players with the experience and skill sets to play multiple positions, the Commanders also are experimenting. For example, Quan Martin has taken many reps as the deep safety, but he also has been used some inside, depending on the grouping — which could continue into the season to take advantage of his versatility.

Cornerback is another position where the Commanders are "going to let it play out," as Quinn

said. Emmanuel Forbes Jr., Benjamin St-Juste and Michael Davis have been used outside with other starters and in multiple groupings.

"Some days you'll see this two combination of guys, the next day the next two," Quinn said. "Just going through the whole process to make sure we're giving all of the guys a real opportunity to compete. That's really the theme of what we're doing."

Learning the kickoff rule

A group of potential returners took more reps as the players continue to learn about how they must adapt to the new kickoff rule.

So far, the team hasn't had any reservations about using offensive starters, including running back Austin Ekelers, in that role.

"Just more reps, more time on task, so I'm not at a comfort level there yet," Quinn said.

'Rejuvenated' Wilson gets fresh start with Steelers

BY MARK MASKE

LATROBE, PA. — Russell Wilson's 13th NFL season is nearly at hand, and his 36th birthday is four months away. The glory of his 10 seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, with his nine Pro Bowl selections and two Super Bowl appearances, gave way to two seasons of tumult with the Denver Broncos. Now, in the early days of his first training camp with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the tempting narrative is that Wilson is vying to reestablish himself among the league's quarterbacking royalty.

But Wilson does not necessarily buy into that. To the extent that he ever left the ranks of the NFL's most prominent quarterbacks, in his view, he already returned to them last season.

"I'm always trying to prove myself, my best version of me," Wilson said following a recent practice. "You know, I felt like last year I was me again. The first year in Denver, I was hurt all year. And so I wasn't healthy. I was playing through it all. But that's what I believe us quarterbacks have to do. You have to be able to show up and lace up your cleats no matter what the circumstances are. But last year I felt like myself."

The numbers support Wilson's contention. He was the NFL's seventh-rated passer when Broncos Coach Sean Payton benched him in favor of Jarrett Stidham with two games remaining amid rancorous deliberations about Wilson's contract. Wilson ended the season as the league's eighth-rated passer after throwing for 3,070 yards and 26 touchdowns with eight interceptions; his passer rating of 98.0 was just below his career mark of 100.0.

"I normally throw about 30-plus touchdowns a year," Wil-

son said. "I was right there before they, you know, sat me down. I know who I am. And I don't question that. And I believe in that. And I work at it. That's why. It's not some mystical thing. It's just the work. And I've got great teammates around me. And so I'm looking forward to this opportunity."

According to Wilson and the NFL Players Association, the Broncos threatened in October to bench Wilson for the rest of the season if he did not agree to adjust his contract and address an injury guarantee tied to a \$37 million offseason payment. The NFLPA told the Broncos and the NFL's management council in a November letter from attorney Jeffrey Kessler that the team's threat to bench Wilson if he did not agree to adjust his contract was illegal and violated the collective bargaining agreement. Lloyd Howell, the union's executive director, said during Super Bowl week that the union believed the Broncos "mistreated" Wilson.

The Broncos denied wrongdoing and said they benched Wilson for competitive reasons. They released Wilson in March and must pay all but \$1.21 million of his \$39 million salary for this season after the Steelers signed him to a minimum-salary contract.

"I'm grateful for a new opportunity, focus on [going] forward," Wilson said. "That's how I've always been. ... And now it's just another opportunity to go do what I love to do."

Wilson chose the Steelers in free agency after also visiting the New York Giants. Wilson said he made his selection based on the "winning culture" of the Steelers, who have never had a losing season in Coach Mike Tomlin's 17-year tenure. They reached the

playoffs last season with Kenny Pickett, Mitchell Trubisky and Mason Rudolph making starts at quarterback.

All three are gone. The Steelers traded for Justin Fields in addition to signing Wilson, and Tomlin must choose a starter. Fields, the 2021 first-round draft choice who spent three uneven seasons with the Chicago Bears, ran the Steelers' starting offense in the early days of training camp as Wilson worked his way back from a calf injury.

"I'm proceeding with extreme caution because we're afforded that [at] this time of year," Tomlin said. "And particularly because I'm just getting to know him. And so when you don't have a background or relationship with somebody when you're in my position, it's just prudent when given the opportunity to kind of be a little bit cautious, to make sure a small problem doesn't become a big one."

Whichever quarterback emerges as the starter will take charge of a team with established standouts on defense, from pass rusher T.J. Watt to lineman Cameron Heyward to safety Minkah Fitzpatrick to newly arrived linebacker Patrick Queen.

The offense is more of a work in progress. Tomlin hired Arthur Smith, who was fired in January after a third straight 7-10 season as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, as his offensive coordinator. Much of the wide receiver corps is unproven. But it includes George Pickens, the gifted third-year pro who's coming off his first 1,000-yard receiving season.

"He can be a top-five receiver in this league," said wideout Van Jefferson, a Steelers newcomer.

The offensive line should be bolstered by rookie tackle Troy

"I think there's still some exploring that we're doing with high kicks, kicks on the ground, double teams, no double teams. ... I think people-wise we might be able to know what's happening, because on that play it's a speed and space play. So you've got to be able to block someone in space or beat a block in space. The speed on the kickoff and kickoff return, and the ability to play in space, I think they're still the [top] attributes."

About those pads

They ramped up the intensity of practice, but they also narrowed the focus to the line of scrimmage — players' leverage and pad level on blocks and tackles, the running game and the pass rush.

Quinn urged the players to be smart and compared playing with pads to sparring — they must stay in control and protect the quarterback at all costs but also remain aggressive.

Crowder stays solid

Wide receiver Jamison Crowder had a diving catch in the corner of the end zone on a pass from Daniels and had another impressive catch on a crosser from Hartman.

Spots at the bottom of the wide receivers group behind Terry McLaurin, Jahan Dotson and Luke McCaffrey are up for grabs, and Crowder has the benefit of experience — with the team and in general — and on special teams.

Newton progresses

Rookie defensive tackle Johnny Newton has no limitations in his return from a second foot surgery, but the Commanders are slowly working him back because he has not practiced in months. Quinn said the No. 36 overall pick will soon participate in more drills.

BASEBALL NOTES

Three-way trade lets Cardinals land Fedde

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

The long-awaited Chicago White Sox sell-off began with a bang Monday when they traded starter Erick Fedde to St. Louis as part of a three-way deal that also sends hard-throwing reliever Michael Kopec and Cardinals utility man Tommy Edman to the Los Angeles Dodgers and outfielder Tommy Pham to St. Louis.

The White Sox, on pace for the worst record in modern baseball history, received infielder Miguel Vargas and prospects from the Cardinals and Dodgers. The blockbuster signaled the start of the Dodgers' push to ensure an injury-riddled season does not doom what once looked like a charmed start to Shohei Ohtani's tenure, and it bolsters the roster of a Cardinals team that is still within reach of the postseason.

Fedde is one of the better comeback stories of this season, having returned from a year in South Korea to compile the best season of his career. The former Washington Nationals pitcher is under contract for just \$7.5 million in 2025, a price at which his 3.11 ERA and eight strikeouts per nine innings would be a steal. He joins a Cardinals rotation that has been good enough to keep St. Louis in the thick of the National League wild-card race but needs reinforcement.

In Edman, the Dodgers acquire a career Cardinal who gives them depth at shortstop behind Mookie Betts and can offer plus defense in center field, too. Edman has spent all of this season on the injured list because of offseason wrist surgery and a sprained ankle, but the .265 career hitter was serving as a designated hitter on a rehab assignment at the time of the deal.

Kopec, meanwhile, bolsters a Dodgers bullpen that was already the sixth best in baseball by ERA but has lost key pieces to the injured list. The 28-year-old becomes a free agent after the 2025 season.

Later, Los Angeles acquired shortstop Amed Rosario to bolster its middle infield depth, sending Class AAA reliever Michael Flynn to the Tampa Bay Rays.

— *Chelsea Jones*

•**ROYALS:** Contending Kansas City acquired right-hander Michael Lorenzen from the Texas Rangers for minor league left-hander Walter Pennington.

Lorenzen went 5-6 with a 3.81 ERA in 19 games (18 starts) with the Rangers after signing late in spring training and making his season debut April 15. In his final start for Texas on Saturday, Lorenzen allowed four runs and five hits while recording just two outs against the Toronto Blue Jays. He pitched again Sunday and gave up one run over four innings in relief.

The 32-year-old was a first-time all-star last season with the Detroit Tigers and threw a no-hitter for the Philadelphia Phillies after being traded. He signed a one-year, \$4.5 million contract with the Rangers on March 23. Primarily a starter over the past three seasons, Lorenzen is 45-44 with a 4.08 ERA over 361 career games (87 starts).

Two Kansas City relievers exited Sunday's 7-3 loss to the Chicago Cubs with injuries. Right-hander John Schreiber tweaked his knee when covering first base after getting a grounder on the only pitch he threw. Right-hander Hunter Harvey, whom the Royals got in a trade with the Nationals two weeks ago, left with back spasms after throwing just seven of his 22 pitches for strikes.

•**REDS:** Cincinnati picked up first baseman Ty France and cash from the Seattle Mariners in exchange for minor league catcher Andruw Salcedo.

The 30-year-old France, an American League all-star in 2022, was designated for assignment last week by the Mariners after hitting .223 with eight homers in 88 games.

•**RED SOX:** Boston acquired right-hander Quinn Priester from the Pittsburgh Pirates for minor league infielder/outfielder Nick Yorke in an exchange of first-round draft picks. The Red Sox optioned Priester to Class AAA.

Priester was 2-6 with a 5.04 ERA in 10 games for the Pirates. Yorke has hit .278 with 10 homers in 83 minor league games.

•**MARINERS:** Seattle acquired infielder Justin Turner from Toronto for minor league outfielder RJ Schreck.

Turner, 39, was hitting .254 with six homers in 89 games with the Blue Jays.

— *Associated Press*

Nationals swap Thomas for three more prospects

NATIONALS FROM D1

fringe major leaguer into an everyday outfielder and a clubhouse leader as a young team matured with him as a pillar.

"I've always said that it would be fun to see this thing through with a lot of these young guys," Thomas said. "The talent you see from James [Wood], CJ [Abrams] and MacKenzie [Gore], all these guys that are still so young and have so much time to improve, it'll be fun to watch. I'll be rooting for them."

In Clemmey, Ramirez and Tena, the Nationals received three of the top 30 prospects in Cleveland's minor league system, per Baseball America's midseason ranking. Clemmey, a second-round pick in

2023, is the centerpiece of the deal, coming over with a highly regarded fastball and curveball. The 19-year-old had 97 strikeouts and a 4.67 ERA in 69% innings with the Guardians' low Class A affiliate.

Tena, 23, is the closest to being MLB ready, posting an .846 OPS in Class AAA this season at third base — a position from which Washington has struggled to get offensive production. He made his big league debut in August.

Ramirez, 19, posted an .879 OPS in rookie ball last year, but that has fallen to .620 this season in low Class A.

Thomas hit .257 with 60 home runs during his tenure with Washington. His OPS-plus was 113, well above the MLB average of 100. He



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Outfielder Lane Thomas, acquired in 2021, provided offense and a steady clubhouse presence during his time with the Nationals.

is not the only National to depart ahead of the deadline this summer. Before the all-star break, Washington sent reliever Hunter Harvey to the Kansas City Royals. And on Saturday, the Nationals traded outfielder Jesse Winker to the New York Mets.

The trade deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday and Washington still has decisions to make, perhaps most notably on Kyle Finnegan, the team's 32-year-old closer who has 28 saves. There's also reliever Dylan Floro, who is on an expiring contract.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Philadelphia	65	41	.613	—	3-7	L-2
Atlanta	56	49	.533	8½	3-7	L-1
New York	56	50	.528	9	7-3	W-1
x-Washington	49	57	.462	16	5-5	L-1
Miami	39	67	.368	26	6-4	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	61	45	.575	—	7-3	W-2
x-Pittsburgh	54	52	.509	7	6-4	W-2
St. Louis	54	52	.509	7	4-6	L-1
Cincinnati	51	55	.481	10	4-6	W-1
Chicago	51	57	.472	11	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	63	44	.589	—	7-3	W-1
San Diego	57	51	.528	6½	7-3	L-1
x-Arizona	55	51	.519	7½	6-4	L-1
San Francisco	53	55	.491	10½	6-4	W-1
Colorado	38	69	.355	25	4-6	L-4

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Baltimore	63	43	.594	—	5-5	W-2
New York	63	45	.583	1	5-5	W-3
Boston	56	49	.533	6½	3-7	W-1
Tampa Bay	54	52	.509	9	6-4	W-1
x-Toronto	49	57	.462	14	5-5	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Cleveland	64	42	.604	—	5-5	W-2
Minnesota	58	47	.552	5½	4-6	L-1
Kansas City	58	49	.542	6½	6-4	W-1
Detroit	52	56	.481	13	4-6	L-2
Chicago	27	82	.248	38½	0-10	L-15

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Seattle	56	52	.519	—	4-6	L-1
x-Houston	55	51	.519	—	5-5	L-2
Texas	52	55	.486	3½	6-4	W-1
Los Angeles	46	60	.434	9	5-5	W-1
Oakland	44	64	.407	12	7-3	L-1

x-Late game

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering *Monday's* game.

Batters	Avg	R	H	HR	RBI	BB
Yezzer	.361	13	26	2	14	6
Ramirez	.319	5	15	1	13	0
Call	.313	5	0	1	3	3
Garcia	.276	35	92	11	50	16
Vargas	.266	17	50	1	22	16
Winker	.257	51	81	11	45	53
Abrams	.256	63	100	15	51	33
Thomas	.253	42	76	8	40	32
Young	.252	54	75	1	22	20
Wood	.236	10	21	2	15	8
Meneses	.231	19	65	3	42	21
Adams	.222	8	22	2	8	9
Lipscomb	.218	19	37	1	10	14
Ruiz	.217	26	60	8	33	9
Senzel	.209	25	43	7	18	27
Rosario	.183	26	40	7	26	13
Millas	.167	2	5	1	1	2
Gallo	.164	17	23	5	11	21
Nuñez	.143	9	2	0	0	2
Robles	.120	3	3	0	2	5
Totals	.240	450	841	86	424	310

Pitchers	ERA	IP	H	ER	SO
Vargas	0.00	1.0	2	0	0
Fioro	2.06	52.1	42	12	40
Williams	2.22	56.2	45	14	47
Finnegan	2.47	43.2	29	12	44
Salazar	3.00	3.0	3	3	1
Law	3.14	63.0	64	22	56
Irvin	3.44	128.1	109	49	111
J.Barnes	3.67	41.2	38	17	33
Harvey	4.20	45.0	43	21	50
Garcia	4.34	37.1	34	18	51
Parker	4.34	95.1	91	46	81
Gore	4.51	105.2	115	53	121
Rutledge	4.76	5.2	5	3	7
Herz	4.79	41.1	43	22	53
Corbin	5.26	118.0	133	69	86
Adon	5.40	5.0	6	3	3
Rainey	5.50	29.0	30	19	22
Weems	6.59	41.0	49	30	34
M.Barnes	6.75	13.1	16	10	10
Ferrer	7.36	3.2	3	3	3
Gray	14.04	8.1	15	13	9
Totals	4.21	939.1	917	439	866

NL leaders

Entering *Monday's* games.

BATTING

Ohtani, LA	.....	314
Arraez, SD	.....	309
Ozuna, Atl	.....	306
Profar, SD	.....	301
Marte, Ari	.....	296
Bohm, Phi	.....	295
Freeman, LA	.....	288
Reynolds, Pit	.....	288
Tovar, Col	.....	287
Contreras, Mil	.....	286

HOME RUNS

Ohtani, LA	.....	32
Ozuna, Atl	.....	30
Harper, Phi	.....	24
Marte, Ari	.....	23
Walker, Ari	.....	23
Schwarber, Phi	.....	22
Hernández, LA	.....	22
Lindor, NY	.....	22
Alonso, NY	.....	21

RBI

Ozuna, Atl	.....	82
Ohtani, LA	.....	76
Bohm, Phi	.....	71
Walker, Ari	.....	71
Hernández, LA	.....	69
Marte, Ari	.....	68
Adames, Mil	.....	68
Harper, Phi	.....	67
Profar, SD	.....	67
Freeman, LA	.....	67

ERA

López, Atl	.....	2.06
Wheeler, Phi	.....	2.55
Sale, Atl	.....	2.69
Suárez, Phi	.....	2.87
Imanaga, Chi	.....	2.95
Greene, Cin	.....	2.97
Sánchez, Phi	.....	3.05
Friedt, Atl	.....	3.08
King, SD	.....	3.26

SAVES

Hesley, STL	.....	33
Finnegan, Was	.....	28
Suarez, SD	.....	23
Iglesias, Atl	.....	22
Dowdy, SF	.....	20
Diaz, Cin	.....	20
Megill, Mil	.....	20
Bednar, Pit	.....	18
Scott, Mia	.....	18

INNINGS PITCHED

Webb, SF	.....	135%
Cease, SD	.....	131
Nola, Phi	.....	130%
Was	.....	129%
Keller, Phi	.....	128%
Pfadt, Ari	.....	126%
Cease, SD	.....	168
Sale, Atl	.....	149
King, SD	.....	144
Peralta, Mil	.....	142
Gray, STL	.....	138
Greene, Cin	.....	138
Wheeler, Phi	.....	133
Nola, Phi	.....	126

AL leaders

Entering *Monday's* games.

BATTING

Kwan, Cle	.....	342
Witt, KC	.....	341
Judge, NY	.....	341
Altuve, Hou	.....	309
Soto, NY	.....	306
Guerrero, Tor	.....	301
Devers, Bos	.....	297
Alvarez, Hou	.....	297
Rookie, Oak	.....	296

HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	.....	37
Santander, Bal	.....	27
Henderson, Bal	.....	28
Soto, NY	.....	27
Rookie, Oak	.....	25
Ramirez, Cle	.....	24
Devers, Bos	.....	23

RBI

Judge, NY	.....	96
Ramirez, Cle	.....	82
Rookie, Oak	.....	75
Soto, NY	.....	74
Naylor, Cle	.....	72
Witt, KC	.....	71
Perez, KC	.....	70
Santander, Bal	.....	68
Pasquantino, KC	.....	67

ERA

Skubal, Det	.....	2.35
Burnes, Bal	.....	2.46
Lugo, KC	.....	2.66
Gilbert, Sea	.....	2.72
Houck, Bos	.....	2.79
Singer, KC	.....	2.82
Blanco, Hou	.....	2.95
Flaherty, Det	.....	2.95
Anderson, LA	.....	2.96

SAVES

Clase, Cle	.....	33
Kimbrel, Bal	.....	25
Holmes, NY	.....	21
Fairbanks, TB	.....	20
Hader, Hou	.....	20
Jansen, Bos	.....	20
Mufson, Sea	.....	18
Yates, Tex	.....	18
McArthur, KC	.....	17
Duran, Min	.....	15
Foley, Det	.....	15
Miller, Oak	.....	15

INNINGS PITCHED

Lugo, KC	.....	142%
Gilbert, Sea	.....	139
Burnes, Bal	.....	132
Anderson, LA	.....	130%
Berrios, Tor	.....	130%
Kirby, Sea	.....	130%
Castillo, Sea	.....	130%

STRIKEOUTS

Crochet, Chi	.....	160
Skubal, Det	.....	154
Ragans, KC	.....	153
Ryan, Min	.....	138
López, Min		137
Flaherty, Det		133
Gilbert, Sea		132
Bibee, Cle		130
Kikuchi, Tor		130



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Wasting no time

Yankees slugger Aaron Judge belts a solo home run during the first inning in Philadelphia. Judge went deep twice to give him 39 homers, most in the majors.

Eflin's gritty debut gives O's a big boost

ORIOLES 11, BLUE JAYS 5

BY DAVID GINSBURG

BALTIMORE — Zach Eflin turned in a gritty pitching performance in his Baltimore debut, Anthony Santander hit his 30th home run, and the Orioles cruised past the Toronto Blue Jays, 11-5, on Monday in the opener of a doubleheader at Camden Yards.

Obtained Friday from Tampa Bay for three minor leaguers, Eflin provided an immediate boost to Baltimore's thin rotation. Despite giving up 10 hits over six innings, including a three-run homer, Eflin struck out seven and walked none.

"It was awesome. The crowd was into it — a lot different from Tampa," Eflin said. "It was a lot of fun, honestly, to be out there with a good, young, high-energy team."

The right-hander was backed by an offense that built a four-run lead in the first inning and boosted its advantage to 7-0 in the fourth. Santander made it 10-3 in the fifth with a three-run shot off Yariel Rodríguez, Ryan Mountcastle tacked on a solo shot in the eighth, and Jordan Westburg finished with three doubles and two RBI.

Addison Barger hit his first major league home for Toronto, a three-run drive off Eflin in the fifth. Barger entered in the second inning for first baseman Justin Turner, who was traded to the Seattle Mariners during the game.

Orioles backup catcher James McCann was struck in the face by a Rodríguez fastball with the bases loaded in the first inning. He was treated for a nosebleed but remained in the game.

The second game of the doubleheader was delayed by rain and ended too late for this edition.

— Associated Press

Red Sox 14, Mariners 7

Wilyer Abreu capped a 12-pitch at-bat with an RBI single, and Masataka Yoshida hit the next pitch for a two-run homer as Boston scored seven runs in the third inning and rolled from there.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	B	BB	SO	AVG
Robles cf-If.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	.357
Lodgiclar 1b-ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	.156
Arozarena cf.....	3	2	2	1	0	1	.455
Marlowe cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Raleigh c.....	5	2	2	1	0	1	.218
Polanco 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	.208
Rivas 2b.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	.273
Moore ss.....	3	1	0	0	1	1	.126
O'Neill lf.....	5	1	1	1	0	1	.270
Mayes ss.....	4	1	2	1	0	1	.207
Vosler 1b-If.....	4	0	1	1	0	2	.227
Haniger dh.....	0	0	1	0	0	2	.204
Rojas 3b.....	3	0	2	0	1	1	.240
TOTALS	40	14	16	1	9	—	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	B	BB	SO	AVG
Duran cf.....	4	2	2	1	0	1	.291
Westbrook 1b-ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	.150
Abreu rf.....	5	2	2	2	0	2	.268
Yoshida dh.....	5	2	3	4	0	0	.279
Devers 3b.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	.297
Gonzalez ph-3b.....	1	1	1	2	0	1	.283
O'Neill lf.....	5	1	1	1	0	1	.270
Smith 1b.....	4	2	2	2	0	2	.232
Wong c.....	4	1	2	1	0	1	.300
Hamilton 2b-ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Rafaela ss-cf.....	4	2	2	0	0	0	.253
TOTALS	40	14	16	1	9	—	—

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E: Polanco (5), González (3). **LOB:** Seattle 5, Boston 3. **2B:** Arozarena (1), Moore (16), Devers (23), O'Neill (16), Smith (14), Wong (10), Duran 2 (33), Abreu (23), Yoshida (9). **HR:** Arozarena (1), off Pivetta; Raleigh (23), off Pivetta; Yoshida (5), off Gilbert; Smith (6), off Thornton; González (2), off Speier.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert.....	2½	7	7	7	0	43	11
Flaherty.....	1½	3	4	1	2	27	0
Speier.....	1½	2	2	2	0	35	95
Snider.....	1	0	0	0	1	15	50
Saucedo.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	195

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SCOREBOARD

OLYMPICS

Paris Summer Games

MEDALS TABLE

AFTER 45 OF 329 EVENTS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	3	8	9	20
France	5	8	3	16
China	5	2	4	11
Japan	6	2	2	12
Great Britain	5	5	3	10
Australia	2	4	0	9
South Korea	5	3	1	9
Italy	2	3	3	8
Canada	2	1	2	5
Hong Kong	2	0	1	3
Kazakhstan	1	0	2	3
South Africa	1	0	2	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Sweden	0	1	2	3
Germany	2	0	0	2
Belgium	1	0	1	2
Moldova	0	0	2	2
Azerbaijan	1	0	1	2
Romania	1	0	0	1
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1
Fiji	1	0	0	1
Kosovo	0	1	0	1
Mongolia	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	1	0	1
Tunisia	0	1	0	1
Croatia	0	0	1	1
Egypt	0	0	1	1
Hungary	0	1	1	1
India	0	0	1	1
Ireland	0	0	1	1
Mexico	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1
Switzerland	0	0	1	1
Turkey	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

MONDAY'S RESULTS

BADMINTON

MEN

SINGLES

GROUP PLAY STAGE

GROUP C

Kalle Koljonen, Finland, def. Georges Julien Paul, Mauritius, 21-9, 21-10.

GROUP A

Giovanni Totti, Italy, def. Soren Opti, Suriname, 21-8, 4-1, retired.

GROUP L

Lakshya Sen, India, def. Julien Carragigi, Belgium, 21-9, 21-14.

GROUP D

Brian Yang, Canada, def. Dmitriy Panarin, Kazakhstan, 21-8, 21-10.

GROUP E

Ade Resky Dwiachyo, Azerbaijan, def. Collins Valentine Filimon, Austria, 21-18, 21-11.

GROUP P

Nhat Nguyen, Ireland, def. Prince Dahal, Nepal, 21-7, 21-5.

Viktor Axelsen, Denmark, def. Misha Zilberman, Israel, 21-9, 21-11.

DOUBLES

GROUP PLAY STAGE

GROUP D

Taiwan (Wang Chi-Lin; Lee Yang), def. Denmark (Kim Astrup; Anders Skaarup Rasmussen), 21-15, 21-19, 21-15.

Denmark (Kim Astrup; Anders Skaarup Rasmussen), def. China (Liu Yu Chen; Ou Xuan Yi), 21-15, 21-13.

Japan (Takuro Hoki; Yoo Kobayashi), def. United States (Vinson Chiu; Joshua Yuan), 21-11, 21-12.

GROUP C

Indonesia (Fajar Alfian; Muhammad Rian Ardianto), def. France (Lucas Corvée; Ronan Labar), 21-13, 21-10.

GROUP A

Britain (Ben Lane; Sean Vandy), def. Canada (Nyl Yakura; Adam Dong), 21-14, 21-12.

China (Liang Wei Keng; Wang Chang), def. Malaysia (Aaron Chia; Wooi Yik Soh), 24-22, 21-14.

WOMEN

SINGLES

GROUP PLAY STAGE

GROUP N

Kirsty Gilmour, Britain, def. Keisha Fatimah Azzahra, Azerbaijan, 21-13, 21-11.

GROUP F

Kate Fo Kune, Mauritius, def. Dorsa Yavarivafa, Refugee Olympic Team, 21-5, 21-11.

GROUP H

Jin Wei Goh, Malaysia, def. Johanita Scholtz, South Africa, 23-21, 21-11.

GROUP D

Juliana Viana Viera, Brazil, def. Lo Sin Yan Happy, Hong Kong, 21-9, 21-14.

GROUP C

Michelle Li, Canada, def. Thuazar Thet Htar, Myanmar, 21-16, 25-23.

GROUP K

Thuy Linh Nguyen, Vietnam, def. Tiffany Ho, Australia, 21-6, 21-3.

DOUBLES

GROUP PLAY STAGE

GROUP C

Japan (Chiharu Shida; Nami Matsuyama), def. India (Francisca Crasto; Ashwini Ponnappa), 21-11, 21-12.

South Korea (Kim So Yeong; Kong Hee Yong), def. Australia (Angela Yu; Setyana Mapsa), 21-12, 21-17.

GROUP D

Malaysia (Tang Jie Chen; Ee Wei Toh), def. China (Feng Yan Yue; Huang Dong Ping), 21-17, 21-15, 21-16.

Singapore (Yong Kai Terry Hee; Wei Han Jessica Tan), def. United States (Vinson Chiu; Jennie Gai), 21-17, 21-12.

GROUP A

China (Zheng Si Wei; Huang Yu Qiong), def. South Korea (Jeong Na Eun; Kim Won Ho), 21-13, 21-14.

France (Delphine Delrue; Thom Gicquel), def. Indonesia (Pitha Haningtyas Mentari; Rinov Rivaldy), 21-13, 21-17.

GROUP B

South Korea (Chae Yu Jung; Seo Seung Jae), def. Thailand (Dechapol Puavaranukroh; Sapsiree Taerattanaachai), 21-16, 10-21, 21-15.

Netherlands (Selenia Peck; Robin Tabeeling), def. Algeria (Tatiana Violetta Mammeri; Kocella Mammeri), 21-18, 21-12.

GROUP C

Japan (Yuta Watanabe; Arisa Higashino), def. Hong Kong (Tang Chun Man; Tse Ying Suet), 21-17, 14-21, 21-18.

BASKETBALL

WOMEN

United States 102, Japan 76

Netherlands 2, Spain 0 (21-15, 21-15)

Germany 83, Belgium 69

France 75, Canada 54

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

MEN

Italy 2, Australia 0 (21-19, 21-18)

Netherlands 2, Spain 0 (21-15, 21-15)

United States 2, France 0 (21-14, 21-11)

WOMEN

United States 2, Czech Republic 0 (21-16, 21-11)

China 2, Canada 0 (21-15, 21-19)

Switzerland 2, Spain 0 (21-12, 21-16)

Paraguay 0 (21-16, 21-12)

Switzerland 2, Latvia 0 (21-15, 21-14)

Brazil 2, Egypt 0 (21-14, 21-19)

BOXING

MEN

65-KG PRELIMINARIES

ROUND OF 16

Wyatt Sanford, Canada, def. Radoslav Simeonov Rosenov, Bulgaria, 5-0.

Ruslan Abdulbaev, Uzbekistan, def. Miguel Angel Martinez Ramirez, Mexico, 5-0.

Bumjoo Kovacs, Hungary, def. Harry Garside, Australia, 5-0.

Sofiane Oumiha, France, def. Obada Alkaseb, Jordan, 5-0.

Erislandy Alvarez Borges, Cuba, def. Jugurtha Ait Bekka, Algeria, 5-0.

Bunjong Sinsiri, Thailand, def. Jesus Nazzari Cova Romero, Venezuela, 5-0.

Lasha Guruli, Georgia, def. Malik Hasanov, Azerbaijan, 5-0.

Bazarbay Uulu Mukhammadsaryb, Kazakhstan, def. Lai Chu En, Taiwan, 3-2.

+92KG PRELIMINARIES

ROUND OF 16

Diego Lenzi, Italy, def. Joshua Edwards, United States, 3-1.

Nelvie Raman Tiafack, Germany, def. Mohammad Abdul-Aziz, Azerbaijan, 5-0.

Teremona Teremona, Australia, def. Dmytro Lovchynskyi, Ukraine, KO.

Bakhodir Abdulov, Uzbekistan, def. Omar Shiha, Norway, 5-0.

Shamili-Dini Aboudou Moindze, France, def. Mourad Kadi, Algeria, 4-1.

Gerlon Gamilir Congo Chala, Ecuador, def. Abner Teixeira da Silva Junior, Brazil, 3-2.

WOMEN

60KG PRELIMINARIES

ROUND OF 16

Yang Wenlu, China, def. Thi Linh Ha, Vietnam, 5-0.

15-12, 15-36.

Theodora Gkontoura, Greece, def. Pamela Brind'amour, Canada, 15-3, 5-36.

Misaki Emura, Japan, def. Olena Kravatska, Ukraine, 15-14, 13-11.

Youna Ilieva, Bulgaria, def. Risa Takashima, Japan, 15-10, 10-11.

Angie Paola Valdes Pansa, Colombia, def. Donjeta Sadiku, Kosovo, 3-2.

Chelsey Henglin, Netherlands, def. Won Ungyong, North Korea, 4-1.

Beatriz Iasmin Soares Ferreira, Brazil, def. Najira Gonzalez, United States, 5-0.

CANOE-KAYAK

MEN

CANOE SINGLE

SEMIFINAL

1. Nicolas Gestin, France, 93.12 (F).

2. Miroslav Trnava, Spain, 96.69 (F).

3. Sideris Tasiadis, Germany, 96.74 (F).

4. Adam Burgess, Britain, 97.21 (F).

5. Benjamin Savsek, Slovenia, 98.28 (F).

6. Liam Jegou, Ireland, 98.52 (F).

7. Martin Marinic, Croatia, 98.82 (F).

8. Tristan Carter, Australia, 99.45 (F).

9. Yves Bourhis, Senegal, 99.51 (F).

10. Lukas Rohan, Czech Republic, 101.54 (F).

11. Matej Benus, Slovakia, 102.59 (F).

12. Grigorij Hedwig, Poland, 104.24 (F).

13. Takuya Haneda, Japan, 107.11.

14. Raffaele Ivaldi, Italy, 108.20.

15. Alex Baldoni, Canada, 127.41.

16. Casey Eicheild, United States, 162.23.

FINALS

1. Nicolas Gestin, France, 91.36.

2. Adam Burgess, Britain, 96.84.

3. Matej Benus, Slovakia, 97.03.

4. Sideris Tasiadis, Germany, 97.27.

5. Miquel Trave, Spain, 97.92.

6. Lukas Rohan, Czech Republic, 98.09.

7. Liam Jegou, Ireland, 98.52.

8. Martin Marinic, Croatia, 98.82.

9. Tristan Carter, Australia, 100.73.

10. Grigorij Hedwig, Poland, 105.81.

11. Benjamin Savsek, Slovenia, 144.93.

12. Yves Bourhis, Senegal, 145.78.

CYCLING

MONDAY

CROSS-COUNTRY

1. Victor Koretzky, France, 1:26:22.

2. Alan Hatfield, South Africa, 1:26:33.

3. Luca Braider, Italy, 1:26:56.

5. Mathias Flueckiger, Switzerland, 1:27:42.

6. Samuel Gaze, New Zealand, 1:28:03.

7. Riley Ames, United States, 1:28:08.

8. Charlie Aldridge, Britain, 1:28:32.

9. Nino Schurter, Switzerland, 1:28:44.

10. David Valero Serrano, Spain, 1:28:49.

11. Martin Valiure Kosmann, Chile, 1:29:00.

12. Simon Anderson, Denmark, 1:29:05.

13. Christopher Blevins, United States, 1:29:06.

14. Jordan Sarrou, France, 1:29:08.

15. Julian Schell, Germany, 1:29:08.

16. Luca Schwarzbauer, Germany, 1:29:10.

17. Martinus Blums, Latvia, 1:29:11.

18. Pierre de Froidmont, Belgium, 1:30:21.

19. Simone Avondetto, Italy, 1:30:52.

20. Knut Roehme, Norway, 1:30:55.

21. Ulan Bastos Galinski, Brazil, 1:30:55.

22. Maximilian Foidl, Austria, 1:31:26.

23. Adair Cubelli Gutierrez Prieto, Mexico, 1:31:42.

24. Jofre Cabel Estape, Spain, 1:32:13.

25. Ondrej Cink, Czech Republic, 1:32:28.

26. Jens Schuermans, Belgium, 1:33:29.

27. Krzysztof Lukasiak, Poland, 1:33:55.

28. Romano Puentener, Liechtenstein, 1:34:33.

29. Tomer Zaltsman, Israel, 1:34:47.

30. Gunnar Holmgren, Canada, 1:34:57.

31. Eder Karyol Molnar, Romania, 1:34:58.

32. Joni Saviste, Finland, DNF.

33. Alex Miller, Namibia, DNF.

DIVING

MONDAY

SYNCHRONISED 10M PLATFORM

FINALS

1. Britain (Liam Dunley; Yang Hao), 490.35.

2. China (Thomas Daley; Noah Williams), 463.44.

3. Canada (Rylan Vieses; Nathan Zsombor-Murray), 422.10.

4. Mexico (Kevin Berlin Reyes; Randal Williams Valdez), 418.65.

5. Ukraine (Kirill Bolshuk; Olexsii Sereda), 412.65.

6. Australia (Dominic Degaden; Cassiel Rousseau), 394.74.

7. Germany (Timo Barthel; Jaden Shih Eikermann Gregorchuk), 364.41.

8. France (Gary Hunt; Lois Szymczak), 314.58.

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DC OPEN

Down early at home, Montgomery gets cooking for a win

BY VARUN SHANKAR

Robin Montgomery needed to get her act together. She had lost five of the first six games against Shelby Rogers in her first match at the DC Open on Monday and was in danger of disappointing her hometown crowd at William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center in Rock Creek Park.

Then came an opportunity on a floater and Montgomery pounced, ripping a winner that, with one stroke, seemed to change the match's momentum.

Montgomery went on to win that game and the five that followed, overcoming the slow start for a 7-5, 6-3 first-round win that sends her into the second round against No. 4 seed Ons Jabeur.

“Being down in your hometown never feels good,” said Montgomery, a D.C. native who graduated from Friendship Public Charter School and turned pro in 2019. “... At that point I was like: [Expletive] this; go for it. I got nothing else to lose, really.”

Montgomery, one of two local wild cards, made her debut in the main draw of the DC Open. She came in with an impressive résumé, having swept the U.S. Open girls' singles and doubles junior titles in 2021.

Jabeur, who beat Montgomery in the second round at Wimbledon, said Saturday that the 19-year-old “has the game to become a top-10 player” — a sentiment shared by Aryna Sabalenka, the tournament's top seed. Montgomery took a set off Sabalenka this year in Madrid during the clay-court season.

Monday's match was a slog. Montgomery double-faulted six times in the first set as Rogers started fast, delivering four aces. But as the outing progressed, the



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“Being down in your hometown never feels good,” Robin Montgomery said Monday. She faces No. 4 seed Ons Jabeur in the second round.

left-hander found her groove, punctuating many of her points with a fist pump. Montgomery once said she approaches each match like a puzzle. Today's answer?

“Focusing completely on myself, honestly. [Rogers] is a great player, I know that, but sometimes we start overthinking who our opponent is,” she said.

Rogers offered an imposing

test. The 31-year-old has 307 career wins and has been ranked as high as No. 30 (in 2022). The public address announcer noted her accomplishments — she has won more than \$5.5 million in her career and has been to four Grand Slam quarterfinals (two in singles and two in doubles).

“They went down her list of all the Slams, and I was like, ‘Crap,’” Montgomery said.

She forced herself to refocus on her hitting rather than her foe's accolades. The alum of the Junior Tennis Champions Center in College Park is close with Frances Tiafoe, another JTCC alum and a player known to get the crowd involved.

Montgomery once said Tiafoe encouraged her to celebrate after wins and be more emotional on the court. She remained mostly

reserved during Monday's match, but when she sealed the win, she raised her hands into the air.

“A lot,” she said when asked in a on-court interview how much the crowd helped. “... I'm glad I made it to the second round so they can all come out and watch again.”

Notes: Several other Americans were in action Monday,

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including Ben Shelton, who received a first-round bye in singles but took the court with Croatian Ivan Dodig in doubles. They were beaten, 6-3, 7-5, by Britain's Henry Patten and Finland's Harri Heliovaara.

In singles, Shelton, the No. 14 player in the world, will face the winner of the match between Moldova's Radu Albot and Argentina's Facundo Diaz Acosta.

Some duos in the DC Open field are making history by wearing microphones during matches. While he thinks it's a good idea, Shelton will not be one of them.

“I like my career,” he said, smiling. “I'm not saying that I say crazy stuff on the court. I can be a wild card at times. I don't say things out loud, but when the mic is right there, anything can happen.”

“I'm going to keep those thoughts and under-the-breath sayings to myself.”

The 21-year-old American skipped the Olympics, instead using the time to prepare for the U.S. Open. Shelton made it to the fourth round at Wimbledon but lost in his first match at his most recent tournament, the Atlanta Open. He said those results don't increase any pressure to perform in D.C.

“Tennis is just one of those sports that you're not going to have a perfect week every week,” he said. “... I guess you could say that I put importance on every week I play in the calendar.” ...

Two former U.S. Open champions played late Monday night: 2021 champion Emma Raducanu against No. 8 seed Elise Mertens, and 2017 champion Sloane Stephens against qualifier Amanda Anisimova.

McIntosh, to the delight of Canadians, is soaking up medals and the moment

SWIMMING FROM D1

started as a tidy square but soon collapsed into a nebulous blob of trembling limbs and teary faces.

“I know they would have been proud of me, no matter what,” McIntosh said. “But to be able to give them a big group hug was pretty cool.”

There were her Team Canada teammates and other supporters, who handed her the iconic red-and-white maple leaf flag that the 17-year-old phenom draped around her slender shoulders for the rest of her victory lap. “It's Summer Time in Canada,” read a handmade sign held by one of them.

There were her coaches, one Canadian, one Floridian, both of whom had a hand in her rise from a precocious kid whose first love was figure skating into a young woman who just became, if she wasn't already, the consensus best all-around female swimmer in the world.

And there were her teammates from the Sarasota Sharks, the Florida club team where McIntosh and her mom decamped two years ago to escape Canada's stricter covid restrictions and put the finishing touches on the training that, this week in Paris, already has her in possession of one gold and one silver, with three events still to come.

What McIntosh did Monday night, in obliterating the field in her signature event, could not have surprised any of those who knew her. It's simply what she does. But anyone in the building unfamiliar with her exploits would have been left in awe.

Her time of 4 minutes 27.71 seconds failed to lower her world record from May — though she flirted with it in the first half — but it was good enough for a blowout win over Americans Katie Grimes (4:33.40) and Emma Weyant (4:34.93). It was the largest margin of victory in the event since Tracy Caulkins won by more than nine seconds in Los Angeles in 1984.

“Incredible to see,” Canadian teammate Kylie Masse said. “She's an inspiration to everyone.”

In fact, the most unimpressed person on the premises may have been McIntosh herself, who never lost her composure, either in the pool, on the medal stand or in her brief visit with the media.

To hear her tell it, there was not a shred of relief in meeting the massive expectations that had



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Summer McIntosh's time of 4 minutes 27.71 seconds in the 400 individual medley final blew away Americans Katie Grimes (4:33.40), left, and Emma Weyant (4:34.93).

been placed on her in this race; she entered with more sub-4:30 swims (six) than the rest of the field combined (zero). To hear her tell it, she already had moved on in her mind to the 200 butterfly, her next event.

“Absolutely not,” she shot back when asked whether there was relief mixed with her joy. “There's definitely a lot of anticipation going into the race, but I wouldn't say there are necessarily nerves. There's no relief. I'm really just trying to soak up every moment I have at the Games ... because obviously these moments only come around every four years.”

To Brent Arckey, McIntosh's coach in Sarasota, her preternatural composure is no accident.

They talk frequently about handling the pressure and the chaos of an Olympics. He has put her through media training to the point she can parry a tough question like a fencer. She may be 17, but having been through one Olympics in Tokyo at age 14, then having won four world championships in the intervening three years, she's already something of an international veteran.

“She's great in this environment,” he said, “and I'm just proud how that's progressed and how she's learned to manage all this. ... She knows when to turn it on, turn it off, be a kid and be a champion.”

Though no one was catching McIntosh, the American duo of

Grimes and Weyant dueled each other, as well as Britain's Freya Constance Colbert (fourth place, 4:35.67), to earn the right to flank McIntosh on the medal stand. Grimes, 18, held second place the entire race, pushing McIntosh in the front half before fading back, while Weyant had to come back from fifth at the 200-meter mark to will her way to a bronze.

Along with Ryan Murphy's bronze in the men's 100 backstroke and Luke Hobson's bronze in the men's 200 freestyle, it gave the United States a second straight four-medal night. A third of the way through this nine-day meet, the Americans lead their rivals from Australia on the overall medal table 11-6, though the

Aussies have the advantage in golds by 3-2. On Monday night, Aussies Mollie O'Callaghan and Ariarne Titmus went gold-silver in the women's 200 freestyle.

The night, though, belonged to McIntosh — and, by extension, to Canada, which is a rare thing to say at an Olympic swimming pool. McIntosh's gold was just the 10th in the program's history. Sprinter Penny Oleksiak is the country's most decorated Olympic swimmer, amassing seven medals total but only one gold. Alex Baumann and George Hodgson top the list of gold medal winners with two each, but neither won any additional medals.

In other words, with a massive meet in Paris — she already had a

silver from Saturday's 400 free — McIntosh could immediately vault herself into the discussion of the greatest Canadian swimmers of all time. Still to come for her: the 200 IM, the 200 fly and the 4x200 free relay.

Much of the world may be focused on the U.S.-Australia rivalry at this meet or on French sensation Léon Marchand, who blitzed the field in Sunday night's 400 IM the same way McIntosh did. There will be three more Katie Ledecky events, with the freestyle legend taking aim at some massive chunks of history.

But in Canada, and in a corner of the Florida Gulf Coast, these Olympics are quickly becoming known as the Summer Games.

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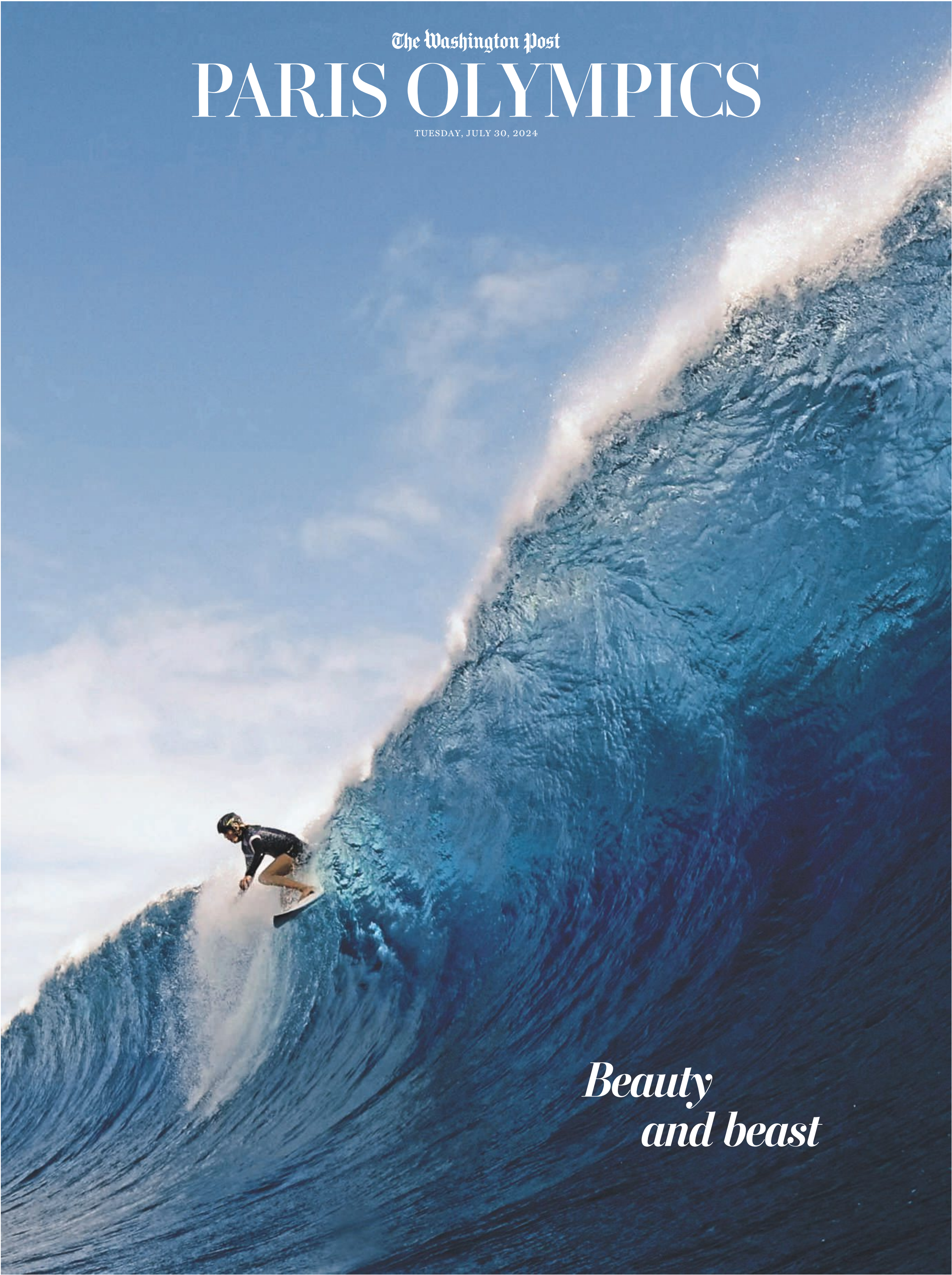


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Sally Jenkins

Teahupo'o is a living being, and it bites. It's best to remember that. The surf break is ravishing, a postcard of satin-smooth tourmaline sea with a backdrop of fern-carpeted cliffs plunging to crescent sands — until that wave moves. Then it makes all other Olympic pursuits seem punily inanimate. That wave swallows people. No, really. The thick out-thrust lip is the exact same form as a large-fanged mouth about to chomp on something. When surfers do come streaking out of its throat, in a vaporous cloud, it's as if they got spit out. You don't really win on that thing. It just releases you.

Gymnasts on narrow beams, helmeted kids skimming in skate parks, those are hazardous pursuits, sure. But at least the wood and concrete don't rise up and chase you, seeking to slam you

At Teahupo'o, the sacred home of surfing far from the rest of these Games, fear and wonder are inseparable

On the French Polynesian island of Tahiti, American surfer Caitlin Simmers practiced for the Olympics. Going into the final rounds of competition, the Teahupo'o wave had injured two surfers, and that was before a large swell could build.

down on razor reef teeming with life and rake you over it like a meat slicer. Going into the final rounds, Teahupo'o had already injured two surfers, and that was in small conditions, with a larger swell scheduled to build. Australian Jack Robinson took five stitches in his foot merely in training. The injury didn't prevent Robinson from eliminating American John John Florence in a heavyweight Round 3 heat amid building surf that inflicted early wipeouts on both. Frenchwoman Johanne Defay suffered a head wound in a heat Saturday that required four stitches.

"It's a cheese grater," legendary big wave surfer Laird Hamilton said by phone from his home in Malibu. "You fall, you're going to shred yourself."

Be sure of this: If larger waves do come in for the quarterfinals, a lot of surfers *will* fall. "If it's severe, it's going to take out most of the field," Hamilton predicted.

SEE JENKINS ON D8



United States			
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
3	8	9	20



France			
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
5	8	3	16



Japan			
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
6	2	4	12



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Medal leaders through Monday

PARIS OLYMPICS

DIVING

With father in war, Ukrainian finds it tough to stay in sync

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE — A voice has resonated through these early Olympic days even though it comes from a speaker so unwrinkled and doe-eyed he might make an observer think of Bambi. When it coursed through a conference hall from a microphone Friday and near a pretty indoor pool from up close Monday, it brought brutal words through unassuming and understated means. If a distant invasion can remain an abstraction no matter how evil, maybe a listener can need a voice to feel a hint of the full horrible.

Somehow, when the Ukrainian National Olympic Committee brought five athletes and one president to the main press center Friday, it was the wisp of a guy on the right end of the dais, born on Christmas Day 2005, who ushered the mind all the way to the reality and the heart all the way to the woodshed. For a long while of the hour, he barely spoke.

It was unclear whether this diver, Oleksii Sereda, would speak at all. He sat quietly while words rang from older compatriots such as tennis star Elina Svitolina, that exemplary spokeswoman for the 36 million Ukrainians, or Olga Kharlan, the fencer disqualified from the 2023 world championships because she refused to shake the hand of the Russian opponent she had defeated.

There Sereda sat, while committee president Vadym Guttsait made statements such as, “For us, there is no peace festival,” and, “I will never wish anyone to feel how does it feel like to be in Ukraine right now,” and, “For us, the Russian athletes [15 competing as neutral after their country’s banishment] do not exist. We don’t greet them. We don’t say hello. We don’t even look at them.”

Finally, minutes from the end, Sereda got a question and used a voice not even close to blaring to tell of a blaring kind of human stress.

“So for me it’s the second Olympic Games,” the 18-year-old said. “I was thinking that the first one [when he was 15] was going to be harder, but as I see now, the second is going to be much harder.”

He arrived as no one’s arriviste. He had become the youngest 10-meter European champion in 2019 at 13 years 7 months, besting that famed old megastar Tom Daley from Plymouth, England, who had been 13 years 10 months (and nowadays 30). Sereda finished sixth in both individual and synchronized disciplines at the Tokyo Olympics.

But here came the first Olympics since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the first since Sereda’s sleep began suffering not only for air sirens, bombs and blinking electricity but also for relentless worry over his 53-year-old father, Viktor, called to the military efforts to save a country around their hometown of Mykolaiv, the Black Sea city of 29 months of horror and exodus where lately the bombs reached hospitals and playgrounds.

Atop the merciless precision of



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Kirill Boliukh and Oleksii Sereda of Ukraine finished in fifth place in the men’s 10-meter synchronized platform diving final Monday in Saint-Denis, France.



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Sereda’s father, who normally builds furniture, is part of the military effort near their home, Mykolaiv, in the war with Russia.

an unforgiving sport, tack that.

“It’s always stressful,” Sereda told the room, “because for example, I want to call him and he [can’t] take the call. I can’t talk to him, because he’s always busy.”

He said, “It makes competition more stressful.”

A certain quiet seemed to fill the large room, and soon Sereda explained more about his father. He said, “Before the war, was business, made furniture.” And he said, “Right now, he’s a soldier,

right now.” And so: “It all changed for him, for me, for all of us. He has to do this. No words. That’s it.”

On Monday morning at the Aquatics Center near the Stade de France, this angelic-looking sort had to take all of that bulldozing going through his mind and go try to win a medal with partner Kirill Boliukh, 17. With such hopes in whatever part of his mind remained clear for them, they started off in seventh after the first of six rounds, inched to

sixth after the third and inched to fifth after the fourth. All the while, Sereda and Boliukh would wait on the tall stairs before dives, bouncing and stretching, or in the hot tub afterward, recovering, while Sereda’s mind went sometimes to his father.

“Yeah, of course, yeah,” he said later. “I’m always nervous about him because I don’t know what can happen there, because Mykolaiv, it’s a closed military zone, and so always rockets are flying there, bombs and stuff like that. So for me, it’s like a casual, basic sense that I’m nervous about my father, about my family.”

While the boisterous cheers in the building went for fourth-place Mexico (Kevin Berlin Reyes and Randal Willars Valdez), bronze medalist Britain (Daley and Noah Williams) and unbeatable gold medalist China (Junjie Lian and Hao Yang), Ukraine reached the fifth round, with the high degree of difficulty of 4½ forward somersaults, and that’s where Sereda would lament he erred as Ukraine ended in fifth, a mere six points behind Mexico and just fewer than 10 behind Canada and bronze.

With the voice somewhere between calm and bummed, he lamented as he and Boliukh

stopped at the mixed zone, the traditional Olympic area where athletes meet reporters. As about eight Ukrainian journalists asked about five minutes of questions in Ukrainian, none concerned the invasion. People who know it in their bones don’t require insight on how it feels.

Now and then, they laughed. “Has Kirill chastised you?” went one question, in Ukrainian and jest.

“Kirill chastises me,” Sereda said. “And he hits me in my hotel room.”

“Only every other day,” Boliukh offered.

Otherwise, the scrum brought traditional Olympic strains. It had the time-honored question about the judging, to which Sereda said: “I don’t feel like they lowballed me. It’s my own fault,” and soon explained: “If I’d done the jump correctly for 17 points, then we would’ve been in third place. So, yeah, no, I mean, yeah, we would’ve been. But you see, that’s the sport. You make one mistake, and you’re kicked out” of contention.

Only in the subsequent English portion of the session did the awful come up.

“For me, it was hard just to prepare,” said Sereda, based in Kyiv, the capital and largest city, about 250 miles from Mykolaiv.

“We had a lot of troubles during our preparation for this competition. We had no light. We always needed to go somewhere in the same place, hide. Even at night during our sleeping when we had to recover and relax, we hear alarm, and go to the safe place.”

His sleep breaks even in Paris, he said, “because of the worry.”

And with soldiers often following Ukrainian athletes in search of inspiration and even greater pride, Sereda said: “When you’re standing on the 10 meters, you’re, like, responsible for yourself. You’re responsible for your partner, your country, people who help us, people who defend our country. So we’re thinking we just had to get a medal, but we didn’t make it, so” — pause — “yeah, this is sad for us.”

The voice stayed even-keeled, even when asked to address fellow citizens: “Guys, keep going. Never give up. Everything will be fine.”

Soon Sereda and Boliukh, neither on the list for the 10-meter individual, headed down the hall and through the doors, a voice of the 2024 Olympics leaving the Olympics while striving to come back for “the next one” and then “the next one afterward.”

Anastacia Galouchka in Kyiv contributed to this report.

SALLY JENKINS

At fearsome Teahupo’o, the Games’ surfers don’t defeat nature. They survive it.

JENKINS FROM D7

Teahupo’o is the most philosophically interesting competition at the Paris Games, and not just for the question of whether it’s right to impose a judge’s tower on surfing or to build it on a shimmering coral reef. The place seems sacred. There is something about the teeming energy in that wave that resolves into such a smooth glassy cylinder. It restores the sense of power to that word, sacred, reminds you that it means something about true dominion.

“It’s the most perfect wave in the world and the most frightening and wicked in the world,” Morocco’s Ramzi Boukhiam has said. “She has two faces. You see it from the outside, you look at it from the boat, you’re like, ‘Wow, it’s magnificent,’ but when you’re inside, you fall, poof, it’s less magnificent.”

Back in 2000, Hamilton stunned the world by catching a ride at Teahupo’o that is now known as the “Millennium Wave.” A photo on the cover of Surfer

magazine captured it, a murderous ledge of water hanging over Hamilton’s head with the caption, “oh my god ...” The photo effectively opened Teahupo’o, formerly ridden only by a handful of locals and elite pros, to the world. “It changed people’s perspective of what’s rideable,” Hamilton said. The sensation of all that green-blue majestic energy was so profound that afterward, Hamilton wept.

“It’s not so much the vastness of the wave,” Hamilton told me a few years ago about why he chases such seemingly unrideable masses. “It’s more about the insignificance of us. When you become insignificant is when you truly begin to participate. That’s when it becomes a harmonious act.”

Peruvian surfer Sol Aguirre had a similar reaction when she took off on a wave in training. Initially she felt fear, but then it resolved into that beautiful translucent tunnel and a cloud of white spray. “I started crying because it was a really beautiful ride, and I managed to make it through,” she said, according to



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Australian surfer Jack Robinson, center, is rescued after falling during the third round of Olympic competition Monday in Tahiti.

the official site of the Games. “You make it out, and it’s like: ‘I’m alive. I’m living it.’”

A harmonious act. That’s what Teahupo’o really requires to bless riders. There’s no making the wave submit. Water is 800 times denser than air. Saltwater weighs

64 pounds per cubic foot. Combine that heaviness with the peculiar oceanography of Teahupo’o, and it creates a unique hydraulic problem: The wave is a cylinder of centrifugal reversion. It sucks water from the base of the shoals steeply and

powerfully up its face — and will take you with it. Choose a line too high, and the backspin of the water will grab your board and gyrate you up and over the falls. Even a small whack from that heavy lip can do a certain amount of damage: A year ago during a training camp, New Zealander Saffi Vette got a little forward on her board, and the lip broke right on the back of her leg. The blow was so heavy it tore her medial collateral ligament.

But if you survive the initial plunge — the suck, the angle, the velocity — it’s heavenly. “That wave, because of how quickly it rises up, you have to get in early and get yourself set to take the drop, the descent, and then pull up into it,” Hamilton says. “It’s all about the start. If you got a good start, then you’ve got a good chance, and it can lead to a more dramatic ride. If somebody is doing it correctly, there will be an ease to it that is deceptive for the difficulty.”

Ease, harmony, that’s what the competitors seem to feel when they catch the break right. The best ones, those who medal, will

exhibit a sense of collaboration with all that effervescence. If Teahupo’o gets large, watch the Tahitians in the round of 16, Kauli Vaast on the men’s side and Vahiné Fierro on the women’s. They are most familiar with it, have a regular acquaintance with the outermost brink of things there.

Why does Teahupo’o provoke such powerful emotions from surfers? Perhaps it’s partly a physical response, a release from tension. Surfing is an experience of full body intensities. The transfer of all that metabolic high energy excites neuronal signals. We’re all creatures of light and electricity as well as tissue — inside us is a swarm of fireflies. The triggered chemical-emotional reactions that come with stress produce a heightened clarity, an “alertness” Hamilton said, “and we’re meant to experience that.”

Teahupo’o is a challenge, even on its easiest day. There is no beating it. You don’t defeat the ocean coming home to those cliffs. You just cooperate with it — until it lets you go.

PARIS OLYMPICS

Ex-NBA player Budinger basks in ‘absolutely unbelievable’ experience on sand



Candace Buckner

PARIS — At some point on the Eiffel Tower center court, Chase Budinger should have looked up and soaked it all in.

He was making his debut in Olympic beach volleyball Monday afternoon, playing in a rowdy environment as competing reds, whites and blues filled the grandstands and the emblematic image of Paris towered in the background. Yet Budinger was too busy defending the net and setting up partner Miles Evans in their 2-0 win over France to truly appreciate this postcard come to life.

Budinger and Evans spent only 32 minutes with their toes in the sand. Not enough time to appreciate the view. Yet plenty enough for others to appreciate the enormity of the moment.

Decades ago, a young Budinger created a dream board, and on it, he placed the Olympic rings. A big dream, but as a dual-sport athlete, Budinger had not specifically envisioned following the footsteps of the NBA players on Team USA or representing his country in men's volleyball. He just wanted to go to the Olympics. On Monday, he made history as the first athlete to play in the NBA *and* on an Olympic beach volleyball team.

At 36 and more than eight years removed from his final appearance in the NBA, Budinger's dream board became a reality.

"It's definitely lived up to expectations," Budinger said of his first Olympics moment.

"This was absolutely unbelievable. Absolutely breathtaking, and the feeling out there is unreal."

There's plenty of crossover between Budinger's two passions. He still gets to wear a tank top and shorts to the office, only now he can pair it with wraparound shades. And the volleyball crowd loves big blocks just as much as NBA fans.

While Budinger wasn't known as a towering rim protector in the league, he's the 6-foot-7 netminder on the beach. In the second set, when Budinger stuffed one of the French players at the net to pull the Americans ahead 9-6, a man wearing a bucket hat with blue stars borrowed the finger wag celebration made famous by



ROBERT F. BUKATY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chase Budinger, who grew up playing basketball and volleyball, made his Olympic debut in beach volleyball Monday, teaming with Miles Evans to defeat a French pair.

Dikembe Mutombo. *No, no, no!*

Budinger made no such audacious display, though it might have been apt, after one of his four blocks for points, for Budinger to extend his index finger to his lips as he and Evans spent the afternoon silencing the mostly pro-French audience.

Budinger should understand the power of a home-court advantage, and as he felt — not just heard — the cheers for French duo Arnaud Gauthier-Rat and Youssef Krou, he knew the Americans were in enemy territory. And he loved it.

"It was so loud in there. The French fans really came out to support their team; [they] were howling," Budinger said. He turned to Evans during the

French players' introduction and said: "Man, this is a great feeling! I love playing against this. And it just brought back a lot of memories going into NBA arenas and playing on the road."

Budinger played seven seasons in the NBA, mostly in a role of athletic guy off the bench. During the 2012 NBA all-star slam dunk contest, he riffed from the movie "White Men Can't Jump," dressing as Woody Harrelson's character and leaping over rapper Sean Combs. (If he owned a time machine, he surely would go back and pick any other human to jump over.) In the 2016-17 season, Budinger went to Spain to lengthen his career. But after one year overseas, he thought about his

future. More specifically, his future in volleyball.

"I knew this was the route that I wanted to take, but I do remember asking myself if this was the right decision at the time of quitting basketball," Budinger said. "Am I doing the right thing for myself? But after sulking three weeks," he said, "I kind of changed my mindset."

Budinger didn't treat the beach as a hobby in retirement. He traveled the globe for competitions, sought out Evans as a partner and trained five times a week. All for the goal of making the Olympics. Along the way, he earned admiration from his former colleagues.

Evans posted a video of members of the U.S. men's

basketball team greeting Budinger ahead of the Opening Ceremonies on Friday.

"Congrats! I've been paying attention. I've been watching," LeBron James could be heard telling Budinger in the video.

After the Monday match, Gauthier-Rat of the French team showed admiration for how Budinger made the transition from hardwood to sand.

"Big respect," Gauthier-Rat said. "I don't know if it has to do with his NBA experience, but from my perspective, he was the only composed player on the court. The three others, his partner and both of us, were more stressed and feeling more pressure. He was more relaxed ... and that made a difference."

His basketball past might have taught Budinger to keep a calm facade, but he admitted feeling the "ultimate nerves" just like he did ahead of his NBA debut. However, after the stadium announcer introduced Budinger as the American player who was "making history," he and Evans meshed perfectly together while breezing to the two-set win. Next match, Budinger knows, he should try to slow it down a little and relish in his dream.

"I felt like it went too fast," Budinger said. "I felt like there were times when I should've enjoyed the view a little more, or maybe the timeouts could be a little longer for us so that we can enjoy it."

Pommel horse specialist clinches the U.S. men's first team medal since 2008

GYMNASTICS FROM D1

clinch the bronze medal, with the Americans' score of 257.793 landing them firmly in bronze medal position behind powerhouses Japan and China. In a testament to how much the Americans have progressed since their distant fifth-place finish at the Tokyo Games three years ago, the U.S. men finished less than two points behind Japan, the gold medalist with a 259.594.

The other top teams had errors; the Americans were the exception. China, the silver medalist, entered the final rotation with a significant lead, but Su Weide fell twice during his high bar routine, sending his team tumbling to second. Meanwhile, the U.S. men hit all 18 routines of the evening, Nedorosik's key 40-second performance an exclamation point on what his teammates had done throughout the meet. They had struggled through the qualifying round, but when it counted, the U.S. men were at their best.

"We knew what we were capable of and believed — believed in each other, believed in ourselves and believed that we could have a great day today," U.S. high performance director Brett McClure said.

Entering the last rotation, the United States sat in third with nearly a two-point buffer ahead of Ukraine in fourth. The cushion provided some reassurance, but the final three pommel horse sets would dictate whether the United States would leave with a long-awaited Olympic team medal.

Paul Juda, who has been the steadiest member of the team at these Games, began the rotation with a solid set. Brody Malone, the lone returning Olympian on the squad, had a disastrous outing in the qualifying round, falling on pommel horse and struggling on other events. But his rebound performance continued to the final event, and his routine set up Nedorosik to finish the job.

Throughout the evening, Nedorosik said, he visualized his



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From left, gymnasts Asher Hong, Paul Juda, Brody Malone, Stephen Nedorosik and Frederick Richard savor the rare taste of a medal.

routine about 100 times. Late in the competition, he left the arena and practiced briefly in the warm-up gym. Then, finally, he saluted the judges and performed. After Nedorosik landed and placed his glasses back onto his face, he was swarmed by his teammates and coaches. The hugs seemed never-ending. For the Americans, a breakthrough bronze felt as meaningful as a gold.

The U.S. men won the bronze at last fall's world championships, their first medal in nearly a decade, which sparked optimism that

this year they could end the Olympic drought. The absence of Russia, which isn't allowed to have teams compete here because of its invasion of Ukraine, created an opening on the podium.

But when the United States landed in fifth after the qualifying round — behind Britain and Ukraine in addition to China and Japan — the team's medal hopes seemed bleak. The Americans were more than three points behind third-place Britain, in large part because of Malone's mistakes.

The United States couldn't lean

on simple routines with the hope that clean execution would clinch a medal. The Americans needed to maximize difficulty scores *and* perform well. One routine after another in the final, they did just that.

The U.S. men delivered a stellar vault rotation, starting with Juda's perfectly stuck 2½-twisting vault that led to so much excitement he chassed down the podium afterward. When Malone followed with another stuck vault, "U-S-A" chants filled the arena. And then Asher Hong capped the lineup

with a strong vault, the most difficult one on the team. As they rotated to their third event, the chants began again — louder and for longer this time — and the U.S. gymnasts fist-pumped along in acknowledgment.

"I think vault 100 percent set the mood," said Sam Mikulak, a three-time Olympian who coaches Nedorosik and Malone. "From there, it was like, 'Oh, my gosh, this is fun.'"

Nearly every routine was similar to or better than in the team's previous outing, and Malone led

that turnaround. After coming off the high bar twice Saturday, he worked through his difficult set this time without any trouble. Just before Malone, Frederick Richard soared through a highflying routine as his teammates leaped in response to each successful release element and again after his excellent stuck dismount. On that apparatus alone, the Americans improved their score by more than two points. And eventually, they headed to pommel horse with a medal on the line.

Nedorosik wasn't new to this type of moment. He earned a spot on the 2022 world championships team, but in the team final, he failed to perform to his potential. When Syque Caesar began coaching Nedorosik soon after, he wanted to approach Nedorosik's past mistakes head-on.

"We had to peel the layers," Caesar said, explaining how he worked to pinpoint what exactly went wrong for Nedorosik in some big moments.

Nedorosik won the gold medal at the world championships in 2021, but there was work to do in developing consistency. Caesar said it took more than a year to figure out what worked best for Nedorosik, adding mental cues that helped him deal with varying competitive circumstances. Caesar added "curveballs" to practice. One example, Caesar explained a few weeks ago, was having Nedorosik sit for two hours and then hit a routine — a similar scenario to what the 25-year-old faced Monday.

"He's embraced the pressure and embraced the curveballs," Caesar said.

In the past, if Caesar upped the pressure in practice, Nedorosik's response would be: "You don't need to put more pressure on me. I already put pressure on myself." But now he doesn't try to minimize the weight of the moment. Did he feel the pressure in the team final? "Oh, yeah," he said. But he knows he can handle it. And here, in the biggest moment of his career, he proved it.

PARIS OLYMPICS

GYMNASTICS
Biles ready to compete on all four apparatuses

Simone Biles is officially slated to perform on all four apparatuses in Tuesday's team final despite dealing with a minor calf injury. USA Gymnastics announced the lineups Monday evening, and Biles is poised to have a major role in the Americans' attempt to win a gold medal.

Biles's coach, Cecile Landi, said after the opening day of women's competition that during warmups before floor, Biles felt pain in her calf. She finished the meet and soared to the top of the all-around standings, finishing nearly two points ahead of her top challenger, Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, and leading the U.S. team to an overall score that put it more than five points ahead of second-place Italy.

Scores do not carry over to the team final, but with their difficult routines and Biles's dominance, the U.S. women have room for error.

Like Biles, Jordan Chiles will compete on all four apparatuses. Jade Carey, who said she recently has felt sick, is in only the vault lineup. Sunisa Lee will compete on bars, beam and floor. Hezly Rivera, 16, will not compete. Rivera was shaky on beam, her best chance, in qualifying.

— Emily Giambalvo

BASKETBALL
U.S. women blow out Japan in their opener

In a textbook example of "that aged poorly," a foolish Japanese fan turned up before tip-off of the U.S. women's basketball team's opener with a sign that read: "You need Caitlin Clark to beat us."

Nothing could have been further from the truth in Villeneuve-d'Ascq, France. Despite a dreadful outside shooting performance, the Americans pressed their interior size advantage to dismantle Japan, 102-76, at Stade Pierre-Mauroy in their Olympic opener.

This was a statement victory: The two countries, who played for gold at the Tokyo Olympics three years ago, were in two different classes. The United States, led by WNBA MVPs A'ja Wilson and Breanna Stewart, churned out paint points with ease against their undersized opponents. Japan, scrappy and focused on launching a high volume of three-pointers, could keep the score close only for a half.

— Ben Golliver

WATER POLO
Americans are handed rare loss against Spain

The U.S. team was handed a



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Patriotic at the pool

U.S. fans, decked in red, white and blue, pose for a photo Monday night before the swimming competition in Nanterre, France.

TELEVISION

BASKETBALL

5 a.m. — Men: Spain vs. Greece — E!
7:30 a.m. — Men: Canada vs. Australia — USA Network

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

4 a.m. — Men: Germany vs. France — E!
9 a.m. — Men: United States vs. Morocco — NBC
2:15 p.m. — Men: United States vs. Netherlands — E!
3 p.m. — Women: Brazil vs. Spain — E!

CYCLING

7:25 a.m. — Women's BMX freestyle, park qualifying — E!
9 a.m. — Men's BMX freestyle, park qualifying — E!

GYMNASTICS

12:15 p.m. — Women's team final — NBC

RUGBY

9:30 a.m. — Women's semifinals — USA Network
1 p.m. — Women's bronze medal game and final — E!

SHOOTING

4 a.m. — Mixed team, final — USA Network

SOCCER

1 p.m. — Men: United States vs. Guinea — USA Network

SURFING

1 p.m. — Quarterfinals — Peacock
8 p.m. — Finals — NBC

SWIMMING

2:30 p.m. — Women's 100-meter backstroke, men's 800-meter freestyle and men's 4x200-meter freestyle relay, finals — NBC

TENNIS

6 a.m. — Men's and women's singles, third round; men's and women's doubles, second round — Peacock

THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL

11:30 a.m. — Women: United States vs. Germany — NBC
4:35 p.m. — Men: United States vs. Serbia — NBC

WATER POLO

10:30 a.m. — United States vs. Romania — USA Network

rare Olympic loss, falling, 13-11, to Bea Ortiz and Spain in Saint-Denis in a rematch of the final at the Tokyo Games.

The Americans are going for their fourth consecutive gold medal. No team — men or women — has won four straight water polo titles at the Olympics.

It was the program's second loss at the Olympics since it dropped the 2008 final. It went 5-0-1 in London, 6-0 in Rio de Janeiro and 6-1 in Tokyo.

SKATEBOARDING

In thrilling competition, Eaton grabs a silver

They had barely left the

skateboard stadium at Place de la Concorde, and Jagger Eaton, the only American to win two Olympic skateboarding medals, already was calling the men's street final here the greatest ever — in any competition, be it X Games, Dew Tour, Street League or World Cup.

The tricks were that big, the drama that deep. A gold medal that Eaton thought he had won by landing a trick that had never been completed in competition was gone in an instant when Japan's Yuto Horigome dropped a bombshell of a leap on his board, spinning off a railing, to send Eaton to silver. And yet the day had been so magnificent, with fellow American Nyjah Huston

winning bronze, that Eaton stood in the fading sunlight smiling wide.

— Les Carpenter

BOXING

Top-seeded American makes a surprise exit

American super heavyweight Joshua Edwards was eliminated after losing to Italy's Diego Lenzi in Villepinte.

The top-seeded Edwards, one of the favorites at 92-plus kg (203-plus pounds), tried to use his range and keep Lenzi at bay with his jab, but the Italian connected with a couple of powerful right hands in the first

two rounds.

The American, who was given a point deduction in the second round, battled back in the third, but it was too little too late.

EQUESTRIAN

German wins record third eventing gold

Michael Jung became the first rider to win individual eventing three times, clinching the fourth Olympic gold medal of his career.

The German won individual eventing in 2012 and 2016 and a gold in team eventing in 2012.

"I tried to stay really focused and to concentrate through the whole week, not thinking about

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The king of Roland Garros goes down — with a fight

SVRLUGA FROM D1

impossible now."

Djokovic is one of the few players in history who can claim to match or surpass Nadal's accomplishments. He has 24 Grand Slam titles, Nadal 22. They have met nine times in major finals. They shared the Olympic stage here. Unlike swimmers or sprinters, they don't particularly need it and absolutely won't be defined by it.

The 37-year-old Serb isn't nearly as beloved on these grounds as Nadal, whose 14 French Open titles are a record. Nadal is from Spain. The French consider him their own, even in the decidedly jingoistic Olympics.

"I always feel like [I'm] playing at home when I play here," Nadal said. "It's so special for me."

A measure of France's appreciation for Nadal came in Friday's Opening Ceremonies for the Paris Games, when, in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, French soccer legend Zinedine Zidane passed the Olympic torch to Nadal. It could have seemed an acquiescence to a neighboring country. Instead, it read as a poignant invitation from a culture that regards itself as welcoming. The Games are open to all. We embrace others as our own.

On Monday, that warm respect was extended here. From the very first game, the stadium rang with chants of "Ra-fa! Ra-fa!"

And then Djokovic began to



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Spain's Rafael Nadal waves farewell to an appreciative crowd at Roland Garros before leaving the court after his loss to Novak Djokovic.

play. The gap between the two was exposed. It appeared enormous.

"I was not able to put him in difficult positions," Nadal said. The rout seemed on.

The sight of Nadal all but breaking down — he couldn't come close to Djokovic's serve and struggled to hold his own — served as a reminder that the Spaniard has played only sparingly the past two years, hampered by a rash of injuries

that included surgery on his hip. Djokovic is still ranked second in the world. Nadal arrived in Paris not only having lost his first-round match in this year's French Open but ranked 161st.

A lot of clichés play into the Olympic ethos — about competitive spirit, fair play, determination, togetherness. They are clichés only because they repeatedly appear genuinely at each Games. For every doping case that creates or further

fosters cynicism, for every brazen cheating scandal — hello, Canadian soccer program and your practice-surveing drones — there are countless instances in which an athlete or a team fights when it might not seem worth the fight anymore.

Nadal did not beat Djokovic on Monday. But he didn't lay down, too. Physically, he isn't what he once was. Mentally?

"I just try my best every single time," he said, "to enjoy a thing I

have been enjoying for so much time."

What an Olympic mindset. When Nadal faced that 4-0 deficit in the second set, he seemed done. He was not. He finally got his first break point in the match's 13th game. The roar matched the moment. Such achievements — putting himself in position to break an opponent's serve — once were mundane. This is no longer "once." Djokovic's ensuing double fault was greeted with cheers and

the ceremony or about the third gold medal," Jung said. "It's a really special moment for me."

ARCHERY

Strong South Koreans overpower France

A fired-up home crowd couldn't push France past the South Korean juggernaut in the men's archery team final.

The first set finished with a score of 57-all, but South Korea took the second 59-58 and the third 59-56 to win, 5-1, at the Invalides in Paris.

Kim Woo-jin, Kim Je-deok and Lee Woo-seok won South Korea's third straight team gold. Turkey won bronze.

SHOOTING

16-year-old becomes youngest gold medalist

South Korea teenager Ban Hyojin found out just how fine the winning margin in shooting can be as she won gold in the women's 10-meter air rifle by one-tenth of a point at Chateauroux Shooting Centre in Déols.

Ban, 16, beat 17-year-old Huang Yuting of China by 0.1 in a shoot-off after they were tied at 251.8 points from 22 shots.

Ban became the youngest female Olympic champion in shooting.

Huang won silver, and Switzerland's Audrey Gogniat took the bronze.

Sheng Lihao won his second gold in Paris and China's third in shooting in the men's 10-meter air rifle.

FENCING

Kharlan gets Ukraine's first medal of Games

Olga Kharlan won Ukraine's first medal in Paris, a bronze in women's saber at the Grand Palais.

Kharlan was disqualified from last year's world championships for refusing to shake the hand of a Russian opponent. The International Olympic Committee then guaranteed her a spot at the Paris Games.

"I brought a medal to my country, and it's the first one, and it's going to be a good start for all our athletes who are here because it's really tough to compete when in your country is a war," she said. "Every medal, it's like gold. I don't care [that] it's bronze. It's gold."

France's Sara Balzer beat countrywoman Manon Anithy-Brunet for the gold.

Defending champion Cheung Ka-long of Hong Kong beat Filippo Macchi of Italy for gold in men's foil. American Nick Itkin took bronze.

— From news services and staff reports

fist pumps. And when Nadal ended a spectacular rally with a forehand winner to break Djokovic again and pull even at 4-4, the French fans stood in appreciation. The artist could still put the brush to the canvas.

Capture it with a picture. Who knows whether this is his last appearance here? Monday will be a footnote in Nadal's career. Indeed, when Nadal finally grabbed momentum, Djokovic yanked it right back. He broke Nadal — putting his hand to his ear to mock all the partisans in the seats — then served out the match with a resounding ace that made him a 6-1, 6-4 winner.

Nadal is still alive in the Olympic doubles tournament with Carlos Alcaraz, so any au revoir wasn't in full Monday. Still, there was a feeling of finality. After he packed his bag and slung it on his shoulder, Nadal walked toward the center of the court, raised both hands to the crowd and waved. He turned and headed to the tunnel without soaking in much more.

Fini?

"You ask me for that every single day, you know?" Nadal said, not as much annoyed as stating the truth. "... I cannot live every single day with the feeling that it's going to be or not going to be my last match."

But if it's not here, it's coming. His first French Open title came in — get this — 2005. His most recent was two years ago.

"Everything has a beginning," he said. "Everything has an end. But you know, guys, I cannot complain. I achieved much more than what you ever dream. If that's the last match here or whenever it's going to be the last match here, I accept in peace."

That would be easy even if he hadn't pushed back against Djokovic on Monday. But he did. That matches who Nadal is, sure. But it matches what the Olympics are supposed to be about as well.

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Defendants

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

CONDOMINIUM LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS: 460 New York Avenue #407, Washington, DC 20001 WITHIN The 460 New York Avenue Residential Condominium

Pursuant to the Condominium Declaration for 460 New York Avenue Residential Condominium recorded on June 3, 2015, at Instrument No. 2015055022, et. seq., and as amended, and in accordance with D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13 and the "Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Condominium Unit for Assessments Due" recorded on July 1, 2024, at Instrument No. 2024060399, the Board of Directors of 460 New York Avenue Residential Condominium shall on **August 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM** sell at public auction the property known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2021 in Square 0515-N, said improvements consist of a residential condominium unit located at and commonly known as 460 NEW YORK AVENUE #407, WASHINGTON, DC 20001, together with all the appurtenances incident to said condominium unit and as contained in the Condominium Declaration and subject to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as set forth in the Condominium Declaration, Bylaws, and amendments thereto. The public auction will take place within the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, but in the event that this office must be closed, the public auction will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion.

TERMS OF SALE: The property is being sold on an "AS-IS" basis without any representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied and is sold subject to any real estate taxes, or other prior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. A deposit of \$10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be by certified check or in such other form as the Board of Directors of the Condominium may require in its sole discretion. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer fees/taxes shall be the purchaser's costs and obligations and must be paid at settlement. Accrued condominium assessments and late fees between the auction date and settlement date are the purchaser's costs and obligations and must be paid at settlement. Purchaser also agrees to pay \$390.00 at settlement to the seller's attorney for review of the settlement documents. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days of auction date, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and sold at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Condominium Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The Board of Directors of the Condominium Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain title insurance; therefore, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and must nevertheless be able to pay the balance of the purchase price in full within 30 days. The Board of Directors of the Condominium Association shall convey a deed pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13(c) (1) and (3) and make no further representations of warranties as to title. Purchaser must record such deed with the D.C. Recorder of Deeds within 30 days of receipt of the deed. The Board of Directors of the Condominium Association reserves the right in its sole discretion to rescind the sale at any time before conveyance of the deed. In the event of failure on the part of the Board of Directors of the Condominium Association to convey such deed, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of the deposit.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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10716 DOUGLAS AVENUE
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 8, 2006, recorded in Liber 33247, Folio 442 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$100,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

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13500 DERRY GLEN COURT, UNIT #104 & PS #341
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 20, 2019, recorded in Liber 58537, Folio 7 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$170,126.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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**8205 BRUCAR COURT
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 2, 2005, recorded in Liber 31518, Folio 706 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$552,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 10:40 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$35,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 45610-5)

Howard N. Bierman, Carrie M. Ward, et. al.,
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY**

**12315 BLUHILL ROAD
SILVER SPRING, MD 20902**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Victor M. Cruz and Dora Cruz, dated April 24, 2007 and recorded in Liber 34345, folio 284 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 10:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for \$9,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 7.25% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #23-600861).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees



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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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**4530 BOASTFIELD LANE
OLNEY, MD 20832**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 22, 2006, recorded in Liber 33646, Folio 725 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$346,750.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 9, 2024 AT 10:39 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 358316-2)

Howard N. Bierman, Carrie M. Ward, et. al.,
Substitute Trustees



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McMichael Taylor Gray LLC
7470 New Technology Way, Suite P
Frederick, MD 21703
470-480-1820

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND
ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON**

**18704 CALEDONIA COURT, UNIT C
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 27, 2007, recorded in Liber 34293, Folio 554 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit C, in an expandable condominium regime known as "Building 3, Phase 2 - Waters Edge at North Lake Condominium" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-02784174.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$7,500 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 24-000446-01)

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne, Adrian Jacobs,
Brian Campbell, Christine Cotton,
Substitute Trustees



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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1309 IRON FORGE ROAD
District Heights, MD 20747**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from FLOSSIE S. DINGLE, dated July 3, 2008 and recorded in book 30284, page 134 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF20-03207; Tax ID No. 06-0471680) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

AUGUST 15, 2024 at 2:00 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 of \$ 33,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 68612.0104)

NICOLE LIPINSKI, MARC MEDEL,
Substitute Trustee (s)



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Samuel I. White, P.C.
448 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 350
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
3700 Copperville Way
Fort Washington, MD 20744**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MICHAEL LYON, Trustee(s), dated December 27, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 27827, folio 277, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND AND PREMISES, WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS, EASEMENTS, AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 12TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, NAMELY: LOT NUMBERED TWELVE (12) IN BLOCK LETTERED "N" IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "SECTION THREE, STONEGATE" AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK NLP 141 AT PLAT 65

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE. IF AVAILABLE THE AMOUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE SALE

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 11.125% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (82216)

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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
15715 Chadsey Ln
Brandywine, MD 20613**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to HERITAGE TITLE LTD, Trustee(s), dated December 30, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 44709, folio 69, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 30 IN BLOCK C, IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "CHADDSFORD" AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT TWO, LOTS 15 AND 16 BLOCK A LOTS 1 THRU 11 AND PARCEL C BLOCK B AND LOTS 16 THRU 34 BLOCK C (RESUBDIVISION OF OUT LOT 4, BRANDYWINE VILLAGE P.B. VJ 186 P. NUMBER 64) CHADDSFORD, SECTION 1", RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLAT BOOK REP 211 AT PLAT NUMBER 70, SUBJECT TO DECLARATION OF DEFERRED WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES CHARGES RECORDED IN LIBER 25950 FOLIO 364 AND 25950/364.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.125% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (84678)

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Samuel I. White, P.C.
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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
4633 Eastern Ave
Mount Rainier, MD 20712**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MICHAEL LYON, Trustee(s), dated June 26, 2017, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 39826, folio 449, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 1, 2024 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGES IN THE STATE OF MD LOT NUMBERED SIX (6) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "NORTH WOODRIDGE" AS PER PLAT RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK A FOLIO 17; ONE OF THE LAND RECORDS OF SAID PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.625% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (82169)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS

12709 Prospect Knolls Drive

Bowie, MD 20720

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to C. PEREZ AND JEFF ROBINSON, Trustee(s), dated July 6, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 28579, folio 194, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 1, 2024 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 14, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, STATE OF MD, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 17317 PAGE 81 ID#1681188(14), BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 12, BLOCK O, SECTION 2, PROSPECT KNOLLS, FILED IN PLAT BOOK WWW 65 AT PAGE 31.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY by certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 1.99% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyingance, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (77858)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4313 MILLWOOD ROAD

NEW WINDSOR A/R/T/A MOUNT AIRY, MD 21771

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 6, 2012, recorded in Liber 8947, Folio 486 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$353,390.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 9:24 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 368171-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to EQUITABLE LAND TITLE GROUP, LLC, Trustee(s), dated January 19, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 27390, folio 462, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 1, 2024 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 14, IN BLOCKED LETTERED "A", IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "BLOCKS B AND C AND PARTS OF BLOCKS A, D, H, AND I, RIVER RIDGE ESTATES", AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK WWW 27, AT PLAT 88. (12TH ELECTION DISTRICT)

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY by certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.33% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyingance, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (82580)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

13 MOON MAIDEN COURT

WALKERSVILLE, MD 21793

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 24, 2022, recorded in Liber 15868, Folio 24 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$127,187.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 9, 2024 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$12,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 368650-1)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

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910 FORRESTER RD

CHURCHTON, MD 20733

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2016, and recorded in Liber 30446, folio 307, of the land records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY , with an original principal balance of \$220,924.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

AUGUST 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 07-000-02929500 & 07-000-90087947

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article AS 11-110 and AS 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of \$19,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.250% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (23-166240)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5204 MUIRFIELD DRIVE

IJAMSVILLE, MD 21754

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ernest K. Amegashie and Julie M. Amegashie, dated May 11, 2005 and recorded in Liber 5434, folio 499 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Frederick County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for \$32,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5.875% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited, liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #24-600295).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

2711 MONOCACY BOTTOM ROAD

ADAMSTOWN, MD 21710

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 30, 2015, recorded in Liber 10954, Folio 236 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$226,221.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 9:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 338399-3)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

2607 WARREN WAY, UNIT #43

FREDERICK, MD 21701

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2019, recorded in Liber 12866, Folio 254 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$213,069.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 16, 2024 AT 9:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and described as Unit numbered 4-3 in a condominium known as "Condominium Plat Phase 4, Building 4, The Braemar Condominium being part of Section 2, Plat 1 Tuscarora Knolls, Plat Book 45, Page 93" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362918-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 5, 2019, recorded in Liber 13450, Folio 298 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$374,612.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 2, 2024 AT 10:42 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$37,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall



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A reaction to medicine can kill if it isn't caught

The syndrome known as DRESS is triggered by drugs commonly used to treat acne and other conditions

BY KATHERINE ELLISON

Izzy McKinney was a healthy teenager who wrote poetry, played the mandolin and took pride in her flair with an eyeliner pencil. She also had acne. ¶ She tried topical medications and then antibiotics. Two weeks after starting a doctor-prescribed antibiotic — trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole — Izzy came down with a mild fever. ¶ Less than three months later, one month after her 16th birthday, Izzy's heart failed, and she died. ¶ An autopsy revealed the cause was DRESS — drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms. It's a rare but deadly condition triggered by medications often used to treat acne, seizures and gout. ¶ Subtle at first and then terrifyingly intense, the syndrome isn't well known. That makes it particularly dangerous. ¶ "If you know what it is, you can diagnose and treat it," says Izzy's mother, Tasha Tolliver. "But it's so uncommon that many physicians are confused."

SEE DRESS ON E6

ILLUSTRATION BY CHANTAL JAHCHAN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

In beach season, pedicures pose a surprising risk

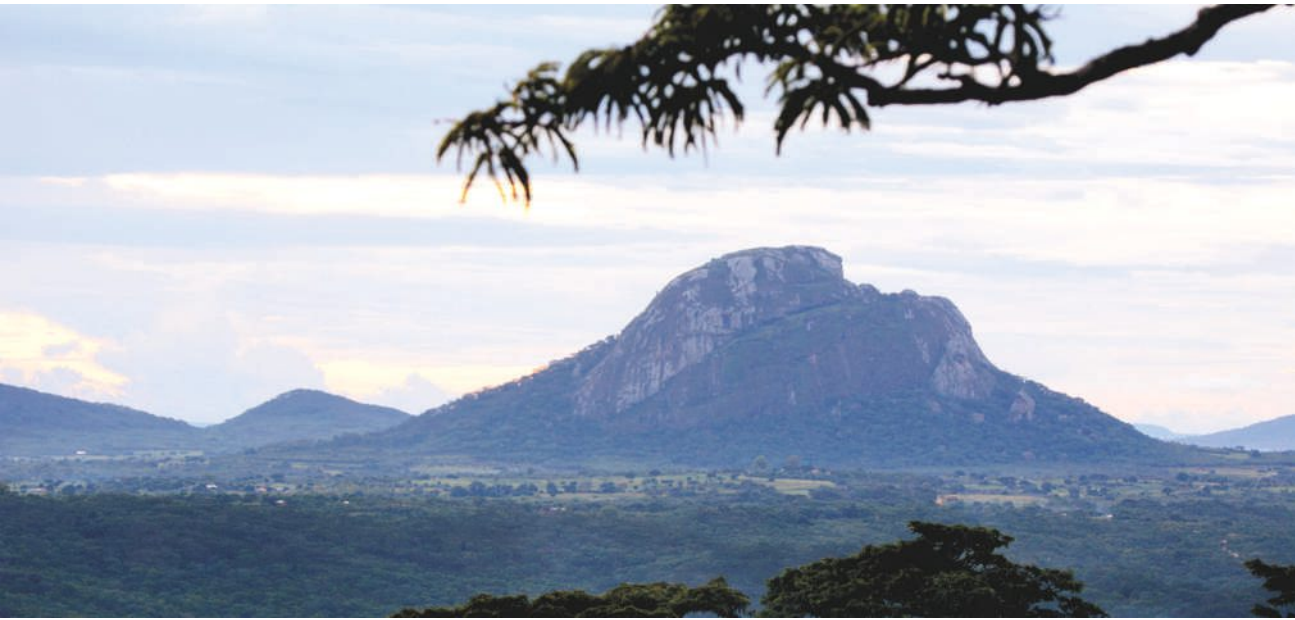
BY MARLENE CIMONS

David Murgueytio had his first pedicure about two years ago in a Rockville, Md., nail salon. It also was his last. The pedicurist pushed his cuticles back with a sharp little scooped tool — "he dug in deep — and it hurt," he says. The next morning, the big toe on his right foot was red and swollen. Two weeks later, when he finally went to a doctor, the toe had turned an alarming shade of dark green — "nearly black," he says, "and I could hardly walk." Murgueytio, 40, a personal trainer from Clarksburg, Md., recovered after a 14-day course of antibiotics and a warning from his doctor about taking too long to be seen, risking an infection that could spread to the rest of his body. He learned his lesson. "I'm doing my own toes now," he says. The cuticle is a thin layer of clear dead skin at the intersection between the nail bed and skin, and serves as a barrier against dirt or debris and infectious agents such as bacteria, yeast or fungi. SEE CUTICLES ON E4

When we forgive too fast, we can hurt ourselves

BY SUSAN SHAPIRO

There's a "forgiveness industry" of books, coaches, TED Talks and services promoting radical exoneration from every angle. Yet after a decade researching the concept of forgiving for a book on the topic, I found that pardoning people too quickly can often be harmful and self-destructive. That's especially true when it comes to trauma. "People who don't forgive are sometimes portrayed as cold, hardhearted or inflexible. But that's pathologizing the person harmed versus the offender who caused the damage," said Ramani Durvasula, a psychologist in Los Angeles and the author of the book "It's Not You: Identifying and Healing From Narcissistic People." But "sometimes it's more authentic and empowering to move on without forgiving." To be sure, holding a grudge over small slights can be self-defeating and unhealthy, but there are cases where turning the other cheek might be the wrong move. The following is a list of SEE UNFORGIVEN ON E4



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BRENNA HENN

Quiver trees in South Africa. Early modern humans may have spread far across Africa, not just in small parts of the east and south, before moving to Europe and Asia. The reason we missed evidence in West and Central Africa? Few people looked there, researchers said.

New clues to early humans’ origins

Researchers cast doubt on long-held narrative that our ancestors inhabited only small parts of Africa

BY DAVID KOHN

For decades, scientists who studied early modern humans believed that our ancestors initially inhabited only small areas of Africa, the savannas of the eastern and southern part of the continent, and then moved north into Asia, Europe and beyond. In this view, early humans bypassed West and Central Africa, especially tropical forests. These areas, the argument went, were populated much later.

But now, a growing group of researchers has cast doubt on this narrative. Working in Senegal, Cameroon, Malawi and elsewhere, they are uncovering evidence that early humans spread across much more of Africa before venturing elsewhere. This work has moved the field beyond the old out-of-Africa narrative and is transforming our understanding of how multiple groups of early modern humans intermingled and spread across the continent, providing a more nuanced picture of our species’ complex origins.

“It’s becoming more and more clear that humans didn’t originate in a single population in one region of Africa,” says Eleanor Scerri, an archaeologist at the Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology in Jena, Germany. “If we really want to understand human evolution, we need to look at all of the African continent.”

Most researchers agree that early modern humans emerged in Africa between 200,000 and 300,000 years ago. About 60,000 years ago, they spread to other parts of the world. Until recently, though, most experts thought these humans populated West and Central Africa, especially the tropical forests there, only within the past 20,000 or so years.

For some researchers, this narrative made little sense. “Humans like to move around a lot,” says University of Pennsylvania geneticist Sarah Tishkoff, who has been working to unravel Africa’s deep genetic lineage for more than two decades. “They had this beautiful continent, they could move all over, go to different niches, with different resources.”

The reason no one found evidence of early human settlement in West and Central Africa, Scerri and others say, is that few people had looked there. For many decades, most researchers tended to focus on low-hanging fruit — areas of the continent where fieldwork was less difficult. Because the climate is dryer and cooler in East and South Africa and the terrain is more open, fossils are easier to find and date. Most of West and Central Africa is hot and humid, so bones and DNA degrade more quickly. In addition, that region can be a challenging place to work, not only because much of it is thickly forested, but also because some areas are enmeshed in long-running and chaotic conflicts.

Some research suggests that cultural bias may also have played a role. “Most research has been spearheaded by people from the global North,” says Yale University paleoanthropologist Jessica Thompson. “And their perspective is, ‘Well, we want to know how people got out of Africa, to where we come from.’”

As a result of all these factors,

most scientists have focused largely on sites in South and East Africa. This has contributed to the idea that early modern humans primarily inhabited these regions. Frustrated that the academic establishment didn’t take their ideas seriously, a few researchers began trying to uncover evidence that supported their views. Over the past decade or so, they’ve found it.

Last year, a group that included scientists from Senegal, Europe and the United States reported that modern humans had lived at a site on the coast of Senegal 150,000 years ago. Previous estimates put the earliest human habitation in West Africa at 30,000 years ago.

Moreover, the site was in a mangrove forest, rather than the typical grassland or sparse savanna usually associated with early human habitation. Scerri says her latest research in Senegal, not yet published, may push this date back even further. “It’s clear that there were different people in different places doing different things,” she says. “And they were there for a long time. A lot longer than we realized.”

Another study, from 2022, analyzed DNA from the bones of 34 people who lived across sub-Saharan Africa between 5,000 and 18,000 years ago. Examining such ancient DNA is important because it offers a much clearer window onto the structure of more ancient African populations. The research showed that from 80,000 to 20,000 years ago, populations that had been fairly isolated from one another began to interact across large swaths of the continent. These links spanned thousands of miles, from Ethiopia, through Central African forests and down to South Africa.

“People were clearly moving quite broadly across Africa,” says Thompson, one of the study’s co-authors. “They were not stay-

ing in these little isolated populations.”

And a paper published four years ago in *Nature* examined the remains of two children found at a rock shelter in Cameroon, in the western part of Central Africa. One of the children lived 3,000 years ago, while the other lived 8,000 years ago. The researchers, from Harvard and other institutions, managed to collect DNA from the two — the first ancient human DNA ever sequenced from Central Africa. They detected four separate human lineages between 60,000 and 80,000 years ago, including a previously unknown lineage — what they called a “ghost population” — that probably lived in West Africa. The results provide more support for the idea that humans have been in West Africa for far longer than previously realized and adds to the evidence that humanity’s roots exist across more than one region of Africa.

Experts say it’s important to note that close relatives of modern humans — Neanderthals, *Homo erectus* and several other species — had already spread beyond Africa to Europe and Asia, in some cases millions of years ago. But these groups contributed relatively small amounts of DNA to the modern human lineage.

Because it can be so difficult to find fossils and retrieve ancient DNA in many parts of Africa, scientists have had to develop innovative approaches to establish early-human habitation. For instance, Thompson and her colleagues studied sediments around Lake Malawi in the northern part of the country. Over thousands of years, the lake shrank and grew, depending on the amount of rainfall. During wetter periods, the number of trees around the lake would expand significantly.

But Thompson found that during a wetter period starting

80,000 years ago (and continuing today), the number of trees did not increase nearly as much as expected. Instead, the scientists found an abundance of charcoal. Thompson says this shows that humans were living in the region, perhaps in fairly large numbers, and were burning wood on a significant scale, either to modify the environment for hunting or to cook or keep warm — or all three.

A key aspect of this new understanding is the Pan-African hypothesis: Scerri and others argue that modern humans probably evolved from the intermingling of different groups from a range of areas of the continent. “There were a number of modern human populations living in different regions of Africa, and we emerged over time from the complex interactions between them,” Scerri says. “Basically, we’re a mix of a mix of a mix.”

In research published last year, University of California at Davis population geneticist Brenna Henn and her colleagues examined the genomes of almost 300 Africans from across the continent. By analyzing and comparing the genetic data, they were able to construct a model for how humans originated within the continent over the past several hundred thousand years. They found that modern humans descended from at least two distinct populations who lived in different parts of the continent. She and her colleagues are now analyzing genomes from 3,000 people, mostly Africans but also people of African descent who live elsewhere, as well as Indigenous Americans and others.

Scerri has also found evidence to support the Pan-African idea. She has shown that Middle Stone Age culture persisted in West Africa until quite recently, less than about 11,000 years ago. This culture, a particular way of making stone tools, disappeared much earlier in other parts of the continent, 30,000 to 50,000 years ago. This is important, she says, because it is precisely what the Pan-African theory predicts: “In this model, you’d expect that each region would have its own distinctive cultural trajectory, due to periods of isolation. This research shows how this was possible.”

Not everyone is convinced. Richard Klein, a paleoanthropologist at Stanford University who has spent decades studying early modern human origins and migration in Africa, says, “I don’t understand the evolutionary mechanism behind” the pan-African origins theory.

Pontus Skoglund, a population geneticist at the Francis Crick Institute in London who has collaborated with Scerri, says that the Pan-African idea is plausible, but that he isn’t fully persuaded. “To me, it also seems possible that a large portion of present-day people’s ancestry might be found in a single region,” he says. “But we don’t know.” He says there is still “a lot of uncertainty” about who was where and when.

Scerri agrees that more research is needed. But after years of fighting skepticism, she says she feels vindicated that the new perspective has caught on. “Right now, this is such an exciting area to work,” she says. “It’s really an incredible story, one that’s emerging before our eyes.”

SCIENCE NEWS

NASA telescope spots a super Jupiter that takes more than a century to go around its star

BY MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A super Jupiter has been spotted around a neighboring star by the Webb Space Telescope — and it has a super orbit.

The planet is roughly the same diameter as Jupiter, but with six times the mass. Its atmosphere is also rich in hydrogen like Jupiter’s.

One big difference: It takes this planet more than a century, possibly as long as 250 years, to go around its star. It’s 15 times the distance from its star than Earth is to the sun.

Scientists had long suspected a big planet circled this star 12 light-years away, but not this massive or far from its star. A light-year is 5.8 trillion miles. These new observations show the planet orbits the star Epsilon Indi A, part of a three-star system.

An international team led by Max Planck Institute for Astronomy’s Elisabeth Matthews in Germany collected the images last year and published the findings Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. Astronomers directly observed the incredibly old and cold gas giant — a rare and tricky feat — by masking the star through use of a special shading device on Webb. By blocking the starlight, the planet stood out as a pinpoint of infrared light.

The planet and star clock in at

3.5 billion years old, 1 billion years younger than our own solar system, but still considered old and brighter than expected, according to Matthews.

The star is so close and bright to our own solar system that it’s visible with the naked eye in the Southern Hemisphere.

Don’t bet on life, though.

“This is a gas giant with no hard surface or liquid water oceans,” Matthews said in an email.

It’s unlikely this solar system sports more gas giants, she said, but small rocky worlds could be lurking there.

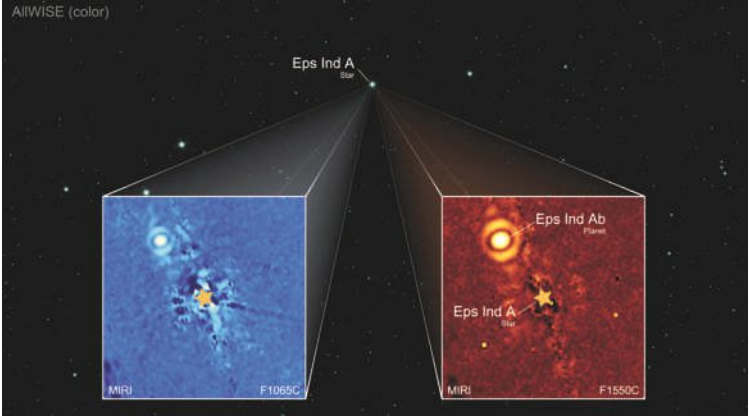
Worlds similar to Jupiter can help scientists understand “how these planets evolve over gigayear timescales,” she said.

The first planets outside our solar system — dubbed exoplanets — were confirmed in the early 1990s. NASA’s tally now stands at 5,690 as of mid-July. The vast majority were detected via the transit method, in which a fleeting dip in starlight, repeated at regular intervals, indicates an orbiting planet.

Telescopes in space and also on the ground are on the hunt for even more, especially planets that might be similar to Earth.

Launched in 2021, NASA and the European Space Agency’s Webb telescope is the biggest and most powerful astronomical observatory ever placed in space.

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An image shows exoplanet Epsilon Indi A b in different infrared wavelengths captured by the James Webb Space Telescope.

SCIENCE SCAN

WILDLIFE

Scientists examine interactions between chimps for hints to give-and-take of communication

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Human conversations follow an almost universal beat: rapid-fire speech, turn-taking, the occasional interruption. Chimpanzees communicate that way, too, a new study suggests — shedding new light on behavior patterns that humans and primates appear to share.

The analysis, published in *Current Biology*, focused on video footage of five wild communities of East African chimpanzees in Uganda and Tanzania.

Researchers used video of chimps interacting with one another, isolating instances of communication between chimps and collecting data on which one initiated the exchange and how the primates responded to one another with gestures and other behaviors. Overall, the researchers looked at more than 8,500 gestures from 252 chimpanzees.

In analyzing “conversational” patterns, the researchers found that 14 percent of all interactions involved an exchange of gestures between interacting chimps. The vast majority of gestural interactions (83 percent) involved a two-part exchange of gesture for gesture. The chimps’ response tim-

Chimpanzee gestural exchanges share temporal structure with human language

Current Biology

ing was similar to that of humans, but it took longer for the animals to respond to gestures with other behaviors.

“We did see a little variation among different chimp communities, which again matches what we see in people where there are slight cultural variations in conversation pace: some cultures have slower or faster talkers,” Gal Badihi, the paper’s first author and a research fellow at the University of St. Andrews, says in a news release.

Though timing did vary slightly by community, the researchers write that the similarities with human conversation suggest “shared mechanisms” between human and chimpanzees. Conversational turn-taking could have evolved to strengthen social bonds and align both members of the exchange, they write.

They call for future research on conversational patterns of other animals in a bid to understand why and how such norms evolved.



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Researchers studied chimpanzees in Uganda and Tanzania.

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BIG NUMBER

40 percent

Modifiable risk factors such as smoking were linked to about 40 percent of U.S. adult cancer cases in 2019, according to a recent study led by the American Cancer Society. The study, published in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, assessed cancer cases and deaths among U.S. adults 30 or older in 2019. The researchers estimated the numbers of cases and deaths related to modifiable risk factors for 30 types of cancers. Risk factors identified included smoking cigarettes, secondhand smoke, excess body weight, alcohol consumption, consumption of red and processed meat, low fruit and vegetable consumption, ultraviolet radiation and infection with cancer-related viruses. An estimated 40 percent of incident cancer cases and 44 percent of deaths were attributed to modifiable risk factors. Cigarette smoking was the leading risk factor, contributing to 19.3 percent of cancer cases and 28.5 percent of deaths. Excess body weight was also a major risk factor, contributing to 7.6 percent of cancer cases. Other leading risk factors for cancer included alcohol consumption (5.4 percent), UV radiation exposure (4.6 percent) and physical inactivity (3.1 percent). The researchers also looked at the relationship between some types of cancer and risk factors. Lung cancer had the most cases and deaths that could be attributed to risk factors in both men and women. Skin melanoma, colorectal cancer and urinary bladder cancer also had a high proportion of cases attributable to risk factors. “Large numbers of cancer cases and deaths in the United States are attributable to potentially modifiable risk factors, underscoring the potential to substantially reduce the cancer burden through broad and equitable implementation of preventive initiatives,” the researchers write.

— Hannah Docter-Loeb

HEALTH NEWS

High heat can alter medications and their effects on you. How you store them makes a difference.

BY NANCY LAPID

Prolonged heat waves have become more common due to climate change, bringing conditions that can alter medications and their effects on patients taking them. Here is what to know about medicines in hot weather:

How does heat alter the effects and quality of medicines?

Medications for common conditions can increase patients’ sensitivity to heat by impairing the body’s response to high temperatures, including the ability to sweat and the rate of blood flow.

Heat waves also increase the risk of deterioration for nearly all medications, whether capsules, sprays, tablets, syrups or some other form, if they are not kept within a certain temperature range. The heat-related effects of medications can vary based on individual health status, dosage and environmental conditions.

Patients should consult their physicians about potentially adjusting doses or scheduling in hot weather, and they should keep cool by staying hydrated, carrying fans, and seeking shade or air conditioning, experts say.

What medications increase sensitivity to heat? Blood pressure and heart failure medications: Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors suppress thirst, making it harder to know when to drink more water and increasing the risk of dehydration. Calcium channel blockers can cause mineral imbalances, making it harder for the body to regulate its temperature, while beta blockers can make it harder to sweat and keep the body cool. Diuretics, or water pills, can also cause dehydration and mineral imbalances.

• Allergy medications: Some over-the-counter antihistamines reduce sweating and can impair temperature regulation.

• Psychiatric medications: Cer-

tain antipsychotic medications limit patients’ ability to sweat. Some antidepressants have the opposite effect, increasing sweating and repressing thirst. Stimulants such as amphetamines and other drugs used to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder may interact with the central nervous system to raise body temperature.

• Thyroid medications: Thyroid hormone pills also can raise body temperature, impair temperature regulation and cause excessive sweating.

What is a safe temperature range for storing medications?

Extreme heat (and extreme cold) can significantly alter the effectiveness of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Some medications can tolerate temperatures up to 86 degrees Fahrenheit, but in general they should be stored at 59-77 F in a cool, dry place, away from sunlight. Temperature storage guidelines for specific drugs can be found on manufacturers’ websites. It’s hard to predict the extent to which a medication will degrade in extreme temperatures because each drug is different, said Amy Bachyrycz, a pharmacy faculty member at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

In general, medicines should not be left in hot cars or for hours in hot mailboxes if they are mail-ordered medications.

A spokesperson for CVS Health’s Caremark pharmacy benefits unit said the company’s electronic shipping system takes weather data into account to determine appropriate packaging materials for each shipment.

An Amazon Pharmacy spokesperson said the company employs strict storage and delivery safety measures to protect medications from extreme temperatures throughout the shipping process.

— Reuters

HEALTH SCAN

PEDIATRICS

Study examines link between family members’ incarceration, children’s physical, mental health

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Children with a family history of incarceration are more likely to be diagnosed with physical and mental health conditions than other kids, a recent analysis suggests.

Published in *Academic Pediatrics*, the study looked at 11 years’ worth of electronic health records from Cincinnati Children’s, analyzing over 1.74 million unique patients under age 21 years between 2009 and 2020. It sheds light on the ripple effects of mass incarceration.

Researchers searched the records for keywords such as “incarcerated,” “parole” and “jail” for signs of justice system involvement, and then compared the records of patients with a justice keyword in their chart with those of demographically similar patients.

Ultimately, the researchers identified nearly 38,300 patients with justice keywords in their files, 2.2 percent of the total sample. The overall group was majority-White (64 percent). While Black patients made up just 12.8 percent of the larger group, 28.2 percent of those with justice keywords in their records were Black.

Over a third of patients whose charts indicated they were in child welfare custody also had a justice keyword.

Pediatric Health and System Impacts of Mass Incarceration, 2009–2020: A Matched Cohort Study

Academic Pediatrics

Patients with justice keywords made up 42.9 percent of all schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders, 42.1 percent of bipolar and related disorders, and 38.3 percent of suicide and self-injury diagnoses, and were disproportionately diagnosed with physical conditions such as neurodevelopmental disorders (69.7 percent) and shaken baby syndrome (44.9 percent).

Given that an estimated 7 percent of U.S. youths have had an incarcerated parent, the numbers in the study are probably “a gross underestimation of the true exposure of personal or family incarceration in youth served by this institution,” the researchers note. The “vast disparities” suggested by their analysis could help inform future research, they write.

“We will continue to have health care disparities and lead the world with poor health outcomes if we continue to lead in incarceration,” Samantha Boch, an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and the paper’s lead author, says in a news release.

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

Be wary of misleading product claims

BY HALLIE LEVINE

Whether you’re shopping for a thermometer or a DIY diagnostic test for urinary tract infections, it can be hard to know what’s useful and what may be misleading, defective or a waste of money. Here are some key tips experts suggested you consider before you click “buy now.”

Be wary of “FDA Registered” and “FDA Certified” claims. Phrases like these may imply that a product has undergone a Food and Drug Administration review. But the first term just means the manufacturer has registered the facility where the product is made yearly with the FDA, not that the product has been approved or cleared by the agency. As for the second claim, the FDA doesn’t certify products or issue registration certificates, so at a minimum such claims are misleading.

Search the FDA’s site. You can find out whether a device has been cleared by the agency by checking its device database. This means a company has demonstrated that the device is comparable to a product the FDA has already carefully vetted. You can do the same for home medical tests, including some coronavirus home tests, through the FDA’s database of at-home tests. Enter a term such as “urinary tract infection” in the name of the test, or the company name, and then click “Search.”

Check tests for CLIA certifi-



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If a health product’s label says “FDA Certified” or “FDA Registered,” it doesn’t guarantee accuracy.

For at-home tests you use and then send back to a lab for results to be analyzed, such as a genetic test, check the label or online description to make sure the lab is “CLIA certified.” This means that the test meets federal quality standards and that the lab undergoes regular inspections before it can accept human samples for testing. Consider that a bare minimum.

Talk to your medical provid-

ers. They can help you think through a potential purchase or may know of an easier, less expensive way to get the answers you’re interested in. For example, your doctor could order a test to check your cholesterol levels, rather than have you buy one yourself. Or they may have specific recommendations about home monitoring devices so you’re not left to comparison shop on your own.



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Too many pills? How to talk to your doctor about it.

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON

Swallowing a handful of pills is a daily ritual for many people, from young adults coping with anxiety to older adults managing chronic conditions. Overall, 13 percent of people in the United States take five or more prescription drugs. For those 65 and older, that number is 42 percent.

If you’re taking multiple meds, it’s smart to be aware of potential problems. One pill can lead to a side effect, leading to another pill and another side effect in what experts call a “prescribing cascade.”

Some drugs can cause harm if taken for years. Others stop working or interact badly with a new drug. A drug tolerated well at first can cause side effects later, leading to cognitive decline and injuries from falls.

“Our metabolism changes as we get older,” said Elizabeth Bayliss, who studies deprescribing at Kaiser Permanente’s Institute for Health Research in Aurora, Colorado. “Everyone’s ability to metabolize the medications they’ve been taking for a long time may change.”

The nonprofit Lown Institute calls the whole situation a medication overload that will cause 4.6 million hospital visits this decade.

If your daily pill routine is getting out of hand, ask for a medication review. Here’s how to get started with a process called “deprescribing.”

Ask for a prescription checklist

Start with a professional you trust, like a doctor or pharmacist, said Lisa McCarthy, a pharmacist and deprescribing expert at the University of Toronto.

If you’re asking your doctor, don’t wait until the end of a 15-minute visit. Instead, make a dedicated appointment and tell them when booking you want to talk about your medicines, McCarthy said.

Your doctor may not have the full picture of what you’re taking if other prescribers are involved, and some doctors hesitate to manage drugs prescribed by others. That’s when a pharmacist can help by reviewing everything and



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Some medications can cause harm if taken for years. A prescription checklist can help avoid this.

writing up suggestions you can share with your doctors, said pharmacist Bradley Phillips of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

“We’re considered the medication experts,” Phillips said.

Could my medicine be causing a problem?

Swelling, incontinence, restlessness, insomnia — all are side effects caused by common medications that sometimes get treated with new drugs. McCarthy wants people to ask their doctors a simple question: Could this symptom be related to one of my medications?

“If we could teach the public to ask that question it would be very powerful,” McCarthy said. And for a follow-up question, she suggested: Do I still need this medicine?

Pharmacist Barbara Farrell sees dramatic changes in many people she helps at an outpatient geriatric center in Ottawa, Ontario. Some have emerged from a drug-induced dementia after their meds are reduced. A 77-year-old woman was able to leave her wheelchair and walk with a cane

after cutting her daily pills from 32 to 17. She had arrived sedated and unable to communicate, and a few months later, she was back to her hobby of knitting.

Weaning off medication takes time

Some meds can be stopped abruptly but others require a slow taper to prevent uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms — or even life-threatening seizures. Tapering to progressively lower doses is particularly important with drugs for depression, insomnia and anxiety.

After two decades on various pills for these conditions, therapist Molly Bernardi of Spokane, Wash., began tapering her doses.

The 45-year-old suspected the pills were the cause of her worsening problems with digestion, balance, memory, stiff muscles and flickering dots across her field of vision. When scans ruled out other illnesses, she gradually stopped each of four medications.

One of the final drugs she stopped was the toughest: a benzodiazepine, a class of sedatives that can be harmful if taken long term. Over the course of three

months, she used a kitchen knife and a nail file to cut her 1 milligram daily pill into ever-smaller pieces.

She listened to her body, found support groups on Facebook and used breathwork and prayer to get through withdrawal symptoms.

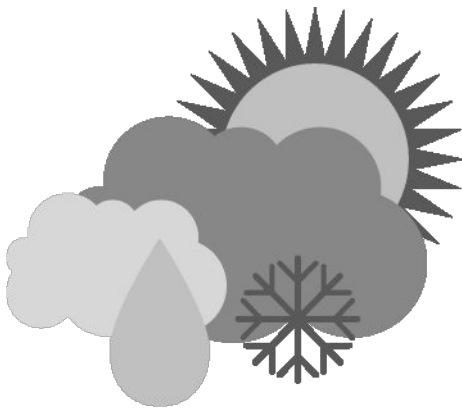
“Now when I have a good day, a good hour, a good moment, it’s peace and presence like I’ve never known since before I was medicated,” Bernardi said. “I’m just experiencing a little bit of great. And a little bit of great is so great that it keeps me going.”

Be in charge of your medication list

Even in the best-connected health-care systems, McCarthy said, information about prescriptions isn’t always shared among doctors. And they won’t know about your over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or nightly CBD gummy.

The only person who knows everything you take is you, McCarthy said. So keep a list of what you take, why it was prescribed and when you started taking it.

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Why we love something that’s ‘so bad it’s good’



Brain Matters

RICHARD SIMA

As the summer movies season gets underway, it will feature hits and duds. While most people will watch the top movies, others will actively seek out the flops. The list of bad-quality movies

infamously includes “The Room,” “Sharknado” and “Cocaine Bear.”

This phenomenon seems to run counter to intuitions about human decision-making.

“Human behavior is complicated. And even things that seem obvious, like people are going to choose the things that they think are better than the things they think are worse, are not always the case,” said Caleb Warren, a professor of marketing at the University of Arizona who studies a related phenomenon of ironic consumption. “We have all these different motives, these different goals, and sometimes these different goals are competing.”

The first controlled empirical study of why people may prefer something they deem to be worse than higher-quality alternatives — and why we may find something “so bad it’s good” — was published in November in the Journal of Consumer Psychology.

The research, which examined 12 different preregistered studies with 5,393 subjects, adds an interesting wrinkle to our understanding of how humans

make decisions.

“It’s one of these findings that really resonates. It’s something that I think we’ve all experienced,” said Stephen Spiller, a professor of marketing and behavioral decision-making at UCLA Anderson School of Management who was not involved in the research.

Sometimes, people prefer the bad option

In the study’s first experiment, 385 participants were asked to choose one joke to read from several options based on a quality rating.

As expected, the participants most often preferred the best-rated option. But the second most popular choice was the worst-rated one. People were also more likely to choose the worst-rated joke compared with the mediocre ones in the middle.

This pattern has held in subsequent experiments in which participants had to choose between video clips from “So You Think You Can Dance,” karaoke performances and “American Idol” auditions. Regardless of the content, more people chose the worst performances than the middle options.

This preference for badness “is something that’s not just idiosyncratic to one particular thing. It’s something that you have to think about in multiple different content domains,” said Evan Weingarten, assistant professor of marketing at Arizona State University’s Carey School of Business and an author

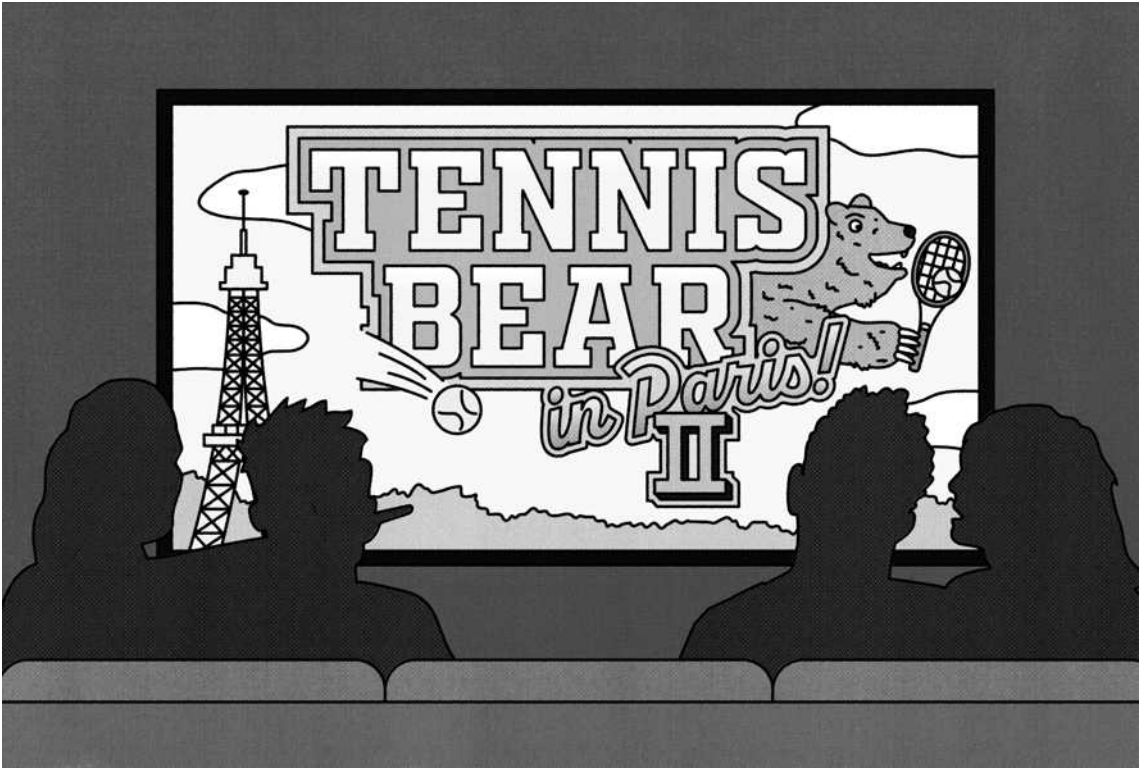


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of the empirical study.

Enjoying the humor and absurdity — so long as the cost is low

To determine which features underlie something that people find “so bad it’s good,” the researchers presented 596 subjects with images of art of varying quality, drawing from online Reddit communities that featured good art (from r/art), mediocre art (from r/

beginner_art) and very bad art (from r/delusionartists — “people who believe themselves to be the next Picasso but truly do not have a talent,” Weingarten said.). The subjects were asked to rate the art based on humor, absurdity, aesthetics,

utility and the quality of “so bad it’s good.”

Art that people found to be “so bad it’s good” was more likely to be funnier and more absurd, which appears to be key to its entertainment value. Results from another experiment suggest that this entertainment value is what drives people to seek out badness.

This finding fits with the benign violation theory of humor, developed in part by Warren, which says that violating expectations in a non-threatening way can be funny.

“When they’re not violating any of your goals, the very bad options can actually provide a source of amusement,”

Weingarten said.

But when we have more utilitarian and practical goals, we are less likely to seek out those bad options.

“Like, you don’t want a so-bad-it’s-good vacuum cleaner. That wouldn’t make any sense,” Weingarten said.

In another experiment, the researchers randomly assigned 555 participants to select videos of karaoke bar performances based on either hedonic or utilitarian purposes. Participants who had utilitarian goals were less likely to choose the worst-rated option (21.8 percent) compared with those who were looking for amusement (33.6 percent). They were also more likely to choose

the middle option.

Adding a cost also shifted preferences. In another experiment, participants who had to pay 25 cents per selection picked the worst option less often than those who could have it free.

Empathy for differences

The research opens the door for potential sequels exploring other facets of enjoying badness.

For example, the current research focuses on differences in quality, which economists and marketers call vertical differentiation in product comparisons. Bad here means that something is “failing its goals,” Weingarten said. It does not directly address matters of taste, or horizontal differentiation, where quality is arguably the same, such as comparing Coke to Pepsi.

Could high-quality products of questionable taste also be deemed so bad it’s good? Weingarten pointed to the subreddit r/ATBGE, short for “awful taste but great execution,” as a rich source of such examples. (Some posts include a keyboard made of keys that look like cheese, a knitted skin-colored ski mask and a velvet Rolls-Royce.)

The research can also remind us to have empathy for some of our differences in opinion. What one person finds so bad it’s good, another may find, well, bad.

But we can have “some appreciation of the fact that different people choose different things for different reasons,” Spiller said. “And that’s okay.”

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Pedicures can open you up to infections. Here’s how to protect your toes.

CUTICLES FROM E1

Nail salon technicians often trim or cut cuticles, which can lacerate the skin and give easy access to irritants and dangerous microorganisms. The potential resulting infection, known as paronychia, also can occur in fingernails after a manicure, according to experts.

With summer underway, it’s often tempting to go barefoot, especially at the pool or beach. This can be risky after a pedicure if the cuticles have been recently cut or trimmed, experts say.

“I wouldn’t walk through the sand barefoot,” says Adam Friedman, professor and chair of dermatology at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. “Little particles of sand can get in, causing irritation and inflammation, and introducing bacteria and other microorganisms.” (This is true for any open cuts or wounds, not just from pedicures.)

After a pedicure or manicure

where the cuticles have been cut or pushed, Friedman recommends applying a healing ointment, such as Aquaphor or Cetaphil, on the fold — the area below the cuticle at the base of the nail — to act as a sealant against germs. “An important point: A little goes a long way,” Friedman says. “You don’t want to be dripping with it.”

Bacterial paronychia often causes redness, swelling and pain around the skin fold of the nail, sometimes with puslike drainage, says Olabola Awosika, a dermatologist with Pinnacle Dermatology in Detroit. She treats such infections with oral antibiotics and recommends soaking the fingers or toes in a water and white vinegar solution — one part vinegar to two parts water — for 10 to 15 minutes three times a day. The solution is both anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial.

Repeated infections also may require a topical steroid, she says. “With chronic recurrence, there can be complete loss of the cuticle and potentially permanent



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damage to the associated nail, such as discoloration, lifting of the nail plate and horizontal lines,” she says.

D.C. podiatrist Sheldon Laps says he sees many nail injuries resulting from “overzealous” nail technicians “who want to push the cuticle back and end up lacerating the skin.” He, too, treats them with antibiotics and at-home soaks — he prefers Epsom salts dissolved in warm water — twice a day for 10 minutes for five to seven days.

“In severe cases, we have to remove the toenail,” he says, which usually is done in the office.

These infections can be espe-

cially dangerous for diabetics with peripheral neuropathy, which occurs when nerves leading to the hands and feet are damaged. They can’t feel pain in their feet caused by an infection, says Laps, also assistant clinical professor of surgery at GW Medical Faculty Associates. “They usually don’t come in until it’s severe,” he says. “They either see pus or redness or smell an infection.”

If the infection manages to spread to the bone under the toenail, known as osteomyelitis, surgery may be necessary, he says.

“The soft tissue of the toenail is directly above the bone,” Laps

explains. “Occasionally, the bone becomes infected and we do surgery on the bone to clean it out. If that doesn’t work, we may need to amputate the toe. It’s rare, but it happens. That’s why we tell diabetic patients not to have pedicures.”

How can you prevent infections resulting from pedicures or manicures? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following:

- Keep nails short, and trim them often.
 - Scrub the underside of nails — the far end of the nail that juts out from the fingertip — with soap and water (or a nail brush) when you wash your hands.
 - Clean any nail grooming tools before use. In commercial settings such as nail salons, make sure the technicians have sterilized nail grooming tools before using them on you.
 - Avoid cutting and pushing cuticles, as they act as barriers to prevent infection.
 - Don’t bite or chew your nails, which can lead to abrasions and infection.
 - Never rip or bite a hangnail. Instead, clip it with a clean, sanitized nail trimmer that won’t cause any injury to the surrounding skin.
- If your toenails are significantly thick or distorted, making them difficult to cut yourself, avoid nail salons and see a podia-

trist, Friedman says, “which is much safer.”

Friedman says he wishes people would avoid pedicures and manicures entirely but realizes this is unrealistic. “You have to find a compromise,” he says. “To say ‘don’t do it’ doesn’t work.” Instead, he says, “make sure you go to a reputable place where they sterilize their tools. Tell them to leave the cuticles alone or gently trim them, don’t rip them.”

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Awosika agrees, adding: “Always make sure your manicurist or nail technician is using clean tools, being gentle with your nails and surrounding skin,” she says. “If it hurts or is uncomfortable, that’s not normal and you should speak up. I find that when skin conditions result in relation to these practices, often patients were uncomfortable during the procedure but thought it was normal — so listen to your skin.”

Prejudice, no real regret, safety among reasons not to forgive someone

UNFORGIVEN FROM E1

situations in which it’s better not to forgive and forget:

1. **If prejudice is involved:** Emilio Mesa, a San Francisco events planner, told me he was horrified by a homophobic story his mother relayed. He moved away, waiting years to come out to her, only reconnecting after she accepted him fully. Both of them made healthy decisions, one expert said.

“You never have to put yourself in a place where you’re unfairly persecuted for who you are,” said psychiatrist Carlos Saavedra. “In fact, self-protection and keeping the right boundaries are essential to your well-being.”

2. **When you aren’t ready:** After Kate Walter was dumped by her girlfriend of 26 years, Walter didn’t feel that her ex deserved forgiveness — she said the woman had reneged on long-term promises and refused to apologize. While Walter might decide to forgive her someday, the Manhattan teacher soothed her soul through yoga, meditation, New Age retreats, joining a different church and publishing a memoir about her hurt.

3. **When “sorry” is insufficient:** Despite treaties and formal statements, most victims of

mass persecution can’t forgive their oppressors. Emanuel Mandel, a Holocaust survivor living in Maryland, noted to me that the Nazis who had slaughtered his relatives weren’t the ones who apologized for killing 6 million Jews. The reparations Germany offered, however, greatly helped Mandel’s family and he learned “to thrive out of spite.”

4. **If there’s no regret or repairs:** At 12, Kenan Trebinčević was exiled in 1993 during the Balkan War. He remained enraged that it ended in stalemate. By publicly rallying against the injustices he witnessed against Bosnian Muslims, Trebinčević, a physical therapist at Columbia University hospital, found peace as a spokesman for his people.

Something good came out of his anger. While promoting the book we co-wrote recounting his traumatic war experiences, he met the Sarajevo-born Mirela, now his wife and mother of his son, who has dual citizenship. By facing down his past, he found his future.

5. **When conditions aren’t met:** After the drunk driver who killed Gary Weinstein’s wife and two sons was jailed, Weinstein asked the court to take away the man’s driver’s license forever. The Michigan jeweler waited until a judge agreed before he

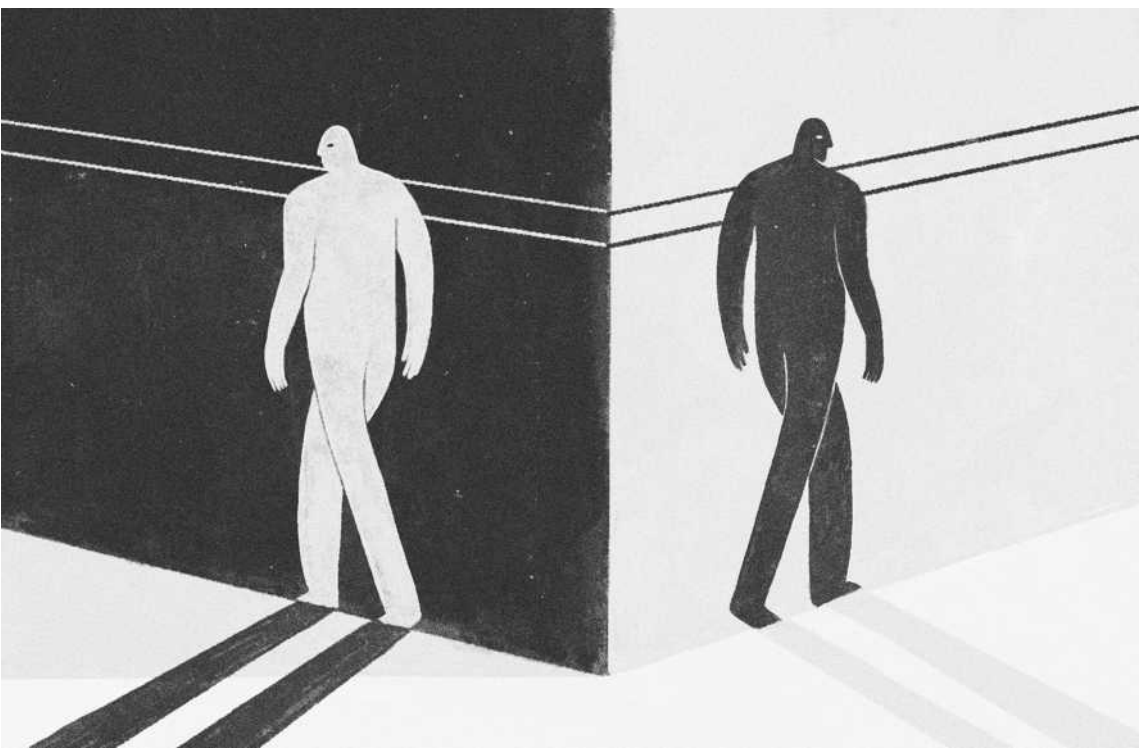


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publicly forgave the driver.

In her book “A Good Apology,” Boston psychologist Molly Howes says effective apologizing must acknowledge the offense, explain what happened, express remorse and offer reparations, and you can ask for — or demand — specific compensations or hold off until they’re satisfied.

6. **If personal safety is compromised:** When Sharisse Tracey was 16, her father raped her. Their Baptist counselor, she said, coerced her to forgive him to keep their family together. Her father then tried to do it again. Tracey stopped him, but he was not punished. He has since died.

In her 40s, Tracey posthumously un-forgave him, which she found liberating.

“The pressure to forgive can lead some people to feel guilty or prematurely forgive,” Durvasula said. “We should not feel an obligation to forgive someone who has hijacked our souls and made it impossible to find peace.”

Durvasula herself keeps several people in her life at a distance. “I don’t forgive them because what they did changed my view of myself,” she said. “I spent years crawling out from under that rubble. I still struggle with self-doubt. My trust is diminished. They took away my safety

in the world. How do you forgive that?”

7. **When forgiving could endanger others:** Former D.C. Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell was almost killed in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Because of the injuries he sustained, Gonell had to leave his job, but he continues to testify against Jan. 6 defendants. Instead of forgiving, Gonell says he fears further attacks if those charged in the attack are released too soon. (Gonell and I were co-authors of his memoir, “American Shield: The Immigrant Sergeant Who Defended Democracy.”)

8. **Before you have all the information:** “Something you don’t know might shed light on what happened,” said Vastal Thakkar, a psychiatrist in Connecticut. He shared an example: “A commuter was enraged when a woman in an SUV stopped abruptly to get something in the back seat, almost causing an accident. He didn’t know the driver’s infant was choking.”

Following her parents’ divorce, the only contact that a Texas student named Jackie Roberts had with her alcoholic mother was family calls. Her father would answer the phone and put her mother on speaker. If she was drunk, her father hung up. At first, Roberts believed her mom had deserted their family, with no remorse. But then her mom sent a Facebook message, asking if they could speak.

“I never got a chance to say I’m sorry,” she told her daughter. “My drinking got out of hand. I wish things could have been different. I love you. You can always call me.”

“I haven’t seen her in 10 years. But we talk on the phone now,” Roberts said. “When I call, if she slurs her words, I say ‘I can’t talk to you when you’re drinking. I’ll call you tomorrow, Mom.’ And I do. It was a big deal for her to take responsibility and try to step up. It was healing my heart. Her apology opened a window. I totally forgave her. It’s kind of crazy how much an apology can do.”

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Social anxiety can be limiting, but these strategies can help you overcome it

On Your Mind

JELENA KECMANOVIC

“I enter a party and feel all eyes on me. My pulse quickens, my face burns and my stomach churns. Everybody must be judging me — the way I look, walk, talk and eat. Over time, I start avoiding more and more social situations because I can’t bear the anxiety. This isolation is soul-crushing.”

This is the kind of story I frequently hear from my socially anxious patients. As a psychologist, I have noticed that social anxiety has become one of the most often cited reasons people seek therapy in my practice, especially since the rise of social media and all the virtual ways we interact with each other as well as the pandemic. Anxiety is gradually increasing, and social anxiety disorder — previously termed social phobia — is the second-most-prevalent anxiety disorder (after specific phobias), affecting about 1 in 10 adults and teens.

Social anxiety disorder involves substantial anxiety in social or performance situations and is accompanied by a strong fear of being rejected as well as appearing or acting in a way that leads to embarrassment and humiliation. When social anxiety significantly interferes with an individual’s work, establishing or maintaining relationships, leisure or other functioning (for example, using public transportation, traveling, playing sports), we diagnose it as a disorder. Social anxiety disorder usually starts in childhood or adolescence and persists throughout a lifetime.

Caring about others’ views of us and feeling discomfort in some social situations are perfectly normal — a result of our evolutionary past, when rejection by one’s tribe was life-threatening for early humans. And some people are just more shy by nature while others are the life of the party. Whereas shyness represents a milder form of social anxiety, it should not be mistaken for a mental disorder.

If you suffer from social anxiety, you can learn to lessen or overcome it by understanding it and using certain helpful strategies.



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Perceived rejection turns into self-reproach

My work with socially anxious patients often leads us to an undercurrent of harsh self-judgment and seeing themselves as socially awkward, inadequate and inferior to others. They often take any judgment as a sign of rejection, and in turn, take rejection personally — a reflection of something wrong with them. To make matters worse, they tend to see others reacting disapprovingly even when that is not the case. For example, socially anxious people perceive even subtle negativity in others’ faces as threatening, and they mistakenly interpret positive social interactions in a negative way.

Social anxiety also has been linked to setting unrealistic social goals and having perfectionistic standards for interactions — each social encounter serving as additional

“proof” of one’s inadequacy. Furthermore, socially anxious individuals overestimate any negative consequences of social encounters, often ruminating and obsessing over what they shouldn’t or should have said or done for hours or even days. When you feel so bad about yourself, you are more likely to construct your life around preventing further rejection, thus perpetuating social anxiety.

Self-criticism is most successfully countered with self-compassion. This website provides a good compilation of evidence-based strategies for increasing it.

A more unorthodox approach that I sometimes suggest to my patients is to ask others what they think of you. A socially anxious person might be surprised to find that they come across better than they imagine.

Finally, a deeper exploration — with a competent therapist, for

example — might be required to uncover causes of any pervasive and immutable feelings of worthlessness or unlovability.

The price of emotional avoidance

Studies show that socially anxious people fear that their anxiety is visible and thus try to suppress it. More generally, they tend to avoid, distract from and minimize their negative feelings. And they are reluctant to pursue meaningful goals, for fear of inviting difficult emotions. Unfortunately, this comes at a cost: They end up shutting themselves off from positive emotions such as joy, excitement, awe and contentment.

To increase positive emotions and a sense of meaning in life, people with social anxiety could practice mindful meditation and learn to avoid labeling feelings as negative or positive, opening themselves up to all internal

experiences.

Other helpful strategies include reducing alcohol or similar substances used to numb emotions; tracking and sharing what they are grateful for; and clarifying what matters the most to them and committing to pursuing it, however gradually.

Self-perpetuating cycles

Several vicious cycles maintain or worsen social anxiety. Socially anxious people often avoid or escape social situations, making their anxiety graver in the long run. Life can become very small and limited, often leading to profound loneliness, depression or substance abuse — which in turn exacerbate anxiety.

Many socially anxious individuals stay glued to their phones at a gathering, refrain from speaking at a business meeting, wear inconspicuous clothing, only talk to their partner at a party, wait for an

empty train car or use extra makeup to cover up any redness. These “safety behaviors” prevent them from learning that social situations or outward signs of anxiety are not as scary as they imagine them.

Furthermore, socially anxious people sometimes make things worse for themselves by engaging in behaviors that turn off or alienate others. For example, they hyperfocus on how they are appearing to others rather than showing interest in others. And they are quick to anger, or fail to be kind after a poor social interaction. I have observed that social anxiety is so frustrating and exhausting that many of my patients have little energy left to be forgiving and empathetic.

Gradually approaching anxiety-provoking social situations, while reducing safety behaviors, is the main way to reduce social anxiety. When done methodically with a therapist, this approach is called exposure therapy, a form of cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). After learning how to tolerate anxious feelings and thoughts, a patient usually progresses from vividly imagining participating in social situations to doing it in real life.

I also find it useful to work with my socially anxious patients on improving awareness, recognition and naming of various emotions that show up in addition to anxiety. This emotional literacy helps them notice when frustration or anger arises, allowing them to act in a less-detrimental way toward others. Finally, I often recommend my socially anxious patients to go to a party, look around to see who seems uncomfortable, and talk to them to help them feel better. This strategy not only shifts the focus away from self, but also engages curiosity, generosity and compassion — all antidotes to social anxiety.

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Your scalp has a microbiome, and it plays a crucial role in keeping hair healthy



Ask A Doctor

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Q: My hair has been dry and brittle lately. How can I take better care of it? And what can my hair tell me about my health?

A: You may not know this, but your scalp has its own microbiome.

It’s a special part of the microbiome that exists elsewhere all over your skin, contending with a high density of hair follicles and their oil-producing sebaceous glands.

The scalp microbiome contains many common bacteria but is also home to a number of fungi, like the *Malassezia* species that is associated with seborrheic dermatitis, an inflammatory condition of the scalp causing red, itchy skin and dandruff. Which microbes inhabit your scalp is influenced by your age, sex, hair texture, the environment — including moisture, UV exposure and air pollution — and your behaviors, such as bleaching or coloring your hair or wearing a head covering.

Most dermatologists agree that the first step toward healthy hair is a healthy scalp, and how you care for it can affect the health of your hair at every age. This means using “gentle” or “sulfate-free” hair care products that you massage onto your head — not scrub into a voluminous lather — with warm instead of scalding water. For many people, it also means not washing your hair every day.

The right frequency to wash your hair depends on the individual — washing daily can strip away the skin’s oils leading to brittle hair or an overly dry scalp (for women, sebaceous gland production drops after menopause, so what worked in your 30s may not be what works best in your 60s). The American Academy of Dermatology recommends washing once weekly or every other week for African Americans.

On the other hand, you don’t want to go too long without



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washing, as the oil from the scalp’s sebaceous glands can eventually irritate the skin. To give an extreme example: In 2015, scientists looked at a group of Antarctic geological investigators who did not bathe for three months. After the expedition, *Malassezia* fungi on the geologists’ scalp microbiomes increased about sevenfold, and this correlated with itching and dandruff.

All these conditions that impact your scalp microbiome and hair health change over time. So if you’re not thrilled with how your hair feels, try switching up your washing routine — even if the habit was ingrained since childhood — as an experiment for a few weeks. You might surprise yourself what a difference it makes.

What can my hair tell me about my health?

Hair loss or thinning: As we age, our hair becomes thinner and more brittle, and both men and women start to bald, typically in different patterns,

around the scalp. Though these changes are normal — due to alterations in the stem cells of our hair follicles and hormonal shifts such as with menopause — they can feel distressing because of how deeply they can impact our perception of ourselves.

Men tend to start to notice balding or hair thinning as early as their 20s. By their 50s, about half have experienced hair loss. Symptoms in women can show up a bit later — by age 70, half of women notice some degree of hair thinning.

Topical minoxidil has been shown to be effective in male and female pattern hair loss, also known as androgenetic alopecia, but you need to give it about six months to see possible results. Small studies have found oral minoxidil, which may be prescribed off-label for hair loss, to be as effective as topical minoxidil by some metrics, but not by all. Larger studies are still needed to understand who might best benefit from these therapies.

Other causes of hair loss are autoimmune conditions, such as alopecia areata, or drugs. Drug-induced hair loss is almost always reversible because this tends to only affect hair in the “growing” phase. In the case of chemotherapy, these drugs target rapidly dividing cells often seen in a tumor — and our hair gets caught in the line of fire because they are a part of the body where our cells are normally rapidly dividing. How we style our hair is also linked to hair loss: Wearing a tight ponytail or using a hair straightener or curling iron are all culprits.

Lastly, some infections can cause our hair to fall out — patchy hair loss, for example, could be a sign of a fungal infection of the scalp. When in doubt, snap a picture and send it to your health-care provider.

Coarse, dry hair: Thyroid disease — both hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism — can lead to changes in hair texture, increased breakage and hair loss. This is usually

accompanied by other signs of thyroid dysfunction that can include changes in bowel habits and even heart rate or blood pressure. Nutrient deficiencies — such as from vitamin D, iron or folate — may be linked to hair abnormalities, but these should be evaluated and diagnosed by a physician before taking unnecessary supplements. (While we’re on this subject, I’ll answer a common query: No, there’s no evidence that taking prenatal vitamins when you’re not pregnant will help your hair grow faster.)

Premature gray or white hair: Certain stem cells in our hair follicles contain melanin that provide pigment to our hair, but many people lose these stem cells with age. If and how fast we “go gray” is largely determined by our genetics, but smoking and alcohol use have also been shown to speed up the rate at which our hair loses color.

Stress also appears to play a big role in graying hair. A study published in *Nature* in 2020 found that activation of the

sympathetic nervous system — commonly associated with the “fight-or-flight” response — depletes the melanin-producing stem cells in our hair follicles.

But how quickly stress can impact your hair has become a bit mythologized. For instance, an old legend claims that sudden psychological stress turned Marie Antoinette’s hair white the night before she encountered the guillotine during the French Revolution. However, this is unlikely to have occurred. Depletion of melanin, even if rapid, will affect new hairs that will grow from the follicle — it would not transform the visible hairs already protruding out of the scalp. The graying hairs that we observe among American presidents over their four-year terms is a more realistic timeline.

How much hair loss is normal?

Humans have about 5 million hair follicles on our bodies. While 80 to 90 percent of our hair is in the “growing” phase of their life cycle at any one moment — a phase that can last about two to six years — each hair eventually enters a shedding period at the end of the cycle. It may sound wild, but because of this, it’s normal to lose around 100 to 200 hairs per day from the scalp. Our bathroom drains can attest — help your plumber and get drain protectors.

What I want my patients to know

Much of the time, changes in hair are nothing scary. But if your hair starts falling out in clumps, or the skin underneath the hair appears red and irritated, talk to your physician. Excessive hair loss may be a sign of telogen effluvium, a condition in which at least half of the scalp hair transitions out of the “growing” phase and becomes easily pulled from the scalp. Telogen effluvium can happen when the body experiences major stressors such as after a surgery or if you’re malnourished.

Their medications for acne triggered a deadly condition

DRESS FROM E1

Ever since Izzy's death nine years ago, Tolliver has been on a mission to warn other parents and doctors about DRESS, which affects as many as 1 in 1,000 people exposed to several commonly prescribed antibiotics and anti-seizure medications, including vancomycin, minocycline, lamotrigine, phenytoin and carbamazepine, as well as allopurinol, used to treat gout. DRESS is fatal in up to 1 in 10 cases.

Tolliver is haunted by two things: Her daughter's death began with treatment for acne, something relatively benign. She also believes that clinicians' misunderstanding of DRESS resulted in an avoidable delay in her daughter's treatment.

"Losing my child continues to be a living hell that never gets easier," she says.



Missed diagnoses

Experts agree that DRESS can fly under the radar — until it's too late. Early symptoms can include a fever of up to 104 degrees, fatigue, enlarged lymph nodes and a rash that spreads quickly and typically affects the upper trunk and face, according to the DRESS Syndrome Foundation.

"There have definitely been cases where the diagnosis was missed," says Steven Chen, who as director of inpatient dermatology consultation at Massachusetts General Hospital says his team sees patients referred to them with DRESS once every couple of weeks. He recalls one patient who said she had been hospitalized elsewhere for a "virus" after taking medication for acne. "She was one of the lucky ones," Chen says. "She stopped the medication, and it went away on its own."

"Most doctors should have learned about DRESS in medical school, but it can easily be overlooked if you're not thinking about it frequently, especially since it's relatively rare," Chen adds. "It can get lost in the mix with all the other facts and information you are supposed to master."

DRESS is one of several severe cutaneous adverse reactions (SCARs), the most well-known of which is Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS). But SJS primarily affects the skin, while DRESS involves internal organs, making it harder to quickly identify.

At Vanderbilt Medical Center, Elizabeth Phillips, the director of the Center for Drug Safety and Immunology, estimates that more than 7,000 people in the United States are suffering from DRESS at any time, and that up to 10 percent of those who experience the syndrome die within six months.

While most DRESS cases are

mild, some survivors later develop autoimmune conditions including thyroid disease, lupus or diabetes. There is limited research about these risks, however.

"We desperately need long-term follow-up studies in the United States," Phillips says. "Unfortunately, clinical trials are hard to do with DRESS because patients are so spread out. Patients need to be adequately followed to look for these complications," she adds. "When a patient is diagnosed with an autoimmune disease after DRESS, the provider may not make the association between the DRESS and the autoimmune disease."

Older people with preexisting medical problems are the most vulnerable, Phillips says, while women also seem to be slightly more prone to the syndrome than men, for reasons that are unclear. "One explanation may be because the severity of DRESS can depend on the dose," she says, "and drugs are often prescribed in a one-size-fits-all mode that leads to overdosing in some women."

Minority group members appear to be more vulnerable to bad outcomes from DRESS, Phillips says, again for unclear reasons, although lack of access to high-quality medical care and specialists' support might play a part.

"We do know that at least 20 percent of patients who have experienced DRESS do not have the culprit drug documented as an allergy on their record, and that minority groups may be at higher risk not to have DRESS documented as an allergy," Phillips says. "This is a drug safety concern — particularly in that patients move from system to system in the U.S."

Phillips is looking into hereditary factors that might make some people, including members of minority groups, more vulnerable to allergic reactions to medications. She hopes doctors may soon be able to offer genetic tests to screen patients for potential reactions to medications before they take the first pill.



Building awareness

In 2019, Tolliver co-founded the DRESS Syndrome Foundation, which she runs out of her home, with Nancy Szakacsy, whose daughter also died of DRESS-related heart failure.

Hannah Szakacsy, 17, had helped create an anti-bullying program and aspired to be a nurse practitioner. Like Izzy McKinney, Hannah also took an antibiotic to treat acne — in her case, minocycline.

Nancy Szakacsy, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Woodland Hills, Calif., describes Hannah's subsequent 102-day ordeal in critical care, which includ-

ed two open-heart surgeries, fasciotomies — cutting into the fascia, or connective tissue — in her legs, and the loss of her colon and part of her pancreas before her death, in a 2014 book called: "Hannah Was Here: DRESS, an Alarm That Must Be Heard."

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"They're like an international lifeline to so many patients, and they're so spot on in what they do," says Phillips, the foundation's pro bono scientific adviser.



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Izzy McKinney died at age 16 after starting an antibiotic prescribed to treat acne. An autopsy revealed the cause of death was DRESS.

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Hard lessons

DRESS was reportedly first described in the 1950s, when it was caused by anti-tuberculosis medications and referred to as anticonvulsant hypersensitivity syndrome. Its name changed a few more times over the years until DRESS was coined in 1996. Today, it's also known as drug-induced hypersensitivity syndrome.

DRESS is a delayed reaction, experts warn, with symptoms appearing as much as two weeks after the first dose of medication.

Over his 12-year medical career, dermatologist Kyle Cheng, an attending physician at UCLA Health, says he has seen two patients die of the syndrome because they arrived in his care with their livers, lungs and hearts already failing.

"Patients shouldn't be scared of taking these common medications, but if they develop rash or fever, they should stop the medication promptly," he says.

They should also immediately seek care from their primary care physician, Phillips says. They may have a mild case, which can be

treated with topical or oral steroids, or need more aggressive treatment.

"Communication between doctors is definitely important, so ideally one doctor, the primary care physician, is coordinating things," she says.

Tolliver says she believes gaps in knowledge about the symptoms of DRESS led to differing opinions about her daughter's treatment at VCU Health in Richmond, delaying critical treatment.



During her daughter's first of two emergency room consultations, a dermatologist raised the possibility of DRESS, noting it in her records, Tolliver says. But a doctor later handling the case ruled out DRESS because Izzy didn't appear to have eosinophilia — abnormally high levels of a type of white blood cell that is a common marker of DRESS, according to Tolliver. She said eosinophilia was detected only after Izzy's death. Doctors treated Izzy for a Type-3 drug reaction, which is less severe than DRESS, Tolliver said.

A VCU Health spokesman declined to comment on the case, citing a confidentiality agreement related to a legal settlement. In court documents related to the settlement, the medical group associated with VCU Health denied "any and all negligence" in Izzy McKinney's death.

Late last year, the parents of a teenage girl who died of heart failure connected with DRESS after taking the anti-seizure drug lamotrigine sued Seattle Children's Hospital for negligence and malpractice. Their lawsuit says hospital staff delayed treatment and downplayed the risks faced by their daughter, who was of South Asian descent, because of racism.

In legal filings, the defendants countered that the girl's condition



COURTESY OF NANCY SZAKACSY

DRESS also led to Hannah Szakacsy's death at 17. The condition is often caused by medications used to treat acne, seizures and gout.

was "appropriately managed."

"She was cared for and closely followed by multiple physicians," their lawyers wrote. In an email, the family's attorney, Martin McLean, said the case is set for trial in February 2025.

Steroids, careful follow-up

Treating DRESS may require steroid treatments for as long as a year, Tolliver says. In addition, experts warn that the heart should be closely monitored in all DRESS patients.

Heart issues "may go under the radar or only manifest upon cutting back steroids," Phillips wrote in an email. "The only way to monitor this is to make sure to do careful follow-up of patients and be proactive about doing the electrocardiogram, echo [ultrasound of the heart] and measuring cardiac enzymes."

In 2020, warnings about DRESS first appeared on labels for trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, according to an FDA spokesperson. Izzy McKinney had been prescribed the drug five years earlier. As of 2024, the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) no longer recommends the drug for acne.

The AAD's 2024 guidelines

"make an effort to more strongly recommend against its use given the risks of acute respiratory failure and severe drug reactions," says John S. Barbieri, a dermatologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital who co-chaired the AAD's acne guidelines working group.

The drug "may be associated with severe adverse reactions," the AAD says, recommending further study.

AAD guidelines still recommend minocycline, the drug Hannah Szakacsy took, with advice that physicians should balance the benefits and risks.

"Acne is a very stigmatizing disease," and treating it remains important, Barbieri says.

But, he adds, she feels minocycline is used too frequently, both because of a lack of convincing evidence of its effectiveness compared with other treatments and the risks of side effects including DRESS.

"These reactions are rare, but when they happen, they can be devastating," Barbieri says. "That's why in my practice I almost never use minocycline for acne."

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DRESS at a glance

DRESS affects as many as 1 in 1,000 people exposed to several commonly prescribed medications. Of those, up to 1 in 10 of them can lose their lives because of it, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Seven drugs are most frequently associated with DRESS, according to Phillips: antibiotics trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, vancomycin and minocycline; anti-seizure medications lamotrigine, phenytoin and carbamazepine; and allopurinol, used to treat gout.

"Physicians should know the drugs that commonly cause DRESS as there are not that many of them and they have not changed over the last 20 years," Phillips says. "Physicians should be suspicious when any patient presents with a new rash for a drug that has been on the market less than five years."

DRESS symptoms may include fever, rash, fatigue, facial and lymph-node swelling, an elevated white blood count and inflammation of major organs. The DRESS Syndrome Foundation advises: "Medication + Delayed Reaction of Fever + Rash = Suspect DRESS."

Eosinophilia — abnormally high levels of eosinophils, a type of white blood cells, is a common marker of DRESS. But it's "a highly variable one," Phillips says. "It may not appear right away," and steroids could mask it.

DRESS symptoms may not appear until two to eight weeks after the first dose of medication, according to a JAMA Dermatology patient page. Because of the risk of later complications, the journal warns that patients should have regular clinic checkups and blood tests for five years after their diagnosis.

'Dark oxygen' on ocean floor may cast light on life's origins

BY ANNABELLE TMSIT

Scientists have found evidence that metals naturally occurring on the ocean floor may be able to produce oxygen — a potential "game changer" they say could change our understanding of the origins of life on Earth.

The researchers, whose study was published last week in the journal Nature Geoscience, found that through a newly discovered process, masses made of minerals such as manganese and iron, often used to make batteries, can produce oxygen even in complete darkness. Organisms normally need light to produce oxygen through a process known as photosynthesis, but researchers believe electrochemical activity produced by these masses — called polymetallic nodules — can extract oxygen from water. The masses formed over millions of years and can be about the size of a potato.

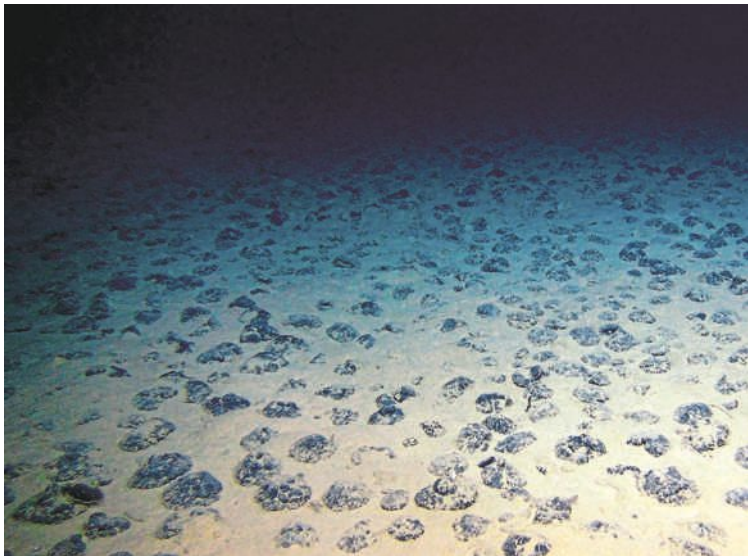
Bo Barker Jorgensen, a marine biogeochemistry expert who was not involved in the research but peer-reviewed the study, said in an interview that it was a "very

unusual finding."

The findings could have implications for the deep-sea mining industry, whose players have sought to be allowed to explore the depths of the ocean and retrieve minerals like those that make up polymetallic nodules. Such minerals are seen as crucial for the green energy transition. Environmental activists and many scientists believe deep-sea mining is dangerous because it can destabilize ecosystems in unpredictable ways and could affect the ocean's ability to help contain climate change. The study received funding from companies active in seabed mining exploration.

When Andrew Sweetman, the lead author of the study, first recorded unusual oxygen readings coming from the bottom of the Pacific Ocean in 2013, he thought his research equipment had malfunctioned.

"I basically told my students, just put the sensors back in the box. We'll ship them back to the manufacturer and get them tested because they're just giving us gibberish," Sweetman, head of the



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Manganese nodules at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Scientists found that metals on the sea floor may be able to produce oxygen.

seafloor ecology and biogeochemistry research group at the Scottish Association for Marine Science, told CNN. "And every single time the manufacturer came back: 'They're working. They're calibrated.'"

In 2021 and 2022, Sweetman and his team returned to the Clarion-Clipperton Zone, an area under the central Pacific known for having large quantities of polymetallic nodules. Confident that their sensors worked, they

lowered a device more than 13,000 feet below the surface that placed small boxes into the sediment. The boxes stayed in place for 47 hours, conducting experiments and measuring levels of oxygen consumed by the microorganisms that live there.

Instead of oxygen levels going down, they went up — suggesting that more oxygen was being produced than consumed.

The researchers hypothesized that the electrochemical activity

of the different metals that make up polymetallic nodules were responsible for the oxygen production measured by the sensors — like a battery in which electrons flow from one electrode to another, creating an electric current, said Tobias Hahn, one of the co-authors of the study, in an interview.

This hypothesis would add a layer to our understanding of how organisms came to exist under the sea, said Hahn, who focused specifically on the sensors used in the study experiments. "We thought that life began on Earth when photosynthesis kicked in, as oxygen was brought to Earth through photosynthesis. It could be that actually, this process of electrochemically dividing water into oxygen and hydrogen supplied oxygen to the ocean," he said.

"This could be a kind of game changer in the story about how life started," he added.

A news release about the study said its findings challenge "long-held assumptions that only photosynthetic organisms, such as plants and algae, generate Earth's oxygen."

But if that finding is borne out, "we need to rethink how to mine" materials like cobalt, nickel, copper, lithium and manganese underwater, "so that we do not deplete the oxygen source for deep-

sea life," said Franz Geiger, a professor of chemistry at Northwestern University and one of the co-authors of the study, in the release.

Mining conducted under the sea in the 1980s serves as a cautionary tale, Geiger said. When marine biologists visited such sites decades later, they "found not even bacteria had recovered." But in areas that were not mined, "marine life flourished."

"Why such 'dead zones' persist for decades is still unknown," he said. But the fact that they do suggests that mining the seafloor in areas with plenty of polymetallic nodules could be especially harmful, because those areas tend to have more faunal diversity than "the most diverse tropical rainforests," he said.

Though the study has pointed to an interesting new pathway for sustaining life deep under the ocean, many questions remain, Hahn said. "We just don't know" how much "dark oxygen" can be created through this process, how it affects the polymetallic nodules or what quantities of nodules are needed to enable oxygen production, he said.

While the study methodology is solid, "what is lacking is an understanding of what is going on, what kind of process this is," said Barker Jorgensen.