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Hurricane Debby floods still-recovering Fla. towns

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Streets in Suwannee, Fla., are left flooded by the storm on Monday. Debby, which made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane, brought power outages to parts of Florida hit hard by other storms in recent years. **Story, A7**

U.S. markets slide amid a global rush to sell off stocks

'PANIC' SPANS FROM TOKYO TO WALL STREET

Yet by most measures, economy is still in solid shape

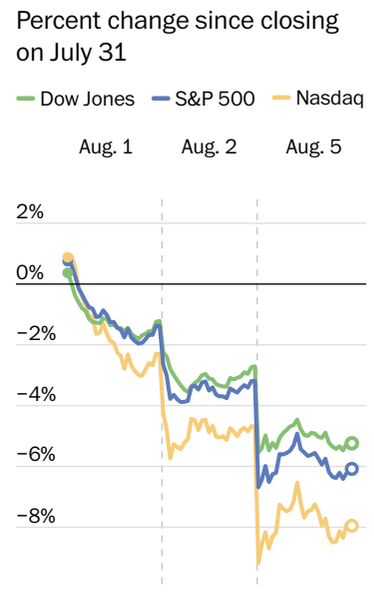
BY ABHA BHATTARAI, RACHEL SIEGEL AND JEFF STEIN

U.S. stock markets fell sharply Monday, with two major indexes racking up their worst day of trading in almost two years.

The turmoil continued a sudden global panic that began overnight Sunday, cratering the value of stocks, currencies, even cryptocurrencies — and raising the prospect that a broader downturn could be on the horizon, especially after a weak snapshot of the U.S. job market last week. The jobs report made the American economy look as though it could be on rockier footing than previously thought and sparked bets that the Federal Reserve might have to cut interest rates sooner and more aggressively.

But economists say the stock slide is not a surefire sign that a recession is ahead. The current sell-off, they say, is the result of investors having to untangle complicated, heavily leveraged trades that have artificially boosted stock values.

All three major stock indexes fell Monday, the Nasdaq Composite by 3.4 percent, the S&P 500 by 3 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 2.6 percent, as investors moved money out of equities and into bonds. Global markets had also reeled, with Japan's Nikkei 225 plunging 12 percent, its largest one-day drop in almost 40 years, after an interest rate hike by the Bank of Japan last week.



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Although there's a chance the turbulence could lead to a self-fulfilling economic slowdown, analysts and economists say it's too soon to panic. The economy, by most measures, is still in solid shape. Americans are continuing to spend, the service sector is growing, and the stock market remains up for the year, not too far off the all-time highs it set recently.

"This is not the recession train; it's just a good old-fashioned market panic," said Joe Brusuelas, principal and chief

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Google is an illegal monopoly, federal court rules

BY EVA DOU AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

A federal court has found that Google illegally abused its market power to quash competition in internet search. The ruling hands the Justice Department its biggest victory in more than two decades in limiting the power of Big Tech companies to control and dominate the huge markets they have created.

Ruling is victory for Justice Department in lawsuits against Big Tech

"Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," Judge Amit P. Mehta of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia wrote in his judgment on Monday.

Mehta ruled that the Justice Department was right in saying that Google violated antitrust law by forging restrictive contracts with Apple and other phone makers that required them to install Google as the default search engine on smartphones. He also decried other practices of the Alphabet Inc. unit that prevented its rivals from competing on an even playing field.

"This victory against Google is a historic win for the American people," said Attorney General Merrick Garland. "No company — no matter how large or influential — is above the law. The Justice Department will continue to vigorously enforce our antitrust laws."

Google argued throughout the

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ELECTION 2024

Trump's bid backed by only half of his Cabinet

BY AZI PAYBARAH, SZU YU CHEN, HAYDEN GODFREY AND MICHAEL SCHERER

Of the 42 people who worked in President Donald Trump's Cabinet, just over half support his bid for another term.

Three, however, have explicitly said they will not vote for him.

And 15 who worked in Trump's Cabinet have not said whether they support his bid for a second term.

It is rare for Cabinet members to not support the president they served. They are normally some of a president's most loyal supporters. But in the case of Trump's Cabinet, these uniquely qualified insiders — spanning from the vice president and chiefs of staff to more than a dozen agencies, such as Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security and Transportation — are deeply divided about whether he should return to power.

Some, such as former secretary of state Mike Pompeo and former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, spoke at the Republican National Convention, where

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Protesters storm the Bangladeshi prime minister's palace Monday in Dhaka. For weeks, the nation had been gripped by bloody clashes between demonstrators and security forces.

Bangladeshi leader resigns, flees

BY AZAD MAJUMDER, REBECCA TAN, KARISHMA MEHROTRA AND ANANT GUPTA

DHAKA, BANGLADESH — Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled the country Monday as protesters stormed her residence and set fire to government offices, marking a dramatic end to a 15-year rule that had faced violent opposition in recent months.

Bangladeshi army chief Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman announced Hasina's resignation in a televised address, adding that an interim government would be formed in the coming days.

Prime minister's 15-year reign ends, thrusting country into turmoil

Weeks of bloody clashes between protesters and Hasina's security forces had intensified this past weekend, with dozens killed on Sunday alone.

Now, the country of 171 million has been thrust into a level of political turmoil that it has not seen in decades.

"Please trust the armed forces. I am taking full responsibility to protect all lives and property," Waker-Uz-Zaman said to the nation. He called for an end to the violence and promised a full investigation. "I assure you that you will not be disappointed," he said, adding, "Every single death will be investigated; every atrocity will be discussed."

Regular life has been upended across Bangladesh. Most of the garment factories that power the country's economy did not open Monday. Flights into the capital, Dhaka, were canceled as its main airport temporarily shut down operations. Businesses shut their doors as hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets of major cities, blaring

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Asteroid closes in; scientists get excited

As huge rock skirts Earth, they'll study it to prevent future strikes

BY LIZETTE ORTEGA

A massive space rock will go hurtling past Earth in a few years, zooming by 10 times faster than a bullet.

This is the first time an asteroid of its size is coming close enough that people in parts of Western Europe and Africa will see it soaring across the sky like a fast-moving star, no fancy telescopes or binoculars required. Around 2 billion people will get to witness this rare event.

To be clear, the asteroid is not going to hit Earth — not in our lifetime nor our children's lifetimes, anyway. Instead, as if the universe was making a joke, the space rock will make an eerily close flyby on Friday the 13th in April 2029.

The asteroid is named Apophis, and it will come closer to Earth than the satellites that make weather monitoring possible and about 10 times closer than the moon.

"Nature is performing this once-per-several-thousand-years experiment for us. We have to figure out how to watch," said Richard P. Binzel, a professor of planetary science at MIT.

Apophis is a once-in-a-lifetime

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As risks rise, Ariz. schools opt out as polling locations

Conflicts spurred by election misinformation cause administrators to shut out voters

BY YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ, CLARA ENCE MORSE AND HANNAH NATANSON

PHOENIX — For the first time in as long as anyone can remember, Arizona's largest public school district isn't opening its schools to voters as polling sites.

The reasons have been building for years, but the final straw for Mesa Public Schools officials came last November with a small, low-turnout election that became mired in misinformation and menace.

"It was very chaotic," Assistant Superintendent Scott Thompson recalled. "It was overwhelming."

Although voting was supposed to be done mostly by mail, mistrust led many voters to drive to the schools to fill out their ballots in person, causing traffic jams and confrontations. Voters confused school staff for election

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A device meant for diabetics is becoming a wellness accessory

BY DANIEL GILBERT

The device Sheree Clark taped to her upper arm was intended for diabetics, not relatively healthy patients like her, but it was a revelation nonetheless. A continuous glucose monitor, available only with a prescription, gave her a constant readout on foods that cause her blood sugar to spike — including things like organic crackers she thought were healthy.

"It's one thing to know it intellectually," said Clark, a 67-year-old resident of Des Moines, who paid about $75 out of pocket for two sensors that lasted a month. "It's another thing to see it, to watch in real time what you're doing to yourself."

Soon, a prescription won't be necessary. In a groundbreaking expansion of technology previously aimed at diabetics who need to carefully control their blood sugar, Abbott Laboratories and Dexcom are poised to begin selling continuous glucose monitors over the counter, meaning they can be purchased by adults without first seeing a doctor.

The potential market is vast, analysts say, made up of millions of people with diabetes who do not depend on insulin as well as legions of health-conscious people who don't have diabetes but are trying to get even healthier.

Dexcom and Abbott each won Food and Drug Administration clearance to market the devices this year. Dexcom has not disclosed specific pricing but said it expects to offer "subscriptions" for under $100 a month and initially sell them online, starting this month. Abbott has said it plans to launch its devices this summer but hasn't disclosed details including pricing or how they can be purchased.

There are about 7.5 million diabetic patients who use insulin in the United States, according to Margaret Kaczor Andrew, an analyst at William Blair. The devices by Dexcom and Abbott will target the roughly 25 million diabetics who don't, and their over-the-counter designation will open up the market to nearly 100 million people who are prediabetic, she said.

"Now both companies are targeting one of the arguably largest medical technology markets we have ever seen," she wrote in a note to clients in June.

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Sheree Clark, who does not have diabetes, says using a continuous glucose monitor helped her lose weight and lower her blood sugar.

Abbott is explicitly marketing one of its two new sensors, Lingo, as a wellness tool. Beyond broadening the use of its devices among diabetes patients, the company wants to reach "what is probably the larger market, which is people that don't have diabetes," Robert Ford, the company's CEO, said on an earnings call with analysts last month. He described Lingo as a potential multibillion-dollar product in the United States and Europe, where it was introduced in Britain earlier this year.

Some physicians see benefits for nondiabetics, saying the monitors can head off metabolic disease, reduce cardiovascular risks, and encourage healthy eating and exercise. Already, several telehealth firms offer subscriptions to apps combined with continuous glucose monitors, working with physicians who prescribe the device to people regardless of whether they have diabetes.

While some research suggests that healthy people could benefit from continuously monitoring their glucose, there aren't many rigorous studies demonstrating that the devices will benefit people who don't have diabetes, according to experts in the field. Studies done on people without diabetes have tended to find that their blood sugar stays in a healthy range most of the time. Though the monitors have little risk, some argue that there could be a downside — including the not-insignificant cost.

"Just because you can measure something doesn't mean you should," said Robert Shmerling, a doctor who reviewed the prospect of broad CGM use for Harvard Health Publishing. "If you're focused on potentially normal fluctuations in blood sugar," he said, "maybe that takes focus and energy away from things you could be looking at more closely."

"If people are eating healthy food and exercising regularly and avoiding stress, they're probably doing everything they can to avoid diabetes," said David Klonoff, an endocrinologist and medical director of the Diabetes Research Institute at Mills-Peninsula Medical Center.

Abbott said in a statement that research shows a connection between moderating glucose and preventing many diseases. That led the company to develop a product for "an audience that traditional health care companies don't usually target — the healthy — to help them stay healthy."

Continuous glucose monitors work by penetrating the skin with a sensor — a painless sensation, several users said in interviews — which scans the fluid between cells to estimate the amount of glucose in the blood. A transmitter ships the data wirelessly to a smartphone or watch, while an adhesive patch holds it in place. The FDA approved the first version 25 years ago.

Insurance coverage, however, remains spotty. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services significantly expanded its coverage of the monitors in 2023 for Medicare beneficiaries, but it is still limited to patients using insulin or those who can demonstrate a history of problematic low blood sugar. Medicaid and commercial plans tend to follow Medicare. That leaves many diabetics who don't use insulin unable to get reimbursed. The American Diabetes Association has found that people with lower incomes and older people of color in particular struggle to obtain the devices.

In clearing Dexcom's Stelo in March for over-the-counter sales, an FDA official called it "an important step forward in advancing health equity for U.S. patients." The American Diabetes Association said in a statement that the new nonprescription monitors have "the potential to greatly expand access to this technology for people living with diabetes," noting that they're intended for those who don't use insulin.

But the prescription-free products are not expected to be covered by most insurance. An over-the-counter continuous monitor "will still be cost-prohibitive to many people, but it will be a tool for people that financially are able to cover a $100 a month investment in their health," said Nicole Ehrhardt, an endocrinologist at UW Medicine in Seattle.

Kyra Pellant, an athlete in Los Angeles who's training for an Ironman triathlon, was keenly aware of this dynamic when she wore her CGM at the gym.

"People would come up to me and ask, 'Are you diabetic?'" said Pellant, 30, who doesn't have diabetes. She said she paid about $80 for a CGM that lasted two weeks. "I know it's such a privilege to be able to afford that," she said.

One of the highest-profile endorsers of continuous glucose monitors, longevity medicine doctor Peter Attia, was introduced to them on a flight several years ago when he happened to sit next to Kevin Sayer, Dexcom's chief executive.

"He was sticking his finger like 12 times a day," Sayer said in an interview. "We got him on a CGM and it was definitely life-changing for him." He added, "I do think everybody can learn from a CGM. It's absolutely true."

Attia, who has a vast social media following, went on to consult for Dexcom and praised the benefits of CGMs at its annual meeting with Wall Street analysts in 2020.

"It's going to give you insights that I can't even give you," Attia said he told his patients, listing the effects on glucose from food, exercise, stress and sleep, according to a transcript compiled by S&P Global Intelligence. A CGM can "become the most powerful behavioral tool you've ever encountered," he added.

A representative for Attia said he was traveling and couldn't be reached.

Clark said she lost five pounds wearing a glucose monitor and lowered her blood sugar, and she plans to wear one periodically. The continuous data she got gave her new insights into how her body processed food, and she now takes walks after eating a large, celebratory meal.

As for whole-grain crackers, she said, "It's probably a better idea to put my cheese on a zucchini slice."

Senator says Thomas didn't disclose two flights on donor's jet

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas's lavish travel provided by Republican donor Harlan Crow included two more flights aboard the billionaire's private jet that were not publicly disclosed, according to a letter Monday from Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) to Crow's attorney.

Wyden, the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, wrote that he is seeking additional information about travel that Crow provided to the justice and additional records because he is concerned that Crow might have improperly used the gifts to lower his tax bills, a claim Crow denies.

The two flights add to a long list of travel and other perks Thomas has received from Crow, including private school tuition for a relative and the purchase of the home where Thomas's mother lived in Georgia.

The largesse and other ethics controversies swirling around the court prompted President Biden to propose a binding ethics code and 18-year term limits for the justices last week, a package of overhauls that has little chance of passing Congress at the moment. Republicans have said that the changes are a political effort aimed at undermining a conservative court.

"The questions I've been asking of Mr. Crow and Justice Thomas about these luxury trips and lavish gifts are not really all that complicated," Wyden said in a statement to The Washington Post. "How many of these trips happened, and when it comes to Mr. Crow's taxes, is everything on the level or did he claim a whole lot of personal travel as write-offs?"

U.S. Customs and Border Protection documents show Thomas and his wife, Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, traveled round-trip from Hawaii to New Zealand aboard Crow's private jet in November 2010, according to the letter. Crow was aboard the flights.

It was unclear how the Thomases traveled to Hawaii or how they got home.

Wyden wrote that Thomas did not list the flights in financial disclosure forms that Supreme Court justices are required to file, even though he has previously amended the forms to include other travel aboard Crow's jet.

Thomas did not immediately respond to a request for comment. He has said disclosure rules at the time of the travel did not require him to report the flights because they fell under a "personal hospitality" exemption. Justices are now required to report such travel.

Michael Zona, a spokesman for Crow, said in a statement that Wyden's inquiries are "intended to harass a private citizen" and that Congress has no role in tax enforcement.

"Mr. Crow and his businesses are in good standing with the IRS," Zona said. "He has always followed applicable tax law as advised by national accounting firms who serve as his tax advisors. It's concerning that Senator Wyden is abusing his committee's powers as part of a politically motivated campaign against the Supreme Court."

ProPublica reported that Thomas took an extended trip on Crow's superyacht, the Michaela Rose, in New Zealand around 2010, but it is unclear if the flights in Wyden's letter were part of that excursion.

Wyden wrote in his letter that a relative of Thomas's said the justice had traveled aboard the Michaela Rose in the Caribbean, Russia and the Baltics. The trip to Russia also included flights on a helicopter.

In June, Crow provided documents to the Senate Judiciary Committee that revealed Thomas had taken three other flights aboard Crow's jet between 2017 and 2021 that were also not previously reported. Crow made the disclosures as part of a deal to resolve the committee's subpoena of Crow's records.

The committee said at the time that Crow had paid for 17 flights for Thomas aboard his private jet since 2016. Thomas also revised his financial disclosure forms in June to show he had taken trips to Bali and to a private club in California that were paid for by Crow and that he had not previously reported.

Wyden accused Crow's attorney of being "evasive" in his responses to the committee about how Crow reported Thomas's travel aboard his private jet and yacht on his tax filings and was offering the attorney a chance to be more forthcoming. He said neither Crow nor Thomas had provided a complete account of travel paid for by the billionaire.

Democrats have proposed bills related to the Supreme Court, including one that would cap gifts to justices at $50.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) has introduced legislation to impeach Thomas and Justice Samuel A. Alito for not recusing himself from cases following a controversy over politically charged flags flying at his homes and failing to report gifts.

Republicans have blasted the impeachment effort, and it is unlikely to advance.

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Pope names new archbishop of Boston

Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Cardinal Seán O'Malley as archbishop of Boston on Monday and named Providence, R.I., Bishop Richard Henning to replace him as leader of one of the most important Catholic archdioceses in the United States.

The Vatican announcement didn't mention O'Malley's other main role as the pope's main adviser on fighting clergy sexual abuse as head of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, suggesting he would remain in that capacity until a new commission leader is named.

St. John Paul II had tapped O'Malley to take over in Boston in 2003 at the height of the clergy sexual abuse scandal that had exploded there following an investigation by the Boston Globe newspaper. Revelations of years of abuse and coverups by the church led to the downfall of Cardinal Bernard Law, the archbishop at the time, who resigned in disgrace in 2002.

At age 80, O'Malley is five years beyond the normal retirement age for bishops. Henning, 59, from Rockville Centre, Long Island, has been bishop of Providence since last year.

The Archdiocese of Boston is the fourth-largest archdiocese in the United States, serving more than 1.8 million Roman Catholics. It had operating expenses of more than $350 million in fiscal 2023, and its schools serve more than 46,000 students.

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NEW YORK

Tornado damages buildings in Buffalo

A small tornado took Buffalo by surprise Monday, damaging buildings, flipping cars and sending debris swirling over downtown.

A spiraling column was caught on multiple videos shortly before 1 p.m. One video showed the cell appearing to move from Lake Erie into the city, which sits on the lake's shore, sending pieces of roofing flying before quickly dissipating. The National Weather Service determined the tornado began at the shore near where the lake flows into the Niagara River and traveled a 1.4-mile path.

"It surprised everyone," Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said.

In the aftermath, photos showed a car on its roof in a parking lot, bent street signs and fallen tree limbs littering roads and sidewalks. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

A Weather Service statement said the tornado was preliminarily rated as an EF-1 with a maximum estimated wind speed of 90 mph.

Poloncarz said a damaged nursing facility was assessing whether to move patients. A school sustained damage to some windows, and several traffic lights were knocked offline, Mayor Byron Brown said.

It was the third tornado reported in Erie County in a month, Poloncarz said. Tornadoes were confirmed in the towns of Eden and West Falls on July 10.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Movement aims to push evangelicals past party politics

Some want to emphasize faith, not a person or group, amid divisiveness

BY MICHELLE BOORSTEIN

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TOP: A leader of the civic engagement congregational training describes the group's intentions at Kensington Church in Troy, Mich. LEFT: Tina Burry, left, and Mike Burry talk with attendees about their personal experiences with race. A variety of groups are trying to remake the relations of evangelicals, most of whom are closely aligned with the Republican Party, with politics.

Over the past decade, Clint Leavitt saw different models of how to mix his evangelical faith and politics, none of them — to his mind — good. His family's dinner table was consumed with debate over whether Barack Obama was the Antichrist. Even as his Phoenix church avoided political issues, he saw Christians around the country turn Donald Trump into a religious idol.

A drive to create a Christian political presence he calls "shaped by Jesus, not a partisan political ideology" led Leavitt, now 29, to seminary and then to pastoring a church filled with congregants who vote differently from one another but all share his goal. The people at Midtown Presbyterian Church in Phoenix say their political existence has been reduced to which party or candidate Christians must choose. They are "exhausted," they tell him. Or "tired."

So Leavitt, preparing for a bruising 2024 election season, joined a new national group of theologically conservative pastors who talk weekly about how to reject polarization and religious nationalism and to defend democracy. Last month, his congregation began a slick new six-part interactive video series aimed at reshaping evangelicals' relationship to politics. Called "The After Party," the curriculum, which has been used by about 75,000 people since it was released in April, says Christians should focus less on partisanship and more on how to relate to others so that they "better reflect Jesus … in 2024 and beyond."

"More than anything, it's about asking: 'How do I allow the values and virtues and viewpoints of the kingdom of God to be my guiding principles?' " said Leavitt, whose church sees about 60 people each Sunday.

The Midtown church's "After Party" sessions have been made more intense recently by the attempted assassination of Trump and the response to it by many of his Christian supporters: that God intervened to protect the former president. But the politically diverse group was able to agree that, in their view, the God of the Bible doesn't work that way — and to keep their focus.

"We can say current events will not stir disunity in our circles and we are going to focus on all the things Jesus talks about — the poor, marginalized, caring for people who have been hurt. How do we care for everyone, even in this [assassination attempt] scenario? That has been the rallying cry of our time together," said Daniel Barth, a pastoral resident at Midtown.

Leavitt is part of an increasingly organized national movement of mostly White evangelicals who, 50 years after the rise of the religious right, want a rebranding. They hope to overhaul a mix of religion and politics that many feel has been toxic and polarizing, and has led to a time when political scientists say the word "evangelical" often has meant "Republican."

Yet a movement that exists in large part because of evangelicals' embrace of Trump strikingly avoids focusing on him. Participants, even vociferous critics of the former president, say the whole goal is to disconnect evangelical political activism from partisanship of any kind. And with some expressing concerns about President Biden and Democrats, and many others lifelong Republicans, they say it makes strategic sense to veer around any particular candidate or party.

"Because [Trump] opened this can of worms, our mission will still be necessary no matter who wins in November," said Napp Nazworth, an evangelical political scientist who leads one of the new groups working to combat religious extremism among fellow conservative Christians. He believes focusing on Trump right now would be counterproductive.

"This isn't to downplay how deeply concerning another Trump presidency would be. I do think it's a tremendous danger, and I'm worried about it. But this a generational project."

The effort, which began after Trump's election and has expanded in the past couple of years, is reaching tens of thousands with conferences, books, pastor trainings, small group curriculums and even a worship album, created by dozens of Christian musicians and meant to bond the budding movement through the power of spiritual communal music. The first release, a folksy song called "Kingdom of Jesus," came out in June and has been in the Top 10 since on Spotify's Christian contemporary category.

Among its lyrics:

His Kingdom is not of this world or of any

Kingdom whose ruler's face is on a penny.

Stephanie Crider had long been active in Democratic Party state politics in Michigan, especially on racial justice issues, until a couple of years ago, when she started focusing on the hate and judgment she saw expressed through partisanship.

"I was like, 'God, what's the answer to all this?' The message I heard over and over again was: 'agape love,' " said Crider, 48. This summer, she's aiming to reach 1,000 Christians in Michigan with pre-election trainings on how to use "reflective listening and empathy" to be engaged civically.

"What's at stake is life or death, literally. … We have to fix this so we can deal with real daily issues people are experiencing," said Crider, who works with a national evangelical group called Undivided that began in 2016 and focuses on racial justice and healing.

Wes Markofski, a sociologist at Carleton College who studies evangelicals in U.S. politics, called the new movement a longer-term, ongoing process and said it's hard to predict concrete political impacts for 2024. But he sees the effort as about much more than changing tone.

"These movements lead away from Trumpism and White Christian nationalist framings of religion," he said, noting the growing diversity among evangelicals.

He said that the movement thus far isn't defined by any one issue, but that people involved have a more expansive and positive view of immigration than do typical Christian conservatives; interact in a more affirming way with LGBTQ+ people; and generally "have a different way of engaging difference, making room for tolerance and practicing recognition of the other."

"After Party" co-creator Curtis Chang says the core of the project is crafting a new evangelical, civic identity that isn't tied to a political party, candidate or policy, but is much more about values like humility and hope. The "how" vs. the "what," as Chang puts it.

But some in the movement say it's not simple to draw a line between values and identity and policy preferences.

Jasmin Sosa, 27, who does outreach on staff at a 500-member evangelical church in Atlanta, raised the issue in a recent Zoom where Chang was pitching "The After Party" to some members of Undivided.

"The 'what' for me is a basic issue," she said on the Zoom grid. Her father swam for three days from Cuba to reach U.S.-controlled territory at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base to seek asylum. Green card complications stuck her mother in Mexico for the first year of Sosa's life. Trump's policies and rhetoric on immigration violated her humanity, she said.

Chang encouraged the group members to "get our priorities right."

"The core message of 'The After Party' is in the title — that partisan politics will never deliver the promises we think it will, to solve everything, to restore all things that are broken," he said.

Leaders in this loosely connected group know there's a swath of fellow evangelicals they will never reach.

Trump's 2016 election provoked turmoil among evangelicals — White ones in particular — and triggered some ongoing reshuffling. That includes a renegotiation of what the word "evangelical" means and what theology or church-related behaviors it demands — if any.

However, among self-described White evangelicals, 8 in 10 in six battleground states said in an April/May Washington Post-Schar School poll that they'd "probably" or "definitely" vote for Trump. White evangelical voters made up between 20 percent and 24 percent of the electorate in 2022, according to AP VoteCast and network exit polls. That makes this group's connection to politics potent.

This new effort, its leaders say, isn't about reaching those most defined by Trump and his MAGA movement, because polarization has already made that impossible. Instead, it's about organizing and inspiring what leaders believe is a significant segment of evangelicals who may not agree with one another on policies or parties but are eager for a new face for the church in public life.

"The way forward is 100,000 kitchen table conversations," says Caleb Campbell, a Phoenix pastor who has advised some of these new efforts after a few years working as what he calls a "missionary to Christian nationalists." In his new book, "Disarming Leviathan: Loving Your Christian Nationalist Neighbor," Campbell aims to help White conservative evangelicals learn how to ask their friends and family "humbly subversive questions."

For example, he says, if someone says they value the well-being of their children, "I'd say: 'Does Christian nationalism beget a healthy calm in the home, or does it create anxiety and rage? How's that working out?' Or if they say, 'I want our country to return to God,' I'm like: 'Cool, how do we get there? How did Jesus do it? Did he try to take government power?' "

Some of the new efforts are more direct.

Christian ethicist David Gushee — who calls himself "post-evangelical" — has been touring the country since the fall with his new book, "Defending Democracy From Its Christian Enemies." Gushee says it was motivated by the "anti-democratic tactics" Trump used to hold on to power after he lost reelection; the U.S. Capitol insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021; and the strong support many Christians gave Trump throughout.

Public Religion Research Institute found in October that White evangelicals were the most likely among faith groups to challenge some democratic norms. Thirty-one percent said they agreed that "because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence to save our country."

To Gushee, Christian ethics call in 2024 for specificity: excluding from public office candidates who don't have a commitment to democratic norms and the rule of law — including Trump.

Gushee said the U.S. democracy crisis is in good part the result of traditional evangelicals and other Christians reacting ferociously to a perception of cultural change and lost power.

"Helping people not be too partisan or be unkind or overidentified with one political system and open to dialogue — all of that is legitimate. But what is the gravest need at the moment? I consider this to be the crisis of American democracy," he told The Post. "As a citizen, I feel we're in a national emergency and we need to be able to recognize an emergency."

"The After Party's" lessons, which can be accessed on the group's website and are usually watched in small church or Bible study groups, are dotted with scripture and focus on relationships. Its first of six lessons begins with an exercise called "Disappeared Loved Ones" that asks users to list friends and relatives they've broken with recently because of political tension. Then they are asked to pick how they feel about that from a list including anger and sadness, revulsion, obsession and powerlessness.

It then digs into two qualities Chang says were core to Jesus — and also to democracy: hope and humility. The people with the most of those two qualities, the curriculum says, are "disciples," while people who fall low in either quality are in three other categories: cynical, combatant or exhausted.

Another new curriculum, "Mending Division Academy," was released at the end of 2023 and is aimed for the election year. It was created by the American Values Coalition, which started in 2021 to help pastors whose churches were being torn apart by the 2020 election and divisions about the pandemic. It's run by Nazworth, who quit a leadership spot at the Christian Post, a large conservative evangelical news site, after the outlet ran a strongly pro-Trump editorial.

Like "The After Party," the coalition says its goal is healing division, but it's more blunt, saying on its website that its aims include "rejecting extremism and misinformation, and defending democracy." Its exercises focus on topics from social media consumption and conspiracy theories to the way broken politics can lead to crises of faith. The coalition also hosts conferences and organizes book groups.

While Trump's 2016 election and the division that followed are major motivators to this evangelical movement, its aim is to separate Christianity from specific politicians, parties or policies. Adherents see it as equally problematic to be too attached to the Democratic Party.

Sosa says she's deeply disturbed by Christian Zionism and evangelicals whom she sees as prioritizing Jews in Israel over Palestinians. Troy Jackson, cofounder of Undivided, said he's been bothered by the way the White House has handled the Israel-Gaza conflict.

"I'd be horrified by another Trump presidency," Jackson said, "but our biggest challenge is we have a political system on all sides that's filled with othering, hyperbole, toxicity and isn't interested in democracy or people on a deep fundamental level."

Markofski said the past eight years have been marked by "pretty significant upheaval" in evangelical American communities, "and we're still in that moment. It's a moment of: What comes next? But people are saying, 'We can't abandon evangelicalism in politics to this authoritarian version of it.' "

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Harris poised to name VP pick, launch multistate tour

BY PATRICK SVITEK AND TYLER PAGER

Vice President Harris holed up at her residence at the Naval Observatory on Monday to finalize the selection of her running mate, perhaps the biggest decision of her nascent campaign, as plans coalesced for the joint campaign swing that Democrats hope will generate excitement for the ticket this week.

Harris met Sunday in Washington with at least three finalists: Gov. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania, Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona and Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota. After the running-mate announcement, which is expected to include several online components, including a video, Harris and her newly minted election partner plan to launch a multistate tour with a rally in Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

As strategists in both parties awaited the selection — on which an enormous amount of strategy, messaging and advertising will depend — a Harris campaign spokesperson, Kevin Munoz, said just before 4:30 p.m. Monday that Harris had not yet made her decision.

The campaign was nonetheless moving forward with plans for the national campaign swing. The trip is set to start in Philadelphia before heading to Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, Arizona and Nevada through Saturday.

Harris's campaign schedule has been unusually compressed, since President Biden ended his reelection bid on July 21, and Democrats are hoping the five-day tour will help sustain the enthusiasm that has so far accompanied her campaign, enabling her to ride Democrats' excitement into the party convention beginning Aug. 19.

The campaign announced that the indie folk group Bon Iver would perform at the second stop in the campaign tour, Wednesday in Eau Claire, Wis. Last week, the rapper Megan Thee Stallion performed at Harris's rally in Atlanta.

A stop later in the week in Savannah, Ga., was postponed because of Hurricane Debby, which made landfall in Florida on Monday morning and is expected to move up the East Coast.

In the meantime, the Harris campaign has been using the highly anticipated announcement to raise money, telling supporters they could be among the first to know the identity of the running mate if they donate at least $20. Such donors would be able to "join an exclusive live stream with the Vice President and her running mate," according to recent emails to supporters, which did not give any timing for the live stream.

Other Democratic leaders were awaiting the news, anxious to see which of their colleagues would be catapulted onto the national stage.

"She has a wealth of talent from which to choose," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (D) said Monday on MSNBC. He said that he personally knows all the governors Harris is considering and that each would be "tremendous." He also praised Kelly and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

"I've not been for outside pressure from anyone because this is a very personal choice for her," Cooper added. "This has to be a governing and campaigning partner for her. She needs to make that decision. She knows what being a vice president is all about, so I think she's got the best perspective of all."

Cooper took himself out of consideration as Harris's running mate early in the process. He explained Monday that he was concerned that if he'd been compelled to leave the state for long stretches to campaign, it would allow North Carolina's Republican lieutenant governor, Mark Robinson, who is known for highly inflammatory statements and is running to succeed Cooper, to seize the stage.

The final hours of Harris's selection process were defined by intense jockeying on the part of various Democratic factions. Some progressives were pushing for Walz over Shapiro, citing the Pennsylvanian's sometimes hard-hitting comments about pro-Palestinian protesters. Shapiro, who is Jewish, has compared some of the college protesters to the Ku Klux Klan and encouraged the University of Pennsylvania to break up encampments of pro-Palestinian protesters.

Some of Walz's backers, including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.), were set to take part in a "Progressives for Harris" call Monday night to rally support for her.

The home stretch of Harris's search has also seen close attention paid to the schedules of possible running-mate contenders, as strategists on all sides hunt for clues on whom she might choose. Buttigieg, for example, is scheduled to begin a trip to Maine on Tuesday in his official capacity, suggesting that, at least for now, he is not making plans to be part of the running-mate reveal.

The selection will finalize the Democratic ticket at a remarkably late date, capping a period of almost unheard-of turmoil in the presidential campaign. Just three weeks ago, Biden was widely assumed to be the Democratic nominee, having announced a reelection bid and swept through the party's primaries, and the vice president was set to reprise her role as his running mate.

All that changed when Biden, facing enormous pressure from inside his own party following a stumbling performance in a debate against former president Donald Trump on June 27, stepped aside, shaking up the race and making way for Harris as his likely replacement.

Republicans are gearing up for another jolt to the race with Harris's selection. Trump's campaign announced Monday that his running mate, Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), would make stops effectively following Harris and her running mate as they take their tour through swing states around the country, starting with a Tuesday afternoon visit to Philadelphia before the new Democratic ticket makes its debut there.

A major task for Harris's running mate will be taking on Vance, including in a possible vice-presidential debate.

Trump, in a media appearance Monday, criticized Harris as "ultra left, ultra radical," comparing her unfavorably to the Democrats she has been mulling as potential vice-presidential candidates.

"In fact, all of the people she's looking at are considered much better than her," Trump told online streamer Adin Ross, adding that fellow Democrats "didn't want to go through this roadblock" of challenging the sitting vice president. "… I think virtually, every one of them is considered better, smarter, would be a better president, than her."

Harris had no public events on her calendar Monday. She participated in a private meeting with Biden and his national security team in the Situation Room to discuss tensions in the Middle East.

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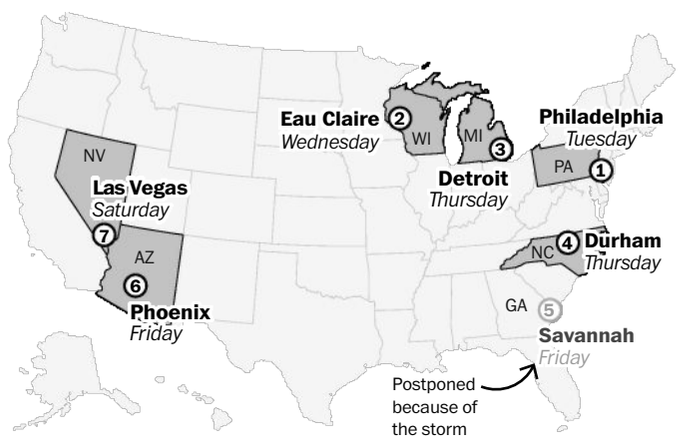
Staffers take photos during Vice President Harris's campaign event in Atlanta on July 30. Her schedule has been unusually compressed since President Biden dropped out.

Where are Harris and her running mate traveling this week?



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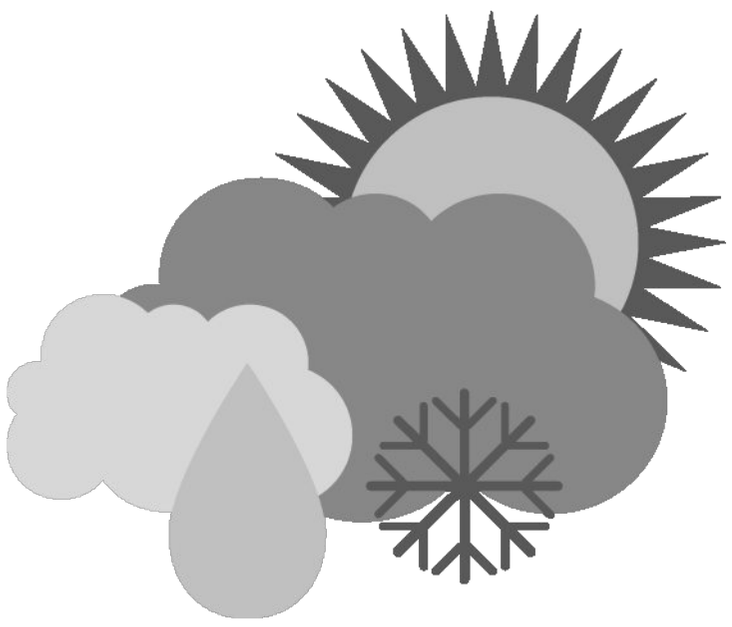

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Where Trump's Cabinet stands on his run for office

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Trump secured his party's presidential nomination, while others, such as former vice president Mike Pence, were notably absent. Pence has been publicly critical of Trump and told The Washington Post that he does not support his candidacy.

In total, The Post reached out to all 42 members of Trump's Cabinet, asking each of them whether they supported his presidential bid. Twenty responded. Twenty-two did not, but The Post determined through public statements that nine of them backed Trump's candidacy and two did not.

When asked for comment, Karoline Leavitt, Trump campaign national press secretary, told The Post in a statement that "President Trump has unified and strengthened the Republican Party more than ever before and is supported by nearly every single GOP leader and elected official, including most of his former cabinet and staff."

Here's a look at where the 42 stand:

24 Cabinet members support Trump

Have spoken critically of Trump

William P. Barr
Former attorney general

I have made clear that I strongly oppose Trump for the nomination and will not endorse Trump.
- The Hill, July 30, 2023

I will vote the Republican ticket.
- The Washington Post, Apr. 17

Nikki Haley
Former U.N. ambassador

Donald Trump can't win a general election.
- Fox News, Feb. 24

Donald Trump has my strong endorsement, period.
- Republican National Convention, Jul. 16

More than half — 24 of 42 — of Trump's former Cabinet members have expressed support for his second presidential campaign. And some are among Trump's loudest supporters, like former housing secretary Ben Carson; former treasury secretary Steven Mnuchin; John Ratcliffe, who served as director of national intelligence and has advised Trump on policy during his 2024 presidential campaign; and Michael Flynn, who served briefly as national security adviser.

Even officials who left the administration on bad terms with the former president, such as Jeff Sessions, who resigned as attorney general under pressure and had his later U.S. Senate bid torpedoed by Trump, are now in Trump's camp. When contacted by The Post in July, Sessions said, "I do plan to support President Trump."

Finally, this group also includes two of Trump's harshest critics: William P. Barr, Trump's second attorney general, and Haley, both of whom previously denounced him and even warned people against voting for him.

Barr resigned in December 2020 after repeatedly telling Trump there was no widespread fraud in the election he had just lost. Barr said Trump "shouldn't be anywhere near the Oval Office," last year, but ultimately said in April he would vote for him. Haley said Trump was "unhinged," in February, before backing him at the Republican National Convention in July.

"Donald Trump has my strong endorsement, period," Haley said at the convention. She also warned that if Vice President Harris were to be the Democratic nominee, the country would be worse off, saying, "For the sake of our nation, we have to go with Donald Trump."

When asked by CNN's Jake Tapper why she endorsed Trump after having publicly criticized him, she said, "If I'm looking at substance, I am going to agree with Trump more than I'm going to agree with Harris."

3 Cabinet members oppose Trump

John Bolton
Former national security adviser

Trump is unfit to be president.
- Reuters, Jan. 30

Mark T. Esper
Former defense secretary

I'm definitely not voting for Trump.
- The Hill, Mar. 30

Mike Pence
Former vice president

It should come as no surprise that I will not be endorsing Donald Trump this year.
- Fox News, Mar. 15

Three of Trump's former Cabinet members, however, have publicly said they would not vote for him, citing not just disagreements over his policies, but also fears around the perceived threat to personal freedoms and American democracy that they think his candidacy poses.

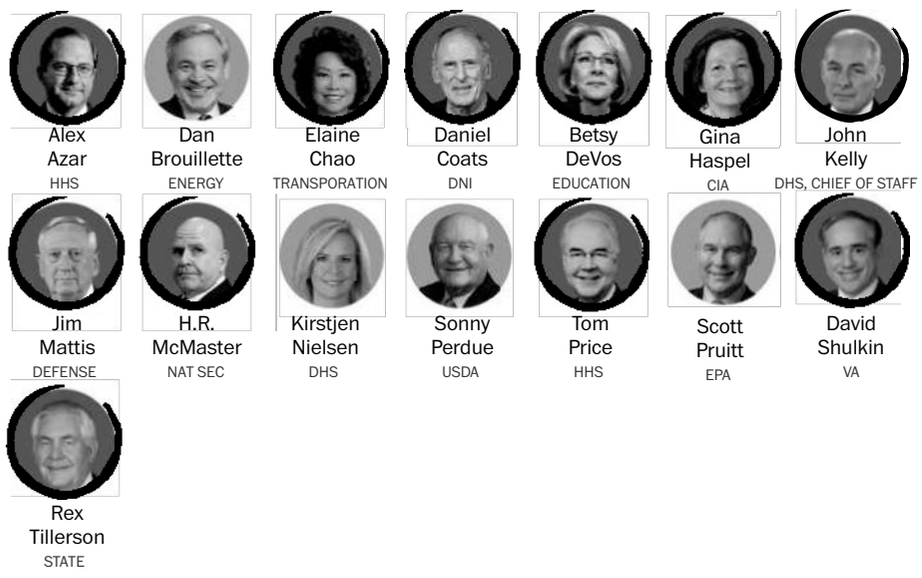
Pence had the most public clash with Trump when he refused the former president's demand to block Congress from certifying his election loss to Joe Biden. A mob of Trump supporters attacked the Capitol and interrupted that certification process, putting Pence in danger.

Pence ran against Trump in the 2024 Republican nominating contest but dropped out before the first primary and has refused to endorse him. He told The Post he does not support Trump's candidacy.

But perhaps no one has been more explicit in their dislike of Trump than Mark T. Esper, Trump's other former defense secretary. He claimed in his 2022 memoir that Trump asked whether U.S. troops could shoot at civilian protesters, and suggested the United States secretly bomb drug labs in Mexico. And on the third anniversary of the attack on the Capitol he told CNN, "Yes I do regard him as a threat to democracy, democracy as we know it." After saying on HBO on March 29 that he "definitely" is not voting for Trump, he said on CNN, "I'm not sure we can survive another four years of Donald Trump."

Finally, John Bolton, one of Trump's four national security advisers, clashed with Trump over a number of issues, including his approach to North Korea, Iran and Afghanistan. In September 2019, Trump announced on Twitter that he had fired Bolton, who told The Post at the time that he had submitted his resignation a day earlier. In January, Bolton updated his memoir and wrote, "Trump is unfit to be president."

15 Cabinet members won't say whether they support Trump



Daniel Coats
Former director of national intelligence

He doesn't know the difference between the truth and a lie.
- Washington Post journalist Bob Woodward's book, "Rage," Sept. 14, 2021

John F. Kelly
Former homeland security secretary and White House chief of staff

The depths of his dishonesty is just astounding to me ... He is the most flawed person I have ever met in my life.
- CNN, Oct. 3, 2023

Jim Mattis
Former defense secretary

Today's violent assault on our Capitol, an effort to subjugate American democracy by mob rule, was fomented by Mr. Trump.
- The Atlantic, Sept. 21, 2023

This group of former Cabinet officials have declined to say whether they will vote for Trump. Eleven did not respond to multiple messages and have not stated their positions publicly. Two responded to inquiries but declined to state their position; and two said they were undecided.

Many in this group have been publicly critical of Trump, according to a Post analysis of media statements from former Cabinet officials; two, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, quit Trump's administration in its final days, citing the attack on the Capitol.

Chao emailed staff at the time to say it "deeply troubled me in a way that I simply cannot set aside." And DeVos wrote in her resignation letter, "There is no mistaking the impact your rhetoric had on the situation, and it is the inflection point for me." Chao's husband, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), the minority leader, has endorsed Trump's 2024 election bid while she has remained silent. DeVos backed a Trump rival in the Republican presidential nominating contest, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, and declined as late as June to endorse Trump. Neither responded to messages from The Post.

Notably, a number of national security officials also fall into this camp: They include one of Trump's two defense secretaries, Jim Mattis; one of his two directors of national intelligence, Daniel Coats; one of his four national security advisers, H.R. McMaster; and both people who served as homeland security secretary, John F. Kelly and Kirstjen Nielsen.

Mattis, Coats and McMaster have each criticized Trump publicly although they have avoided talking directly about the election. Mattis's spokesman said he does not comment on politics; Coats told The Post "I have not made a final decision" about whether he would vote for Trump. But, he added: "There's no way I'm going to vote Democrat."

Tom Price, one of Trump's two former health and human services secretaries, also told The Post he was undecided. Initially, he said he would have supported a Trump-Haley ticket. But after Trump selected Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio) as his running mate, Price told The Post, "It's not no comment and it's not silent. It is undecided."

At least one other person in this group also projected some form of neutrality. A spokesperson at the company that former energy secretary Dan Brouillette now leads said it "does not endorse presidential candidates," and ignored follow-up questions about his views.

The rest did not respond to messages from The Post.

National security adviser is not officially a cabinet-level position but was included in our analysis as it often is a key adviser to the president.
Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

RFK Jr. claims he left a dead bear in Central Park as a joke in 2014

BY AMY B WANG AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

In fall 2014, a bizarre mystery gripped New York: The carcass of a 44-pound bear cub was discovered in Central Park next to an abandoned bicycle. The state's Department of Environmental Conservation later determined that the bear had died after being hit by a car, but questions abounded. Who had killed the bear cub? How had the bear made its way to the most popular park in one of the world's populous cities? And who on earth would have left a bicycle next to its carcass?

On Sunday night, independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. seemed to resolve many of those decade-old questions by revealing in a three-minute-long video posted to social media that *he* was the one who had left the dead bear in Central Park — as a practical joke.

As Kennedy told it, the bear had been run over earlier in the day by a vehicle ahead of Kennedy while he had been on a falconing trip in New York's Hudson Valley, and he had collected the body to skin the bear.

"And it was in very good condition. I was going to put the meat in my refrigerator — and you can do that in New York state," Kennedy, now 70, explained in the video to comedian Roseanne Barr, who can be seen drinking from a coffee cup and nodding through the tale.

But after a busy day — which reportedly included a late dinner at Peter Luger Steak House in New York City — Kennedy said his companions egged him on to drop the bear's body in Central Park to make it look as though a cyclist had hit the bear, as a commentary on how cyclists had recently struck and killed pedestrians in the city. (Pedestrian deaths caused by cyclists are extremely rare, but two people had died after being struck by bikers in New York in the two months before the bear was discovered in October 2014, according to news reports at the time).

"I wasn't drinking, of course, but people were drinking with me who thought this was a good idea," Kennedy said in the video. "I had an old bike in my car that somebody had asked me to get rid of. I said, 'Let's go put the bear in Central Park, and we'll make it look like he got hit by a bike. It will be fun for people.'"

The discovery of the bear carcass turned out to be less fun and more macabre, receiving widespread news coverage and prompting an investigation by the New York Police Department's animal cruelty squad, according to a 2014 New York Times article.

"This is a highly unusual situation," a spokeswoman for the Central Park Conservancy told the Times then. "It's awful."

A necropsy showed that the 6-month-old bear had died after being struck by a vehicle, not by a bicycle as it was made to appear, according to another Times article, which happened to be written by Kennedy's first cousin once removed, Tatiana Schlossberg, who was a Metro reporter at the paper at the time.

"I was worried because my prints were all over that bike," Kennedy said in the video. "Luckily, the story died after a while and it stayed dead for a decade."

The story was set to resurface now, Kennedy added, because fact-checkers from the New Yorker had called to confirm details in advance of an article about his campaign.

"Looking forward to seeing how you spin this one, @NewYorker," Kennedy wrote in an X post that included the video, in an apparent effort to get ahead of the story.

The magazine's lengthy piece, which published Monday morning, recounts the bear incident in much the same way Kennedy did in the video and also includes a photo of Kennedy posing in the trunk of a vehicle with the cub's carcass — or, at least, *a* cub's carcass — with three fingers inside its bloody mouth. A gaping wound can be seen on the cub's body.

According to New Yorker reporter Clare Malone, when asked about the bear incident, Kennedy responded, "Maybe that's where I got my brain worm," a reference to what may now be the second-most-bizarre tidbit about the independent presidential candidate.

Representatives for Kennedy's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday. On social media, several posts from Kennedy on Monday suggested that he was downplaying the hubbub over the bear story as "trivial."

It is unclear what effect Kennedy's admission that he was the one responsible for a dead bear cub appearing in Central Park a decade ago will have on his long-shot White House bid, which has already encountered several controversies. Last month, Kennedy faced accusations of sexual assault from a woman who later told The Washington Post that he reached out by text to privately apologize to her for his behavior.

> *"I said, 'Let's go put the bear in Central Park, and we'll make it look like he got hit by a bike. It will be fun for people.'"*
> **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.,** in a video posted to X

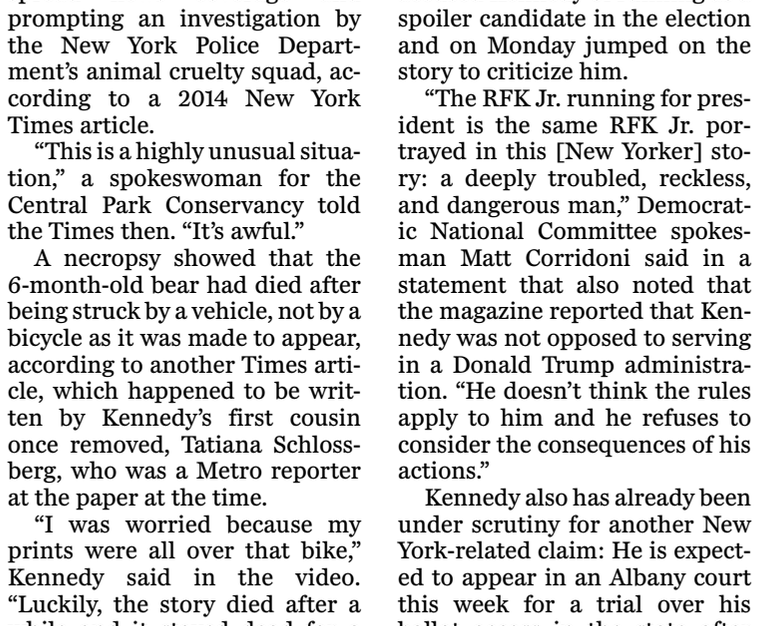
"I've said this from the beginning: I am not a church boy," he said on a podcast in response to the allegations. "... I have so many skeletons in my closet that if they could all vote, I could run for king of the world."

Kennedy was already running without the support of most of his famous political family, many members of which formally endorsed President Biden this year before Biden dropped out of the race. Democrats have repeatedly accused Kennedy of running as a spoiler candidate in the election and on Monday jumped on the story to criticize him.

"The RFK Jr. running for president is the same RFK Jr. portrayed in this [New Yorker] story: a deeply troubled, reckless, and dangerous man," Democratic National Committee spokesman Matt Corridoni said in a statement that also noted that the magazine reported that Kennedy was not opposed to serving in a Donald Trump administration. "He doesn't think the rules apply to him and he refuses to consider the consequences of his actions."

Kennedy also has already been under scrutiny for another New York-related claim: He is expected to appear in an Albany court this week for a trial over his ballot access in the state after being sued by a group of residents who claim his petition to get on the ballot is invalid. Kennedy has listed a friend's home in Katonah, N.Y., as his personal address, despite having a home base in California that he shares with his wife, actress Cheryl Hines.

Meryl Kornfield contributed to this report.



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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said his friends egged him on to leave a dead bear cub in Central Park, potentially solving a decade-old mystery.

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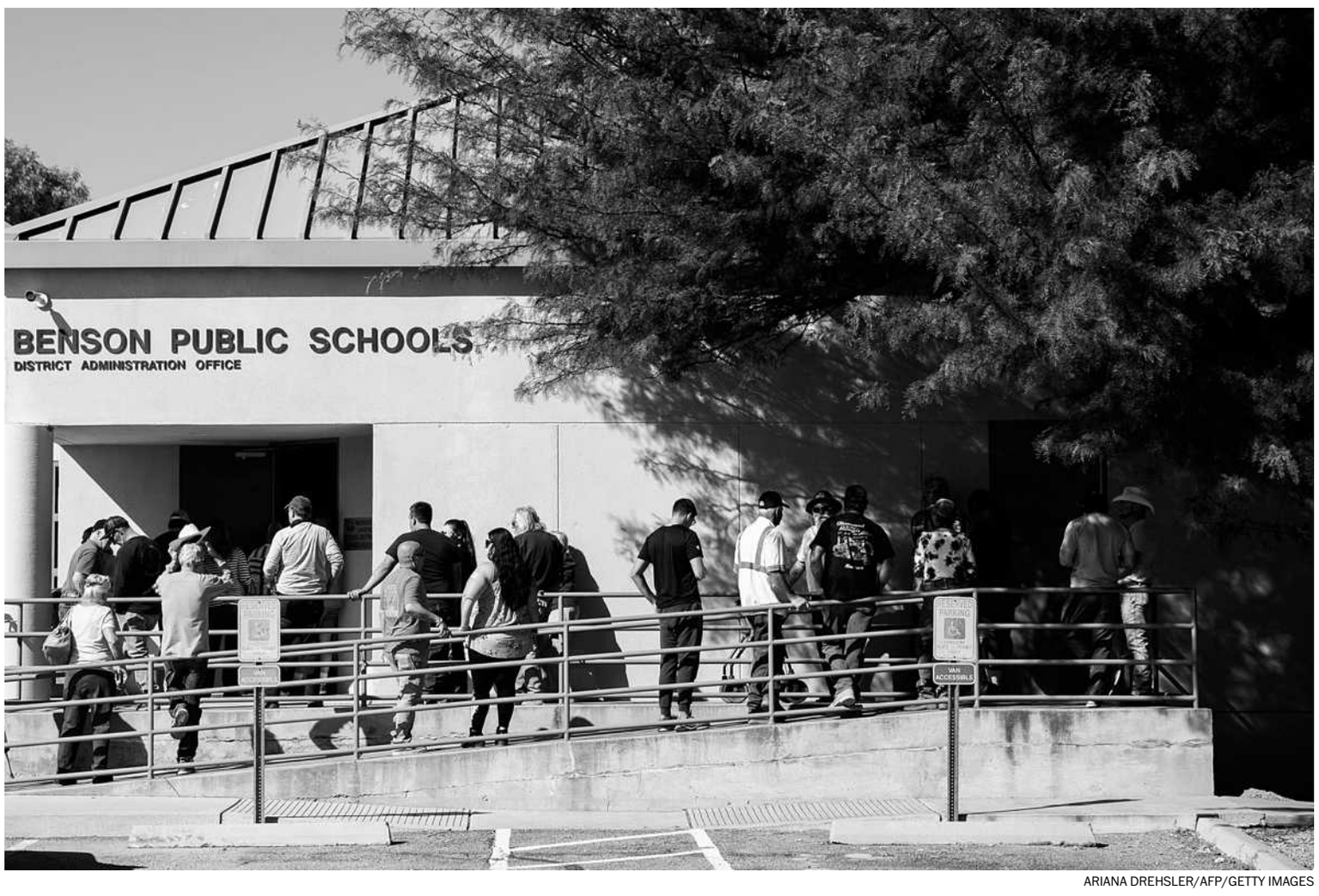
Schools shut doors as voting locations



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A polling station in Benson, Ariz., in 2020. In 2016, 37 percent of Maricopa County schools were polling locations, this year it's 14 percent.

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workers and harangued them. Some accused school staff of "disenfranchising voters" for hosting secure ballot drop boxes.

"I couldn't imagine it in 2024," Thompson said. "We just don't know how to make it work."

For generations, public school gymnasiums, classrooms and cafeterias have been fundamental to American elections. But when voters in Maricopa County — home to Phoenix and more than half of this swing state's registered voters — show up to make their voices heard in November, chances are, it likely won't be at a school. Some will instead head to rented-out storefronts. Others to aquatic centers. Or even a funeral home.

In the eight years since Donald Trump was first on the ballot, hundreds of schools throughout this fiercely contested battleground county are no longer willing to assume the risks associated with holding elections. In 2016, 37 percent of county polling locations were schools, according to a Washington Post analysis of data obtained through a public records request. So far this year, it's 14 percent.

Heightened school safety protocols and sustained attacks on voting systems and the people who run them — largely by Trump and his supporters — have prompted school leaders across America in both red and blue states to close their doors to the democratic process, according to interviews with nearly 20 school district leaders, county officials, school safety officials and election experts. In at least 33 states, the law says public buildings, including schools, can or should be made available as polling locations. In many districts, administrators now cancel classes on Election Day.

The challenge has been especially acute in Arizona, where Trump's narrow loss in 2020 inspired ceaseless conspiracies, false assertions that his and other GOP losses were illegitimate and death threats against county leaders who oversee voting and the workers on the front lines of running elections. Trump allies like Kari Lake, a Republican who lost her 2022 race for Arizona governor and is now running for the Senate, have empowered self-styled election-fraud detectors who are critical of both elections and the public school system.

Schools in the state can opt out of elections if principals say they don't have enough space or if the safety of students is at risk. Administrators say there is little upside to taking part in an exercise that can draw divisiveness and intimidating scenes — creating a crisis for election officials who must provide convenient and accessible voting locations.

"In this environment, where you have people with body cameras and weapons that are being brandished, that is a concern — that is intimidating for many people," said Scott Menzel, superintendent of the Scottsdale school district. "It just takes one flash point to ignite something that's catastrophic, and I absolutely don't want that to happen on any one of my campuses."

The trend line endangers the very voting method that Trump and many of his supporters have spent the past four years demanding: in-person voting.

The decline of school participation could confuse voters accustomed to stopping by familiar institutions to vote, experts said, adding an extra step to find a voting center that some people might be unwilling to take. Public schools are often core to the identities of communities big and small, and their proximity to voters and large spaces make them ideal to accommodate crowds and voting equipment.

Maricopa County has had to scramble to find replacements, often resorting to renting privately owned spaces, including those in shopping malls. Officials have budgeted nearly $1 million to lease voting locations this year, up from $53,000 in 2016.

"We cannot provide an in-person voting model without the support of our community," said Scott Jarrett, a county elections director. "That's schools, it's churches, it's community centers, it's trusted buildings inside of our communities. It is a civic duty and a responsibility that we all share to make sure that we have a strong democracy."

Location scouts for democracy

Maricopa County has a three-person team in charge of finding polling sites. They have grown accustomed to hearing the refrain: "Sorry."

Late last year, they began planning for this year's presidential election, according to election officials. They spend days driving from one edge of the county's boundaries to the other. As one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation, new opportunities are literally built every election cycle, and officials said the team scribbles addresses into scouting notebooks.

The team examines records from the county assessor's website, looking for large properties and contact information. They even stumbled upon retired NBA star Charles Barkley's home, which seemed large enough to host a site, although election officials said they did not ask him.

The team sizes up everything from building space to parking lots and determines if they meet all sorts of requirements, such as accessibility for those with disabilities. They email and call schools, town halls, commercial building managers and others who previously opened their doors or may consider doing so for the first time.

Ahead of the elections in 2022, they emphasized their "desperate need" of polling places, according to emails reviewed by The Post. This year they're instead stressing the need for community involvement in democracy.

Many declined, citing parking, insufficient space or no reason at all. Over the past four years, 159 locations stopped serving as sites — including 28 schools, according to The Post's analysis.

In 2016, schools made up 239 of the county's 644 polling locations during the general election, according to The Post's analysis. Four years later, amid the pandemic, the county changed its rules to fully allow voters to cast their ballots at any polling location instead of an assigned precinct, reducing the overall number of locations for the general election to just 175. That year, 27 schools participated.

There has been no rebound, as election officials had hoped: For a July 30 primary, just 31 of 221 polling locations were expected to be schools, as of June 28. General election locations have not yet been finalized but will probably be similar.

"This is people making a cost-benefit analysis," said Bill Gates, a Republican county supervisor. "The costs are perceived as being greater because it could create issues or bring threats of violence — or even violence. And by hosting a vote center, could they be pulled into a conspiracy? Is it worth it?"

Curtis Finch, a superintendent from a school district north of downtown Phoenix, said he considered hosting a polling site.

"Heck no," he instinctively thought to himself. "Have you been reading the newspapers lately?"

In 2022, he had to tell a man who showed up with a firearm in this open-carry state that weapons were not allowed on school property, he recalled. And he said belligerent voters yelled at his staff over lines.

"In the old days, it was fun, and people were all excited to come vote — red, blue, green, didn't matter what your party was, they weren't yelling and screaming at each other," Finch said. "It wasn't a big production. Well, now it's a big production."

After weeks of negotiating, Finch agreed to allow a district office to be used as a polling site — only because children can be easily separated from voters, he said. He also offered up a bus parking garage.

"I have been trying to be a good neighbor," he said.

High state of 'uncertainty and anxiety'

Over the past two decades, amid school shootings and heightened safety protocols, many schools across the country began bowing out of participating in elections. The covid-19 pandemic in 2020 accelerated the pullback, as administrators worried about the spread of the deadly virus. And amid deepening Republican distrust of institutions and elections, it has been difficult to recruit those schools back, according to school and election officials, and a national report that examined where people vote.

"We're in the highest state of ambiguity, uncertainty and anxiety around school safety than we've ever been in my more than three decades in this field," said Kenneth Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services, which consults for school districts. School leaders he works with "are on edge sometimes to the point where, quite honestly, we're telling people to stop and breathe. To exhale."

Schools that are able to move polling away from their campuses have done so, but many cannot, often because of state laws requiring that they serve as voting sites if asked. Those school districts have increasingly held staff-only training days on Election Day, he said.

"The schools that have gotten rid of it are happy that they did, and they're not going back," Trump said. "Those that still have it will tell you privately, 'No, I wish it wasn't here, but we're stuck with it and we're doing the best we can.' "

In some counties, the number of schools that are hosting polling locations has gone up.

In Florida's fast-growing Osceola County, some churches, YMCAs and other community institutions view participation in elections as burdensome, exacerbating "polling place deserts," said Mary Jane Arrington, the county's supervisor of elections. When they refuse, she said she turns reluctantly to schools, which must participate under Florida law.

"It's inconvenient all around," she said. "But unfortunately, other community buildings just aren't as receptive to us as they used to be."

In New Jersey, Union County election board administrator Nicole DiRado is also relying more heavily on schools, which can lose state funding if they refuse to host polling places. The overwhelming majority of the county's 156 polling places this year are schools, DiRado said.

"Look, I get it — I have two kids in public school," DiRado said. Before she learned their school would be closed, she added, "I thought about keeping them home this year on Election Day."

Push for civic participation

For all the challenges in Maricopa County, there have been wins.

Over the past four years, 109 new polling locations have emerged, including 15 school-affiliated ones and a large viewing room at a mortuary — although it's only available on Election Day, election officials said, as it's needed for funerals most other days.

The newly opened Mountain Park Health Center in a city west of Phoenix was designed to ensure that its community room and parking lot are large enough to accommodate voters. Though that clinic will not be a polling site this year because of election-calendar deadlines, two of its other locations will be.

"People feel healthy and stronger when they're part of decision-making," said Dr. John Swagert, the center's chief executive.

And churches make up a higher proportion of polling places, a trend largely driven by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which emphasizes civic participation. The church planned to provide 27 buildings for this year's primary, as of June 28, a decade high for the Church, according to The Post's analysis.

"It really comes down to: We cherish the opportunity to live in a country where we have the privilege to vote," said Candice Copple, the LDS Church's Arizona spokeswoman. "If we can be helpful by making it easier for people to have a nearby location to cast their vote, we're glad to do so."

Morse and Natanson reported from Washington.

Ex-Trump attorney will cooperate in Ariz. case

To avoid potential jail time, Jenna Ellis agrees to help prosecution team

BY YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ

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Jenna Ellis, seen at right in 2020, was a legal adviser to Donald Trump's 2020 campaign and was charged with trying to subvert President Biden's victory in Arizona and Georgia.

PHOENIX — Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes (D) reached a cooperation agreement Monday with Jenna Ellis, who was a legal adviser to Donald Trump's 2020 campaign and was one of 18 defendants indicted in April on felony charges related to alleged efforts to try to subvert President Biden's victory in the state four years ago, according to prosecutors.

The attorney general has agreed to drop nine felony charges against Ellis in exchange for her full cooperation with the investigation into the GOP plan to try to deliver Arizona's 11 electoral votes to Trump instead of the rightful winner, Biden.

The deal allows Ellis to avoid potential jail time in exchange for providing prosecutors with evidence that could implicate other defendants. She could provide information about former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani's knowledge and participation in the elector strategy. According to the agreement, Ellis has also agreed to "completely and truthfully" testify in any future trials. She will also provide documents and any other material tied to the elector strategy that could help state prosecutors secure verdicts favorable to them in the high-profile case.

"This agreement represents a significant step forward in our case," Mayes said in a statement. "I am grateful to Ms. Ellis for her cooperation with our investigation and prosecution. Her insights are invaluable and will greatly aid the State in proving its case in court."

An attorney for Ellis did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Arizona was one of seven states won by Biden where Republican electors gathered on Dec. 14, 2020, to sign certificates purporting to affirm Trump as the actual winner of each of the states. Trump supporters were preparing to cite the paperwork signed by the GOP electors as a way to challenge Biden's win when Congress convened on Jan. 6, 2021, according to prosecutors.

Authorities in several of those states, including Arizona, have pursued criminal charges against the electors. All of the defendants in the Arizona case pleaded not guilty, including the 11 Republicans who allegedly falsely purported Trump won the state, Giuliani and Boris Epshteyn, a key adviser to Trump's 2020 and 2024 presidential campaigns. They are each charged with nine felony counts, including conspiracy, forgery and fraudulent schemes and artifices.

The Arizona case was the second round of charges for Ellis and several others in the case, who were also indicted alongside Trump in Georgia last year. Ellis pleaded guilty in October to illegally conspiring to overturn Trump's 2020 election loss in Georgia and has been cooperating with prosecutors.

In Arizona, Ellis sat down with prosecutors on June 17 for a proffer session, according to the agreement — an interview in which a prosecutor and a defense lawyer meet with a person to decide whether they have valuable information to offer an investigation, the kind that could lead to a plea deal. Such meetings are often called "queen for a day" sessions because the person being questioned will not have their answers used against them, unless they lie.

In the critical time frame after Trump's loss, Ellis was in touch with figures central to the elector strategy outside of Arizona and within, according to the April indictment and other publicly released records.

Ellis joined Giuliani, then a personal attorney to Trump, in presenting baseless claims of widespread malfeasance in states Trump lost. She accompanied Giuliani to Phoenix for a meeting, where unfounded claims of election fraud were circulated as Trump dialed in to speak to the crowd. Ellis was also by Giuliani's side during a meeting with then-Arizona House Speaker Russell "Rusty" Bowers (R), who testified before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack that Giuliani repeatedly sought to persuade him to help overturn Trump's 10,457-vote defeat in the state.

"We've got lots of theories, we just don't have the evidence," Bowers recalled Giuliani telling him and others present.

Devlin Barrett contributed to this report.

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TOP: Miami Search and Rescue Fire Department personnel look for people in flooded houses in Suwannee, Fla., on Monday. ABOVE: People observe a large sinkhole that opened up in Wimauma.

Debby drenches Fla. towns still ailing from Idalia, Ian

BY LORI ROZSA

Tropical Storm Debby left a trail of flooding and power outages Monday in parts of Florida still recovering from several major storms in recent years. Debby is now heading north, where it is expected to do more damage.

The storm made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane north of Steinhatchee, about 80 miles west of Gainesville. That's just 20 miles south of where Hurricane Idalia hit Florida as a Category 3 storm less than a year ago.

Though Idalia had far stronger winds, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) warned residents that Debby would bring "way more water."

"This did not bring the catastrophic hurricane-force winds that we've seen in previous storms like Hurricane Ian," DeSantis said at an afternoon news conference from the state's Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. "But it has and continues to produce lots of water."

Four deaths were attributed to the storm Monday. A 13-year-old boy was crushed when a tree fell on the mobile home in which he lived, according to the Levy County Sheriff's Office. In Hillsborough County near Tampa, the driver of a semitrailer was killed when the truck plunged into a canal near Interstate 75. Two other people were killed in Dixie County in a traffic accident on slick roads.

Even before Debby hit land, the storm's outer bands were bringing déjà vu to coastal towns from the Florida Keys up through Tampa Bay. The Sarasota Police Department posted photos of water rushing past damaged businesses. Photos and video shared on social media showed flooding outside stores and restaurants in Fort Myers Beach, which was decimated by Hurricane Ian in 2022.

In Cedar Key, a number of businesses inundated by floodwater during Idalia had recently begun to reopen. The island community known as "Clamelot" is in the Gulf of Mexico and produces most of Florida's clams. Residents were assessing the damage and beginning to clean up once again Monday.

"They just finished the final repairs on our post office last Friday, and it got flooded," said Phil Prescott, a volunteer chaplain for the town's police and fire departments. Cedar Key's only grocery store reopened in March, and he said it also flooded.

Bridges over Tampa Bay were closed, as were schools and courthouses in more than a dozen north Florida counties. Early voting scheduled to begin Monday for the Aug. 20 primaries was canceled in several counties as well. More than 195,000 utility customers were without electricity as of early Monday evening, according to poweroutage.us.

Officials in Manatee County, north of Sarasota, said first responders rescued 32 adults, 12 children and 13 pets from high waters there. Seven coastal counties issued mandatory evacuation orders ahead of the storm for people on barrier islands and in other low-lying or flood-prone areas.

"We are urging everyone to stay off the roads unless travel is absolutely necessary," said Jodie Fiske, Manatee County's public safety director. "We do not need disaster tourists."

By Monday afternoon, the National Hurricane Center had downgraded Debby to a tropical storm as peak winds decreased to 70 mph. While it's no longer a hurricane, the storm's most dangerous phase lies ahead.

Forecasters predict that some of the most serious impacts could come as Debby reaches southeast Georgia and the eastern Carolinas. The system is expected to stall and unleash "potentially historic" amounts of rain and "catastrophic flooding," according to the National Hurricane Center. A few areas could see record-breaking amounts near 30 inches.

At Charleston International Airport, the Weather Service said 2.29 inches of rain had already fallen as of Monday afternoon, breaking a record for the date, with the storm just getting started. Residents were filling up city parking garages to keep their vehicles out of flood-prone areas as rain started to fall. Some roads were already closed, and police warned drivers to avoid floodwater starting to cover some thoroughfares.

Meteorologists have been warning that this hurricane season could be among the most active on record — and Debby helps back up those predictions. The storm arrived several weeks ahead of schedule, relative to a typical Atlantic tropical cyclone season. On average, the second Atlantic hurricane of the year forms around Aug. 24, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Debby is the second hurricane to strike the United States this year, after Beryl, which pounded the Texas coast in early July. That is rare by this point in the year; it has happened eight other times since recordkeeping began in 1851, according to Colorado State University hurricane researcher Philip Klotzbach.

Florida's Gulf Coast and inland central and northern parts of the state have endured several powerful storms since 2022. Ian struck southwest Florida as a Category 4 storm in September 2022. More than 150 people were killed directly or indirectly because of the storm. Hurricane Nicole slammed the state's east coast two months later. Hurricane Idalia last year resulted in 12 fatalities and an estimated $3.6 billion in damage in the United States, according to a National Hurricane Center report.

Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie said Monday that rivers and streams "are rapidly rising" and that the impacts from floods and high water will be felt "for the next five to seven days, even 10 days."

Several thousand Florida National Guard troops were on standby to help with search-and-rescue operations. Seventeen thousand linemen were also being deployed to help get power restored.

The U.S. Coast Guard posted video of a dramatic rescue of two boaters who were adrift 73 miles off the Lee County coast Sunday as Debby whipped up seas as high as 20 feet. Fort Myers Beach was one of the towns hit hardest by Ian. Though the storm surge from Debby was far less — a little over 3 feet, compared with more than 13 feet during Ian — town manager Andy Hyatt said the storm "turned out to be a little more than we expected." Nonetheless, he said this time the town was prepared. Cleanup crews were shoveling sand that swamped roads and clearing debris Monday.

"Thank goodness, knock on wood, we didn't receive much damage," he said at an emergency meeting Monday. "But we do have some cleaning to do."

Scott Dance and Jason Samenow contributed to this report.

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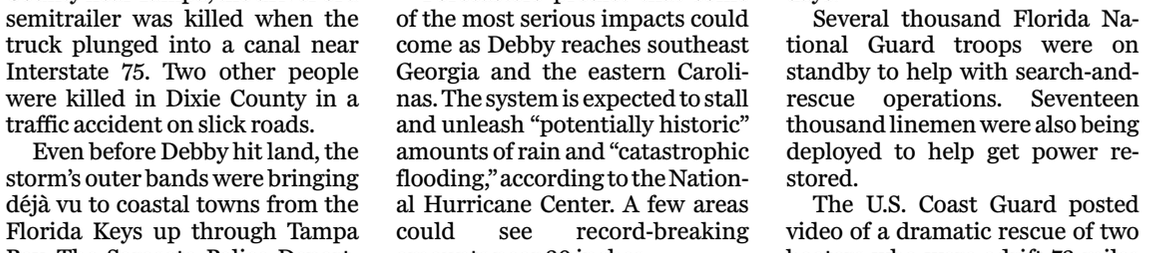

Garland celebrates antitrust win; Google plans to appeal

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trial that its search engine faces competition from people looking for information in other places, such as on Amazon, TikTok and Reddit and increasingly via chatbots such as ChatGPT. In a statement after the ruling, Kent Walker, Google's president of global affairs, said the court itself agreed that the company's search engine is the best option.

"This decision recognizes that Google offers the best search engine, but concludes that we shouldn't be allowed to make it easily available," Walker said. "Given this, and that people are increasingly looking for information in more and more ways, we plan to appeal."

Federal antitrust law has not been invoked against a Big Tech company since the Justice Department sued Microsoft more than two decades ago.

The Google case has been closely watched in antitrust law circles as the first in a string of cases federal prosecutors have launched against high-tech giants. Antitrust enforcers argue that Big Tech has gotten too powerful and doesn't serve the public interest. Lawsuits have also been filed against Amazon, Meta and Apple. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Mehta wrote that Google has maintained its revenue growth and high operating profits by hiking its search advertising prices again and again, and that there was "no evidence" that market competition has been able to limit Google's ability to raise these prices.

"The only apparent constraint on Google's pricing decisions are potential advertiser outcry and bad publicity," Mehta wrote. "Google, however, has managed to avoid those pitfalls by ramping up its pricing incrementally … many advertisers do not even realize that Google is responsible for the changes in price."

The consequences of the ruling for Google and the broad online ecosystem are still unclear. The judge will rule on "remedies" for the case in the coming months. One potential measure would be for the court to block Google from paying to secure prime placement for its search engine on Apple's iPhones and other devices and web browsers. But that could work out in Google's favor, since its search engine might still be selected, and the company then wouldn't have to pay the billions of dollars it currently does to secure that placement. Such a ruling could also end up depriving Apple of a significant source of revenue.

Other proposals from antitrust experts include requiring browsers and phone makers to directly ask consumers which search engine they would like to use when they first set up their device. This system has been tried in Europe, where Google has still largely maintained its dominance.

Others have advocated for Google's different businesses to be broken up. The company not only controls the world's main search engine but also owns businesses that compete at different levels of the complex industry that helps connect advertisers to people online.

"The remedy must match the court's striking verdict," said Lee Hepner, a lawyer at the American Economic Liberties Project. "At a minimum that means an end to Google's exclusive default agreements and breaking up business lines that have allowed Google to extend its monopoly into every corner of the internet."

The news of Mehta's decision was hailed by antitrust advocates.

"For a long time, Google was regarded as untouchable," said Open Markets Institute Executive Director Barry Lynn, a veteran antitrust activist. "This is the most powerful corporation perhaps in human history."

Luther Lowe, head of public policy at Y Combinator and a longtime critic of Google, wrote on X that the ruling "could significantly reshape the competitive landscape to benefit 'little tech' by reducing Google's gatekeeping power."

In his ruling, Mehta chastised Google for discouraging its employees and executives from saving text and email conversations to lower the potential that they could become evidence in court cases. The company had been criticized for doing the same in its court case with the video game company Epic Games.

"The court is taken aback by the lengths to which Google goes to avoid creating a paper trail for regulators and litigants," Mehta wrote. Still, he declined to punish Google for doing so, saying the conduct didn't influence the case.

"Any company that puts the onus on its employees to identify and preserve relevant evidence does so at its own peril. Google avoided sanctions in this case. It may not be so lucky in the next one," he wrote.

The case, *U.S. et al v. Google*, was filed in 2020 under the Trump administration, and prosecutors in the Biden administration's Justice Department took it to court in September 2023.

The nine-week trial at the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse in Washington saw appearances by senior industry executives, including Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella and Apple executives John Giannandrea and Eduardo Cue, to testify about Google's restrictive contracts and why it has been difficult for other companies to break into the market.

Prosecutors had argued that Google foreclosed market competition in search engines by requiring device makers that wanted to use Google's popular Android operating system to set Google search as the default. Google also pays Apple an estimated $19 billion a year to maintain Google search as the default search engine on iPhones and other Apple devices.

A separate Justice Department antitrust lawsuit against Google, focused on its advertising technology, is awaiting trial in federal court in Virginia.

Google is also facing antitrust scrutiny in other jurisdictions, including in the European Union, where antitrust regulators announced in March investigations into the company and others under the Digital Markets Act, a new anti-monopoly law aimed at internet giants.

Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

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Google violated antitrust law in its restrictive contracts with Apple and other phone makers, a federal judge ruled Monday.

"This victory against Google is a historic win for the American people. No company — no matter how large or influential — is above the law. The Justice Department will continue to vigorously enforce our antitrust laws."

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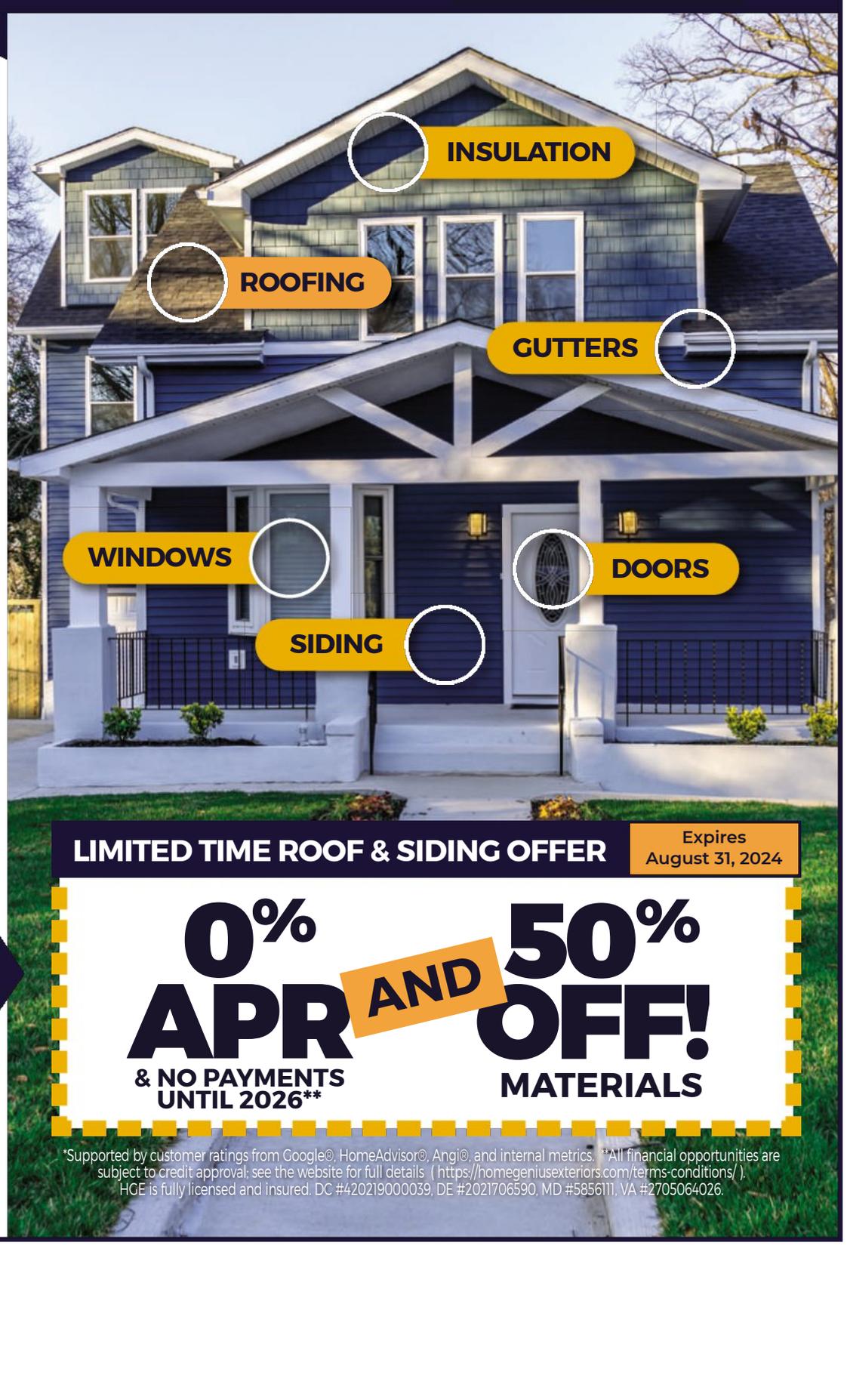

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Scientists race to meet up with approaching asteroid

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opportunity to study asteroids like never before. Getting a close-up look at Apophis will help scientists figure out how to protect our planet against an asteroid that wants to throw a punch at Earth in the future.

But missions to space take years to develop, and there are less than five years before Apophis makes its close approach to Earth.

"We're running out of time," said Jason Kalirai, executive for space formulation at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

Meet Apophis

Apophis is about as wide as the Eiffel Tower is tall. Though scientists do not have pictures of the asteroid yet, they have used radar data to surmise that Apophis is roughly peanut shaped.

While the rock — which scientists believe has two lobes — is peacefully minding its business in space, that did not seem to be the case when it was discovered in June 2004 by scientists at the Kitt Peak National Observatory. Later that year, researchers calculated a 2.7 percent chance that the asteroid's encounter with Earth in 2029 would be a violent collision, not a harmless flyby.

"If it was to encounter a populated area, it could take out a city the size of New York," said Daniella DellaGiustina, lead scientist on a NASA mission to Apophis called OSIRIS-APEX.

> *"Nature is performing this once-per-several-thousand-years experiment for us. We have to figure out how to watch."*
>
> **Richard P. Binzel**, a professor of planetary science at MIT

Apophis made such a bad first impression on the world that it was named after the Egyptian serpentine god of darkness and chaos.

It was not until March 2021 that scientists were able to rule out an Apophis-Earth collision for at least the next 100 years. Using a 230-foot-long radio antenna in California, scientists collected the data they needed to clear Apophis's name and remove it from NASA's Sentry Impact Risk Table, a list of asteroids with some chance of affecting Earth in the next century.

Apophis will come within 20,000 miles of Earth — give or take a few miles. When two objects come close in space, they exert forces on each other. Just as Earth experiences tidal forces generated by the moon, Apophis will feel tidal forces generated by Earth.

While the moon's gravitational pull causes high tides on Earth, Earth's gravitational pull might cause mini asteroid quakes on Apophis. Apophis's flyby will mark the first chance to view seismic activity on an asteroid.

The asteroid space chase

Now that scientists know Apophis will not collide with Earth, they have turned their attention to another problem: how to make it to the asteroid in time.

"What are we doing about Apophis? I would say not enough," Kalirai said.

Though Apophis has been a source of fascination for two decades, no one knows what it actually looks like. Many of its basic properties remain unknown, including its mass and structure.

Recently, Earth's planetary defense capabilities were put to the test by NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART, in which researchers at Johns Hopkins successfully smashed a spacecraft into an asteroid to change its orbit.

While researchers are proud of DART, they emphasized that Earth's self-defense tool kit is not complete. Planetary defense is not just about throwing celestial uppercuts. Scientists need to be able to locate asteroids and study their characteristics to mount an effective response.

"Apophis is an opportunity to practice what kinds of characterization efforts could be done to better understand a particular object. Lessons from that can be applied in the future when we find an asteroid coming our way," said Terik Daly, a planetary scientist on the DART and OSIRIS-APEX missions.

NASA's OSIRIS-APEX mission will redirect an existing spacecraft so that it characterizes Apophis after its closest approach to Earth. The mission will study how the asteroid was affected by Earth's gravity, using high-resolution images of Apophis's surface.

The OSIRIS-APEX spacecraft can also use its thrusters to kick up dust on the asteroid. With this capability, scientists will learn how strong Apophis's surface is, which will inform how to deflect it in the future if needed.

If the asteroid has a tough surface that does not break easily, an impact approach like DART might not be effective in changing its orbit.

A close inspection of asteroids can also help answer long-held questions about the solar system, including: Where did Earth's water come from? By comparing water on Earth and asteroids, scientists can look for similarities that provide clues about how this important resource arrived on our planet billions of years ago.

But OSIRIS-APEX cannot stand alone. Since the mission's spacecraft is already in orbit with limited fuel, it can make it to Apophis only in June, two months after the asteroid's closest approach to Earth.

If scientists are going to fully understand Apophis and how it was affected by Earth, there need to be missions that study the asteroid before and during its closest approach.

So far, OSIRIS-APEX is the only confirmed and fully funded mission to Apophis.

'No bucks, no Bruce Willis'

At Apophis T-5 Years, a two-day workshop to foster international collaboration on Apophis missions, scientists proposed more than 20 spacecraft and payloads combined.

"In an ideal world, we would have a fleet of missions to Apophis," Kalirai said. But scientists have less than five years to develop, build and launch a mission.

Besides the time crunch, there is a shortage of money to fund missions to Apophis.

"No bucks, no Bruce Willis," Binzel said.

As a result, many scientists are trying to repurpose old missions to beat the clock and go easy on the wallet.

Experts are urging NASA to study pre-flyby Apophis with the Janus spacecraft, which were meant to launch in 2023 as part of a separate mission. After delays in that mission, the spacecraft were put in storage indefinitely.

Scientists at Apophis T-5 Years described a pre-flyby encounter with Apophis as a mission in search of a spacecraft. They believe that need could be met by the Janus satellites, which are spacecraft in search of a mission.

Blue Origin, a private space company founded by Jeff Bezos, has reported that its Blue Ring spacecraft could meet Apophis three months before the flyby. The spacecraft has 13 payload slots, allowing the cost of the mission to be shared among multiple parties. (Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Of all the proposals floating around, a mission developed by the European Space Agency is the closest to fruition. In an act of recycling similar to OSIRIS-APEX, the ESA's Rapid Apophis Mission for Space Safety — Ramses — makes use of technology built for the Hera mission, which is expected to launch this year to study the aftermath of DART.

Ramses would encounter Apophis two months before its flyby and stay close to watch how it is affected by Earth's gravity. The mission would monitor how Earth alters Apophis's rotation, which plays a huge role in what the asteroid's orbit will look like far into the future.

The Space Safety program board has given the ESA permission to start working on the mission. However, Ramses is not in the clear yet: The mission awaits final approval for funding by the ESA's Council of Ministers, who will make their decision at the end of next year.

While space exploration is complicated technically, there have been many advances that make more missions possible and successful. Scientists have even sent a spacecraft to dig into an asteroid and return pieces of it to Earth. As a result, much of the technology needed to explore Apophis exists, making the bottleneck largely financial.

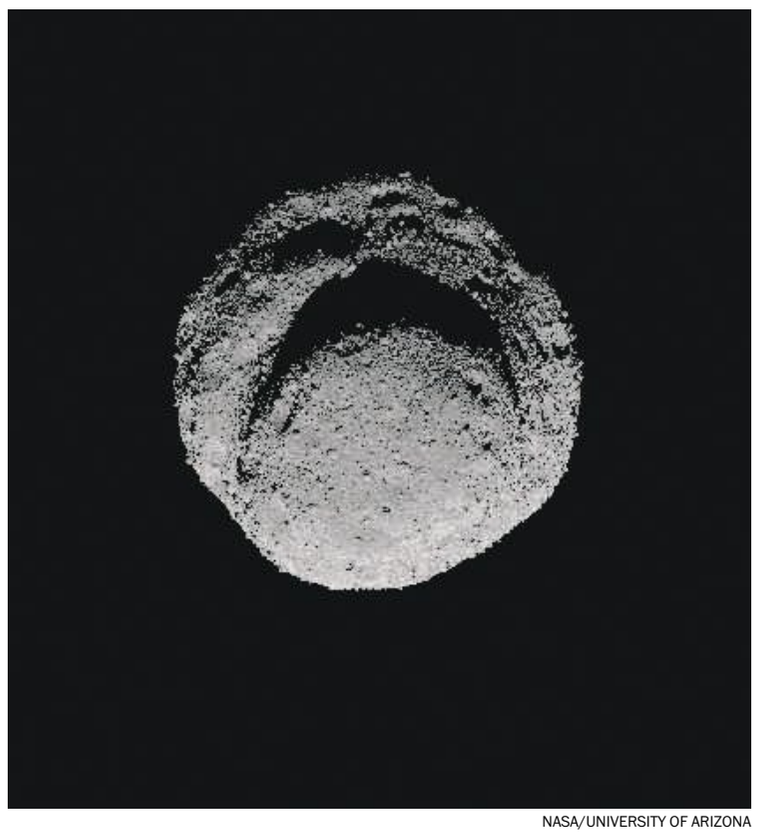
While there is a near-zero chance that Earth will meet an asteroid capable of causing mass extinction soon, there is a 100 percent probability that a devastating asteroid will risk striking Earth at some point.

"The question is when and whether we're able to prevent it before that happens," said Bruce Betts, chief scientist at the Planetary Society, which advocates for space exploration.

Unlike most natural disasters, asteroid collisions are preventable, if there are tools to keep track of space rocks and act in self-defense if needed.

Building out Earth's planetary defense tool kit is not about fear, according to Binzel. "It's simply about sensible responsibility."

Joel Achenbach contributed to this report.



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This simulation shows how Apophis is expected to appear to the OSIRIS-APEX spacecraft when it first approaches the asteroid.

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Air Base 201 is seen from a plane outside Agadez, Niger, on Friday. Construction of the base was completed in 2019 and cost more than $100 million.

U.S. troops withdraw from strategic African base as extremist threat grows

Niger complex was a 'window' into the region amid coups, rising Islamist militancy, Russian presence

BY RACHEL CHASON

AGADEZ, NIGER — The last U.S. troops flew out of their sprawling base in Niger's northern desert on Monday, marking a closing chapter in the American military relationship with this West African country and a substantial strategic setback for Washington.

The withdrawal of the U.S. forces, which had numbered 1,100 in Niger at their peak, follows more than a decade of investment in Niger — and months of fruitless efforts to put the country back on a democratic path after its military seized power in a coup a year ago.

The U.S. military presence here has been a linchpin of American efforts to address rising Islamist militancy in this part of Africa. The pullout comes at a moment when extremist violence in West Africa is reaching record highs and Russia's influence in the region is growing.

"The security of the region is a grave concern," Air Force Major Gen. Kenneth Ekman, who is leading the U.S. drawdown from Niger, said in an interview. "The threat has become worse — it has spread and become more acute. … And from a U.S. perspective, our access has been reduced even though our objectives have not changed."

At a ceremony Monday in an airport hangar marking the withdrawal from the Agadez base, Nigerien and American officials read a joint statement, in French and English, and signed documents making the turnover of the base official.

Already shipped away were the drones used by U.S. Special Forces to gather intelligence about the increasingly powerful al-Qaeda and Islamic State affiliates operating in the Sahel region, which runs the breadth of Africa below the Sahara Desert, U.S. officials said. The 18 generators that powered the facility were evacuated on C-17 cargo planes, and other sensitive equipment and material have also been removed from the base, which was completed in 2019 and cost more than $100 million to build.

Remaining on the nine-square-mile base are the kitchen, gym and sleeping quarters. U.S. military officers spent Sunday finishing the final tasks, including putting keys in all the door locks and lining up dozens of vehicles with keys in their ignitions, Ekman said. Niger's plans for the base remain uncertain, as do U.S. plans for how to replace it.

"This is not about Niger alone," said Ibrahim Yahaya Ibrahim, deputy director of the International Crisis Group's Sahel project. "When Niger's coup happened, it symbolized the fall of the last democratic darling of the West. Now, the withdrawal undermines U.S. strategy not only for Niger but for the Sahel and the entire region."

Seen from the air, the cluster of white buildings that make up Air Base 201 emerges from the brown sand just outside Agadez, a small city on the southern edge of the Sahara Desert. The base took on increasing importance for the U.S. counterterrorism strategy, which began in the early 2000s under President George W. Bush and ramped up further about a decade ago, after extremists and separatists took over much of neighboring Mali.

That base "gave us a window into everything that was going on in the region," said Cameron Hudson, a senior associate at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Now literally and figuratively, what we are doing is that we are moving to the margins."

After the coup in Niger, U.S. officials pressed the military junta to begin restoring democracy and warned that American assistance hung in the balance. In a late-night news conference in March, the spokesman for Niger's military government, the National Council for Safeguarding the Homeland, declared that the presence of American troops was "illegal." The next month, Niger welcomed Russian military instructors to the same airfield in the capital where American troops were at the time based.

In an interview in May, Nigerien Prime Minister Ali Mahaman Lamine Zeine blamed the breakdown on the United States, accusing American officials, in part, of failing to justify the U.S. troop presence and essentially giving the Nigerien government an ultimatum.

U.S. officials said that the government was presented with "a choice, not an ultimatum, about whether they wished to continue their partnership with us."

A rising militant insurgency

As relations with Niger deteriorated, U.S. defense officials have turned to nations in coastal West Africa, promising to bulk up security ties with other countries they fear are at risk, including Ivory Coast, Benin and Ghana. There are now small U.S. military teams in several coastal countries in West Africa.

Al-Qaeda-affiliated Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) and the Islamic State-Sahel Province have in recent years made Niger and its neighbors a global hot spot. Following a series of coups in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, extremist violence has largely escalated.

Last year, about 11,600 fatalities were linked to Islamist extremists, more than a threefold increase since 2020, according to the Washington-based Africa Center for Strategic Studies. In Niger, the Africa Center projects 1,230 deaths related to Islamist violence this year, more than double the total in 2020.

Héni Nsaibia, a senior researcher with Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED), described the situation as "rapidly deteriorating," with JNIM and IS-Sahel gaining support because of the harsh response by militaries in the region.

Neither group currently appears to pose a "direct threat" to the United States because of their capacity and local focus within Africa, said Andrew Lebovich, a research fellow with the Clingendael Institute. But should local government succumb, it could destabilize the entire region.

Ekman said the U.S. government faces a growing challenge monitoring extremist activities because Mali, Burkina Faso and now Niger have expelled most Western forces, including the French military, as well as U.N. personnel.

"We don't know what we don't know," he said. "We want indications and warnings, and we are losing them over time."

Leaving the door open

Ekman said he had been surprised by how many U.S. personnel raised their hands to help close down the Agadez base, committed to winding down the mission successfully. They have spent the last weeks training Nigerien military how to run the base, including the water treatment and wastewater facilities. Some facilities will be left with air conditioners and spot generators.

U.S. officials said the goal was to leave the bases in Agadez and Niamey, the capital, in good condition in hopes of preserving relations with Niger and leaving open the possibility of restoring cooperation. The U.S. officials said that contrasted with the approach by the French military, which took or destroyed everything when Niger asked it to leave last year. French officials did not respond to requests for comment.

In Niamey, Russian military personnel who arrived in April are occupying the same airfield that the United States, France and other Western allies built. Nigerien officials have said that the Russians are providing equipment, including an air defense system, and instructors for training.

In Agadez, where protests mushroomed over the past few months calling on the Americans to leave, there were mixed feelings about their departure.

Aboubacar Alio, a 43-year-old taxi driver, said he supported the military government for having "liberated our country from foreign dominance." He had watched American drones leaving the base and wondered what purpose they served, if not to stop the growing number of attacks.

Issoufou Mohamed, a 31-year-old who worked as a trash collector at the American base, making about $630 a month, said he knew Niger's military cooperation with the French would end after the coup but "never imagined that it would be the same thing with the American army."

Most of the U.S. service members who had been deployed in Niger have been sent back to their home bases around the world, Ekman said, but small Special Forces teams are being dispatched to other countries in coastal West Africa.

The U.S. military is committed to the region, Ekman said, "and is not retrenching — but will be listening carefully to what kind of partnerships West African nations want to have with the U.S. military."

The threat is already being felt in the coastal West African countries, said Daniel Eizenga, a research fellow focused on the Sahel at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

He said that over the past two years, violence within coastal countries and just over their borders has increased by 250 percent. Among coastal countries, Benin and Togo have experienced the most attacks.

"It's like a five-alarm fire for coastal West Africa, with all the red lights flashing," Eizenga said. "The security threat has arrived."

DIGEST

BRITAIN

After riots, Starmer to set up special force

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Monday that a "standing army" of specialist police would be set up to deal with rioting and that the justice system would be ramped up to handle hundreds of arrests after violence rocked cities across the nation over the past week.

Starmer convened an urgent meeting after the lawlessness, which he blamed on "far-right thuggery" driven in part by misinformation on social media that whipped up anger over a stabbing rampage at a dance class that killed three girls and wounded 10 people. False online rumors that the suspect was a Muslim asylum-seeker led to attacks on immigrants and mosques.

"Whatever the apparent motivation, this is not protest. It is pure violence, and we will not tolerate attacks on mosques or our Muslim communities," Starmer said. "The full force of the law will be visited on all those who are identified as having taken part in these activities."

On Sunday, angry mobs attacked two hotels used to house asylum seekers, breaking windows and lighting fires before police dispersed the crowds and residents were evacuated.

Dozens of police officers have been hospitalized for injuries in the past six days after being struck with bricks, bottles and large wooden posts.

More than 375 people have been arrested, and more arrests are expected, the National Police Chiefs' Council said.

— Associated Press

CZECH REPUBLIC

Antisemitic incidents rose 90%, report says

Antisemitic incidents in the Czech Republic sharply increased last year, with their peak appearing in the final quarter of 2023 after the deadly Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7, the country's Jewish community said Monday. The attack triggered the war in Gaza.

In its annual report, the Federation of the Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic said it registered 4,328 antisemitic incidents in 2023, up 90 percent from 2,277 in the previous year.

The report said 1,800 incidents — or 42 percent of the total — happened in the last three months of the year.

"The Oct. 7 [attack] was immediately followed by a global explosive wave of antisemitism, which also strongly hit the Czech Republic," the report said.

The bulk of the anti-Jewish hatred, 98 percent, was expressed online, most of it through social media, the report said. That included false, dehumanizing, demonizing and vulgar descriptions of the Jewish community, as well as conspiracy theories, stereotypes and hatred aimed at the state of Israel, it added.

Despite the rise in antisemitic incidents, the report concluded that the Czech Republic remains a safe country for Jews.

It said there was no physical attack registered for the second straight year.

Eighteen incidents involved antisemitic threats, harassment and verbal insults, more than double than the previous year, the report said.

— Associated Press

A landslide triggered by heavy rains in southern Ethiopia's Wolaita area killed at least 13 people, and the number of fatalities was expected to rise, a local official said Monday. Samuel Fola, zone chief administrator of Wolaita, said more than 300 people had been evacuated from the area in the Kindo Didaye district, in anticipation of another likely major landslide, and an unknown number were unaccounted for. He said that children were among the dead.

Gunmen stormed a helicopter and killed its New Zealand pilot shortly after it landed in Indonesia's restive Papua region Monday, though they released two health workers and two children the helicopter was carrying, police said. Glen Malcolm Conning, a pilot for the Indonesian aviation company PT Intan Angkasa Air Service, was shot to death by gunmen allegedly with the West Papua National Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Free Papua Movement, after landing in Alama, a remote village in the Mimika district of Central Papua province, said Faizal Ramadhani, a National Police member who heads the joint security peace force in Papua. He said the gunmen released the Indigenous Papuan passengers and set fire to the helicopter. Ramadhani said a joint security force was deployed to search for the attackers, who ran into the dense jungle. West Papua National Liberation Army spokesperson Sebby Sambom told the Associated Press that he had not received any reports from fighters on the ground about the killing.

— From wire reports

How the U.S. military cultivated — and then lost — Niger as an ally

BY RACHEL CHASON

The U.S. military on Monday withdrew from its base near Agadez, Niger, marking the end of a security relationship with this West African nation that has lasted more than two decades. At its peak, the mission included 1,100 service members split mostly between bases in Niamey, the capital, and outside Agadez. The withdrawal follows months of fruitless negotiations with Niger's military government, which seized power in a coup a year ago. It marks a strategic defeat for the United States at a moment when the Islamist extremist threat in the region is growing and Russia's influence is rising.

Here are some of the key moments in the U.S. involvement in the region:

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U.S. soldiers stand in front of military vehicles being prepared to board a cargo plane in Niamey, Niger, on June 7, during the ceremony for the first departure of American troops from Niger. The United States completed its withdrawal from the country this month.

2002

In the wake of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Bush administration launched its "war on terror," trying to stop terrorism at its roots. The Pan Sahel Initiative, launched in 2002, included training and equipping forces in Niger, Mali, Chad and Mauritania. The focus in the Sahel region, which stretches across the continent below the Sahara desert, was more related to what the United States identified as potential drivers of extremism — including poor governance, vast spaces and poverty — than existing threats. At the time, tourism was a substantive driver of the region's economy, with visitors flocking to Timbuktu in Mali and passing through Agadez in Niger on their way to tours of the Sahara.

2011

The United States was part of the NATO-led offensive that killed Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi, ultimately contributing to the collapse of the Libyan state and a flood of arms into the region. Experts say the chaos in the wake of Gaddafi's death helped lay the groundwork for an uprising by Tuareg nationalists, whose rebellions Gaddafi had in the past helped mediate.

2012

Mali, which for the previous two decades had been a model of democracy in the region and a top recipient of Western support, collapsed. Soldiers seized power in a coup in the capital, and Tuareg separatists and a variety of Islamist extremists, including groups linked to al-Qaeda, took control of vast swaths of the country's north. The seizure of numerous cities — including historic Timbuktu — by militants who enforced an extreme version of Islamic law prompted an international outcry and intervention by the French military.

2013

Then-President Barack Obama sent a letter to Congress announcing that the Pentagon would deploy 40 troops to Niger, bringing the total number of American military personnel in Niger to about 100. Defense officials said the troops were deployed to open a drone base in Niamey that would focus on intelligence gathering, including to help the French forces operating in Mali, where it had decided not to deploy American soldiers.

2017

Four U.S. Special Forces troops, along with five Nigerien soldiers, were killed in an ambush by militants associated with an Islamic State affiliate. The ambush, which became known by the name of the village where it happened — Tongo Tongo — prompted inquiries by Congress and the Defense Department, and it triggered a backlash in Washington, where many lawmakers said they did not have a clear sense of the size or scope of the mission in Niger. It also sparked a political controversy, when the widow of one of the soldiers killed said then-President Donald Trump appeared to forget her husband's name and said that the soldier knew "what he was signing up for."

Directives for U.S. troops changed after Tongo Tongo, Alan Van Saun, a company commander in a Special Forces battalion from summer 2017 to February 2018, previously told The Washington Post. U.S. soldiers had been patrolling with Nigerien soldiers on "kill and capture" missions, providing intelligence about armed groups as well as medical and logistical support to Nigerien troops. After the ambush, he said, they were largely constrained to providing support from the bases.

2019

The nine-square-mile Air Base 201, which cost more than $100 million to build, opened just outside Agadez, a city on the southern edge of the Sahara known as a hub for migration. U.S. officials said the base became vital for understanding the movements of extremists in North and Western Africa. Gen. Michael E. Langley, who heads U.S. military operations in Africa, warned in a previous interview that losing the base would be "impactful" for counterterrorism operations. "If we can't see, we can't sense," he said.

In Niger, the military was combating militants associated with Boko Haram and its offshoots around Lake Chad, and Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin (JNIM) and Islamic State-Sahel in the region bordering Mali and Burkina Faso.

July 2023

Nigerien military officers seized power in a coup d'état, ousting the democratically elected president, Mohamed Bazoum. Within weeks, they asked the 1,500 or so French troops that had been stationed in the country to leave. The United States paused security assistance, as required by U.S. law after a coup, and officials began negotiating to get Niger back on a democratic path.

March 2024

In a late-night news conference, a spokesman for Niger's government — the National Council for Safeguarding the Homeland — declared the American military presence "illegal." Nigerien officials said that followed a meeting in which they said a top U.S. official was "condescending" and tried to dictate which countries Niger could partner with. The United States has disputed that characterization and said Niger was offered "a choice, not an ultimatum."

August 2024

The final 130 service members stationed at Air Base 201 loaded into four C-17s and flew out. American and Nigerien officials signed paperwork turning over the base, marking the official end to the U.S. mission in what had long been its top ally in the region.

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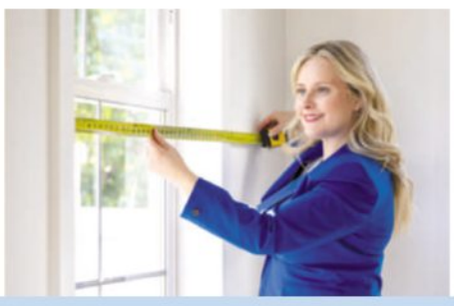

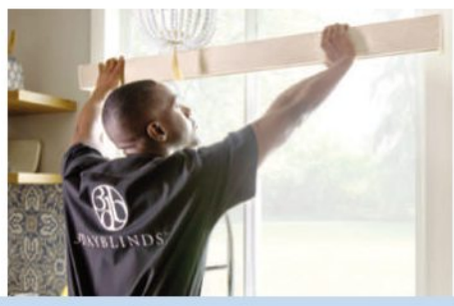

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Mali cuts ties with Ukraine, claiming Kyiv's involvement in rebel attacks

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY, RACHEL CHASON AND SERHII KOROLCHUK

KYIV — Mali has announced that it has cut diplomatic ties with Ukraine, accusing Kyiv of involvement in attacks on Malian soldiers in the West African country in late July.

The Ukrainian government said no evidence was provided to support the allegation.

But the announcement came late Sunday after Andriy Yusov, spokesman for Ukraine's military intelligence agency, the GUR, commented on fierce battles in northern Mali between Tuareg rebels and Malian and Russian paramilitary troops on Ukrainian government-backed TV.

Yusov said in a broadcast last week that "the fact that the rebels received the necessary information — and not only information — which allowed them to conduct a successful operation against Russian war criminals, the whole world has already seen this."

"We will certainly not discuss the details at this time; let's say, there will be a continuation," he added.

Dozens of Malian and Russian fighters from the Wagner Group may have been killed in the attacks, the Associated Press reported, citing an analyst who specializes in the region, although the exact death toll was not immediately clear.

Wagner-linked Telegram channels reported that the group had sustained losses in northern Mali.

Mali described Yusov's comments as evidence of "Ukraine's involvement in a cowardly, traitorous and barbaric attack by armed terrorist groups," resulting in the deaths of Malian soldiers, and said that it now considers supporting Ukraine to be akin to supporting international terrorism.

Mali's angry response comes as Kyiv tries to court countries from the global south to assist in the battle against Russia's invasion, especially as Ukraine pushes for an international peace process to end the war and reclaim its territory now controlled by Russia.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry decried Mali's decision to cut ties, calling it "shortsighted and hasty," and said it "resolutely rejects" Mali's accusations that it is supporting international terrorism.

Mali "decided to sever diplomatic relations with Ukraine without conducting a thorough study of the facts and circumstances of the incident in the north of Mali, and without providing any evidence of Ukraine's involvement in the said event," the ministry said in a statement Monday. The GUR reposted the statement.

YULIA MOROZOVA/REUTERS

People gather Monday in front of a makeshift memorial in Moscow, erected last year after the death of Yevgeniy Prigozhin, head of the Wagner mercenary group. A commemoration ceremony was held to pay tribute to Wagner fighters recently killed in Mali by Tuareg rebels.

In Mali, military leaders who seized power in a coup in 2020 have rejected help from traditional sources, asking the French military to leave and shuttering the U.N. mission. Mali's leaders have instead turned toward Russia, announcing that Russian trainers were coming to the country in 2021.

Mali's government has always said that it has a "state to state" relationship with Russia, but it is widely known that the mercenary group Wagner has been fighting alongside Malian troops.

In its three-page communiqué, Mali's government claimed that Yurii Pyvovarov, the Ukrainian ambassador to Senegal and several other West African countries, had "openly and unequivocally attached the support of his country to international terrorism, especially in Mali."

Mali is now calling for the statements of Yusov and Pyvovarov to be referred to legal authorities, claiming they "constitute acts of terrorism and apology of terrorism." It is also requesting that measures be taken by other African nations to ensure stability in Mali, "especially in regards to Ukrainian embassies located in the subregion with terrorists disguised as diplomats."

The Malian government also called for a formal alert to be issued to regional and international authorities of countries that support Ukraine to "indicate that this country openly and publicly presents its support for terrorism."

Ukraine said Mali has ignored that military groups under Kremlin control, including Wagner, "use terrorist methods and are directly involved in numerous war crimes, killings of civilians and cruel treatment of prisoners of war both in Ukraine and in African countries."

The Wagner Group, previously led by Russian mercenary commander Yevgeniy Prigozhin, a onetime ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, has provided fighters to war zones from Libya and West Africa to Ukraine and beyond. In eastern Ukraine, Wagner fighters deployed to battle Ukrainian forces and eventually succeeded in seizing the city of Bakhmut last year.

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Shortly after, Prigozhin launched a march on Moscow — an attempted insurrection that posed one of the most serious threats to Putin's power. Prigozhin eventually called off the march when he was offered a safe passage out of the country to Belarus. He was then killed in a plane crash in Russia two months later.

Russian soldiers and paramilitary fighters are present in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso and Niger, as well as Mali.

Human rights groups have accused both the Malian government and Wagner of involvement in war crimes against civilians in the country.

Wassim Nasr, a Sahel specialist and senior research fellow at the Soufan Center, said that he does not believe Ukrainian forces were directly involved in the attacks in late July or provided the intelligence that led to them, but he said they have provided support to the rebels including some financial aid.

Tuareg rebels reached out to Ukraine for help in late 2023 and early 2024, Nasr said, and a small number of rebels received training in Ukraine, along with training on how to use miniature drones, which are used prolifically on both sides of the front line in Ukraine.

The Malian army and Wagner forces were moving in a convoy toward the Algerian border when they were stopped by rebels on July 25, Nasr said, and eventually retreated back toward the town of Kidal.

They were traveling through a valley when rebels and fighters with Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin (JNIM), an al-Qaeda affiliate, simultaneously began firing at them, said Nasr, who is in touch with both JNIM and rebel fighters.

JNIM has claimed that 50 fighters were killed, and the rebels have claimed that 84 were killed. The relationship between JNIM and the rebel group has evolved over time, with the two sometimes fighting and other times forming alliances.

Both JNIM and Islamic State-Sahel Province have increasingly targeted Wagner in their propaganda in recent years, using the mercenary group's atrocities as a tool to boost their own popularity.

In a rare video appearance late last year, JNIM leader Iyad ag Ghali accused Russian mercenaries of "violence and cruelty" and positioned JNIM as a defender of civilians.

"We have seen JNIM pivot from demonizing the French to demonizing Wagner," said Daniel Eizenga, a research fellow focused on the Sahel at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Washington. "And the tactics that Wagner uses are so brutal, and so often target civilian populations, that it makes JNIM's pivot credible."

J. Peter Pham, a former U.S. special envoy for the Sahel region, said that the severity of the attack in Mali showed that "Russia is in no position to replace the departing Western partners."

Pham predicted that the security situation will continue to deteriorate in the Sahel, which stretches across the continent south of the Sahara desert, noting that Niger was one country with a "more effective counterterrorism effort before the coup because of the support of the U.S. and its allies."

On Monday, the United States withdrew from its base in northern Niger after being evicted by the Nigerien junta, marking the end of Washington's strongest military relationship in the region.

Chason reported from Niamey, Niger.

Taiwan celebrates its first Paris Olympics gold (and China tries to ignore it)

BY REBECCA TAN AND VIC CHIANG

TAIPEI, TAIWAN — When Taiwan won its first gold medal of the Paris Olympics — in the men's doubles badminton on Sunday — supporters in the stands roared with chants of "Taiwan" and "Taiwan No. 1."

Taiwanese shuttlers Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin did not just win, they won against China's Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang, who had entered the competition as the top-ranked players, inevitably making the match political.

Beijing considers Taiwan to be part of its territory and forcefully objects to any suggestion that it is a separate entity.

Since 1981 — at China's insistence — Taiwan has participated officially in the Olympics as "Chinese Taipei." As such, Taiwanese athletes have not been able to fly their official flag or to play their national anthem.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV cut its broadcast of the gold medal match seconds after the Taiwanese athletes secured their victory and did not broadcast the medal ceremony.

But — in Paris and in Taiwan, as Lee and Wang collapsed onto the ground in victory — fans offered a stark and ebullient expression of Taiwanese identity in an Olympic Games where such expressions have been repeatedly suppressed.

"It's really unfair," said Yang Chih-yun, a 26-year-old Taiwanese student in France who said her efforts to recognize Taiwan at Lee and Wang's semifinal match on Friday were thwarted.

She'd made a cardboard cutout in the shape of Taiwan and that said "Go Taiwan" in Chinese characters, but an Olympics security officer told her it was "forbidden," she said in an interview with The Washington Post.

While she talked to the security officer, another spectator grabbed the sign and marched away into a crowd with it, scrunching it up, videos show.

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Wang Chi-lin, left, and Lee Yang of Taiwan celebrate after winning the gold medal in men's doubles badminton against Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang of China. Chinese state television cut away from the match seconds after the Taiwanese pair clinched their victory.

Yang said she had been trying to make a point.

Upset with the label of "Chinese Taipei," she wanted to make a poster that distinctly captured Taiwanese identity. She found it sad that even this display wasn't permissible, but at least "it's good for the world to see what happens to Taiwan, to the Taiwanese."

In the days leading up to the gold medal match, photos and videos showed other Taiwanese supporters who had banners and signs with the word "Taiwan" seized by International Olympic Committee (IOC) officials and sometimes by other spectators. Journalists from Reuters reported that they saw a Taiwanese supporter ejected from an arena because he was wielding a banner that said "Go Taiwan."

Although Taiwan's official flag is prohibited, items that have the word "Taiwan" written on them have not been explicitly banned, said the Taipei Representative Office in France, adding that it would file a complaint over the incidents with the IOC.

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the seizure of signs on Saturday, saying it contravened the spirit of the Games and freedom of speech.

Asked about incidents of Taiwan signs being confiscated, the IOC's press office on Monday said spectators are expected to follow the "required conduct" of Paris 2024 events and directed The Post to a set of terms that says spectators are not allowed to carry banners "that include a religious or political message." It declined to provide further clarification.

IOC spokesman Mark Adams, in a news conference Monday, also declined to comment on the video showing the removal of Yang's poster, which he said he had not seen, but defended the decision to remove the banners. "Banners are not allowed," he said, calling the rules for spectators "very clear."

"We have to try to bring 206 national Olympic committees together. It's quite a tough job."

The Chinese Embassy in Paris and the Taiwan Affairs Office in Beijing, the agency under China's government charged with cross-strait affairs, did not respond to requests for comment on Monday.

The Olympic gold triggered waves of joy across Taiwan.

At public screenings on Sunday, tens of thousands of supporters watched the gold medal match late into the night, with many saying they saw the contest as a symbol of Taiwan's battle to resist Chinese intimidation. Lee and Wang have been among the most prominent athletes in Taiwan since the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, when they also beat a pair of Chinese athletes to clinch gold in the men's doubles.

"Facing strong opponents, their spirit of fighting all the way to the end has united and inspired Taiwan," Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te said in a statement congratulating the two athletes.

The response was far different in China.

On Monday morning, the gold medal match was the top two most trending topics on Chinese social media site Weibo, with pro-China nationalist commentators denigrating the Taiwanese athletes as "gross separatists."

"Gold medals, we have plenty of them, one more or less doesn't matter," said one Chinese user. "Similarly, we have plenty of missiles too; when you need them, we definitely won't just give you one."

China had 21 golds as of Monday, out of a total of 50 medals.

A trio of U.S. lawmakers wrote a letter to the IOC in May calling for Taiwan to be able to participate in the Olympics under its own name, writing that "Taiwan — which has never been under the control of the People's Republic of China, or part of its territory for even a single day — is the only participant that is treated in this way." But this appeal, like others from pro-Taiwan advocacy groups and Taiwanese leaders, has not shifted IOC policy.

"The name, emblem, flag and anthem have been agreed upon a long time ago and this agreement remains unchanged and fully applicable," the IOC told Agence France-Presse in June.

What you need to know about Bangladeshi prime minister Hasina

BY JENNIFER HASSAN

Sheikh Hasina served as Bangladesh's prime minister for 15 straight years, after an earlier five-year stint, making her the longest-serving leader in the country's history and the longest-serving female head of government in the world.

That reign abruptly ended Monday, as Hasina resigned and fled the country. Her decision to step down came after weeks of violent protests, sparked by opposition to a quota system for government jobs and soon escalating into a broad rejection of Hasina's government and her Awami League party.

Bangladesh now enters uncharted territory. Hasina, 76, had led the country since 2009, having won a fourth consecutive term in January in disputed elections. As she fled the country, local media broadcast videos showing protesters storming her official residence, known as the Ganabhaban, and celebrating the end of her rule.

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Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina appears at a news conference Jan. 8, the day after she won a fourth consecutive term. She resigned and fled to India on Monday before protesters who opposed a quota system for government jobs stormed her home.

Hasina's ascent, and her grip on power

Hasina is the daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was known as the "Father of the Nation" and led Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan in 1971, becoming the country's first president. Rahman and some family members were assassinated during a military coup in 1975.

After her father's killing, Hasina and her sister lived in India in exile for many years. She later returned to Bangladesh, taking over the Awami League.

Hasina first became Bangladesh's prime minister in June 1996 and remained in power until 2001. In 2009, Hasina returned to power, and she won every election since. In January, she secured her fourth straight term after a disputed election.

Hasina was long accused of manipulating elections — including by jailing opponents — to maintain her grip on power. In the run-up to the election this year, thousands of opposition leaders and supporters were arrested.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party, the main opposition, boycotted the election, citing concerns that the polls would not be free or fair, the Associated Press reported.

Why are there protests in Bangladesh?

Deadly clashes between protesters and security forces have swept the nation over the past month, with hundreds killed.

The protests began with students taking to the streets to oppose a government policy that reserves a portion of government jobs for families of those who fought in the country's 1971 war of independence.

The 30 percent job quota for "freedom fighters" and their relatives existed until 2018, when it was canceled by the Hasina government in the face of violent protests.

In June, a Bangladeshi court reinstated the policy at Hasina's urging.

Government positions in Bangladesh are highly coveted, viewed by many young job seekers as a path to a secure future. While the recent protests started peacefully, demonstrators were met with "unlawful, and sometimes lethal, force," according to Amnesty International, an accusation that Hasina and other government officials have denied.

The protests evolved into a broad-based opposition movement against Hasina, who has become increasingly authoritarian, according to rights groups and security analysts.

Over the weekend, fresh violence erupted between security forces and protesters, killing at least 57 people, according to a Washington Post tally of reports from hospitals and police. Local media placed the toll even higher, at almost 100.

The unrest prompted the government to impose an indefinite nationwide curfew starting at 6 p.m. Sunday, but protesters defied the order.

Hasina showed little indication of backing down, saying the protesters were "not students, but terrorists."

On Monday, hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets in major cities, blaring horns and setting fire to vehicles and buildings, The Post reported.

Where is Hasina now?

On Monday, Hasina escaped her official residence in the capital, Dhaka, just minutes before it was stormed by protesters. She fled to India by helicopter, accompanied by younger sister Sheikh Rehana, according to local media.

Once inside Hasina's residence, protesters looted furniture, artifacts and stationery. Many rejoiced at news of her resignation. "I am going to celebrate this victory for a long, long time," one student told The Post.

Hasina arrived Monday at an air base on the outskirts of Delhi, where she is expected to meet with Indian national security adviser Ajit Doval, local media reported.

Hasina may fly to Britain in the coming hours, according to unconfirmed reports from Indian media.

Who is now the prime minister of Bangladesh?

An interim government will be formed in the coming days, said the army chief, Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman.

In remarks on Monday, he called for an end to the unrest and promised a full investigation into the fatal protests.

"Every single death will be investigated; every atrocity will be discussed," he said.

It is unclear who will lead the country, but student protesters say they want a hand in shaping a new government and are calling for elections.

Protest leaders say they intend to form their own government and will reject martial law.

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horns, chanting and setting fire to vehicles and buildings.

Crowds of protesters earlier broke into Hasina's official residence, looting furniture, artifacts and stationery. According to local media reports, Hasina escaped her residence minutes before it was stormed, leaving on a helicopter to India with her younger sister, Sheikh Rehana.

Speaking to the BBC, Hasina's son, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, said her mother had left for her own safety and did not have plans to lead the country again. "She has turned Bangladesh around," Joy said, defending his mother's legacy. "When she took over power, it was considered a failing state. It was a poor country. Until today, it's considered one of the rising tigers of Asia."

Celebrating in the streets of Dhaka, Rakibul Islam, a student at Abudharr Ghifari College, said he had been at the demonstrations since they started in early July and had been confident that the student protesters would prevail. "It seems that we have been liberated again. I am over the moon," Islam said. "I am going to celebrate this victory for a long, long time."

Mohaiminul Islam Fahim, 19, called Hasina a "tyrant" as he stood in downtown Dhaka, smoke rising behind him from a motorcycle on fire. The prime minister shouldn't have been allowed to leave, Fahim said, adding: "We want her to be brought to justice."

The protests that have gripped Bangladesh over the past month started in opposition to a government policy that reserves half of civil service jobs for certain groups but evolved into a broad-based opposition movement against Hasina, who had become increasingly authoritarian, rights groups and security analysts say. Since taking office in 2009, she had been accused of manipulating the country's elections — including by suing and jailing political opponents — to maintain her grip on power.

At least 300 people were killed in clashes between the two sides over the past month, the majority "shot dead by police, paramilitaries and members of the ruling Awami League," according to the International Crisis Group. Hasina showed little indication of backing down as the toll climbed, saying as recently as last week that the protesters were "not students, but terrorists."

When a fresh bout of protests took place Sunday, the government scrambled to impose a nationwide curfew. Protesters defied the order.

Shortly after the government announced on noon Monday that the army chief would address the nation, street barriers were removed in Dhaka. Demonstrators gathered in Shahbagh Square, many of them wearing red ribbons on their heads as a symbol of protest, and streamed toward the prime minister's official residence, known as the Ganabhaban.

Television footage showed thousands of angry protesters entering the residence — some climbing atop a statue of the country's founding president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who is also Hasina's father. Others recorded videos of themselves inside what appeared to be Hasina's living room. Local media broadcast footage of protesters breaking into Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan's residence and setting fire to the ruling Awami League party's office and the home of the country's chief justice.

A high-ranking official in Hasina's office, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of safety concerns, said in a text message that he was scrambling to leave Dhaka. "Pray for me," he wrote.

Bangladeshi security forces, which had in recent weeks responded to protests with tear gas and rubber bullets, largely stood aside. Videos shared by protesters showed some units of the military cruising the streets of the capital and shaking hands with civilians.

Tarique Rahman, the exiled acting chairman of Bangladesh's opposition party, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), urged calm. "Please do not be vengeful. Please don't take the law into your own hands," he said in a statement.

Hasina's Awami League and its allies won an election earlier this year that the United States said was neither free nor fair. The BNP had boycotted the election after thousands of its leaders and supporters were arrested in the run-up to polling day.

It's not immediately clear how a new government will be formed in the wake of Hasina's resignation. Protest leaders have asserted that they intend to form their own government and will reject martial law. Others have called for new elections.

"We had an imaginary election in the past. Now we need a real election," Bangladeshi Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus said in an interview. Yunus, who pioneered microfinance and microcredit, had become one of most prominent targets of Hasina's government in recent years and faced hundreds of lawsuits for charges that ranged from corruption to forgery. He said he expects these "fake cases" to be dropped now that Hasina has departed. "Finally, the monster who was on top of us has left," he said.

Hasina's departure is "a new liberation" for Bangladesh, said Badiul Alam Majumdar, secretary of the Citizens for Good Governance, a civil society organization.

"This was the people's war, and they have won," he added.

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Demonstrators in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Monday vandalize a statue of the nation's founding president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, father of Sheikh Hasina.

"It seems that we have been liberated again. I am over the moon. I am going to celebrate this victory for a long, long time."

Rakibul Islam, a student at Abudharr Ghifari College and protester who was celebrating the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Israel on alert for retaliation as U.S. officials warn attack may be imminent

BY MIRIAM BERGER, RACHEL PANNETT, ANNABELLE TIMSIT AND JOHN HUDSON

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Trails from rockets fired toward Israel are visible over Gaza on Monday. Diplomatic efforts continued over the weekend in an attempt to defuse regional tensions and avert the breakout of an all-out war beyond the current conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

JERUSALEM — Israel remained on high alert for a major retaliation promised by its adversaries after senior Hamas and Hezbollah officials were killed last week, with U.S. officials suggesting that the attack could be imminent.

The Biden administration informed U.S. lawmakers that Iran's retaliatory strikes could happen by Tuesday, people familiar with the matter told The Washington Post, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive security matter.

Information about the U.S. assessment follows a Sunday call between Secretary of State Antony Blinken and the foreign ministers of the Group of Seven, in which Blinken discussed "the urgent need for de-escalation in the Middle East," the State Department said.

Blinken discussed the U.S. anticipation of Iran's retaliatory strikes during the call, Axios reported Sunday. The Group of Seven industrialized Western democracies include the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan.

The expected Iranian retaliation follows the assassinations of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and the Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut.

Diplomatic efforts continued over the weekend in an attempt to defuse regional tensions and avert an all-out war beyond the current conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, where more than 2 million Palestinians remain under Israeli siege and bombardment.

Israel and Hezbollah had exchanged fire overnight, with the Israel Defense Forces saying early Monday that "a suspicious aerial target that crossed from Lebanon" was intercepted in the air and that an explosive drone crossed into Israel from Lebanon and "fell in the area of Malkia," in the northeast. The IDF said it struck infrastructure in Lebanon it said was used by Hezbollah, including to store weapons, and fired artillery toward Chebaa and Rachaya Al Foukhar in southern Lebanon. Later Monday, the Israeli military announced that its strikes on Lebanon had killed a Hezbollah commander, Ali Jamal Aldin Jawad.

Hamas and Iran have blamed Israel for the Wednesday assassination of Haniyeh, Hamas's top political leader, while an Israeli airstrike killed Hezbollah's Shukr and five other people in Lebanon a day earlier. Israel has declined to comment on Haniyeh's death.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani blamed Israel on Monday for the instability in the Middle East, saying that "Iran is not seeking to escalate tensions in the region."

"If Iran uses its right to punish [Israel], it is to establish stability in the region," he said in a news conference.

But in a sign of the rising fears, Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi paid a rare visit to Tehran, delivering a message from Jordan's King Abdullah II about the "dangerous escalation" taking place in the region. Jordan is a close Western ally and helped intercept Iranian weapons fired toward Israel in April.

Safadi met with newly elected Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Sunday. According to state media, the Iranian president said during the talks that the assassination of Haniyeh was a "big mistake" and "will not go unanswered."

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, an intergovernmental body made up of 57 nations, announced that it would hold a special meeting of foreign ministers in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday to discuss the war in Gaza, the killing of Haniyeh and Israel's "aggressions against the sovereignty" of Iran.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a meeting of his security cabinet Sunday to discuss preparations for any counterstrike. In a statement released by his office, Netanyahu said Israel is "determined to stand" against Iran and its proxies "on every front and in every arena — near and far."

Two American destroyers shifted into the Red Sea on Monday, a defense official said, as the Pentagon continues to reposition military forces closer to Israel.

The USS Laboon and the USS Cole shifted west from the Gulf of Oman, after leaving the Persian Gulf last week. They are part of a fleet of 12 U.S. warships that are either in the Middle East or Mediterranean Sea at the moment. Among those vessels is the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier that appears to be moving toward Israel as well.

It was in the Persian Gulf last week and remained in the Gulf of Oman as of Monday, the defense official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss military movements.

Separately, at least 30 Palestinians were killed Sunday in strikes on two schools in Gaza City, where thousands of displaced people were sheltering, a spokesperson for Gaza's Civil Defense said.

A witness to the aftermath, Osama Labad, 35, said by phone that women and children were among the dead and injured. The Israel Defense Forces said the strikes targeted Hamas militants using the schools as "command and control centers."

Also Sunday, two people were killed in a stabbing attack by a Palestinian in a Tel Aviv suburb, according to Israeli authorities.

Here's what else to know

- President Biden was expected to convene his national security team Monday to discuss Middle East developments, according to the White House. He also spoke with Jordan's king on Monday; Abdullah told Biden that a cease-fire in Gaza was a crucial first step to "safeguard regional security and prevent further war and conflict," according to a Jordanian readout of the call.
- Hundreds of ultra-Orthodox and Haredi Jews clashed with police during a protest against military conscription Monday as the first round of previously exempted religious Jews were summoned for military service. In June, Israel's high court ruled that they were eligible for conscription after a long-standing law excusing them expired, but many ultra-Orthodox leaders have called on their communities to refuse to serve in the military, as they say it is a threat to their highly insular and religious way of life.

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Ultra-Orthodox men protest the military conscription of previously exempted religious Jews on Monday in Kiryat Ono, Israel.

Pannett reported from Wellington, New Zealand, and Timsit reported from Paris. Susannah George in Beirut contributed to this report.

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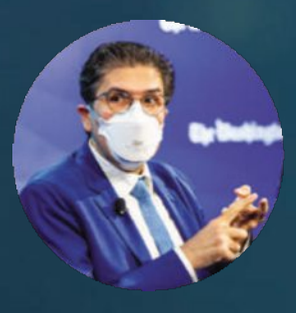

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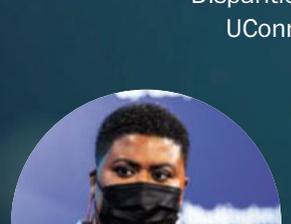

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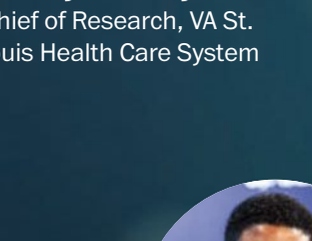

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U.N. fires nine on Gaza staff, citing possible involvement in attack on Israel

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

The United Nations has officially closed its internal investigation of Israeli allegations that staff members of UNRWA, the main U.N. relief agency in Gaza, participated in the Oct. 7 Hamas invasion of southern Israel after determining that nine of 19 accused "may have been involved" in the attack. The nine have been fired, according to U.N. statements.

Investigators determined that there was "insufficient" evidence to support Israel's charges against another nine of the accused, and "no evidence" against one, a spokesman for Secretary General António Guterres said Monday.

The Israeli allegations, initially made in January, led more than a dozen countries to suspend support donations to UNRWA. All except the United States, which in the past has supplied at least a third of all UNRWA funding, have since resumed their support. After the Biden administration paused U.S. funding, Congress voted to eliminate all donations to the agency until at least March 2025.

The report by the U.N. Office of Internal Oversight Services remains confidential, although member states can ask to see it. Asked Monday about the U.N. statements on its conclusions, State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said he would have no comment until the administration has a "chance to review" the document.

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Marking 300 days since Oct. 7, when Israeli hostages were taken into captivity in Gaza, family members of hostages gather with supporters in Tel Aviv on Thursday to demand a cease-fire.

Israel has long accused UNRWA, and the United Nations in general, of being biased. Since the October attack, which sparked the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, senior Israeli officials have used numbers ranging from dozens to thousands in charging that UNRWA is an instrument of Hamas.

For its part, UNRWA has charged that Israel has long sought to eliminate the agency, whose official mission is to care for Palestinian "refugees." Israel claims that Palestinians forced to leave their homes at the creation of the Israeli state in 1948 and in subsequent territorial wars — totaling, with their descendants, almost 6 million — should not be classified as refugees.

In addition to Gaza, UNRWA also provides education, health care and humanitarian aid to Palestinians in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. Of its 30,000 employees, 13,000 work in Gaza. More than 200 have been killed in ongoing Israeli attacks, according to the United Nations.

"The U.N. is incapable of running a state-like enterprise in Gaza without being infiltrated by terrorist organizations," the Israeli government said in a statement last week. "UNRWA in Gaza can and should be replaced, without hampering the humanitarian assistance. … Donor countries that continue to fund UNRWA are indirectly funding Hamas."

Amid an escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza, UNRWA and other international aid agencies have accused Israel of blocking assistance to more than 2 million Gazans, most of whom have relocated numerous times inside the enclave to try to avoid Israeli fighting. Israel has countered by calling UNRWA "incompetent" and accusing Hamas of looting aid convoys. The United States, along with the aid agencies, has rejected those charges and called on Israel to allow more assistance to enter Gaza.

The OIOS report appeared to have added fuel to the long-standing war of both actions and words between Israel and the United Nations. In a statement Monday, Israel's ambassador, Gilad Erdan, called the investigation "a disgrace." According to Israeli media, he said the document "ignored the thousands of agency employees involved in Hamas terrorism."

Calling for UNRWA to be shut down, Erdan said that Israel "gave the U.N. the precise details on over 100 UNRWA employees who are members of Hamas."

In his own statement on the report, UNRWA Commissioner General Philippe Lazzarini said that only 19 cases were ever brought to U.N. attention by Israel. He has previously charged Israel with an "insidious" campaign to destroy UNWRA and has repeatedly said that Israel refused to supply evidence of its charges.

The OIOS investigation, Lazzarini said, found that "in one case, no evidence was obtained by OIOS to support the allegations of the staff member's involvement. That staff member has rejoined the Agency."

"In nine other cases, the evidence obtained by OIOS was insufficient to support the staff members' involvement and the OIOS investigation of them is now closed.

"For the remaining nine cases, the evidence — if authenticated and corroborated — could indicate that the UNRWA staff members may have been involved in the attacks of 7 October. I have decided in the case of the remaining nine staff members, they cannot work for UNRWA. All contracts of these staff members will be terminated in the interest of the Agency."

In a briefing at the United Nations, Guterres spokesman Farhan Haq said that as part of its investigation, OIOS investigators held discussions with Israeli officials, examined UNRWA documents and records, reviewed technical information, communications data and public sources.

U.S. says several troops injured in rocket attack on Iraqi base

BY ALEX HORTON

Several U.S. service members were injured Monday in a suspected rocket attack at an Iraqi air base, defense officials said, an incident that risks further escalation in a region on the brink of wider conflict.

It was not immediately clear how many personnel were hurt or the extent of their injuries.

The incident occurred at Al Asad air base, an installation in western Iraq, officials said in a statement. Personnel there "are conducting a post-attack damage assessment," it says. Iraqi troops, who share the facility with the Americans, reported hearing ambulance sirens and alarms.

U.S. officials did not immediately assign blame for the attack, but American personnel there have tangled repeatedly with militia groups backed by Iran.

The attack comes at a fraught time in the region, as U.S. and Israeli officials brace for Iran's promised response to last week's killing of a top Hamas leader in Tehran and a Hezbollah commander outside Beirut. The Pentagon is scrambling to reposition assets and move additional forces into the Middle East and Europe to defend against an anticipated attack on Israel and boost protections for deployed U.S. forces.

Earlier Monday, two American destroyers reached the Red Sea as part of those preparations, joining about 10 others U.S. warships in the region.

President Biden and Vice President Harris were briefed on the incident during a meeting of the administration's national security team, the White House said in a statement that suggested officials are contemplating a military response.

The attack on Al Asad was first reported by Reuters.

Monday's violence follows a U.S. airstrike near Baghdad on Tuesday that targeted militants as they prepared to launch an attack on American personnel, officials have said. A Yemeni drone specialist who had traveled to Iraq to train other Iranian-backed fighters was among those killed, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials.

That operation was approved after a spate of recent attacks on American positions there and in Syria, ending what had been months of relative calm between U.S. troops and the militias, and marking a return to the broader cycle of violence that has gripped the Middle East since the war between Israel and Hamas began in October.

Al Asad has been a frequent target for Iran's proxies in Iraq. Militants fired two rockets at the base last week along with another attack in Syria, but there were no injuries or damage, officials said.

In February, after at least 165 attacks on U.S. forces since the start of Israel's war in Gaza, the Biden administration approved limited airstrikes in response and to avenge the deaths of three U.S. soldiers killed in a one-way drone strike on their base in Jordan.

U.S. and Iraqi officials have discussed a possible withdrawal of at least some of the approximately 2,500 U.S. troops in Iraq. An additional 900 troops are based in Syria, with a mission to counter the Islamic State, and are reliant on personnel in Iraq for logistical help.

Mustafa Salim in Barcelona, Toluse Olorunnipa and Dan Lamothe contributed to this report.

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Lawsuit alleges Meta uses 'addictive' features to keep teens on Instagram

13-year-old girl seeks class-action status and $5 billion in damages

BY NAOMI NIX

A minor from New York on Monday filed a lawsuit seeking class-action status against Meta, alleging that the social media giant sought to keep teens hooked on Instagram while knowingly exposing them to harmful content.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, argues that Meta implemented features its leaders knew would make Instagram addicting for teens, such as displaying counts of how many "likes" posts receive, even as internal evidence grew that the service could harm their mental health. The 13-year-old girl is seeking $5 billion in damages, to be shared among eligible Instagram users if the suit is certified as a class action.

Court filings claim the teen suffered from anxiety, depression and lower grades as a result of her Instagram usage.

Meta should "stop manipulating children in ways that are harmful to them," said lawyer David Boies, who is representing the minor for the law firm Boies Schiller Flexner, along with firms Labaton Keller Sucharow and Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman. "We have to be sure that there are rules of the road."

"This country universally bans minor access to other addictive products, like tobacco and alcohol, because of the physical and psychological damage such products can inflict," the suit says. "Social media is no different, and Meta's own documents prove that it knows its products harm children."

Meta spokeswoman Liza Crenshaw said in a statement that the company works to provide teens with safe experiences on social media, including through the development of parental control tools, age verification technology, and safety restrictions for teen accounts.

"These are complex issues but we will continue working with experts and listening to parents to develop new tools, features and policies that are effective and meet the needs of teens and their families," Crenshaw said.

The case is one of a few private lawsuits seeking class-action status on behalf of minors against Meta and other social media companies over mental health issues since Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen in 2021 disclosed the company's internal research showing Instagram worsened body-image issues for some teens. Monday's case echoes allegations made in other lawsuits filed before the same federal court, including at least one that also targeted Google's YouTube, Snap's Snapchat and ByteDance's TikTok.

The legal action adds to a growing swarm of suits against the company from state attorneys general and school districts aiming to tie America's teen mental health crisis to social media. The suits argue that Meta violated consumer protection laws by deploying manipulative features to entice teens to stay on its social networks so as to boost profits, despite company executives' knowledge that their platforms had harmful effects.

The revelations contained in the Meta documents Haugen surfaced prompted some state and federal lawmakers to craft legislation to force big internet platforms to take bolder steps to protect young people.

Last month, the Senate passed a pair of bills to expand online privacy and safety protections for children, including by forcing digital platforms to take "reasonable" steps to protect children from drug addiction, sexual exploitation and bullying. The legislative package also broadened some existing federal privacy restrictions to apply to anyone 16 or younger, instead of those 13 or younger. The bills face long odds of passage in the House this year.

In October, 41 states and D.C. sued Meta, alleging that Facebook and Instagram worsen mental health issues among young people, representing one of the biggest efforts by regulators to tackle the effect of social media on children's well-being. Monday's lawsuit comes before the same court that is evaluating the state attorneys general case and could be consolidated into it.

In November, a judge turned down an effort by major social media companies to dismiss hundreds of individual cases alleging harm to children as well as those brought by regulators.

Meta has introduced numerous features and policies intended to make its apps safer for children, including notifications that nudge teens to take a break, limits on how adults can contact kids and tools for parents to track their kids' behavior. But those changes have done little to quiet the outrage among some parents, activists and regulators, who argue the social media giant is still harming young people.

Instagram, the focus of Monday's lawsuit, has been the most common target of legal claims against Meta over such harms. Some features of the platform are alleged to have been intentionally developed to hook young users, including the ephemeral video and photo posts known as "stories," "like counts" that encourage users to track how many people positively affirm their posts, and app notifications that alert young people to new content.

The new lawsuit says Meta knew the risks of these features, citing internal research from "Project Daisy," revealed in documents released by Haugen, in which the company experimented with removing like counts. Internal research showed Meta knew teens and young adults were more likely to compare themselves to others on social media, the lawsuit says, and after like counts were removed, negative social comparison among users decreased over time. The suit also alleges that Meta's implementation of Instagram stories, videos and photos that disappear after 24 hours encouraged users to more frequently open the app to avoid missing out on new content.

Since logging on to Instagram at age 10, the plaintiff, identified only as A.A., has "developed self-deprecating thoughts about her body and appearance," court filings claim, because the platform shows her content from women she thinks are more attractive. The lawsuit also contends that she "cannot stop" using Instagram when she is with her family, often checking the site to make sure she doesn't miss ephemeral content from her friends. Worries that her friends are ignoring her when they do not like or otherwise engage with her stories have led to anxiety and depression, the lawsuit says, harming her school grades.

In addition to seeking $5 billion in damages, the lawsuit asks the court to prohibit Meta from allowing minors to create an Instagram account without parental consent and from giving minors access to push notifications, like counts and ephemeral content.

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HELP DESK

Our first taste of 'Apple Intelligence' reveals what works best

BY CHRIS VELAZCO

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is betting that phones with AI tools can make life a little easier — and now, we're getting a first look at how.

Last week, Apple released an early preview version of its iOS 18.1 software, containing the first of the Apple Intelligence tools it initially highlighted at its AI-heavy developers conference in June. The full versions of these features aren't expected to launch until after the company announces its new iPhones in the fall, but anyone who signs up for a free developer account can take these early tools for a spin right now.

Using incomplete or beta software always comes with risks, but there's another reason you should think twice about trying this update out for yourself. This first taste of Apple Intelligence is part of a developer beta, meaning it's meant for app makers who need to make sure their work integrates nicely with Apple's.

In other words, it's not really meant for regular folks to use — but that didn't stop us from seeing what Apple Intelligence can do right now.

But first, the caveats

Just installing this new software doesn't automatically grant you a pass to use Apple Intelligence — you'll have to request access to a waitlist, so Apple can manage the load on its servers. For now, that process can take up to a few hours, but that could change over time.

In this early preview, some of the flashier features Apple has previously discussed aren't ready to use yet. There's no way to chat directly with ChatGPT, for instance, or to create custom Genmojis for your group chat. While Siri has picked up a few new tricks in this preview, it can't react to what's happening on your iPhone's screen or interact directly with your apps.

And whether you want to try Apple Intelligence now or wait for the full release later this year, you'll still need some specific hardware. Right now, only the iPhone 15 Pro and Pro Max can use these AI tools.

Here are the Apple Intelligence features we've found useful so far.

Summaries galore

Don't have time to read through your boss's amazingly long emails? Or that one news article you can feel your attention drifting away from halfway through? With a tap, your iPhone can sum them up for you.

Open a message in Apple's Mail app, and you'll see a button right at the top that offers to summarize everything for you. Finding the same button when you're reading a website is a little different; you'll have to open the page in the Safari browser's Reader mode before the summarize option appears.

Some devices, such as Samsung's Galaxy S24 Ultra, offer a little flexibility by giving you the option to switch between brief and more detailed versions of webpage summaries. Not so in iOS, at least for now: Asking for a summary of an email or an article leaves you with a fairly terse breakdown.

As a journalist, I have admittedly mixed feelings about letting AI try to distill our work into blurbs — even if I find the summaries helpful at times. Still, because tools like this are only becoming more common, we'll keep testing to see how well Apple does here.

Call recording

The next time you catch up with, say, your insurance agent, you may not have to reach for a pen and a scrap of paper to take notes. Instead, you can tap a button while you're on a call to start recording both sides of the conversation; at the end, you'll find a recording and transcription of the call inside the Notes app.

Oh, in case you were wondering, there's no way to record a conversation without the other party knowing — a disembodied voice will chime in on the call to let everyone know what's going on. (That said, if you use this feature, be a good person and get everyone's permission *before* turning it on.)

As with webpages and emails, you can ask the iPhone to summarize that transcript with a touch. But if you need something more specific, it's easy enough to directly search the contents of the transcript for specific words or phrases that came up to jog your memory.

Faster photo searching

Let's be honest: Who among us hasn't spent a little too much time trying to find that one photo we've been thinking of?

Apple Intelligence makes that process a little easier. When you open the search tool inside the iPhone's Photos app, you'll be able to punch in — and get results for — more specific requests.

My recent search for "Snow in New Jersey" using iOS 18.1, for example, pulled up the only four images I have of, well, snowy days in the Garden State. The same search on a device that wasn't running Apple's new preview software turned up those same photos, plus a few that didn't fit the bill — such as images from Christmas that happened to contain the word "snow" in them.

Siri as tech support

I spent years of my life covering and reviewing new smartphones — but even I forget how to use certain features at times.

Since I began living with the iOS 18.1 preview, I've started just asking Siri to help out.

Apple's voice assistant is due for some big changes this year, many of which aren't available to try out just yet. But one thing Siri has gotten better at is acting as a tech support rep that just lives on my phone.

Consider my photos, for example: I always forget how to hide certain sensitive images — such as backup photos of my driver's license or passport — so they don't appear in the middle of my Photo library. Now, though, asking Siri prompts the assistant to display step-by-step instructions on-screen, so I don't need to fire up a web browser and ask Google instead.

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PHARMACEUTICALS

Two firms sued over use of Lacks's cells

Novartis and Viatris were hit with a federal lawsuit in Maryland on Monday by the family of a woman whose tissue cells were taken from her body in the 1950s and used to fuel medical research and development.

The estate of Henrietta Lacks accused Novartis and Viatris of unlawfully profiting from the use of the "HeLa" cells to create drugs that have been "integral to their market presence" without paying or gaining permission from her estate.

A Novartis spokesperson said the company does not comment on litigation. Spokespeople for Viatris did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the lawsuit.

"Medical research has a long, troubled history of exploiting Black individuals, and Henrietta Lacks' story is a stark reminder of this legacy," Lacks family attorney Ben Crump said in a statement.

The HeLa cells were cut from Lacks's cervix without her knowledge during a cancer-treatment procedure at a Baltimore hospital in 1951. The cell line was the first to survive and reproduce indefinitely in lab conditions and has been used in a wide range of medical research worldwide.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Palantir raises annual revenue forecast

Palantir Technologies raised its annual revenue forecast for the second time this year Monday, the latest sign that the boom in generative artificial intelligence is driving demand for its software services.

Its shares were up significantly in extended trading.

Palantir also forecast third-quarter sales above estimates and reported its largest quarterly profit, in the April-to-June period, CEO Alex Karp said in a letter to shareholders.

Its AI platform, used to test, debug code and evaluate AI-related scenarios, has enabled Palantir to tap into surging demand for services that help companies develop generative AI technology.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Agency looking into fatal Cybertruck crash

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday that it was seeking more information about a crash involving a Tesla Cybertruck from the electric vehicle maker.

The driver of the electric pickup was declared dead as a result of the crash in Texas's Chambers County, according to media reports.

Tesla and the Chambers County Sheriff's Office did not immediately respond to requests for comment from Reuters.

The automaker began delivering the truck in November 2023 after years of delays and a difficult production ramp-up. NHTSA said Tesla has issued four recalls for the 2024 Cybertruck.

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Lucid Group said Monday that its largest shareholder, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, will inject as much as $1.5 billion in cash as the electric-car maker looks to add models to its product line. The EV maker's shares, which closed down 3.9 percent Monday, jumped sharply in extended trading. The deal comes just ahead of Lucid's planned production of its much-awaited Gravity SUV this year, and it keeps the EV maker sufficiently funded until the fourth quarter of 2025. In February, Lucid cut prices of its flagship Air sedans by up to 10 percent to reignite sales as consumers increasingly opted for more budget-friendly gasoline-electric hybrid cars in response to prevailing high interest rates.

Worries over a delay in the launch of Nvidia's upcoming AI chips may be exaggerated, analysts said, as they do not expect the setback to have a significant effect on the chip giant's revenue or demand. According to media reports, Nvidia's Blackwell chips could face delays of three months or longer because of design flaws, potentially affecting customers such as Meta Platforms, Alphabet's Google and Microsoft. Despite recent worries, "it remains clear that demand levels continue to rise, with all major hyperscalers continuing to grow their capex outlooks," Bernstein analyst Stacy Rasgon wrote Monday.

The Federal Reserve issued new guidance Monday for larger U.S. banks detailing how they should develop "living wills" that describe how they can be safely dissolved. The guidance matches recommendations approved in July by the FDIC.

— From news services

Volatility in global markets comes on heels of disappointing economic data

BY AARON GREGG, TAYLOR TELFORD, ANDREW JEONG AND NIHA MASIH

Global markets slid Monday as fears of a slowing U.S. economy sparked investor angst, resulting in some of the most intense volatility Wall Street has seen in years.

Investors were rattled by a trickle of disappointing economic data last week, including a weaker-than-expected jobs report. The Dow Jones Industrial Average shed nearly 1,034 points, or 2.6 percent, and closed at 38,703.27. The broader S&P 500 lost 3.0 percent, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index lost 3.4 percent as wariness around artificial intelligence led investors to turn away from big names such as Nvidia and Microsoft.

The Wall Street turbulence followed unease in overseas trading that sent Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index to its biggest single-day drop on record. Cryptocurrencies also plunged, with bitcoin moving 8 percent lower as of late Monday afternoon.

Analysts said the volatility is a reaction to a softening employment picture and concerns that the Federal Reserve missed a crucial window by holding out on rate cuts until at least September. On Friday, the Labor Department reported that only 114,000 jobs were added in July, pushing the unemployment rate to 4.3 percent, the highest mark since 2021. Stocks fell sharply, sending the Nasdaq into correction territory. A day earlier, the number of Americans filing for first-time jobless claims — a widely followed proxy for layoffs — jumped more than expected while a key measure of manufacturing activity signaled contraction.

Adding to the volatility is a spate of bad financial results from the tech sector and currency gyrations abroad. Even with the recent losses, the major U.S. indexes remain in positive territory for the year, with the Dow up 2.6 percent, the S&P 500 ahead 8.7 percent and the Nasdaq up 7.9 percent.

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A monitor shows a sharp decline in the Nikkei 225 stock index in Tokyo on Monday. The index fell more than 12 percent and has slid by more than 20 percent after reaching all-time highs in July.

"We've got a threefold fear — manufacturing data that was poor, labor market data that was weaker than expected, and a Fed that seemingly won't be here to help us until September, which feels like an eternity away," said Liz Young Thomas, head of investment strategy at SoFi.

Monday's declines started in Asia, where rising interest rates also have spooked investors. The Nikkei plummeted 12.4 percent, or more than 4,451 points, to 31,458.42. The index has slid by more than 20 percent since last month, after reaching all-time highs over 42,000 in July.

"The fear is coming from the weak jobs numbers that indicate recession, and that the Fed stayed too high [on interest rates] for too long."

Michael Farr, of the D.C.-based investment firm Farr, Miller and Washington

"We will watch the market trends with a sense of urgency and take all possible measures to manage the economy and finances," Yoshimasa Hayashi, Japan's chief cabinet secretary, said during his regular news conference Monday.

Grim numbers were reported across the region: South Korea's Kospi index dropped by 8.8 percent; Taiwan's Taiex by 8.4 percent; Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index was down by 1.5 percent; and China's Shanghai Composite stock market index by 1.5 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 slid by 3.7 percent.

European markets followed suit: London's FTSE 100 dropped more than 2 percent, hitting its lowest mark in more than three months, and shares of European tech and semiconductor stocks also plunged.

Over the weekend, economists at Goldman Sachs flagged an increased risk of recession in a report to their clients, raising the likelihood of a downturn in the next 12 months to 25 percent from 15 percent.

One point of concern is the slow-moving Federal Reserve, analysts said. The U.S. central bank has substantially increased interest rates over the past two years to get inflation under control, raising concerns that it could hamper the economy. It held rates steady during its most recent meeting, though a rate cut is on the table for September.

"The fear is coming from the weak jobs numbers that indicate recession, and that the Fed stayed too high for too long," said Michael Farr of the D.C.-based investment firm Farr, Miller and Washington.

Still, Farr believes Monday's sell-off could be an overreaction to a few weak economic data points. "I understand that the labor market has been normalizing, but this is feeling like too much shock and awe," Farr said.

Investors also are spooked by a scenario known as the "inverted yield curve," which is a widely followed recession indicator and occurs when the interest rates on short-term Treasurys are higher than the interest rates paid by long-term Treasurys. What it means is that people are so worried about the near-term future that they are piling into safer long-term investments.

"At the beginning of the year, market sentiment was overly optimistic, with some banks prematurely calling for rate cuts. Now, we've swung to what may shape up to be excessive pessimism," Ken Tjonasam, a portfolio strategist with Global X, said Monday in comments emailed to The Washington Post.

Several leading tech stocks, whose valuations soared earlier in the year amid hype around artificial intelligence technology, posted steep losses Monday.

Concerns about whether the surge of interest and investment in AI will deliver revenue growth for big tech companies and start-ups have been troubling investors. Last week, as several companies reported earnings, investors seemed to want more clarity on the kinds of returns they could expect from investment after spending the last year driving AI-related shares up.

The moves away from big names continued Monday. Chipmaker Nvidia slid 6.4 percent, leaving it more than 20 percent off its recent high just weeks ago. Microsoft fell 3.3 percent, and Tesla shed 4.2 percent.

Alphabet shares closed down 4.6 percent as investors reacted to a federal court ruling that found that its Google unit violated antitrust law by abusing its market power to quash competition in internet search, handing the Justice Department a landmark victory against Big Tech.

Apple's stock slid 4.8 percent as investors reacted to news that Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway had given up a substantial portion of its stake in the company.

Frenzied trading Monday was made more chaotic by outages affecting online brokerages such as Charles Schwab, Fidelity and Vanguard, which left thousands of investors struggling to access their accounts, according to Downdetector.

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Worldwide sell-off is not a surefire sign of a coming recession, economists say

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economist for RSM US. "This is not a D.C.-inspired event, about a slowing job market or the Fed being behind the curve. It's about a larger regime change, where investors are adjusting to the end of easy money globally."

Japan for years kept interest rates negative, making it attractive to borrow money against the yen to invest in higher-yielding assets such as tech stocks. But the Bank of Japan last week raised interest rates to 0.25 percent and suggested that hikes would continue, causing the yen's value to spike against the dollar and sending ripples through the global economy. Most immediately, that led to a sell-off of tech and artificial intelligence stocks, including darlings such as Apple and Nvidia, which some investors had been buying up using the proceeds of trades in cheap yen. Analysts have repeatedly warned about bloated valuations well before the Japanese move.

"Investors have gotten so used to the stock market only going one way that now people are suddenly realizing, 'Oh, stocks can also go down?'" said Torsten Sløk, chief economist at Apollo Global Management. "This is a situation where one weak data point — Friday's jobs numbers — brought the bears out of hibernation."

Fresh data on Friday showed U.S. employers added 114,000 jobs in July, far fewer than expected. The unemployment rate, meanwhile, rose to 4.3 percent, its highest level in almost three years, raising urgent questions about whether the Fed was keeping undue pressure on the economy by keeping interest rates at a 23-year high.

The central bank last week left borrowing costs unchanged, saying it needed more proof that inflation was reliably under control. Many expected the Fed to begin cutting rates at its next meeting in September.

But lackluster jobs data, combined with the global rout, quickly changed the picture. By Monday morning's sell-off, critics were not only concerned that the Fed would have to ramp up the size of its September rate cut but also wondering whether the bank might trigger an emergency move before then.

The bar for that kind of intervention is high: The last time Fed officials changed rates between official policy meetings was at the start of the pandemic, when the economy was in free fall. Plus, the constant refrain from central bankers is that they don't react to a single data point or sudden jolt to the market. Rather, they are supposed to look through little ticks up or down and give enough time for the data to tell a comprehensive story.

On CNBC on Monday morning, Chicago Fed President Austan Goolsbee said the central bank's role is to help the job market, keep prices stable and maintain financial stability. So far, the economy has been able to not only withstand the Fed's inflation fight but also stay strong overall, the stock slide notwithstanding.

"We're forward-looking about it," Goolsbee said. "So if the conditions collectively start coming in like that on the through line, there's deterioration on any of those parts, we're going to fix it."

Either way, the Fed is now expected to roll back borrowing costs multiple times before the end of the year. Goldman Sachs predicts three cuts — one each at meetings in September, November and December. Although the investment bank recently raised its odds for a recession — to a 25 percent chance in the next year, up from 15 percent — its economists note "the data look fine overall and we do not see major financial imbalances."

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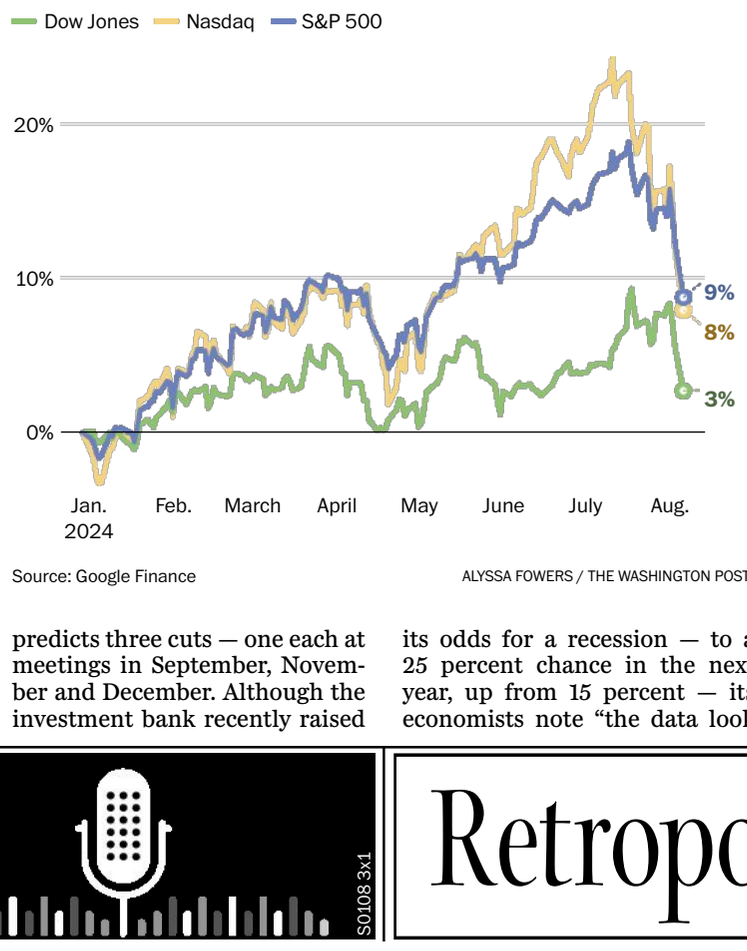
A man talks on the phone at the Australian Securities Exchange in Sydney on Monday. Like other indexes, the ASX has fallen in recent days. In the United States, all three major indexes declined Monday as investors moved money out of equities and into bonds.

Stocks decline but still up for the year

Percent change in daily close since Dec. 29, as of Aug. 5



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The view that the market panic was disconnected from the economy was broadly shared among many Democratic policymakers and at least some Biden administration officials. They pointed to a series of reasons to doubt the latest report as a signal of a deteriorating economy, particularly the relatively high percentage of Americans who are still working.

The administration has been silent on the Wall Street panic. None of President Biden's top surrogates on the economy — Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen, White House National Economic Council Director Lael Brainard, or White House Council of Economic Advisers chair Jared Bernstein — had publicly addressed the market sell-off as of Monday afternoon, although experts say that is likely to change in coming days should the decline continue.

"A couple days of alarming market developments are not going to necessarily fundamentally change the economic message from the Biden administration or the Harris campaign," said Tobin Marcus, head of U.S. policy and politics at Wolfe Research and an economic policy staffer to Biden when he was vice president during the Obama administration. "But if the situation gets much, much worse in the coming days, they'll have to respond to it directly."

Republicans bashed Biden and Vice President Harris, the Democratic nominee in November's election, as markets slid. "This is the Harris-Biden economy at work," the Republican National Committee posted on X. Former president Donald Trump declared a "KAMALA CRASH" on Truth Social, the social media site he owns.

Some White House allies on Capitol Hill and elsewhere have expressed frustration that the Federal Reserve has not cut interest rates yet. The White House has been careful not to criticize the Fed or urge it to cut interest rates out of a desire to avoid even the appearance of interfering with its independence, despite the sentiment among many administration officials that the central bank should have moved earlier. Biden has sought to draw a contrast with Trump, who as president demonstrated a lack of regard for the bank's independence and repeatedly called on Powell to cut rates. Some liberal lawmakers have argued the White House has been too deferential to the Fed, but it's unclear whether that will change even after the market sell-off.

There was also encouraging news Monday that eased some fears that this wave of financial frenzy will spiral into something worse. New data showed that the service sector — which makes up the largest part of the economy — picked up in July, thanks to new orders and increased hiring, according to an index from the Institute for Supply Management.

"The services expansion is extremely important and should assuage fears that the labor market is quickly deteriorating," said Quincy Krosby, chief global strategist at LPL Financial.

Still, she and others caution that tanking global markets could set off a chain reaction that leads consumers and businesses to suddenly pull back, further slowing the economy.

"The underlying economy is still okay," Krosby said. "But this has a feel of, 'Sell now, ask questions later.'"

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New Google hires fuel concerns of AI dominance

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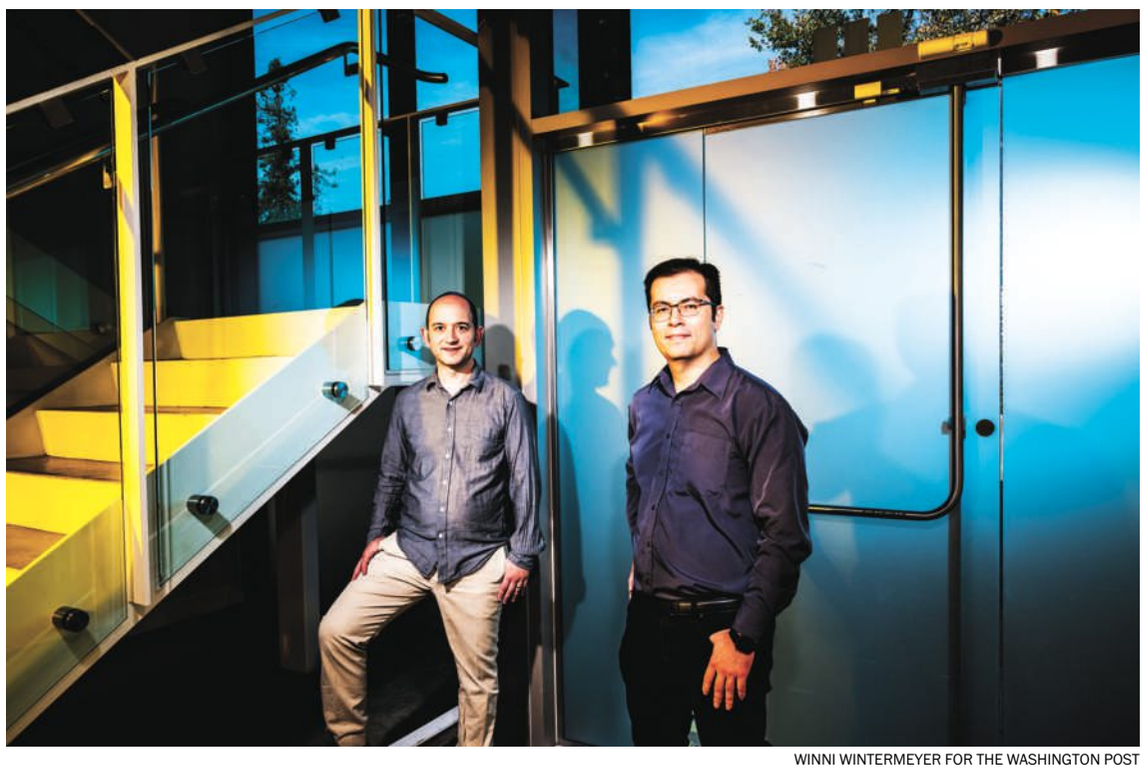

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Character.ai co-founders Noam Shazeer and Daniel De Freitas will return to Google. Big Tech hiring away top start-up talent underscores the apparent difficulty in building successful AI businesses.

SAN FRANCISCO — Google hired the co-founders of Character.ai, a prominent artificial intelligence start-up whose personalized chatbots were popular among young people, reigniting concerns that even well-funded start-ups can't compete with the dominant tech companies that hold sway over the technology expected to rewire work and play.

Noam Shazeer and Daniel De Freitas, two highly respected AI researchers, left Google in 2022 to start Character and in March last year the company was valued by investors at $1 billion. They will now return to Google, along with some of their employees, the start-up said in a blog post Friday, and Google will pay Character to access its AI technology. The start-up will in the future tap AI systems developed by other companies in addition to its own.

The deal is strikingly similar to two others that have received scrutiny from regulators for potentially skirting antitrust laws. In March, Microsoft hired away the head of Inflection AI, another chatbot start-up that had received substantial funding, and agreed to pay the company for its technology. In June, Amazon announced a similar arrangement with Adept AI, a start-up founded by former Google and OpenAI engineer David Luan. Google and Character declined to comment on the terms of their deal.

The deals that have gutted the founders from top start-ups underscore how difficult it appears to be to build successful businesses in artificial intelligence, despite the recent surge of investment into the technology. Top AI researchers can demand huge paychecks and training the algorithms behind apps like ChatGPT can require spending hundreds of millions of dollars on computer chips and the electricity needed to power them.

Start-ups attempting to go it alone can be forced to pay giants such as Google, Microsoft and Amazon for access to chips via cloud computing services while also competing with those companies in AI development. At the same time, even some of the largest companies are still struggling to find ways to make big profits with AI.

While Big Tech companies can afford to fund AI development with their existing businesses, start-ups burning investment dollars generally have to make the technology pay off much sooner. Character's chatbots had proved popular with teens, including for romantic or even explicit conversations, but the company had not shared details of how its business performed.

"There's no future for companies that hit scale without profitability," said angel investor Zak Kukoff. "Big tech can afford to scale without strong economics, which dampens the ability of smaller companies to compete."

OpenAI and Anthropic, the two most prominent AI start-ups, both rely on funding from dominant public tech companies. Microsoft invested billions in OpenAI last year and also resells the company's technology to its many cloud computing clients. Anthropic took money from both Google and Amazon last year. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Buying up talent from leading start-ups in deals dubbed "acquihires" played a major role in getting companies like Google, Microsoft and Amazon to their current massive sizes. But as the Biden administration has increased its scrutiny of mergers and acquisitions, tech executives have complained that it's become harder for companies to outright buy smaller competitors.

The unusual structure of deals like the one Google made to hire Character's founders has prompted some tech insiders and federal regulators to suggest they may be designed to try to evade antitrust pressure. The Federal Trade Commission is investigating whether Microsoft structured its deal with Inflection to skirt antitrust rules, The Post reported in June.

The FTC also asked Amazon for more information on its deal with Adept, Reuters reported in July. A spokesperson for the FTC declined to comment on Google's deal with Character. Google's 2023 investment in Anthropic is also under scrutiny from British competition regulators.

Kukoff termed deals like the one Google struck with Character "acquisitions in all but name," in a post on X on Friday, and wrote that the tech industry was experiencing "an epidemic of talent heists." The Information reported that Google paid Character's investors about $2.5 billion. If the deal had been a conventional acquisition, a transaction of that size would be Google's sixth largest buyout in its history.

Sarah Wang, a general partner at Andreessen Horowitz, which in March 2023 led a $150 million round of funding into Character, congratulated Shazeer and the Character AI team in a post on X on Friday. "It's been a privilege to be on this journey with you this past year," Wang said. A spokesperson for Andreessen Horowitz declined to comment further on the deal.

More top AI start-up founders may also end up on the rosters of their giant competitors in future. Mike Knoop, co-founder and head of AI at the software company Zapier, said deals like the one struck with Character underline how important top AI engineers are to major tech companies. "One thing these deals are showing is the scarcity of great AI research talent," he said. "This is further evidence all the big AI teams know they need research breakthroughs still."

Musk renews legal war on OpenAI two months after dropping lawsuit

Complaint revives claim that investors were misled over profit status

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK

SAN FRANCISCO — Elon Musk filed a new lawsuit against ChatGPT maker OpenAI on Monday, accusing the company's executives of tricking him and other investors into supporting a company aimed at bettering humanity but then pivoting to become a for-profit enterprise.

The lawsuit comes nearly two months after Musk dropped a previous lawsuit making the same accusations a day before a judge was set to rule on its merits. OpenAI executives responded to that initial lawsuit by accusing Musk, who helped found OpenAI in 2015 but parted ways with the project a few years later after disagreements about strategy, of being upset at missing out on the company's recent success. OpenAI posted emails it said Musk sent in 2018 suggesting that OpenAI should become part of Tesla to give it a way to compete with bigger companies.

The new suit was filed in federal court in the Northern District of California and names OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman and OpenAI President Greg Brockman as defendants in addition to the company itself.

"As we said about Elon's initial legal filing, which was subsequently withdrawn, Elon's prior emails continue to speak for themselves," said Kayla Wood, a spokesperson for OpenAI.

The suit adds to OpenAI's growing legal headaches. The company faces numerous lawsuits from authors and newspapers who allege it took their content to train artificial intelligence systems without permission or offering appropriate compensation. Government agencies in the United States, U.K. and Europe are running probes into whether the company violated competition, securities and consumer protection laws. The company has hired lawyers and lobbyists at a rapid clip.

When Musk and others created OpenAI in 2015, it was a nonprofit positioned as a counterweight to Google, Microsoft and Facebook's dominance of cutting-edge AI research. Musk officially stepped down in 2018, citing conflicts with AI projects at the automaker Tesla where he is CEO, and has invested in his own AI initiatives. Last year he launched a venture called X.AI that he said would compete with OpenAI and its blockbuster chatbot ChatGPT.

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> OpenAI spokesperson

In 2019, OpenAI started a for-profit subsidiary that took investment from Microsoft and others. Altman has said the start-up had to take outside funding to keep up with big tech's huge investment in AI. The strategy has largely paid off, with OpenAI using the investment to train massive new AI models, which led to ChatGPT, kicking off an AI arms race in the tech industry. OpenAI was seen as pioneering the next phase of the AI industry.

In the new lawsuit, Musk accuses Altman of running a "long con" and alleges that the initial nonprofit character of OpenAI was a sham to get his time and money. "The perfidy and deceit are of Shakespearean proportions," Musk's lawyers wrote in the suit.

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TUESDAY OPINION

JOSH ROGIN

Americans jailed in China deserve to come home, too

As three American families welcome loved ones back from unjust detention in Russia, many other families with relatives still stuck in foreign prisons are asking the U.S. government for more help. Some of the longest-suffering families are those with relatives imprisoned in China. President Biden should use his last months in office to redouble his efforts to bring these Americans home.

Three U.S. citizens are deemed "wrongfully detained" in China by the U.S. State Department: Kai Li, Mark Swidan and David Lin. Dozens of family members of U.S. citizens have also been imprisoned or disappeared in China with no justification, cases the State Department informally presses Beijing on. With only a few months left in Biden's term, their advocates see an ominous deadline. Having spent years working with Biden administration officials, they worry about starting from scratch with a new team. They also understand that any new administration will need to reset its relationship with Beijing, which means that freeing American prisoners might not be its top priority.

"President Biden has certainly shown a willingness to makes these kinds of difficult decisions to bring home Americans and I hope he will see it through with China," Harrison Li, the son of Kai Li, told me. "If we let this go until after the election, that will just bring a whole new suite of uncertainty."

Kai Li, a New York businessman, was arrested in 2016 while visiting Shanghai for a ceremony on the anniversary of his mother's death. He was held for several months in a secret location with no access to legal counsel and then convicted of espionage in a one-hour secret trial. He is now eight years into a 10-year sentence at Shanghai's Qingpu prison. Since being imprisoned, he has suffered a stroke and several other medical complications.

"Every day, I wake up and think about what my dad is going through and just how wrong it is," his son told me. "Every day just feels like I want to give up hope ... but we have to keep fighting."

Mark Swidan, a Texas native, was detained in 2012 while on a business trip. He was accused of drug trafficking and sentenced to death. He is being held in Jiangmen Prison, which is notorious for its poor conditions. He has been denied regular consular visits and family contact. In a June letter to the U.S. government, Swidan's lawyer wrote that he is suffering from severe physical and mental ailments.

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"Mark's health has deteriorated to the point where his survival hinges on prompt medical intervention and psychological care," he wrote. "Time is of the essence."

Lin, a pastor, was arrested in China in 2006 while on a ministry trip. He was sentenced to life in prison for "contract fraud" in connection with assisting a local church. Currently housed in Beijing Municipal Prison No. 2, he has been given a reduced sentence but is not expected to be released until 2029.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken has raised these cases with top Chinese government officials. U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns has visited each of them multiple times. A spokesman for the office of Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs Roger Carstens told me that the U.S. government has "no higher priority than the safety and security of U.S. citizens." But there's no discernible diplomatic progress.

One tool the U.S. government has at its disposal is the State Department's travel advisory, which was raised to Level 3 last year, urging Americans to reconsider travel to mainland China because of China's use of "exit bans" and "the risk of wrongful detentions."

The Chinese government increasingly uses "exit bans" to prevent anyone under investigation from leaving the country with little recourse. These bans are often used against employees of foreign business in China or to harass family members of Chinese government critics.

Beijing complains that the travel advisory impedes constructive people-to-people interactions between the two countries. The State Department has said it is considering lowering the level of the travel advisory, but not until Beijing demonstrates Americans are safe from unjust arrest and imprisonment in China.

"If the Chinese government is sincere about waiting to improve relations with the United States, they should release Americans who are wrongfully imprisoned in China," said John Kamm, founder and chairman of the Dui Hua Foundation, which advocates for political prisoners in China. He added that the administration might also put some sanctions relief on the table.

There is precedent for securing the release of Western prisoners from Chinese jails. In 2021, the Canadian government negotiated the release of two Canadian citizens in exchange for releasing Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou. In 2017, Chinese authorities released three UCLA basketball players accused of shoplifting after then-President Donald Trump personally intervened with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

High-profile prisoners tend to get more U.S. government attention and therefore are more likely to be part of any dealmaking. These three Americans in China are just ordinary people, without top government connections or powerful organizations supporting their cause. But their families suffer from their absence just the same.

If the Biden administration can successfully negotiate prisoner releases with the governments in Russia, Iran and Venezuela, then why not with China? Biden's legacy as a president who returned U.S. citizens to their families would be secured if he could get this deal done.

RACHEL WISNIEWSKI/REUTERS

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer speaks at a rally for Vice President Harris in Ambler, Pa., on July 29.

KAREN TUMULTY

'The woman from Michigan' has some Trump tips for Harris

Few have known better than Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) the specific challenges that come when voters put a woman in charge.

She also knows about tangling with Donald Trump. In 2020, the then-president had a fit of pique at "the woman from Michigan" and "Gretchen 'Half' Whitmer." The covid-19 pandemic had hit Whitmer's state hard, and her offense in Trump's eyes was pointing out that there was no federal strategy to deal with it. After Whitmer imposed a lockdown order, more than a dozen men were arrested for having organized a plot to kidnap her.

Her toughness and pragmatism made her one of the biggest stars in the Democratic Party, lionized as "Big Gretch." More than a few were disappointed when she recently declined consideration to be Vice President Harris's running mate, saying she preferred to remain as governor until her term ends in 2026.

But even the most formidable women in power find themselves in situations that male leaders don't have to deal with, such as when Whitmer met a woman who told her: "Oh, I am *so glad* you are buying better bras! You don't remember, but I told you four years ago that you really needed better bras."

These moments and more are captured in Whitmer's new book, "True Gretch," which is a frank, funny and occasionally bawdy account of, as she puts it in the subtitle, "what I've learned about life, leadership, and everything in between."

Whitmer is squeezing in a book tour around her busy day job and campaigning for Harris. I talked to her as she came through Washington recently. Here is some of what she had to say:

Karen Tumulty: There's always been a greater degree of difficulty for women when they run for executive office than even, say, when they run for Congress. What is Kamala Harris facing?

Gretchen Whitmer: There's just not enough women executives across the country, whether it's in the private sector, philanthropic sector or anywhere else for that matter. And so when we run for office, especially for an executive office, we deal with a whole lot of stuff that our male counterparts don't. We've got to prove ourselves. We've got to be visionary. We've got to ... show up looking a certain way and delivering remarks a certain way. We're always having to navigate how we respond to things. That takes energy that men just don't have to expend.

What are you seeing so far in that regard for Kamala Harris?

The vice president has broken lots of barriers, but there still are many ahead of her. Women leaders make space at the table for others, and I think that makes us better leaders. But it's challenging for us when we're trying to deliver on an agenda, deliver a vision. People get distracted by all sorts of things that can be challenging for us.

You hear Republicans mocking, for example, how Harris laughs. How does a woman maintain her authenticity against that kind of thing?

Part of what I talk about [in my] book is owning it, right? When someone, the leader of the free world, calls you that "woman from Michigan" and encourages people to hurt you, leaning into it, saying, "Yeah, I am that woman from Michigan, and I'm proud of it."

With the attacks on the vice president's laugh, it's been so energizing to see young people make memes and videos of a joyful, happy warrior. And I think that's going to ultimately be a strength. But it's just one very superficial, obvious example of the heat she takes.

Have you ever heard Donald Trump laugh? I don't even know if he has any joy in his body.

And how is Trump adjusting to having her as his opponent in this race?

I think Kamala Harris is his worst nightmare: a strong woman of color who was formerly in law enforcement. I think he's trying to figure out how to attack her instead of putting forth a vision for our country and for our future. I think it's really confused him. And I think it's very clear he doesn't know what to do.

You saw your own engagement with Trump turn to something scary when people started planning to kidnap you. When you look at this campaign, is this likely to be the sort of thing that we see again?

I hope not, but I think so. In the book, I talk about how in the early days of the pandemic, I had the support of my Republican legislature. We all knew our hospitals were overrun. Detroit was hit early, the same time as in New Orleans and Chicago and New York City. It was a desperate situation.

And when Donald Trump felt insulted because I observed there wasn't a national strategy, he started targeting me. Everything changed. My legislature turned against me. They started suing me to take away my powers, undermining my executive orders. And that's when people started making threats on my life.

This is a man who knows, just like Jan. 6, that his words incite action, and he stokes that. I was heartsick to see the [assassination attempt on Trump] in Pennsylvania. I'm glad that people like [House Speaker] Mike Johnson are saying "turn down the temperature." But it's not okay to only call for that when the violence you've been inciting for years has turned on you.

And that's what I worry about — that they will continue to stoke it against their political opponents and blame their political opponents when it turns on themselves. It's not okay. I am worried about it, and I'm worried about the misogyny that will feed it and the racism that will feed it, too.

So what should Vice President Harris do? What should the strategy be?

Just taking it on. You know, we don't flinch. We don't return in kind, but we do stand up to it, and we don't suffer fools who stoke it. I'm hopeful that there will be people of goodwill on both sides of the aisle who will hold their own accountable, but I've not yet seen it on the Republican side. And it's really a dangerous reality for people who simply want to serve the public.

GARRETT M. GRAFF

A string of exits might help guide more CEOs to the door

There's no question harder for a leader than knowing when to say goodbye. Leave the top job too soon and your legacy might disappear; stay too long and that might *become* your legacy.

Few leaders get the moment right and, in Olympic terms, stick the landing. That's one reason President Biden's decision this summer to settle for a one-term presidency was a reminder to others that it might be time for them to go, too. Here's another: A record-breaking 11,000 baby boomers are turning 65 *every day* in 2024, which means all kinds of Americans are now thinking of stepping back.

The summer has already seen a number of high-profile goodbyes: Gail McGovern retired as president and chief executive of the American Red Cross after more than 15 years, the longest tenure atop the relief agency since Clara Barton herself. University of Florida President Ben Sasse, a former Republican senator, announced that he was leaving Gator Nation after just 17 months to tend to his wife, who was diagnosed with epilepsy. "I need to walk arm-in-arm with my dearest friend more hours of every week," he wrote in a letter explaining his departure. Bruce Broussard stepped down as chief executive of Humana after 12 years that saw the health insurer's stock rise sevenfold. And last month, Darren Walker, who has led the Ford Foundation since 2013, announced he'd depart next year.

Both Broussard and Walker told me they knew it was time to go. Walker says he was long guided by the aphorism "You should leave before the host wants you to leave the party," and explained that he felt he hit a professional plateau around his eighth year at Ford. "By year 10, I didn't feel that I was learning as much or being challenged as much," he said. "When that starts to happen, you really do as a leader have to interrogate why to continue. It's time to hand the baton to someone for whom it will be a steep, exciting, exhilarating experience, to lead."

Like Walker, Humana's Broussard said his departure originated with a personal question: "Am I going to be able to put 110 percent into this job for the next five years?" he recalls asking. "And the second question I asked, that's related: Is there somebody that can do it better?" As he considered the matter in 2019, just before covid-19 hit, he could see the writing on the wall. "I felt that I would not be doing the organization justice if I was going to stay past five years, and I came to the conclusion I needed to start working with the board on a transition — whatever that transition looked like."

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Both men said that their own personal milestones of achievement, not internal benchmarks such as stock prices or annual revenue, helped them feel comfortable heading for the exits. For Broussard, it was attempting to redirect the company's culture toward the people it serves; for Walker, it was the work he did in revitalizing Detroit and navigating that city out of municipal bankruptcy and, as part of that effort, helping to reconcile a half-century-long fissure between the foundation and the Ford family. (After years of antipathy driven by the family's sense that the foundation had strayed too far to the left, Henry Ford III joined Walker's board in 2019, the first family member in 40 years.)

Both Broussard, 62, and Walker, 64, are hoping for new chapters. "One of my mentors was Vernon Jordan," said Walker, "and Vernon said, 'Work until you can't.'" Walker admits he is staring at the future with more than a little trepidation; he lost his partner of 26 years, David Beitzel, in 2019, and, he explains, "I have been terrified about living a life where I won't have him to go home to and I won't have the doors of the Ford Foundation to walk through every day. I think I need to lean into that future. I cannot put that off."

That unknown is something Broussard, who officially stepped down at the start of July, is already wrestling with: "Especially if you've been doing this for a long period of time, you've set a process in place that consumes your day, you have a lot of activity — and that activity is stimulating — and it comes to you, and you have a ton of responsibility, and then one day you wake up and you don't have that. It's hard to go from 100 mph and just come to a stop. What I have to do is build my next journey."

Of course, Walker and Broussard are lucky. Many leaders don't get to leave or retire at a time of their own choosing. Some, such as Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, step aside because they have lost credibility. Even Biden, who said he would "pass the torch" to a new generation, was nudged aside as much as he voluntarily stepped back. Luck — good or bad — can often play a bigger role in who leaves when than the leaders' choices themselves — and, unfortunately, luck is often visible only in hindsight.

But these stories are a reminder to anyone in a leadership role that it is important to start thinking about your end goals — and what you aim to do after you accomplish them — as soon as you arrive in the big job.

OPINION

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Congress, stop trading stocks

RATTLED STOCK markets dipped on Monday as a weak jobs report worried investors about the potential for a U.S. downturn. Still unclear is whether this is a mere blip or a more ominous sign. For now, our minds have been drawn to another recent moment of Wall Street volatility — one of many from which the country has still not learned the right lessons.

EDITORIAL

In early 2020, Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) sold personal stocks worth between $628,000 and $1.72 million before the market sharply declined. At the time, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee was receiving daily briefings about the covid-19 threat and reassuring the public that the country was prepared. A Securities and Exchange Commission probe into Mr. Burr's trades resulted in no action. The senator has since retired; he denied wrongdoing and said he traded on public information only. But the affair showed how permitting lawmakers to buy and sell individual stocks corrodes trust in government, raising ample potential for conflicts of interest that could affect how they conduct the public's business.

Bipartisan coalitions in Congress have been trying to tighten rules on lawmakers' investing for years. The Stock Act of 2012 prohibits legislators from using nonpublic information — say, what they hear in private briefings — for their own financial benefit. But the law's penalties are paltry. Also, members of Congress not only have special access to market-relevant information; they also shape laws and regulations that can move markets and affect individual companies. Despite interest across the ideological spectrum in limiting potential conflicts of interest, Congress has never restricted its members from trading individual stocks. That needs to change, and this year, there is a chance it will.

At least a dozen proposals have been introduced in the current Congress. One bill, the result of a bipartisan deal, has made it further than any previous attempt. Last week, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee advanced a bill backed by Sens. Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.).

The ethical hazard to which they're responding is not just theoretical. Many lawmakers are known to be prolific investors. Social media users track thousands of stock trades congressional members make each year. New exchange-traded funds — investment funds that trade like stocks — mimic lawmakers' Wall Street strategies.

The new proposal would initially apply to members of the House and Senate, along with the president and vice president, prohibiting them from buying or selling individual stocks. By 2027, the ban would extend to their spouses and dependents, while also requiring those included under the law to divest from some existing investments. The proposal would also raise the fine for improperly trading on nonpublic information from $200 to a month's salary — about $14,000 for Congress members — or 10 percent of the value of the relevant investment.

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This deal addresses concerns that have hampered previous attempts to enhance the rules. The bill would remove loopholes that could have allowed members to set up what critics call fake blind trusts, or arrangements that let them surreptitiously maintain control over their investments. The legislation also wouldn't apply to the Supreme Court, which has been a dealbreaker for Republicans, who have also opposed Democrats' recent efforts to pass a Supreme Court ethics bill.

The details will be subject to amendments. And even if the bill remains intact, Senate leaders will have to bring it to a floor vote. But they have little excuse not to.

On top of the proposal's policy benefits, the concept enjoys overwhelming public support. A University of Maryland poll last year found that 86 percent of respondents favored a proposal prohibiting members and their immediate family from trading individual stocks, with strong support from voters of both parties.

Critics raise concerns about the application of such legislation to lawmakers' spouses and dependents, but there's precedent: An existing Senate rule imposes restrictions on lobbying activities by members' immediate family. In the case of stock trading, family members are especially relevant because of their ability to make individual trades based on nonpublic information shared by their lawmaker relatives. In one of many such cases, former congressman Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) was sentenced to prison in 2020 for an illegal stock tip to his son. Regardless, if concerns about extending the ban to family members becomes a high barrier to passing the bill, lawmakers should start with at least restricting themselves.

Members of Congress should treat this issue like the low-hanging political fruit it is; when confidence in Congress is staggeringly low, passing this bipartisan deal could deliver some assurance — by signaling to Americans that their elected officials still work for them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expressions, civil or otherwise, define the election cycle

Regarding the July 30 Tuesday Opinion column "A path toward civility in politics" by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.):

As a Democrat, I want to acknowledge Mr. Johnson's call for civility and suggestions on how to achieve it. I hope he practices what he preaches by reaching out to others in his conference who recognize the absolute need for bipartisanship and the consequences of regarding the other side of the aisle as "the enemy" both politically and existentially.

The Post has published my own calls for civility in the past, a cry so lost in the wind that our democracy finds itself perched on a precipice. But I know this way of dealing with each other is possible. During my years on the Hill, I witnessed a culture where members of both parties regularly broke bread, embraced friendships and shopped together in the marketplace of ideas.

Pressed to raise unheard of sums for their campaigns, and more beholden to extremes that govern and threaten their reelections, few now take the time or have the inclination to engage in relationship-building with the other side. Mr. Johnson's suggestions, though worthy, have no chance to change that. The simple truth is that functional democracies run on healthy relationships. Our friendships, and even a systematic formation of relationships, enable us to judge one another not by the color of our skin or a statement of beliefs applied like a litmus test but by the content of another's character and the ability to achieve a meaningful bond with others (i.e., investing the time to truly get to know others and sharing a mutual respect for one another and community). It really is simple: We can't "be good" if at heart we are "not good," failing to recognize the primacy and priority of our human relationships.

Robert E. Honig, *Potomac*

Thank you so much for printing Rep. Dusty Johnson's Tuesday Opinion piece about civility in politics. His essay was easy to read, thoughtful and, most importantly, it serves as a guide for all of our elected officials nationwide.

But these ideas are not only for politicians. People, any person, could use a dose of this philosophy. Citizens, workers, parents, professionals, anyone, anywhere might employ one or more of his "pathways to civility." What a wonderful place this would be!

Janet Cichewicz, *Midlothian, Va.*

After reading Rep. Dusty Johnson's column, I wondered how it is possible to have the kind of civility he calls for if both sides cannot agree on what are verifiable facts. This is especially true in areas such as scientific research and statistics, which always come with margins of error.

Sometimes these error bars are large and sometimes they are small, but they often leave room for debate. Mathematician Jacob Bronowski said it best in his book "The Ascent of Man": "Science is a tribute to what we can know although we are fallible!" This is especially true in the areas of climate change and public health, including recent debates over covid-19. How can we be civil if what is at stake are differences not of opinion but matters of fact?

I will say Mr. Johnson makes some very good points with regard to using curated sources of information to form our opinions. I get most of my current events information from The Post's news reporting, NPR and the Atlantic. For searching out information, I use Google and Wikipedia while being critical of the sources they present to me. But, I really would like to hear Mr. Johnson answer this question: What is the best way to have a civil discussion if the person you are having the discussion with is not aware of the facts or is in denial of them?

Alan Bromborsky, *Silver Spring*

It was a shame to read Eugene Robinson's June 30 op-ed, "Republicans: Yes, you're getting weird," calling former president Donald Trump and Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio) "weird" just two pages from Rep. Dusty Johnson's column, in which he urges us to avoid insulting or labeling one another. I would hope the Opinion editors make note of Mr. Johnson's suggestions and work to join us all in moving the needle in the right direction.

Alexander Feldman, *Arlington*

Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) provided many common-sense suggestions for a more civilized political discourse in our country. However, his opening and closing reference to the shooting at Mr. Trump's rally may or may not support his thesis. The gunman's motives are unclear at this point. Did John Lennon's killer hate the Beatles' music?

Violence is glorified way too much in our country. Combined with how accessible guns are, this is a recipe for disaster. Notwithstanding, Mr. Johnson's guidance on dealing with fellow humans on a shrinking planet provides a helpful antidote to the harmful effects of social media.

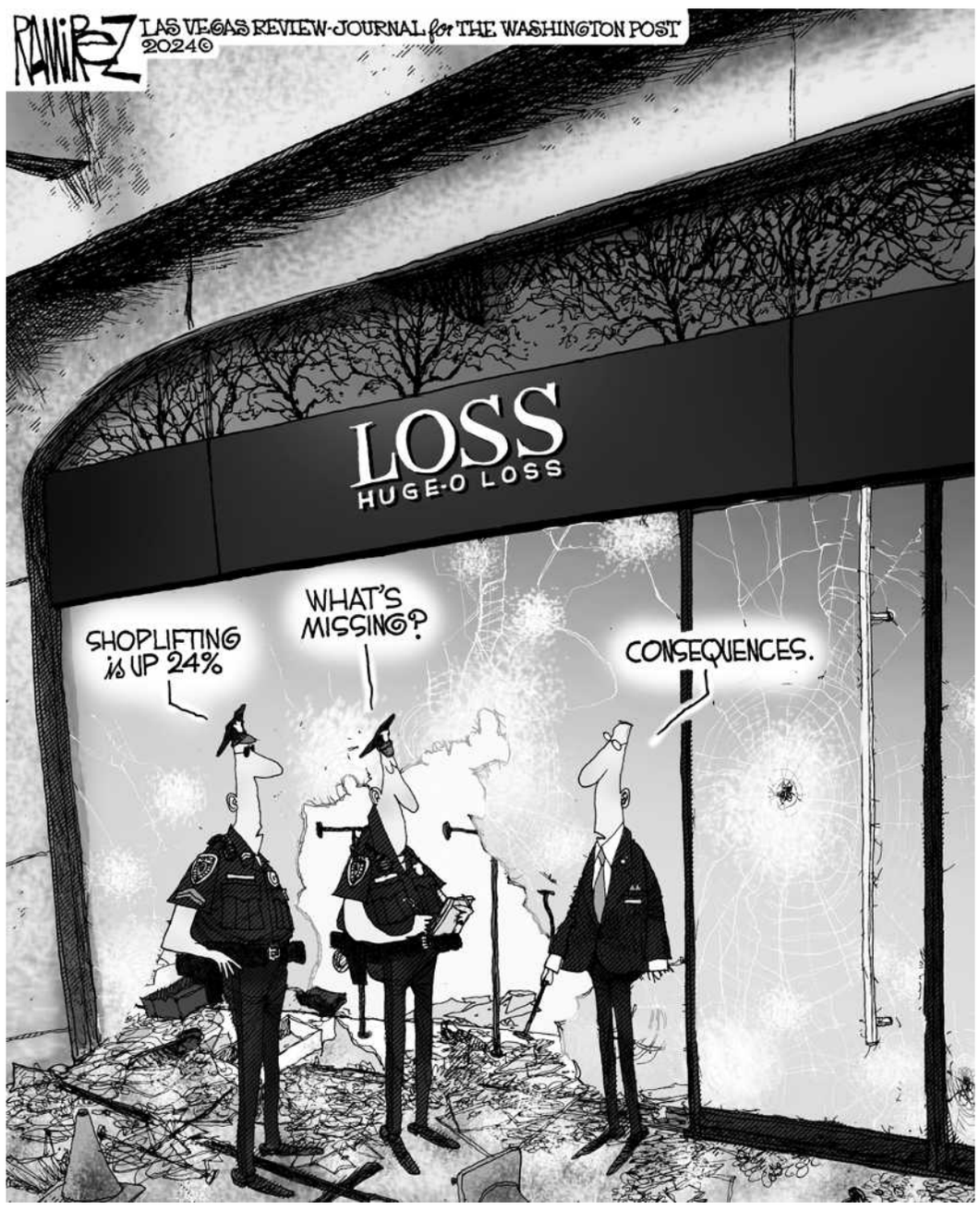
Eric Greene, *Annapolis*

Rep. Dusty Johnson's actions seem at odds with his written prescription for civility in politics. Three days before his column published, he wrote on X: "The policies of the Biden-Harris Administration have left our southern border wide open. I've voted more than 70 times to stop the crisis at the border that's been created by their policies. The American people deserve elected officials who seek to solve the border crisis, not ignore it." Nowhere in his post is any reference to the congressional Republicans, on Donald Trump's direction, killing the bipartisan border security bill.

Stephen H. Smith, *Los Angeles*

MICHAEL RAMIREZ

Crime, no punishment



And presidential expression

The jubilation for Vice President Harris is a welcome change in the 2024 race. She is a strong, vibrant and happy campaigner. She also laughs a lot!

She is mocked for her laughter by Donald Trump, who has rarely been seen laughing in public. Ms. Harris said back in 2018, "We have to be joyful warriors. . . . It's not about fighting against something. It's about fighting for something. And it is fighting with a spirit of love of country."

I will laugh along with Ms. Harris, "The Joyful Warrior," knowing that the MAGA candidate and his VP are nothing to laugh about (even if they provide the very material that causes our laughter). Thinking about early Nov. 6, "joy comes in the morning."

Skip Strobel, *Washington*

Vice President Harris, stop smiling.

You have a wonderful smile. It tells people that you are a friendly person, the type who will listen to all sides of a conversation because every point of view matters. But your smile is costing you votes.

The people who find your smile reassuring are going to vote for you no matter what. But, to the undecided, the people whose votes will mean victory for you or Mr. Trump in this election, your smile says something different.

People are hurting and frustrated. The border, inflation, food prices, housing costs, illegal abortions — people want a president who can fix these problems. It's going to be tough, unpleasant work. Special interests need to be denied, and some people need to go to jail. Your résumé suggests you are up to this task.

But your smile speaks of success and privilege, financial security, and a comfortable life. People see your quick smile and wonder how committed you are to solving their problems. Your smile says that things will be fine for you no matter how this election turns out, that you're giving it your best shot, but that you don't have any blood in this game.

We all know that half of politics is theater, and the most theatrical part is the campaign. Your role in this campaign is to be a prosecutor, not a charmer. Look at the visage of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), the esteemed senator from my state. The people whose votes you need love him.

Mr. Sanders is a wealthy man now. But does his stoic expression give the impression of a man who can sit back and enjoy the finer things in life?

Do you see many smiles on the faces of Donald Trump and Sen. JD Vance? The voters you need to persuade are the ones who can't decide between you and Mr. Trump. By definition, these are voters somewhat attracted to grim, angry determination. Give the people what they want.

Your smile is a testament to great teeth and access to dental care. Tell the people that they will see you smile again when everyone in the country has access to dental care. Tell them it's a new day, and you are a new person. Tell them you're here to crack some heads together and make things right. Otherwise, get out of the way and make room for someone who is willing to do what it takes to win.

Robby Porter, *Adamant, Vt.*

Lately, there has been a lot of criticism by the MAGA folk about Vice President Harris's laugh. As soon as I heard that, I was reminded of a wonderful poem by Langston Hughes titled "I, Too." Here is an excerpt:

"I, too, sing America.
I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong."

Keep on laughing, Ms. Harris!

Michael D. Abell, *Marriottsville, Md*

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EDUARDO PORTER

Give me your tired, your poor, your fair debate on immigration

Americans urgently need to hear an open, honest conversation about immigration: its pros and cons, what drives it and what can be done to manage it, both at the southern U.S. border and beyond. A presidential election campaign offers a stellar opportunity for America's leaders to engage in this debate. Unfortunately, that opportunity will be missed.

Driven by Donald Trump's tried and tested strategy of stirring up grievances among his embattled base, the conversation about immigration over the course of the campaign will be littered with nonsensical attacks against his opponent. "Under border czar Harris, illegal aliens are pouring in by the millions and millions and millions," Trump said at a campaign rally in North Carolina recently.

Before Trump permanently poisons the well, it would be useful to review not just what Vice President Harris did and did not do — but also the broader policy choices made and how they might be improved in the next administration.

There's plenty of blame to go around, including for the Republican Party and its boss, Trump, who vetoed the last best chance to address the chaos at the border by blocking an immigration control strategy crafted this year by both Republicans and Democrats in the Senate.

President Biden shares some of the blame, too. Failing at first to understand the magnitude of the challenge, he focused in the early days of his term on establishing a sharp contrast with Trump's draconian (and often illegal) crackdown on immigrants.

Harris's role in the Biden administration was hardly that of a "czar." She was handed a task that sounded enormously consequential but was, at the end of the day, pretty irrelevant to the crisis at hand: addressing the "root causes" of migration mainly in the Northern Triangle of Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

In 2019, the Northern Triangle seemed like a big part of the story. Trump threatened Mexico with tariffs unless it stopped Central Americans from arriving at its border with the United States. He persuaded Mexico to hold migrants from the region while U.S. courts assessed their applications for asylum. But the number of migrants from these countries reaching the southern border has fallen by half since 2021. They account for under one-fifth of the total.

Dealing with the "root causes" of migration should be part of a long-term strategy. Harris's proposal to engage "with government, with the private sector, with civil society and the leaders of each in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to strengthen democracy and the rule of law and ensure shared prosperity in the region" is sensible. It does not, however, add up to fixing the border mess now.

Luring businesses to invest in Guatemala is, in fact, a great idea. If the Guatemalan economy manages to offer its citizens a decent standard of living, fewer are likely to head north. But fixing the Guatemalan economy will take time. Addressing "root causes" of poverty may not be the most effective tool to stop Guatemalans from heading toward El Paso over the course of one presidential term.

Tackling crime in Central America would also help. U.S. Border Patrol encounters with Salvadorans have plummeted to about one-third their level three years ago, largely as a response to declining gang violence. But this, too, will take time. The crime-fighting tactics employed by Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele — imprisoning nearly 2 percent of the population, due process be damned — is more in line with Trump's repressive proclivities and probably not something the Biden administration would accept. (Trump and Bukele used to be bros, until Trump threw Bukele under the bus at a campaign rally recently for, supposedly, exporting criminals to the United States.)

This is not to say that Harris has done a stellar job with her "root causes" portfolio. She has not visited any country south of the border since a trip to Honduras in January 2022. Her understanding of the task at hand came into question when she flew to Guatemala and told Guatemalans "Do not come."

Her "failure," however, belongs to the nation. It is testament to the resistance in Washington, in the White House and among Democrats and Republicans in Congress, to think carefully and speak transparently about what immigration really is about and how the United States should adapt to its inevitability.

Thinking about root causes is not a bad idea. There are many — including a U.S. labor market that is tight as a drum, hungry for a supply of migrant workers. Also, it is well known that the most straightforward way to limit chaos at the border would be to deploy more resources to (A) determine who can stay and who must go, and (B) execute on those decisions. People from Venezuela, Haiti or wherever will keep coming as long as it takes several years for the United States to decide whether a given immigrant is eligible for amnesty.

A fruitful conversation about immigration could build a national understanding about the role immigrants have forever played in the American economy and society, and about how much we still need them to keep building prosperity. Unfortunately, this conversation is not one this election season is likely to deliver.

If Harris becomes president, hopefully she will have the guts and the foresight to bring it to the fore. That she ultimately failed to plow through the root causes of immigration and sow the seeds of Central America's economic and social rebirth is irrelevant to the task at hand.

Biden's Indo-Pacific diplomacy has made the U.S. more secure

BY ANTONY BLINKEN, LLOYD AUSTIN AND JAKE SULLIVAN

No place on Earth is more critical to Americans' livelihoods and futures than the Indo-Pacific.

The region — which stretches from our Pacific coastline to the Indian Ocean — generates nearly 60 percent of global gross domestic product. Its commerce supports more than 3 million American jobs. Much of the world's advanced manufacturing, which helps power the U.S. economy, happens in its factories. And the area's serious security challenges, including North Korea's nuclear saber-rattling and China's dangerous and provocative actions at sea, have effects far beyond the region.

But when President Biden took office, America's standing in this critical part of the world was at its lowest point in decades. The region was still reeling from the covid-19 pandemic. Our allies and partners feared that the United States had become an unreliable friend. An increasingly aggressive China was taking advantage of America's turn inward to advance its alternative vision of the world — a vision hostile to U.S. interests.

So, President Biden instructed us to transform our approach to the region.

This transformation — and the tremendous results it has brought about — is one of the most important and least-told stories of the foreign policy strategy advanced by President Biden and Vice President Harris.

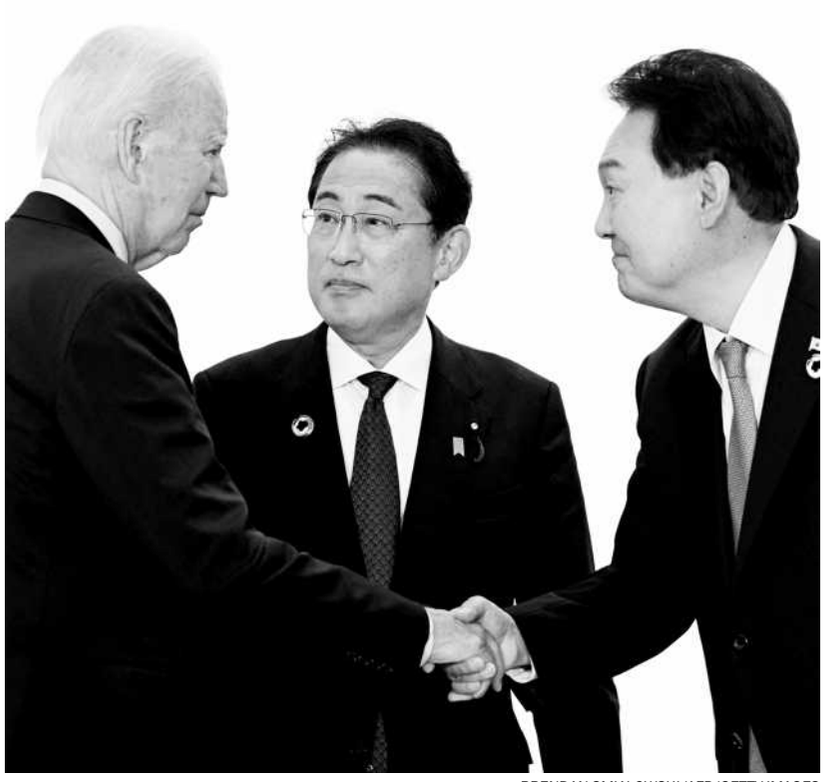
First, we upgraded the old "hub and spoke" model of diplomacy with an integrated, interconnected network of partnerships.

The United States had long had one-to-one partnerships and alliances with other Indo-Pacific countries. But much like the hub and the spokes of a wheel, those individual partnerships didn't overlap. We have worked not just to strengthen our existing one-to-one relationships in Asia but also to bring those partners together in new and innovative ways.

We launched AUKUS, a new security partnership among Australia, Britain and the United States.

President Biden brought together Japan and South Korea — two countries with a difficult history — to join the United States in the Camp David Trilateral Summit, spurring unprecedented defense and economic cooperation among our countries. He hosted the first-ever summit between Japan and the Philippines, forging another three-way partnership with U.S. treaty allies.

We elevated the regional grouping known as the Quad — Australia, India, Japan and the United States — to deliver hundreds of millions of life-saving coronavirus vaccines, mobilize millions of dollars in digital-infrastructure investments, and advance the global clean energy transition.



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President Biden shakes hands with South Korean leader Yoon Suk Yeol as Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio looks on in Japan in 2023.

We created the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity with 13 other partners to ensure we are meeting the economic challenges of today and not two decades ago, such as building secure supply chains and protecting our critical technologies.

And we hosted two critical regional institutions – the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum — for their first-ever summits at the White House.

Second, we worked closely with our allies and partners to confront shared challenges together.

No country in the world has alliances and partnerships like America's. They magnify our strength and project our power. And they deliver results. Today, this is strikingly evident in the Indo-Pacific. For example, Japan is making historic investments in defense, which will allow it to contribute far more to our alliance — and to security in the region.

South Korea has adopted a new strategy to surge economic investment in key industries in Southeast Asia, strengthening supply chains the U.S. economy relies on.

Australia has deployed new resources to help Pacific Island nations become more resilient — both to climate change and to economic coercion from China.

The Philippines is modernizing its military capabilities and increasingly integrating them with America's, making them more capable of standing up to bullying from China in the South China Sea.

India and the United States are investing together across the sectors that will shape the future — from semiconductors, to artificial intelligence, to clean energy.

And just last month, we unveiled plans to modernize the command and control of U.S. forces in Japan — the largest upgrade to U.S.-Japanese military ties in seven decades. The defense ministers of Japan, South Korea and the United States met together in Japan for the first time ever. And we announced a once-in-a-generation investment of $500 million to support modernization of the Philippine military.

President Biden has also built bridges among our allies in the Indo-Pacific and Europe. Japan and other Asian partners have stepped forward with strong support for Ukraine in the face of Russia's aggression. Meanwhile, our European partners are standing together to hold China accountable for supporting Vladimir Putin's war machine and undermining the international rules-based order.

All this is producing historic security dividends. We're locking arms with our allies and partners against North Korea's destabilizing weapons programs. We're pushing back together against China's dangerous brinkmanship in the region's waterways. Our security partnerships across the Indo-Pacific are more effective and more unified — which makes us and our neighbors safer and stronger.

Antony Blinken is the U.S. secretary of state, Lloyd Austin is defense secretary and Jake Sullivan is President Biden's national security adviser.

LEE HOCKSTADER

At these Olympics, Paris is the main event

PARIS

Those untold thousands of vexed Parisians who fled the city ahead of the Olympics, grumbling that they'd been forced to flee predicted disruptions, are now surely feeling exiles' regret.

The Games have turned their city into a magical stage, brimming with song, celebration, art and festivity. Many of the grandest boulevards and most iconic public spaces are now seized nightly by pure elation.

If France in usual times is a paradise inhabited by people who think they're in hell, as the writer Sylvain Tesson put it, the Olympics have prompted at least a momentary rethink among many French.

National pride is written on people's faces — and not just in the tricolor paint that French fans daub on their cheeks.

Some of the causes are clear enough. For starters: Leon Marchand, the French swimming phenom with his four gold medals. Frenchman Teddy Riner, the heavyweight judo champion, who won his third individual gold medal, across five Olympics, in Paris. The French rugby sevens, who won gold against a supposedly unbeatable Fijian team on the Games' first full day.

Just over halfway through the 16 days of competition, France had won 43 medals, its greatest haul since World War II, and third in the standings after the United States and China.

The home field advantage has had something to do with it, perhaps. So often Paris seems like an extravagant stage set from the past, its plaques and street signs indicating the legions of famous people who lived at this address or on that street. They include no shortage of celebrated Americans — Ernest Hemingway, of course, and Josephine Baker, George Gershwin and James Baldwin, among others.

Yet, for the past 10 days, the ordinary spectacle of Paris's inordinate beauty has been recast and modernized, and not mainly by new construction or installations — though there is some of that, impressive and whimsical.

What's most jaw-dropping is how the Games have repurposed the city's familiar magnificence, redoubling not just its wow factor but the ardor of French fans.

Beach volleyball is a fine sport, but frame it under the Eiffel Tower and even the most jaded can't help but take notice. I've spent two afternoons there surrounded by French spectators, many of whom might glimpse the tower every day but still murmur as if seeing it anew: "Yes, it's so beautiful."

Inside the soaring expanse of the Grand Palais, the eye-popping setting for fencing competitions, fans the other night went bananas — first for the French women's team, narrowly edged out for a medal, then for the Ukrainian women's team, which won gold. Never before has a crowd's euphoria raised a more majestic roof.

Finally, the Olympics has stripped away a country's stereotypes — the Gallic shrug; the frowning disapproval of expressions of overt enthusiasm, let alone elation, as excessively "American." Those clichés didn't survive first contact with France's clinking gold medals.

It's a fact that for years swaths of the city have been gentrified, its poorer residents pushed out by Airbnbs, by digital nomads, by the world's globalized elite and their Parisian pied-à-terre. Tickets for many of the Olympic events are pricey; no doubt many of the French spectators are well-heeled.

But it was equally true that the hundreds of thousands of people on the Seine's banks for the Games' Opening Ceremonies, many with free tickets, were a multicultural throng.

From where I watched in a drenching rain, downriver near the Eiffel Tower, the most electrifying moment was when Aya Nakamura, the superstar Malian French singer, appeared on huge screens sashaying across a bridge over the Seine in a Dior golden feathered minidress. She was flanked by six multicultural dancers as well as a virtually all-White Republican Guard marching band, shimmying in its handsome uniforms to her irresistibly catchy argot.

There, against the backdrop along the Seine of the gold-domed French Academy, that starchy arbiter of la langue française, was France new and old, edgy and stolid, melding its codes, making something fresh. Around me, in the rain, everyone was dripping, grinning and swaying.

Quite a party. You could forget, for the time being, the churlish critiques of the city — about its "museumification" and how Paris has turned into an amusement park for the rich, ossified by impossible bureaucracy, paralyzed by dysfunctional politics.

Instead, there were astonishing sights, previously unseen. Policemen with assault rifles who offered smiles and politely helpful directions A golden orb, aglow with an electric ring of fake fire, suspended 60 meters above the Tuileries gardens. The Place de la Concorde, where revolutionaries beheaded a French king and queen, its epic traffic jams displaced by Olympic skateboarders, breakdancers and towering bleachers.

The feast in Paris isn't just movable. It's practically everywhere, all at once, dazzling. In these Olympics, for once, the backdrop isn't the city. It's the Games.

EUGENE ROBINSON

Democrats have cause for rational exuberance

If Donald Trump is too rattled and off-balance to debate Vice President Harris, so be it. Let him bark all he wants. The caravan moves on.

Trump's decision to back out of the scheduled Sept. 10 debate is not really surprising, given how perplexed he is about how to run against Harris. And I would bet that it is also not final. If the next five weeks are even remotely like the last two, Trump may conclude that he needs a televised faceoff more than she does.

And no, the fact that Trump would be up against Harris instead of President Biden does not somehow nullify the existing debate agreement. The terms of the encounter — which is, or was, set to be held on ABC — do not name the participants. Instead, the agreement specifies the minimum levels of polling support and state ballot access required for eligibility.

Harris is right to ignore Trump's unserious counter-offer of an alternative debate on Fox News, his comfort zone, in front of a "full arena audience" he can pack with boisterous supporters. It's understandable why he would prefer a contest of decibels rather than ideas, but that's not what he negotiated. Harris says she'll be at the originally appointed time and place. Trump can show up if he wants to, or he can give Harris a ton of free time on network television, all to herself. His choice.

Meanwhile, Harris is on a roll. David Axelrod, former president Barack Obama's longtime political guru, warned his party Saturday against "irrational exuberance," and of course he's right. But a measure of perfectly rational optimism, and even a bit of giddiness, is surely in order for Democrats.

No single poll should ever be taken as gospel, but trend lines do tell you something.

A month ago, in the wake of the Biden-Trump debate, polls showed the Democratic Party's prospects in free fall. Trump was opening a clear lead in the presidential race, with his longtime pollster boasting that Trump had so many pathways to the necessary 270 electoral votes that "we literally stopped counting at 25." The hill Democrats needed to climb if they were to hold the Senate and win the House looked dauntingly steep.

Today, it's a changed landscape. Trump's lead over Biden in the RealClearPolitics polling average, which was roughly three points when the president withdrew, has all but vanished. Harris trailed Trump by less than one point in Monday's RCP average; and the latest single high-quality poll, released Sunday by CBS News, had Harris ahead by a point.

And now it is Harris, not Trump, who threatens to expand the electoral map. Georgia, for example, which Biden won by approximately 11,000 votes in 2020, seemed out of reach for the president this time. But Harris's support among African American voters, her campaign's deep pockets and her party's lavishly staffed ground game have put the state once again up for grabs. The CBS survey showed Harris just three points behind Trump in Georgia, which is within the poll's margin of error.

At a rally in Atlanta on Saturday, Trump seemed to go out of his way to help Harris win the state. He spent at least 10 minutes of a rambling 90-minute speech attacking two of Georgia's most popular Republican officials, Gov. Brian Kemp and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, for disobeying his command to "find" enough votes to overturn Biden's 2020 victory. The last time Trump threw this divisive tantrum, Georgia — hardly blue; more like reddish-purple — elected two Democratic senators.

As for the three "blue wall" states that Democrats believed Biden would have to win to defeat Trump, the CBS poll found Harris tied with Trump in Pennsylvania and Michigan and trailing him by one point in Wisconsin. The poll also found margin-of-error contests in Arizona, Nevada and North Carolina. No single poll should ever be taken as gospel, but trend lines do tell you something — and right now, they're saying that Harris has momentum.

Trump's cranky, sour mood may have to do with the fact that crowds at Harris's campaign rallies have been so enthusiastic and so big. Crowd size matters to him. A lot.

He and his running mate, Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), haven't yet come close to finding an effective way to attack Harris. Plan A, laughably, was claiming that a woman whose father is Black and whose mother was South Asian has no right to identify as Black. Plan B is yet to emerge.

Trump's demand to unilaterally change the debate rules and format is nothing more than a weak attempt to reclaim the initiative. Axelrod said on CNN that this remains "Trump's race to lose," and that is how Democrats should approach the campaign. Now, however, it is also Harris's race to win.

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MARYLAND
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THE REGION
D.C.-area first responders are heading south to assist FEMA in storm relief efforts for Debby. **B3**

OBITUARIES
James C. Scott, 87, was a Yale professor and scholar of anarchism and resistance to authority. **B4**

NICK PEREZ

Lucy Moore poses with a carp she caught. Lucy is the youngest person to win Maryland's Master Angler Milestone Award, which requires the capture of 10 species of trophy-size fish and is the "black belt" of fishing. She said her favorite part about fishing is exploring nature with her dad, Nick Perez.

This story is quite the fish tale

Lucy Moore, 12, becomes the first female — and juvenile — recipient of Maryland's Master Angler Award

BY EMMA UBER

Nick Perez and his 8-year-old daughter, Lucy, bundled up in their best rain gear and met their fishing guide before the sun had risen. The pair had driven eight hours from Cecil County, Md., to Kentucky's Cave Run Lake in hopes of catching the elusive musky fish.

The father-daughter duo's first two days had proved fruitless, so not even a storm stopped them from heading out on their third and final day for a last chance to snag the tough-to-catch species nicknamed "the fish of 10,000 casts." After nearly 10 hours in the rain, Lucy felt a tug on her rod. At the end of her line: a 40-inch musky wider than any Perez had ever seen.

"It was all that hard work: We're talking almost 30 hours of fishing for that one fish, and she was the one to catch it, which made it extra special," Perez said. "There's guys I know that are 60 years old who have never caught one. And at the time she was almost 9."

Now, three years later, 12-year-old Lucy Moore has continued to be a trailblazer in a sport dominated by men triple her age.

This summer, Lucy became both the first female and first juvenile recipient of Maryland's Master Angler Milestone Award. She was just the 10th person in the state to win the award since its inception in 2019.

To earn the award, she had to catch 10 different species of fish — all of which had to be "trophy size."

But Lucy is not in it for the awards. She said her favorite part about fishing is getting to explore nature with her dad.

"Fish never really live in ugly places," Lucy said.

The FishMaryland program from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources lists more than 60 species of fish and the sizes they must be to be eligible to count toward earning the award. The FishMaryland program recognizes accomplished fishers with three awards: the Angler, the Expert Angler and the Master Angler.

Lucy earned all three titles on her journey to Master Angler.

The Master Angler Award is the "black belt" of fishing, said Erik Zlokovitz, recreational fisheries outreach coordinator for the Department of

SEE **FISH** ON **B2**

D.C. officer facing 7 years

MAN WAS SHOT IN CAR CLOSE TO 3 A.M.

Sentence for 2021 slaying to come later this month

BY SPENCER S. HSU

A veteran D.C. police officer should serve seven years in prison for the "egregious" unjustified killing of a District man who was fatally shot after being roused from sleep at the wheel of a running car in 2021, U.S. prosecutors told a federal judge.

D.C. police Sgt. Enis Jevric, 42, who was initially charged with second-degree murder, faces sentencing on Aug. 15 after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of involuntary manslaughter and violating the civil rights of An'Twan Gilmore, 27.

Gilmore was found asleep or unconscious at the wheel of a BMW stopped at a traffic light at New York and Florida avenues NE shortly before 3 a.m. on Aug. 25, 2021. Officers approached the car and saw a gun in his belt and pounded on the window of the vehicle. Gilmore's car inched forward and Jevric — the only one of 11 officers surrounding the car to discharge a weapon, fired 10 times at Gilmore.

"An'Twan Gilmore had the right to benefit from the protections afforded to him by the Constitution. His civil rights were denied. He was the victim of manslaughter," Assistant U.S. Attorneys Risa Berkower and Timothy Visser wrote in a sentencing memo filed July 25. "The ultimate sentence imposed in this case must reflect the tragedy and seriousness of

SEE **POLICE** ON **B3**

Inquiries opened in the death of Md. boy

Declan Hicks, 5, was in a bounce house when a gust carried it into the air

BY EMMA UBER

This football season, all La Plata Blue Knights flag football players and cheerleaders will wear a patch with the No. 9, but that jersey will not be on the field.

The youth team will wear the patches to honor their former player, Declan Hicks, a 5-year-old who died Friday night while playing in a moon bounce at a Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game.

"The LaPlata Blue Knights will be dedicating this up coming fall season, to the memory of Declan," the team said in a Facebook post Sunday. "Always in our hearts and forever a Blue Knight, rest in honor Declan."

The Blue Knights are among several in the community mourning the child as state and local officials say they will investigate the matter.

Authorities say a gust of wind carried the bounce house up to 20 feet in the air, causing "children to fall before it landed on the playing field," according to a Charles County government news release. A Maryland State Police helicopter took Hicks to a hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

While it is unclear how many children were inside the moon bounce, the news release said an-

SEE **LA PLATA** ON **B3**

An Olympic moment for gymnastics that extends beyond sports

Petula Dvorak

ABBIE PARR/

U.S. gymnast Stephen Nedoroscik celebrates a bronze medal performance on pommel horse Saturday.

Greg Patterson has been waiting decades for it to happen.

"We usually get a call or two a week for boys," said Patterson, a former collegiate gymnast who owns a gymnastics facility in suburban Virginia that has always been packed with girls.

"Now we've had at least 15 calls. All boys," Patterson, 49 and a little giddy, said. "They all want to try gymnastics. It's finally cool, I guess."

The juggernaut was Stephen Nedoroscik, of course, the bespectacled pommel horse guy who competed on only one apparatus in the Olympics but helped end the U.S. men's 16-year medal drought in gymnastics. He has been that supernova that Patterson hopes will change the sport.

And this is a hugely important lesson for America right now.

One that goes beyond sports. One that shows us — in a package not usually acknowledged in this discussion — that representation matters.

For Patterson, gymnastics was lonely, with only two other boys around when he was a kid and getting really good at rings.

In college, he found a few other compatriots on a male club team. But for the most part, women dominated the sport. It continues to be true at his gym in Woodbridge, the Youth Sports Training Center.

Patterson loved gymnastics and was a natural. He was inspired by the blond wonder, Bart Conner, an Olympics darling who led the U.S. men's team to a gold medal and won his own gold on parallel bars in Los Angeles in 1984.

But there have been few golden boys since that team and Conner.

Meanwhile, the world of women's gymnastics was blossoming with talent and color. The majority-White sport, long inaccessible thanks to expense and culture, was seeing young women of color rise and dominate.

"Betty Okino and Dominique Dawes were the trailblazers in my day," Onnie Willis Rogers, one of only five Black women to ever win the individual all-around title in NCAA gymnastics, wrote in a recent essay for CNN. "I watched them represent Team USA with their brown bodies and Black girl hair and I knew it was a little more possible for me."

That podium now looks a lot more like America.

So it may seem odd to include

SEE **DVORAK** ON **B3**

Md. girl, 12, is rocking — and reeling them in

FISH FROM B1

Natural Resources.

"Typically people focus on two or three species, and she's got 10 that are all trophy size, so it's doubly impressive," Zlokovitz said. "She's probably outfishing many adults that are older and more experienced. It's definitely more species of fish than I've caught over the past few years."

The FishMaryland award program aims to expose residents to the state's vast biodiversity, as well as eradicate invasive fish by encouraging people to capture and consume them, Zlokovitz said.

"It celebrates the diversity of opportunity in Maryland, and even the more accomplished anglers broaden their horizons when they fish toward a Master Angler Award," Zlokovitz said.

While lots of diversity exists in the types of fish that FishMaryland participants catch, there has been considerably less diversity among the award-winning fishers. Zlokovitz said he was thrilled to see a young girl like Lucy embrace fishing because he believes she can be an ambassador spreading the joy of fishing to younger generations.

"She may inspire other young anglers and girls to participate in the program and work toward the milestone awards themselves," he said.

Lucy began fishing at 2 years old. Her dad grew up spending every summer weekend fishing the Chesapeake Bay with his grandfather, a tradition that continued until the year his grandfather died. After having his own child, he wanted to keep the tradition alive, so he took Lucy fishing as soon as she was old enough to hold a rod.

By the time she was a toddler, Lucy had been nicknamed the "Bluegill Queen" for her knack for catching the freshwater fish. Perez recognized Lucy possessed remarkable levels of talent and passion for fishing and began to invest more in teaching her the sport. Soon, Lucy had a custom fishing pole bearing her nickname and the pair began traveling across state lines in search of rare catches.

In 2023, the dad-and-daughter duo set a goal to catch at least 50 different species of fish. They caught 54, and in the process Lucy snagged three trophy-size fish that counted toward the FishMaryland award program. When looking to set a goal for 2024, Lucy figured she might as well finish what she started and try to earn the Master Angler Award. It did not take her long, and she reeled in her 10th and final qualifying catch in May — a 24-inch American shad.

PHOTOS BY NICK PEREZ

Angler Lucy Moore poses with two of her catches: a northern snakehead, left, and a bluegill, right. She started fishing at age 2 and, by the time she was a toddler, had been nicknamed the "Bluegill Queen" for her knack for catching the freshwater fish.

In a July ceremony at Bass Pro Shops, she accepted the award and received a $250 Bass Pro Shops gift certificate from FishMaryland, as well as complimentary fishing gear from the store. She even got to feed the fish there, which particularly excited her.

Now, Lucy has become a fishing advocate, spreading her love of the sport. She is involved with Kids Can Fish, a nonprofit organization founded by a 10-year-old girl who, like Lucy, loves fishing and believes more children should try it.

Lucy has already set her next goal — to become a marine biologist. An honor-roll student driven in everything she does, the 12-year-old has already researched top marine biology programs and said she has her sights set on attending the University of Miami.

"At this point, I've reeled in a 7-foot shark," Lucy said, "so I'm not underestimating myself."

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MARYLAND

First lady launches vaccine campaign

BY ANGELA ROBERTS

Maryland first lady Dawn Moore — and Tucker, Maryland's squirmy first dog — appeared this week in the first public awareness videos in a series from the state's health department designed to encourage parents and caregivers to make sure their children are up-to-date on their back-to-school vaccinations.

Although the Maryland Department of Health typically promotes similar advice to families each fall, the video — posted Thursday on the health department's social media pages — signifies the start to a larger-than-usual push, health department spokesperson Chase Cook said in an email.

"We want to encourage folks to get vaccinated early in life, and later when they may need more targeted doses such as flu and covid-19," Cook said. "These immunizations are also critical for children enrolling and staying in schools."

The campaign, planned to also feature videos starring State Superintendent of Schools Carey Wright, Health Secretary Laura Herrera Scott and other providers, is being funded by a $1.8 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The campaign will run through August on the state health department's YouTube, Nextdoor, Twitter and other social media platforms, then continue throughout the respiratory season to promote treatments and vaccinations for respiratory syncytial virus, as well as updated flu and covid shots, which are expected to land in doctors' offices and pharmacies in the fall.

Vaccination numbers lagged during the coronavirus pandemic for students across the country, as families missed annual doctors' visits while the virus surged.

During the 2020-2021 school year, Maryland reported that only about 90 percent of kindergarten students received vaccinations for diseases like tetanus, polio, measles and hepatitis B — lower than the targeted rate of 95 percent.

The vaccine exemption rate for kindergartners also increased across the country, including in Maryland, as misinformation about vaccination spread on social media and other platforms. During the 2022-23 school year, 0.86 percent of Maryland students were exempt for medical reasons and 1.54 percent were exempt for religious reasons. The total exemption rate was highest in Worcester County on the Eastern Shore, with 1.4 percent of students reporting medical exemptions and 4.21 percent reporting religious exemptions. Two years earlier, the total exemption rate in Worcester was 1.73 percent.

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Maryland first lady Dawn Moore, top, is advocating for childhood immunization with a grant from the CDC. Elementary school student Max Tolka, above, touches a quilt he made about vaccines.

The vaccination rate for students in Maryland has since rebounded, even as it continues to remain lower than pre-pandemic numbers elsewhere across the country. Last year, more than 98% of the state's students started the school year "vaccinated and ready to learn," Moore said in the video posted on Thursday.

"Let's keep up the good work, and our administration will do the same as we strive to improve health care access and outcomes for all of Maryland families," she said in the video, while holding Tucker. "Please, put back-to-school vaccines at the top of your to-do list this month."

While the updated flu and coronavirus vaccines won't be available for another few weeks, now is the time for parents and caregivers to make sure that their children have their recommended and required vaccinations to return to school, Wright said in a news release. She recommended that they make an appointment with their child's physician or visit a local health clinic.

Under state law, Maryland students are required to be vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella and meningitis, among other diseases.

Information about back-to-school vaccination clinics across the state can be found on the state health department's website.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

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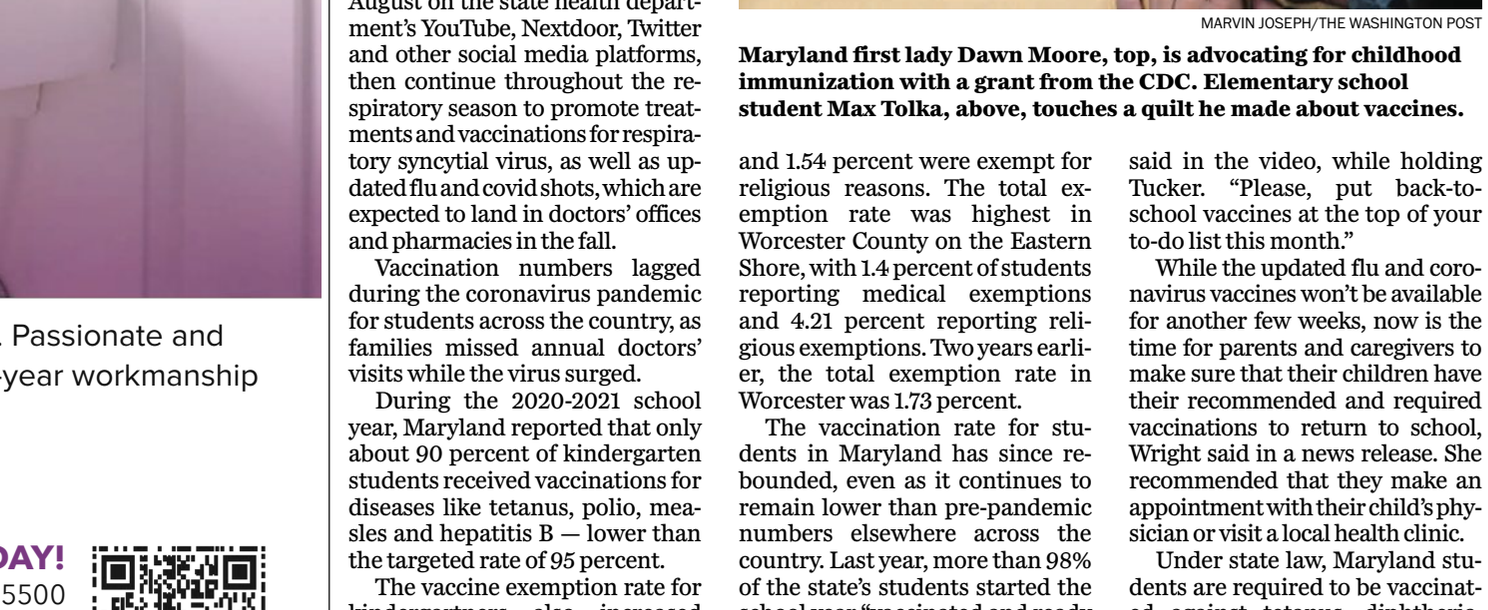

PETULA DVORAK

A relatable Olympian means so much

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a White man from Massachusetts in this discussion.

Especially because barrier-breaking Frederick Richard, a Black man from Massachusetts, also posted a spectacular score, also won a bronze in the team all-around and also advocates for men in the sport.

"People don't see gymnastics from the men's side," he said in an interview with Andscape. "You see basketball every single day."

While Simone Biles helped open up the possibility of gymnastics for many more girls, "right now, people never think of men's gymnastics as a possibility," he said.

Richard is known as Frederick Flips on social media, and he is charming, sculpted and charismatic. If I wanted to make my kids cringe, I'd say he has "rizz." He's the portrait of an athlete.

But here's where Nedoroscik, who also earned a bronze medal in the apparatus final on pommel horse, represents something different.

"Steve, I think he's going to be fantastic for us, because, you know, he's just a normal-looking kid," said Doug Lubking, who owns Gym Quest in Richmond and is a former collegiate gymnast.

"He's not like the guys you saw on the rings … My God, they were huge," Lubking said. "And Steve just looks like a normal kid walking down the street."

Nedoroscik is inspirational because he seems like those gamer kids who are good at the Rubik's Cube, who aren't *jocks*. He revels in his nerdiness, his glasses, explaining that he's cross-eyed and a little awkward.

He's got that Superman thing going.

Every two years, we marvel at the Olympians as gods, these unattainable machines of human perfection.

But Nedoroscik is showing us that athletes don't have to be archetypes. He fights the boxes we want to put people in. And that's magic to all the parents of the kids who are uninterested in finding themselves on the spittle-flecked battlefield of football, soccer or lacrosse. Ew, sports.

Gymnastics is grueling, the most difficult sport that Lubking, who also was a wrestler and rugby player, has ever done.

"I've brought football players to the gym — you know, big guys — and they can't even lift themselves up on the rings," he said.

For the world to see that astonishing strength and agility in someone as unassuming as Nedoroscik can make him a generationally transformative athlete. He gives hope to the kids who aren't the first pick on the baseball team, who get cut from hockey, who don't live by swagger.

It's the boost that Lubking is already seeing at his gym in Richmond — the boy moms calling about traditional gymnastics classes. If Nedoroscik can do this, why not their boys?

Similarly, Noah Lyles electrified America with his historic photo-finish win Sunday in the men's 100-meter final, and he also embodied the message that representation matters perfectly. And not because of how he looks.

A kid who struggled with asthma, Lyles wasn't a shoo-in to be the next Usain Bolt.

But after his win, Lyles, who attended T.C. Williams High (now known as Alexandria City), in Alexandria, said it: "Why not me?"

And in a social media post after the breathtaking race, he represented for so many others: "I have Asthma, allergies, dyslexia, ADD, anxiety, and Depression. But I will tell you that what you have does not define what you can become. Why Not You!"

This is the Olympic message we all need.

PAUL FECIURA

A gymnast at Youth Sports Gymnastics in Woodbridge uses a pommel horse training pod. Interest in boys' gymnastics is growing thanks in part to the U.S. men's team's performance at the Paris Games.

Prosecutors suggest 7 year sentence for D.C. officer

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these crimes."

Jevric's defense asked for three years supervised release or home confinement, saying he was "a well-liked and respected officer" who had never had a sustained finding of use of excessive force over 14 years with the department after immigrating as a child refugee from Montenegro. To the contrary, defense lawyer Chris Macchiaroli wrote, Jevric won a police lifesaving medal in 2020 and a Ribbon of Valor for defending the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

In a written statement to the court filed Thursday, Jevric apologized to the city, fellow officers, and "more importantly … to the friends and family of An[']Twan Gilmore."

"I am sorry for their loss. I am sorry for their pain," Jevric wrote in a letter included with sentencing papers that were later sealed temporarily. "The actions I took were the product of a dangerous situation with an individual with a firearm on his waistband. My actions were reckless, but they were never motivated by a desire to hurt anyone. … I ask that you judge me not on the split-second decision I made in a fourteen-year career, but on the entire body of my life."

Gilmore's vehicle crashed a few blocks away after the 3:08 a.m. shooting, and he was pronounced dead at a hospital. The Glock semi-automatic handgun he was carrying was loaded with 17 rounds, police said.

Moments earlier, body-camera footage showed officers with guns drawn gathered around the car while one tapped on a window with a baton. Gilmore awoke and put both hands on the steering wheel. Officers shouted, "Don't move!", and Jevric said "watch the hands," prosecutors said. "The car inched forward, at which point the Defendant fired four times into the car. No other officer fired," prosecutors said. As the car rolled forward, Jevric fired six more times.

"Any claim that his conduct was not egregious is negated by the starkly different conduct of every other officer on the scene — officers who faced the same circumstances and dangers as the Defendant but who took reasonable steps and refrained from needlessly taking a life," prosecutors added.

Jevric admitted to using unreasonable force and acting willfully and in reckless disregard of Gilmore's constitutional rights. Advisory sentencing guidelines recommended three to four years on the federal count and three to seven years for the D.C. count, and prosecutors asked for a sentence at the top end. Involuntary manslaughter is a District offense punishable by up to 30 years in prison. Depriving Gilmore of his civil rights resulting in death is a federal count punishable by up to life in prison.

Gilmore's sister, Almoustah Gilmore lamented that prosecutors dropped a second-degree murder count at Jevric's February plea hearing.

"Some justice is better than no justice. But it's also true that some justice is no justice at all," Gilmore said.

Robert J. Contee III, who was D.C.'s police chief at the time, had said the use of deadly force appeared to violate D.C. police policies against shooting at moving vehicles. D.C. officials have contrasted the shooting of Gilmore with the Capitol Police's treatment a week earlier of a North Carolina man taken into custody without injury after claiming he had a bomb in his parked pickup truck in front of the Library of Congress, causing an hours-long standoff and the evacuation of Capitol office buildings.

Although that man is White and Gilmore is Black, Jevric denied in his statement that racism played any role in his actions. Instead, his defense said fellow officers credited Jevric with volunteering for the responsibility of serving as "point person" on scene by approaching Gilmore's vehicle with a ballistic shield. Jevric's defense said he has been "tormented" by the shooting, and he wrote in his statement, "Me as a person, and my faith as a Muslim, values life and humanity."

D.C. police are trained not to shoot at a vehicle merely because it is fleeing, prosecutors said, and department policy permits officers to use deadly force only when it is necessary to defend themselves or others from an imminent threat that could result in death or serious injury. Officers are permitted to use force to stop a fleeing felon in some instances, but those who encountered Gilmore did not know that he had a felony conviction and an active arrest warrant for a 2020 assault with a dangerous weapon, according to court filings.

Macchiaroli maintained there was "no perfect strategy" to address the situation of a sleeping man found with a gun at the wheel of a running car, but that Jevric will deal with the consequences of his mistake.

"The events underlying this case are tragic by any estimation," he wrote. "A family is without a loved one, Sgt. Jevric's life will never be the same, and the tension between the community and law enforcement remains unresolved."

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An'Twan Gilmore's cousin LaShunna is joined by attorney Brian McDaniel and other family members at a news conference last year.

Boy who died played flag football, loved dinosaurs

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other child suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

As news spread of Hicks's sudden death, community members organized ways to remember the 5-year-old. Every team in the Southern Maryland Youth Athletic Conference has agreed to wear No. 9 stickers or patches during the upcoming season in honor of Hicks.

A GoFundMe raised nearly $30,000 in 20 hours, with more than 500 people donating. The fundraising page described Hicks as "a dinosaur lover, ninja turtle fan, and crazy sock wearing (with boots!) 5-year-old."

"He was a very special little boy who brought light and laughter to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him," the fundraising page reads. "To know him was to love him. He was a great friend, and a fan favorite in his 4-year-old classroom, not just with other children but with his teachers."

The Maryland Division of Labor and Industry, which regulates the inspection and certification of inflatable amusement attractions, has opened an investigation into the incident, spokesperson Jamie Mangrum said. The investigation will evaluate whether the moon bounce possessed an up-to-date certification and followed safety protocol.

Additionally, the Charles County Sheriff's Office is conducting a death investigation.

The county owns Regency Furniture Stadium, which the baseball team leases. County spokesperson Jennifer Harris said the Blue Crabs have maintained a playground including a bounce house at the stadium for years without incident.

The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs postponed their games Saturday and Sunday, and their next game is scheduled for Friday.

THE REGION

First responders deploy south to help with Debby

BY HAU CHU

As Florida, Georgia and South Carolina residents are bracing for tropical storm Debby, some first responders across the D.C., Maryland and Virginia region are headed into the storm.

Forty-five members of Montgomery County's fire-and-rescue team were sent to Columbia, S.C., Sunday night. The responders were culled from a pool of around 200 regional workers, all of whom have specialized training in fields such as water rescue, said Pete Piringer, chief spokesperson for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

The team leads Maryland Task Force 1, one of 28 branches of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's nationwide urban search-and-rescue squads. Montgomery County's team is the only such FEMA task force in Maryland. Its members include emergency personnel from jurisdictions including D.C. and Frederick, Howard and Prince George's counties.

The Category 1 hurricane — now a tropical storm — made landfall in Florida's Big Bend on Monday and is expected to stall over southeast Georgia and South Carolina for several days beginning Tuesday. Debby's "potentially historic rainfall" could result in "catastrophic flooding" for areas in the storm's path, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Fairfax County's Fire and Rescue Department organizes one of two such Virginia task forces for FEMA; the other is located in Virginia Beach. The agency also deployed 45 workers after getting the call Sunday afternoon to help with anticipated Debby relief efforts.

Fairfax's Virginia Task Force 1 is one of two in the nation that also assist with international aid in partnership with the State Department, such as earthquake recovery in Turkey in February 2023.

Until the worst of the storm, the Fairfax rescue personnel are staging and ensuring their equipment is ready to go, said Gregory Wood, an assistant squad leader, who is on the ground in South Carolina.

"We go into it from a search-and-rescue standpoint," Wood said, "then [transition] to a humanitarian standpoint, where we'll end up handing out food and water to people who need it or just helping people get things out of their houses."

Both teams brought boats and other aquatic equipment to be used for water rescues. Members of the task forces stay up to two weeks in affected areas, and more could be sent depending on the severity of the storm.

A smaller group of Montgomery County workers who specialize in helicopter assistance and rescue was sent a few DAYS ago to Jacksonville, Piringer said.

For both units, it's not just a human effort. Two to three dogs are also part of Montgomery's squad headed to the Southeast. The dogs specialize in search-and-rescue and locating cadavers, Piringer said.

In some previous relief efforts, the task force included a physician or veterinarian. Fairfax County also has two canines among its ranks, Wood said.

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The Washington Post

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UB40 is one of the most successful and influential British groups of all time, with more than 100 million albums sold and more than 50 charting singles in the UK, including global #1 hits "Red Red Wine" and "(I Can't Help) Falling in Love With You." The reggae/pop legends will mark their 45th anniversary this year with an album featuring new songs and reworked classics. "For more than 40 years, we've been one of the hardest working touring bands in pop music," says guitarist/vocalist and UB40 co-founder Robin Campbell, who along with Jimmy Brown (drums), Earl Falconer (bass, vocals) and Norman Hassan (percussion, trombone, vocals) have been the core of the band for its entire ever-evolving history. "We aim to have a party every show," he said.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES C. SCOTT, 87

Scholar studied anarchism, resistance to authority as a professor at Yale

BY BRIAN MURPHY

James C. Scott, a scholar of political science whose groundbreaking books and research explored how subtle acts of resistance can develop into potent challenges to authority, died July 19 at his home in Durham, Conn. He was 87.

The death was announced by Yale University, where Dr. Scott was a professor of political science and anthropology before retiring in 2021. Dr. Scott's son, Aaron, did not note a specific cause.

Dr. Scott's scholarship was diverse and often intellectually provocative. In several books, he described how rural communities in Southeast Asia fought modernization pressures and rules by central authorities. In other works, he asserted that big government programs can sometimes unintentionally harm the people they sought to help.

He also celebrated small rule-breaking gestures such as jaywalking and loitering in his 2012 book, "Two Cheers for Anarchism," as a kind of defiance training in case a major protest movement is needed.

The binding themes across all of Dr. Scott's more than a dozen books were that sweeping ambitions by governments can often be at odds with human nature and generational wisdom. He posited, in various ways, that people possess a natural aversion to top-down authority and one-size-fits-all economic planning.

Dr. Scott did not endorse anarchy in the sense of lawless upheavals. Instead, he tracked the influence of lower-voltage forms of protest — what he called the "struggle below the radar" — such as peasants intentionally burning their crops in protest or city dwellers staging local boycotts.

"I came to realize that this form of struggle … has probably constituted most of history's class struggle, and that's why it's important," Dr. Scott said in a 2017 interview published in the Journal of Resistance Studies.

Dr. Scott rejected the data-heavy approach of many social scientists and favored observation and anecdotes. He sought to reach a readership beyond academia in books now regarded as landmark contributions to political theory, including "Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed" (1998).

In the book, Dr. Scott dug into the flaws and failures of some far-reaching state planning such as the arrow-straight rows of trees in Germany's forest management, collective farms in the Soviet Union and Brazil's decision in the 1950s to build a new capital, Brasília, on a remote tract of grassland.

Dr. Scott's conclusion was that the ideas may have looked good on paper but had no sensitivities to real-world consequences. He spelled out what happened and why: the ecological disruption in German woodlands, a collapse of small farms in the Soviet heartland and the dismayed bureaucrats forced to make a new life in a work-in-progress capital.

"In place of the arrogance of twentieth-century planners, [Dr. Scott] recommends reliance on what he labels metis, a more practically and locally rooted kind of knowledge," wrote political theorist Francis Fukuyama in a July 1998 review in Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Scott's work garnered attention across ideologies. Libertarians saw his books as warning signs of government overreach. Social justice activists found inspiration in his descriptions of grass-roots resistance. Self-described anarchists such as the Anonymous hacktivist ranks considered Dr. Scott an intellectual ally.

Dr. Scott said he was seeking to understand how small sparks can trigger bigger changes. "It seems to me that almost every successful revolution movement is an assemblage of people with many different objectives," he said in a 2018 interview with the news and commentary site, the Conversation.

"People during the French Revolution had different agendas — and, of course, they didn't know they were making the French Revolution," he continued. "We often miss the unconsciousness behind such events."

Dr. Scott's breakthrough work came from two years in Malaysia in the 1970s conducting research with highland peasants while the government tried to impose new rules, including more stringent tax collection and efforts to switch from traditional farming to more mechanized methods.

In response, the rural farmers carried out a campaign of improvisational resistance. They sabotaged and set fire to state vehicles, spread scandalous rumors about officials and pretended that they were too unsophisticated to understand the regulations. Government officials were stymied.

"People were not murdering one another and the militia was not coming in and beating up peasants," Dr. Scott told the journal Upping the Anti in 2010. "Nevertheless, there was this low-level conflict that I didn't quite know how to make sense of. … There was no banner, there was no formal organization, and there was no social movement in the conventional sense."

The experience helped frame several books, beginning with "The Moral Economy of the Peasant" (1976), that became one of the pillars of Dr. Scott's career. In "Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance" (1985), he built a more detailed portrait of the highlanders as clever adversaries for the government.

Dr. Scott then broadened his view to a six-nation region he dubbed "Zomia," a mountainous arc from Vietnam through Southeast Asia and southern China and onto India's northeastern corner. Dr. Scott suggested that Zomia was connected by a common cultural imperative to fight against government controls.

"A resistant and defiant identity" defined Zomia, he wrote in "The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia" (2009). "Here invented identities combine with self-making of a heroic kind, in which such identifications become a badge of honor." (Some critics noted that the region also included drug gangs and human traffickers who benefited from the relative lawlessness.)

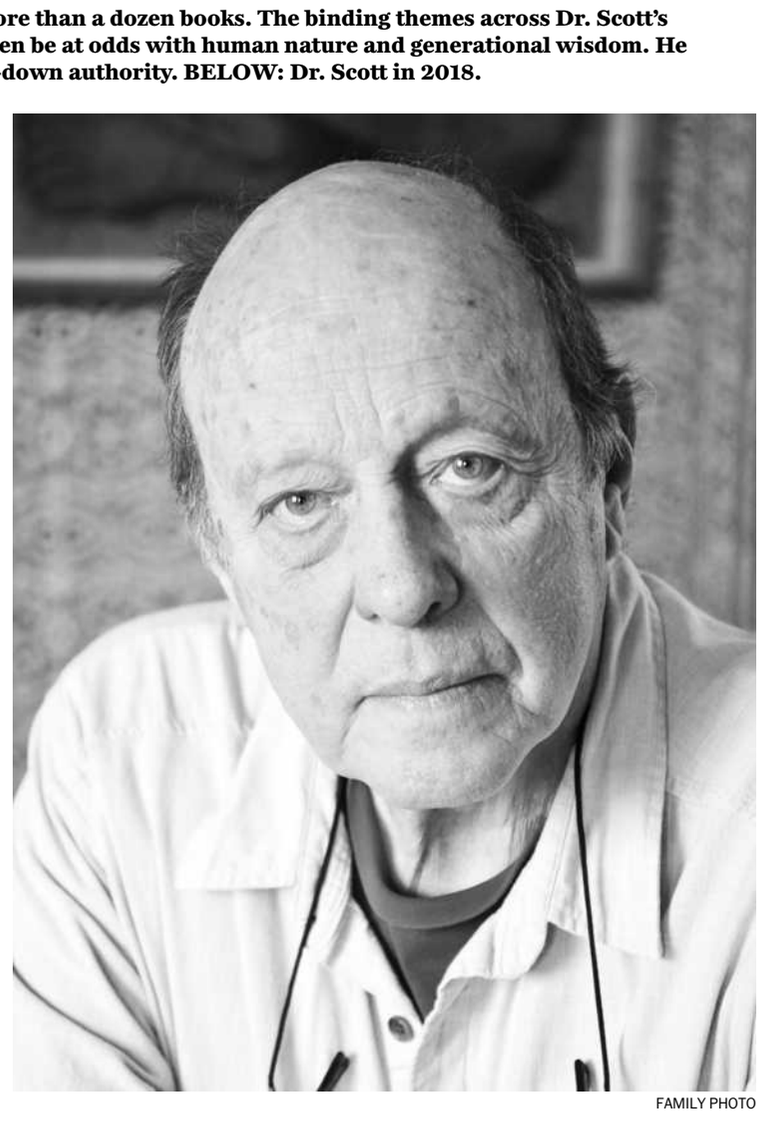
Dr. Scott was once asked if he characterized himself as an anarchist.

"In a way, no other label works as well," he replied. "It doesn't work very well but it works better than anything else. If I had a pistol put to my temple and had to answer, 'What are you?' I'd say 'anarchist' probably."

'Anarchist calisthenics'

FAMILY PHOTO

ABOVE: James C. Scott, at home in Durham, Conn., in 1993, wrote more than a dozen books. The binding themes across Dr. Scott's published work were that sweeping ambitions by governments can often be at odds with human nature and generational wisdom. He posited, in various ways, that people possess a natural aversion to top-down authority. BELOW: Dr. Scott in 2018.



FAMILY PHOTO

James Campbell Scott was born in Mount Holly, N.J., on Dec. 2, 1936, and raised in nearby Beverly, N.J., along the Delaware River. His father, a doctor, died when James was 9 years old, and the family struggled financially.

He attended a Quaker-run school and then received a bachelor's degree in economics from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., in 1958. His first trip to Southeast Asia was to Burma (now Myanmar) on a study fellowship after graduation.

Later, while serving as international vice president for the National Students Association, he was approached in Washington by a CIA agent who asked if he would send reports to the spy agency, Dr. Scott recalled. "I don't think I was ideologically opposed to that, but I refused," he said.

He found out that his paperwork to the president of the association was being passed to the CIA anyway. "I wasn't paid, but I was in effect a CIA agent," Dr. Scott recounted in a 2009 interview with journalist Alan Macfarlane. "I had some sense of being a little cog in a machine."

In 1967, Dr. Scott received his doctorate in political science from Yale. He taught for seven years at the University of Wisconsin, where he was active in the antiwar movement. Dr. Scott returned to Yale in 1976 and spent 45 years on the faculty.

His other books included "Domination and the Arts of Resistance" (1990) and "Against the Grain" (2017), which explored how agricultural policy can be used as a tool of control. His final book, "In Praise of Floods: The Untamed River and the Life It Brings," is scheduled to be published in February.

Dr. Scott often spoke with pride about his Connecticut farm and its cows, hens and sheep. "It's good to have something that requires your body and leaves your mind alone," he told the New York Times in 2012.

His wife of 36 years, Louise Glover Goehring, died in 1997. Survivors include his longtime partner, Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing; three children from his marriage; and five grandchildren.

In Dr. Scott's "Two Cheers for Anarchism," he encouraged small acts of resistance as "anarchist calisthenics" to be ready in case a major civil disobedience uprising is needed. He said the idea came while living in Germany in 1991 and watching people wait on the curb for the pedestrian crossing signal even if there was no traffic.

"One day in your life you might break a big law, so you should work on it," he said, "exercising throughout your life and breaking small laws every three to four days so as to prepare."

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MANDANIS

ALICE SUBLEY MANDANIS (Age 93)
Alice Mandanis passed away on August 2, 2024. She was born on December 22, 1930, to Athena and Emmanuel Subley, in Richmond, Virginia. In 1953, she married John P. Mandanis, M.D. who predeceased her in 1989. They lived all of their married life, and shared their love of opera, in Arlington, Virginia, where Dr. John Mandanis was a practicing cardiologist and Dr. Alice Mandanis was Provost and Professor at Marymount University. She is survived by her sister Lillian and her husband William Byer; her son Peter and his wife Shelley Ottinger, her daughter Heidi and her husband Steve Schooner; her grandchildren Ripley Mandanis and John Schooner, and her step-grandchildren Carleigh Peterson and Turner Peterson.
A graduate of the University of Richmond, Alice Mandanis received an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America. Shortly after joining the faculty at Marymount in 1971, she became its chief academic officer, and for 21 years supervised its academic transformation from a junior college for 500 women to a comprehensive, coeducational university enrolling 4,000 students. She oversaw development of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in business, education, humanities, nursing, physical therapy, and behavioral sciences. As Marymount expanded, she oversaw new off-campus sites in Loudon and Fairfax Counties and Ballston in Arlington. As one of the first women holding leadership positions in higher education, at a pivotal time when new types of institutions were seeking recognition, she served as trustee at the University of Richmond, Centenary College in New Jersey, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in Georgia. She chaired SACS accreditation committees at 25 colleges and universities in the Southern Region. The recipient of several awards for meritorious leadership in higher education, Dr. Mandanis also served on advisory boards of the Arlington Free Clinic, the Virginia Women's Leadership Identification Program, and the Wolf Trap Foundation.
The family will welcome friends at a graveside service on September 12 at 11 a.m. at National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA. 22042. Reception will follow.
In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions to the John P. and Alice S. Mandanis Scholarship at Marymount University https://alumni.marymount.edu/Donate-Now (scholarship designation in the drop-down menu).

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OBENDORFER

DOLORES ELAINE OBENDORFER
It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our cherished Mother, Dolores Elaine Obendorfer, on August 3, 2024, at the age of 92. Dolores was born on April 4, 1932, to Albert C. and Albertina E. Vogelberger Hobbs in Youngstown, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her cherished husband, James Francis Obendorfer in October 2017. Dolores is survived by her six children: Cynthia Baughan (husband Tom), James Obendorfer (wife Donna), David Obendorfer (wife Catherine), Douglas Obendorfer (wife Stacy), Jeanne McLister (husband Mike), and Edward Obendorfer (wife Kimberly), her 26 grandchildren and nearly 40 great-grandchildren assuring her legacy of faith and family devotion will continue.
Dolores was one of five children and is predeceased by her siblings Patricia Brammer (husband Jack), Robert Hobbs (wife Alice), and Richard Hobbs (wife Sally). She is survived by her beloved sister Phyllis Walters (husband Jim).
Dolores was a proud graduate of Ursuline High School in Youngstown, OH, where she met Jim, the love of her life. Following high school, Dolores was a telephone operator until his graduation from West Point Military Academy in 1954 when they married. She embarked on a remarkable life journey, supporting her husband through his distinguished military and IBM careers, including several years stationed in Europe. Dolores dedicated her life to her family, primarily at their home in Potomac, Maryland where she was an active member of the Copenhaver and St. Raphael's communities. Her nurturing spirit and steadfast devotion created a loving home filled with joy where countless memories were created. She enjoyed ice skating, dancing, boating and travel with Jim, for over 63 blessed years. Her happy place was at the beach with family and friends. Dolores's sweet nature touched many lives.
Thank you for the compassionate care at Tribute at Black Hill in Germantown where staff affectionately referred to Dolores as Grandma. And thank you to JSSA hospice for helping the family with her transition to reunite with Jesus and Jim.
All are welcome to celebrate Dolores' life. On Thursday, August 8, 2024, a viewing will be held at DeVol Funeral home, Gaithersburg, MD from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 12 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Rockville, MD. Interment will follow at All Souls Cemetery, Germantown, MD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dolores's memory to Saint Raphael's Catholic Church. "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your lord." (Matthew 25:21). Please sign the online guest book at:
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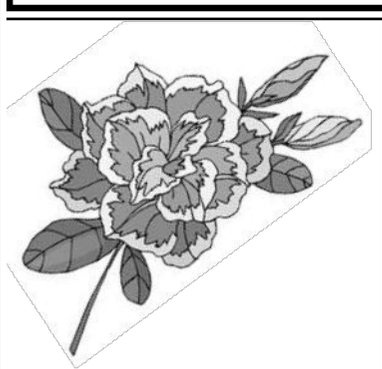

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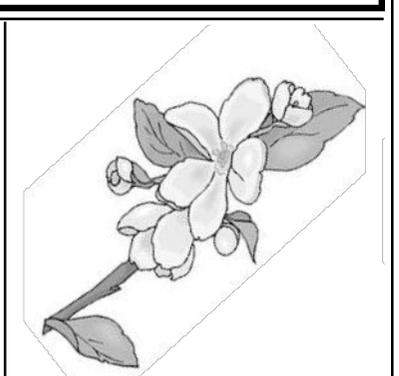

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BLAIR

CHARLES FRANCIS BLAIR
It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of Charles Francis Blair, who died at the age of 76 on August 1, 2024. He was surrounded by his family and loved ones in his final moments and passed in peace. Charlie grew up in Howard County Maryland with his parents, Philip and Inez Blair, his brothers Phil Jr., Jimmy, and Daniel, and his sister Susie. He was a father to three sons and a grandfather to four grandchildren. Charlie is survived by his partner Gloria Johnson and his first wife Joan Wilmarth Blair. Charlie was a decorated military veteran who honorably served two combat tours in Vietnam as a US Army helicopter pilot. After leaving the service he graduated from the University of Maryland and started a successful residential contracting firm where he served residents of the DMV area for over 40 years. Charlie was an incredibly hardworking, disciplined, and fearless man yet he was most known for his humor, empathy, and willingness to lend a helping hand. He will be deeply missed by his family as well as countless friends, neighbors, clients, and employees who are grateful to have had Charlie in their lives. Charlie will be cremated in a private family ceremony but a public memorial service will be held at the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, 2400 Arcola Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902 on September 21 at 12 p.m. as a way to come together in a celebration of Charlie's life.

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BROWN

NATHANIEL A. BROWN SR.
On Saturday, July 20, 2024, he entered eternal rest. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to service time at 11 a.m., Friday, August 9, 2024, at From The Heart Church Ministries, 5055 Allentown Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Maryland 20722.

CHRISTMAS

SANDRA CHRISTMAS
Passed away on July 29, 2024. Survivors include Kimmeo Christmas, and Rameika Christmas. Private services will be held on August 3, 2024 at Freemans Funeral Home.

LENKIN

MYRON L. LENKIN
On Friday, August 2, 2024, Myron Leonard Lenkin, MD of Delray Beach, FL died peacefully surrounded by his family. Born October 14, 1935, in Washington, DC to Fannie and Samuel Lenkin, he shared his life with Lenore, his loving wife of 66 years. He is also survived by daughters, Robin Wexler (Gerald Goldstein), Abby Shumacher (Ronald), and Alexa Smith (Laurence); his adoring grandchildren, Steven and Samuel (Brianna) Wexler, Melissa, Eric (Danielle) and Courtney Shumacher, Madeleine, Brett and Lyndsey Smith; his brother Ronald (Wilma), and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister, Rita Hawkins.
Dr. Lenkin attended Roosevelt High in Washington, DC and George Washington University. He earned a Doctor of Medicine from Wake Forest University School of Medicine followed by his Internal Medicine training at DC General and Georgetown University Medical Center. He served in the US Army Medical Corps at the Pentagon and subsequently practiced Internal Medicine for 40 years in Wheaton, MD.
Dr. Lenkin was a beloved doctor to many, a lover of classical music and the arts, cars and technology. He voraciously followed world news and financial markets. He traveled extensively, was an accomplished photographer and played tennis and the piano beautifully. Most of all he was a great listener and a trusted advisor to all who knew him. He was a devoted partner to Lenore, the consummate "Girl Dad" to his daughters, and adored his grandchildren.
Funeral services were held on Monday August 5, 2024 in Delray Beach, FL followed by burial at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens, 11520 State Road 7, Boynton Beach, FL.
Shiva will be observed August 5, 6 and 7 at the Lenkin residence at Harbour's Edge, Delray Beach, FL. The family kindly requests donations be made in his memory to the United Jewish Appeal or the Alzheimer's Association.

MCKNIGHT

MONIQUE MCKNIGHT
Passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Viewing at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Thursday, August 8 form 10 a.m.; service at 11 a.m. Interment at Harmony Memorial Park.

NOONAN

EDWARD G. NOONAN (Age 85)
It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Retired Brother Edward G Noonan. Private services were held by the family. Notice #1970.

Christopher M Madello
F.S.T.

QUARRY

LAWRENCE J. QUARRY
The members of the Retired Firefighters Association of Washington, DC regret to announce the passing of Life Member Lawrence J. Quarry on July 5, 2024. Brother Quarry was appointed on February 2, 1958 to Engine Company 2 and retired on October 1, 1978 from Engine Company 9 as the Wagon Driver.

WADE

ANDREW WADE
The members of the Retired Firefighters Association of Washington, DC regret to announce the passing of Life Member Andrew Wade on August 2, 2024. Brother Wade was appointed on May 26, 1958 to Engine Company 21 and retired on July 8, 1984 as the 2nd Battalion Fire Chief.

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The 90s are still in vogue

Sunshine dominates the morning, with clouds building in the midday heat. Showers and thunderstorms are possible midafternoon. A cold front is sagging into the area from the north over time, eventually stalling out not too far to the south. Temperatures should range from about 92 to 97 for highs. Winds will blow from the south at about 5 to 10 mph. Showers and storms are possible in the evening and overnight, especially in our northern suburbs. Skies are mostly cloudy overnight with lows in the 70s.

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
T-storm	T-storm	T-storm	Rain, windy	Rain, windy	Partly sunny
96° 76°	**84°** 70°	**77°** 72°	**81°** 72°	**81°** 68°	**82°** 66°
FEELS*: **102°**	FEELS: **91°**	FEELS: **82°**	FEELS: **89°**	FEELS: **83°**	FEELS: **84°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **40%**	P: **90%**	P: **45%**	P: **95%**	P: **90%**	P: **15%**
WIND: **S 6–12 mph**	W: **E 6–12 mph**	W: **ENE 7–14 mph**	W: **ENE 10–20 mph**	W: **NNW 20–30 mph**	W: **W 7–14 mph**
HUMIDITY: **High**	H: **Very High**	H: **High**	H: **Very High**	H: **High**	H: **Moderate**

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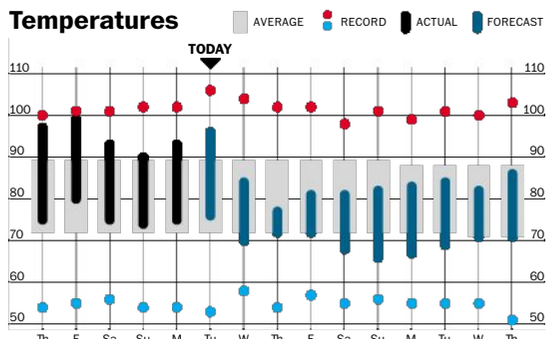
Temperatures



Statistics through 5 p.m. Monday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**93°** 3:00 p.m.	**97°** 3:30 p.m.	**96°** 3:02 p.m.
Low	**75°** 6:00 a.m.	**69°** 5:02 a.m.	**72°** 6:00 a.m.
Normal	89°/72°	87°/66°	88°/67°
Record high	102° 1930	99° 1995	104° 1930
Record low	54° 1912	54° 1985	52° 1951

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+4.4°** yr. to date: **+3.1°**

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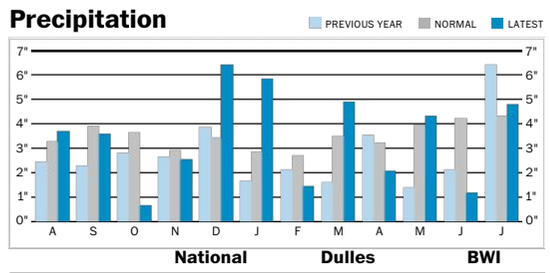

	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	Trace	0.00"
Total this month	0.14"	0.33"	2.97"
Normal	0.57"	0.60"	0.73"
Total this year	24.65"	20.98"	26.07"
Normal	25.33"	26.39"	26.53"

Moon Phases

Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	Sep 2
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:14 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Moon	8:10 a.m.	9:34 p.m.
Venus	7:40 a.m.	9:06 p.m.
Mars	1:27 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
Jupiter	1:43 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Saturn	9:45 p.m.	9:08 a.m.

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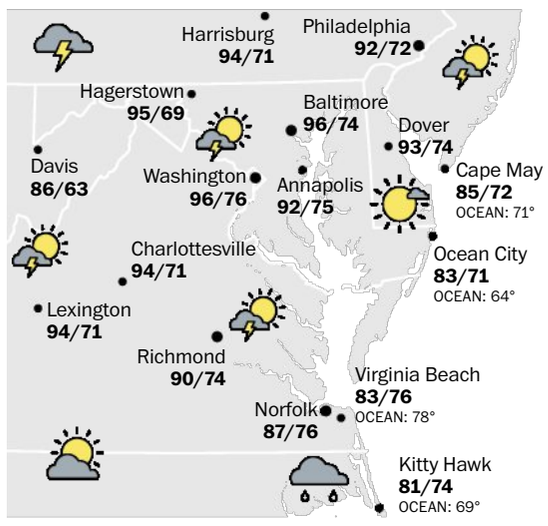

Pollen: Very High

Grass	Low
Trees	Low
Weeds	Low
Mold	Very High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Very High
9 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny. A stray afternoon thunderstorm in northern parts; humid in southern parts. High 76 to 84. Winds south-southwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, low clouds. Low 65 to 69. Winds south-southwest 4–8 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny, humid; a stray afternoon thunderstorm, but a couple of showers in the south. High 83 to 89. Winds south 10–20 mph. Tonight, a couple of showers; a couple of showers, a heavy thunderstorm in the north.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind south 6–12 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility unrestricted. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind south 7–14 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 2.80 feet today, with no change of 2.80 Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	4:37 a.m.	**10:01 a.m.**	5:10 p.m.	**10:33 p.m.**
Annapolis	12:41 a.m.	**7:20 a.m.**	1:46 p.m.	**7:30 p.m.**
Ocean City	3:35 a.m.	**9:26 a.m.**	3:30 p.m.	**9:50 p.m.**
Norfolk	5:32 a.m.	**11:41 a.m.**	5:38 p.m.	**11:48 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**3:18 a.m.**	10:05 a.m.	**3:42 p.m.**	9:43 p.m.

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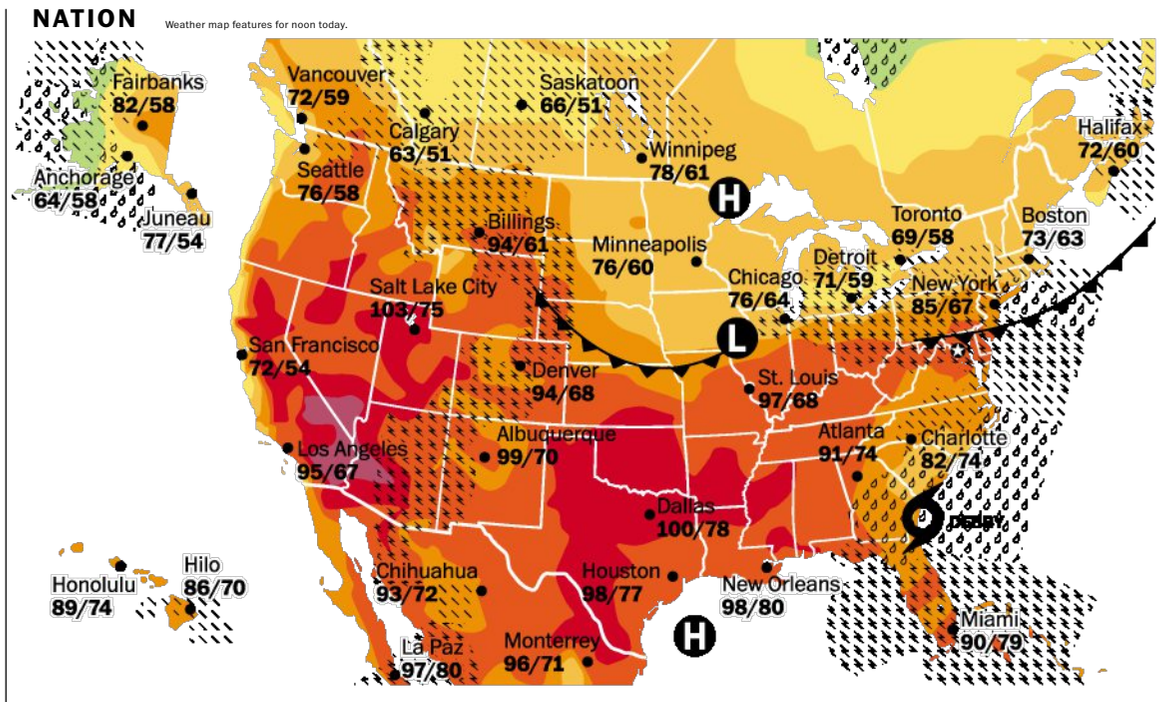
Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms · Rain · Showers · Snow · Flurries · Ice · Cold Front · Warm Front · Stationary Front

<–10 | –0s | 0s | 10s | 20s | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60s | 70s | 80s | 90s | 100s | 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **113°**
Low: Sandpoint, ID **40°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Adrar, Algeria **120°**
Low: Thredbo, Australia **20°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	76/61/c	77/57/c
Albuquerque	99/70/pc	96/70/c
Anchorage	64/58/sh	65/56/r
Atlanta	91/74/pc	96/76/s
Austin	100/75/s	101/73/s
Baltimore	96/74/t	81/71/t
Billings, MT	94/61/t	70/56/pc
Birmingham	95/72/pc	98/75/s
Bismarck, ND	76/61/pc	72/53/pc
Boise	100/66/s	94/68/s
Boston	72/63/c	68/62/r
Buffalo	71/57/t	77/57/pc
Burlington, VT	74/57/c	78/55/pc
Charleston, SC	81/76/r	84/72/r
Charleston, WV	98/71/s	91/69/pc
Charlotte	82/74/c	84/75/c
Cheyenne, WY	87/64/c	92/56/pc
Chicago	74/64/t	77/64/s
Cincinnati	94/69/s	83/65/pc
Cleveland	81/65/t	76/61/pc
Dallas	100/78/s	104/81/s
Denver	94/68/t	99/61/t
Des Moines	73/60/pc	78/63/pc
Detroit	71/59/r	78/60/pc
El Paso	99/78/s	103/78/s
Fairbanks, AK	82/58/pc	78/58/r
Fargo, ND	78/61/s	73/56/c
Hartford, CT	77/64/c	72/60/r
Honolulu	89/74/s	90/75/s
Houston	98/77/s	99/77/s
Indianapolis	93/66/s	80/62/pc
Jackson, MS	99/72/s	101/73/s
Jacksonville, FL	80/76/r	87/76/c
Kansas City, MO	82/63/s	83/66/s
Las Vegas	114/89/pc	109/87/s
Little Rock	100/77/s	96/73/s
Los Angeles	95/67/s	88/66/s
Louisville	96/75/s	87/68/pc
Memphis	97/75/pc	89/72/s
Miami	90/79/t	94/78/t
Milwaukee	69/64/c	76/65/s
Minneapolis	76/60/pc	75/62/pc
Nashville	98/74/s	92/73/s
New Orleans	98/80/s	101/80/s
New York City	84/67/t	72/65/sh
Norfolk	87/76/sh	81/75/r
Oklahoma City	101/71/s	100/73/s
Omaha	77/60/s	82/66/c
Orlando	90/79/t	93/78/s
Philadelphia	92/72/t	77/67/t
Phoenix	110/87/t	106/89/pc
Pittsburgh	87/65/t	77/65/t
Portland, ME	71/61/c	74/57/pc
Portland, OR	82/59/s	91/64/s
Providence, RI	76/61/c	69/59/r
Raleigh, NC	83/75/sh	82/73/r
Reno, NV	100/67/s	99/67/s
Richmond	90/74/pc	83/73/r
Sacramento	102/64/s	99/59/s
St. Louis	97/68/s	82/68/pc
St. Thomas, VI	90/80/t	90/80/s
Salt Lake City	103/75/s	101/74/s
San Diego	79/68/pc	77/66/pc
San Francisco	72/54/pc	72/54/pc
San Juan, PR	90/80/t	90/78/pc
Seattle	76/58/pc	82/59/s
Spokane, WA	92/65/s	88/64/s
Syracuse	76/59/sh	79/58/pc
Tampa	90/81/t	93/81/s
Wichita	98/68/pc	97/71/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	66/56/r	70/56/r
Amsterdam	81/64/c	72/62/s
Athens	91/76/s	92/77/s
Auckland	59/42/s	57/47/pc
Baghdad	113/86/pc	113/90/s
Bangkok	92/80/t	92/80/r
Beijing	92/75/t	87/72/t
Berlin	79/59/pc	86/65/pc
Bogota	67/49/sh	67/46/sh
Brussels	83/62/pc	75/59/pc
Buenos Aires	63/48/c	59/43/s
Cairo	97/79/s	98/79/s
Caracas	77/66/t	79/66/t
Copenhagen	74/62/s	76/62/pc
Dakar	87/79/pc	86/78/r
Dublin	66/54/pc	66/54/pc
Edinburgh	68/54/pc	66/54/sh
Frankfurt	84/62/c	82/59/t
Geneva	89/63/s	86/63/t
Ham., Bermuda	87/80/s	88/81/s
Helsinki	75/56/pc	73/57/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	92/78/t	91/78/t
Hong Kong	93/85/t	92/84/t
Islamabad	93/76/t	87/77/t
Istanbul	89/72/s	87/71/s
Jerusalem	88/66/s	89/68/s
Johannesburg	68/44/s	71/49/s
Kabul	94/61/s	93/64/s
Kingston, Jam.	94/80/t	92/81/t
Kolkata	88/80/t	90/81/t
Kyiv	79/62/c	78/62/pc
Lagos	84/75/r	85/76/sh
Lima	66/59/pc	64/58/pc
Lisbon	84/65/s	83/63/s
London	74/56/sh	71/56/pc
Madrid	100/72/s	100/73/s
Manila	88/79/t	90/79/t
Mexico City	75/58/sh	74/55/sh
Montreal	74/58/pc	76/57/pc
Moscow	73/60/t	74/58/r
Mumbai	88/81/pc	87/81/sh
Nairobi	80/55/s	78/58/pc
New Delhi	93/81/t	87/80/r
Oslo	74/59/c	72/59/r
Ottawa	73/53/pc	76/53/s
Paris	85/63/s	79/58/pc
Prague	78/57/s	85/63/t
Rio de Janeiro	82/70/s	84/72/s
Riyadh	109/86/pc	110/86/pc
Rome	90/72/s	91/72/s
San Salvador	91/70/t	88/70/t
Santiago	52/35/pc	53/30/pc
Sarajevo	84/56/pc	92/60/s
Seoul	94/79/t	93/79/t
Shanghai	102/84/pc	102/84/t
Singapore	90/79/sh	89/81/sh
Stockholm	75/56/pc	73/58/c
Sydney	64/45/pc	65/44/s
Taipei City	96/79/t	94/80/t
Tehran	106/89/s	108/90/s
Tokyo	92/79/pc	89/78/r
Toronto	69/58/c	78/62/s
Vienna	80/57/s	87/68/s
Warsaw	75/59/sh	80/59/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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PARIS OLYMPICS

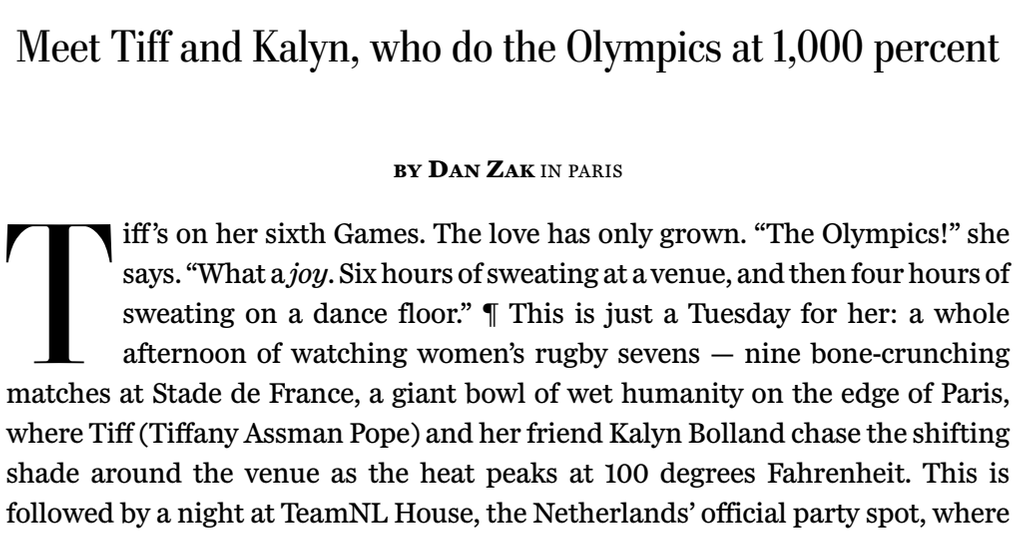
Is anybody having a better time than these two?

Meet Tiff and Kalyn, who do the Olympics at 1,000 percent

BY DAN ZAK IN PARIS

Tiff's on her sixth Games. The love has only grown. "The Olympics!" she says. "What a *joy*. Six hours of sweating at a venue, and then four hours of sweating on a dance floor." ¶ This is just a Tuesday for her: a whole afternoon of watching women's rugby sevens — nine bone-crunching matches at Stade de France, a giant bowl of wet humanity on the edge of Paris, where Tiff (Tiffany Assman Pope) and her friend Kalyn Bolland chase the shifting shade around the venue as the heat peaks at 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This is followed by a night at TeamNL House, the Netherlands' official party spot, where the Heineken flows (and the espresso martinis are on tap!), the women's 100-meter backstroke is projected two stories high, and the adjoining 6,000-seat concert venue holds hundreds of supertall, orange-clad Dutch people raving to Abba and Pitbull and, at one point, a dance remix of Edith Piaf's "Non, je ne regrette rien" as towers of fire shoot up around the DJ booth.

SEE OLYMPICS ON C8



Kalyn Bolland, top left, and Tiffany Assman Pope dance at TeamNL House, the Netherlands' official party spot. Another favorite spot for them is Korea House, above.

CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

At LOUD Weekend, taking risks with music

BY MICHAEL ANDOR BRODEUR

NORTH ADAMS, MASS. — If there's a problem with "new music," it's that none of the words for it work.

"Avant-garde" presumes some intention of institutional nuisance or cultural rebuff. (It also sounds a little antique.) "Experimental" hints at the presence of a hypothesis, or some extramusical mechanism operating under the hood. "Weird" has been completely hijacked. And "new" tells you next to nothing about the music it modifies — beyond the fact that it soon won't be new.

These, of course, are critic problems. None of the attendees at last week's LOUD Weekend — a "fully loaded, three-day, eclectic super-mix of creative, experimental and unusual music" presented by the Bang on a Can collective at MASS MoCA — seemed too preoccupied with what to call the music. They were too busy listening.

Founded by Michael Gordon, David Lang and Julia Wolfe as a one-day marathon concert in SoHo on Mother's Day 1987, Bang on a Can has grown over the decades into one of the contemporary music world's primary centers of gravity — though gravity might not be the right word. Evident and animate throughout the group's own musical output, as well as its commissioning initiatives, residency programs, and not one but two annual festivals is an abiding belief in the creation of music as "a utopian act."

The roots of the festival go all

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FLUFFY COKE
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Bloomberg apologizes for breach of embargo

BY ELAHE IZADI

Bloomberg News has apologized for publishing a story early Thursday morning that it now says could have imperiled the negotiated prisoner swap that freed several prisoners from Russian custody, and has also disciplined several individuals involved in the matter.

The White House had confirmed to several news organizations, including Bloomberg, advance details of a swap between the United States, Russia and other countries, which it put under an embargo — or an agreement to withhold publishing the news until officials confirmed that the Americans were safely in U.S. custody, which was expected to take place midday Thursday. (The Washington Post was also a part of

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THEATER REVIEW

'Nine' isn't perfect, but it's certainly beguiling

BY THOMAS FLOYD

Awash in pale light, towering sheer curtains and black-clad performers, the Eisenhower Theater evokes a mausoleum of the mind during the Kennedy Center's stylish staging of "Nine." Alternately inviting and unnerving, the color-sapped aesthetic pays homage to the mid-century Italian cinema at the show's core. But the choice also feels dramaturgically apt for the tale of a flailing filmmaker whose career and marriage are on death's door.

As shrewdly inhabited by Steven Pasquale, the great Guido Contini is struggling to write a script or even conceive a premise

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PERSPECTIVE

Fluffy Coke sounds fun. Just don't drink it.

BY EMILY HEIL

"Fluff" is often used as a derisive term, a word used to write something off as inconsequential, a bit of nothing that can be safely ignored.

But let me tell you, there's nothing insubstantial about a clump of chewy, semi-hardened sugar paste hurtling toward your brain — which is the unfortunate, inevitable result of the craft project/drink currently making its way around TikTok dubbed "fluffy Coke."

The innocent-sounding concoction involves marshmallow fluff (the stuff that comes in a jar), which is spread, spackle-like, around the inside of a glass. The rest of the "recipe" is simple — add some ice, and pour in a serving of Coke. That's it. Most people sharing videos employ a straw to drink it, often scraping the implement along the sides of the vessel to better slurp up bits of the coating.

The idea that this is a fun combination is built on lies, which I suspected just by watching several videos, and then proved by making one for myself. To be fair, the process is as foolproof as it looks (I found an offset spatula particularly helpful in applying an even smear of fluff). Upon sampling it, though, I found that my hunches about how I expected the ingredients to perform were proved correct: The marshmallow, of course, doesn't mix with the soda for that dairy-fizzy interplay that the people oohing about it online seem to imply. Instead, when the sugary fluff comes in contact with the icy soda, it seizes up into a hardened goo, like tile mastic drying on a wall.

And when you run a straw down the side of the glass in an to attempt to capture the flavors in tandem, you instead get a gob of taffy-textured paste delivered to your mouth along with the soda. My verdict: This TikTok trend is a fail.

I say this with apologies to the charming Memama, the star of one of the more popular videos pushing this mishmash onto the TikTok populace. She's the grandmother of TikToker Emma Grace Burke, and in their video, Memama seems to genuinely enjoy it, exclaiming in her syrupy Southern drawl about how much she loves "fluuuuf" and "co'cola." And so I would tell Memama that if she enjoys it, good for her.

I can understand the theoretical appeal of the viral drink. Plenty of kids, particularly in the Northeast, grew up on fluffernutter sandwiches, which combine peanut butter with swirls of the soft marshmallow. So there's the nostalgia factor, which should never be discounted. It's easy to make, and it has the kind of visual stunt (smear that fluff!) that typifies TikTok food.

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The TikTok trend involves spreading marshmallow fluff inside a glass and pouring in Coca-Cola.

But to anyone else thinking about trying out a fluffy Coke, I would say that you could do better! If you're looking for a soda with a melty, creamy element, options abound. You might try an ice cream float, truly one of summertime's greatest pleasures, using any soda flavor you please. There's also an ice cream soda, which is apparently different (in a float, the soda goes in first), but I think the difference between the two really just comes down to semantics — and the delightful end result is the same.

You can even simply add a splash of milk to your soda, channeling the iconic Laverne DeFazio of the TV duo Laverne & Shirley, whose signature drink was a Pepsi and milk (root beer would work well here, too). Or take inspiration from the Mormon mommies who are obsessed with "dirty sodas," including a relatively classic version that incorporates Coke, coconut syrup, half and half, and lime (refreshing in small quantities but sweet).

I did find that eventually, after I had left my fluffy Coke on the counter long enough, the marshmallow paste finally melted a bit, oozing into the soda, giving me the effect I was hoping for. But by then, the drink was watery from all the melted ice, sweaty from the wait and just not cold enough to be refreshing.

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Composers make a curious racket

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the way back to the blueprints of the MASS MoCA, a sprawling mill complex turned contemporary arts center which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary. (Lang had to wear a hard hat for his first meeting with founding director Joseph Thompson.) Bang on a Can's inaugural project with MASS MoCA was a co-production of Lang, Gordon and Wolfe's comic-book opera "The Carbon Copy Building" in August 2000.

For the past 22 years, LOUD Weekend has served as the culminating event of the Bang on a Can Summer Music Festival, a professional development program which welcomes an international selection of 40 young musicians (and five "media fellows") to North Adams for three weeks of intensive workshops, flash collaborations and fearless music-making.

The fellows' work was presented in a pair of centerpiece "Newest Sounds" concerts — an eight-pack of world premiere pieces that demonstrated an ear-opening range of inspirations. Annija Anna Zarina's "Unsaid" unspooled a sentence into a strand of letters sung by Keri Lee Pierson — a spellbinding spelling bee. Anak Baiharn's "Contra" derived some of its structure from the cheat codes used to gain extra lives in the titular video game. Alex Groves's "hottt" channeled underground techno into an energizing reverie.

"I think we've always looked at this place as being a complement to everyone's normal education," Lang tells me over coffee on Saturday morning. "Everyone's normal education exists to prepare them to fit into the world that's already here."

Thus, the goal of LOUD Weekend is to imagine the world that's yet to exist — one where composers and musicians work on equal footing, where programming is collaborative and challenging, where creation builds community, where audiences appreciate risk (and don't mind a measure of surrender).

MASS MoCA makes an ideal and idyllic setting for the festival, not least of all because music already runs through its 300,000 square feet of gallery space. A video of cellist Jeffrey Zeigler performing Paola Prestini's "Zodiac: Poems for Cello" resonates throughout the three-story exhibition space presenting "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective." Composer Jeremy Turner's percolating score accompanies Chris Doyle's colossal video installation, "The Coast of Industry." Raven Chacon's ritualistic graphic scores adorn the walls of the group show "Like Magic."

TOP: Shabaka, the Bang on a Can All-Stars and Julia Wolfe on Friday at LOUD Weekend at MASS MoCA. ABOVE: Meredith Monk performs with percussionist John Hollenback on Friday.

Here, sound becomes just another medium for artists to push and pull and stretch and form — a clever means of disarming you to the offerings of LOUD Weekend.

A packed program included concert-length spotlights on living composers — this year showcasing works by Lang, Matthew Rosenblum, Marcos Balter and Meredith Monk. Monk was especially present over the weekend, kicking off the weekend with percussionist John Hollenback for "Duet Behavior," a smartly reduced romp through her catalogue.

We heard reworked takes on pieces from "Songs from the Hill" (1975-1976), "Light Songs," (1988), "Cellular Songs" (2017) and others, each buoyed by her exuberant vocalizations — shushes, hoots, whinnies and warbles. A bookend grand finale featured the Bang on a Can All-Stars performing their own arrangements of pieces from Monk's 1984 sci-fi opera, "The Games."

A pair of concerts celebrated the British jazz musician and composer Shabaka, who came equipped with an arsenal of hand-carved flutes. An extended new work presented on Friday revealed the composer's knack for grand narrative, his playing lithe and assertive.

While concerned primarily with presenting new music from living composers, the weekend's program also showcased milestones of minimalism, unearthed landmarks and homages to departed artists.

Cellist Maya Beiser's entrancing hour-plus rendition of Terry Riley's "In C" was supported by two percussionists and cleverly deployed looping software. A nine-piece ensemble helmed by Bang on a Can guitarist Mark Stewart unleashed a roiling interpretation of Julius Eastman's "Gay Guerrilla," an autobiographical open-score piece "for unspecified instruments" first performed on four pianos in 1980.

A performance of George Crumb's spectral "Quest" brightened a rainy Saturday. And Beiser paid tribute to the late Dutch pianist and composer Louis Andriessen with a restrained but knife-sharp take on his "La Voce" — a solo piece constructed around spoken text from Cesare Pavese. (We also heard the mournful breath of Andriessen's "Symphony for Open Strings" in a stunning Saturday performance.)

The best parts of LOUD Weekend were the ones you just sort of stumbled into. Lesley Flanigan's immersive "Resonances" installation surrounded listeners with isolated loops of her voice — silken threads forming an undulating tapestry of sound. (It also provided a breezy shelter from a torrential downpour.)

Flanigan's husband, composer and sonic experimentalist Tristan Perich, presented "Dual Synthesis," a composition for harpsichord and one-bit electronics which found the fleet-fingered Karl Larson shredding his way through an icy wash of synthesized tones generated by a quartet of chips and speakers.

The world premiere performance of Jeffrey Brooks's densely layered "I Can Hear It" required employment of the "Stein-o-Caster" — described as "an ingeniously amplified piano played with paint brushes." And Thursday night wrapped with a courtyard invasion from the Orchestra of Original Instruments — i.e. a gaggle of Bang fellows armed with PVC horns, whirly tubes and dramatic group presentations.

If it all sounds a little silly, that's fine — maybe even encouraged. An air of defiant joy charged every moment of LOUD Weekend, like the black thunderheads that barged over the hills. If there's a single word to describe this music, it could be one that doubles as a descriptor for the audience: curious.

PHOTOS BY MATTHEW MURPHY AND EVAN ZIMMERMAN

An entrancing interpretation of 'Nine'

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for a movie he desperately needs to deliver. Andy Blankenbuehler, this production's director and choreographer, has no such dilemma. Leaning into the surrealist source material — the 1982 musical was adapted from Federico Fellini's metafictional 1963 film "8½" — the Tony-winning "Hamilton" choreographer runs his sizable ensemble through a gantlet of Fosse-ian movement to visualize the thoughts flowing through Guido's restless head.

There is no more striking implementation of Blankenbuehler's concept than "Be Italian," the ode to heated promiscuity sung by the prostitute Saraghina (Lesli Margherita) to a 9-year-old Guido (Charlie Firlik) in the adult auteur's memory. As Margherita nails her assignment, belting the Act I anthem with brassy conviction, Pasquale and Firlik mirror their movements while dancers envelop the duo in an avant-garde depiction of the formative experience. It's a stunning sequence that entrancingly navigates the treasured and toxic aspects of that complicated recollection.

Not every moment of Blankenbuehler's staging resonates so potently. A few choices distract more than enhance, and it's clear at times that his ambition has not yet crystallized into polished execution — an understandable caveat considering the production's expedited rehearsals and limited run. But like Marc Bruni's appealing staging of "Bye Bye Birdie" in June, Blankenbuehler's "Nine" raises the bar for what the Kennedy Center's Broadway Center Stage series can pull off with a couple weeks of rehearsal and a starry company.

It helps that Pasquale, an alluring presence in the series's 2022 revival of "Guys and Dolls," is back to reaffirm his leading man bona fides in this 1960-set story. (Between this show and his recent off-Broadway role in "Here We Are," a reimagining of two Luis Buñuel films, the actor is carving quite the niche in musical adaptations of surrealist European cinema.) Audiences may remember Guido as more of a tortured genius in 2009's Daniel Day-Lewis-starring film version, but Pasquale happily unearths the humor of a charmer scrambling to reckon with the consequences of his hubris and infidelity.

TOP: Steven Pasquale plays Italian filmmaker Guido Contini in "Nine" at the Kennedy Center. ABOVE: Pasquale and Lesli Margherita as Saraghina.

A 40-year-old director coming off three straight flops, Guido is days away from shooting a movie he still hasn't written when he bolts to a Venetian spa to escape and unwind. His ego, however, has hardly been checked: Just relish the pompous eyebrow raise with which Pasquale deliciously utters "it's my signature" after Guido points out that trains feature in all of his films. Still, Pasquale plays the character's eventual unraveling with wrenching sincerity during the eleven o'clock number "I Can't Make This Movie." Cory Pattak's bold lighting, so striking against Derek McLane's sprawling scenic design, adds to the grandiosity.

The show, with a book by Arthur Kopit and music and lyrics by Maury Yeston, does hinge on a meandering, often abstract plot that stretches itself thin. Throw in a host of Italian accents and one wouldn't be blamed for getting lost in this travelogue of the male psyche. So I'd advise familiarizing yourself in advance with the many women echoing in Guido's consciousness.

There's Luisa, Guido's long-suffering wife, imbued by Elizabeth Stanley with matter-of-fact resentment and bittersweet regret. Shereen Ahmed is appropriately majestic as the A-lister Claudia, his frustrated muse. Michelle Veintimilla shines in the role of Guido's needy mistress Carla, performing "A Call From the Vatican" with Marilyn Monroe-esque sultriness. Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, an Oscar nominee for "The Color of Money," lends gravitas to the title song and offers jolts of comic relief as Guido's mother.

In an intriguing flourish, Sasha Hutchings plays Asa Nisi Masa (a reimagined version of the character Our Lady of the Spa) as a Puck-like spirit guiding Guido toward a necessary epiphany, all while spearheading Blankenbuehler's choreography and occasionally conducting the onstage orchestra. Yet it's Carolee Carmello who stands out as Guido's no-nonsense producer Liliane La Fleur, whose "Folies Bergère" makes for a tonally incongruent but nonetheless delightful show-stopper, complete with audience-roaming improvisation and one hell of a gown reveal. (Alejo Vietti designed the costumes.)

Jen Sese plays the final woman burrowing into Guido's brain, a sardonic film critic who describes his work as "visually stunning but emotionally inane." To say the same of this "Nine" would sell the show short, though there is a kernel of truth. Yes, the material is imperfect. But Blankenbuehler's vision? It's undeniably a sight to behold.

Nine, through Aug. 11 at the Kennedy Center in Washington. About two hours including intermission. kennedy-center.org.

Bloomberg says it has taken disciplinary action

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the agreement).

But early Thursday morning, Bloomberg News published its story that Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and former Marine Paul Whelan had been released from Russia as part of a major prisoner swap — well before it had been completed, infuriating both those in the White House and in the Wall Street Journal newsroom.

On Monday, Bloomberg editor in chief John Micklethwait wrote to staff that "we prematurely published" the story "which could have endangered the negotiated swap that set them free."

"Even if our story mercifully ended up making no difference, it was a clear violation of the editorial standards which have made this newsroom so trusted around the world," he wrote. He added that the company's standards editors investigated and "we have taken disciplinary action against a number of those involved."

At least one individual — senior White House reporter Jennifer Jacobs, who was the lead author on the story — is no longer with the company, according to two people who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak.

Bloomberg News, through a spokesperson, declined to comment further. Jacobs declined to comment to The Post on Monday morning, but by early evening, she posted a statement on social media, writing, "I worked hand in hand with my editors" to follow editorial standards and "at no time did I do anything that was knowingly inconsistent with the administration's embargo or that would put anyone involved at risk."

She added: "As a journalist, the idea that I would jeopardize the safety of a fellow reporter is deeply upsetting on a level that's difficult to describe."

Micklethwait said he apologized to the Journal's executive editor, Emma Tucker, on Thursday. "Given the Wall Street Journal's tireless efforts on their reporter's behalf, this was clearly their story to lead the way on," he wrote, adding he is in the process of delivering apology letters to the released prisoners.

Prior to Thursday's swap, several reporters from other outlets had significant information about a possible swap but agreed to the embargo. The White House also had contact with another reporter from Bloomberg whose name did not ultimately appear on the published story.

Eventually, 30 reporters were included in the embargo agreement, put in place to protect the integrity of the deal.

But Bloomberg published at 7:44 a.m. a story — initially billed as an "exclusive" — that Russia released Gershkovich and Whelan as part of a major prisoner swap, citing "people familiar with the situation." Bloomberg had not given the White House a warning it was going to publish. The story was quickly corrected to make clear Gershkovich and others weren't yet released.

Shortly after Bloomberg's "exclusive" published, a furious senior Biden administration official said the early publication was "wholly unacceptable" during a prescheduled background briefing call held with reporters. The flight carrying American prisoners was still en route to Ankara, Turkey, from which they would then board a flight to the United States.

"These folks are still in Russian custody, and we beseech you all to continue to abide by the agreement," the official implored reporters on the call. "And just because there's some stories out there, it doesn't make it right that they're there."

Some TV networks later that morning reported about a major swap underway, citing a senior administration official.

An administration official declined to comment on Monday.

Jacobs, in her statement, wrote what transpired "could happen to any reporter tasked with reporting the news" and that "reporters don't have the final say over when a story is published or with what headline."

There was similar outrage inside the Journal newsroom among even rank-and-file reporters and editors who weren't assigned to cover the story; the Journal had closely monitored Gershkovich's case and also tirelessly advocated for his release.

"There was reason to think that the whole thing could be imperiled by a broken embargo," said one Journal reporter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak. "This is when an embargo actually mattered."

(Some at the Journal were also conflicted about the apparent fallout at Bloomberg, noting Jacobs had attended an event raising awareness for Gershkovich's plight and seemed to genuinely care about his case.)

A spokesperson for Wall Street Journal parent company Dow Jones said "this was not about a broken embargo. It was a report that Evan had been freed when in fact he had not yet been. We're happy that Bloomberg corrected it."

The Journal noted it had waited until Gershkovich was safely in U.S. hands to publish. That happened at 11:19 a.m. Eastern time — the Journal was among the last major publications to run with the news, but soon published several comprehensive stories with exclusive reporting about how the deal came together.

While negotiated embargo agreements — particularly when they involve multiple reporters — can be difficult to keep intact, it's not unprecedented to do so in delicate national security situations.

In 2022, CBS News journalists learned that WNBA star Brittney Griner would be released from a Russian prison as part of a prisoner swap, and confirmed the details with five sources. But the network agreed to hold the news for a week at the White House's request, which cited concerns about the fragility of the deal and fears that prematurely reporting it could put American lives at risk.

There had been some early reports last week that hinted a possible prisoner swap was imminent. Reuters on Tuesday published a story noting at least seven Russian dissidents had "disappeared" from prisons in recent days, which activists said was a sign of a swap.

When asked on Sunday about Bloomberg's story — and the possibility that it could have endangered the lives of Gershkovich and the other prisoners — Dow Jones CEO and Wall Street Journal publisher Almar Latour demurred, saying that his primary concern at the time was ensuring the Americans prisoners made it into U.S. custody.

"That was a news matter, and we were so tightly focused on the events of the day itself," he said.

He then added: "There is no deal until a deal is done."

Jonathan Edwards contributed to this report.

Bridesmaid snoops and learns best friend's groom was cheating. Now what?

Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared July 9, 2010.

Hi, Carolyn: Within the past month, I was in my best friend's wedding. I shared a hotel room with another female friend who is tight with the bride and groom (originally friends with the bride, though). I noticed that the roommate-friend and the groom were being really chummy over the wedding weekend, so when she left her journal on the nightstand the day after the wedding, I took a peek. (Terrible, I know. I wish I hadn't opened it.)

I found out that she not only had strong romantic feelings for the groom, but also slept with him multiple times a few months before the wedding.

Now I don't know whether to tell my best friend. The easy thing would be not to say anything, and I've come up with multiple ways to justify this path of least resistance. Please let me know if I need to buck up and tell my friend or take some other course of action.

— Holding My Peace

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Holding My Peace: Since you know it was terrible, since what's done is done, and since it has no bearing on what you do with the ill-gotten information, I'll let you flog yourself for the snooping and get straight to the nut. If you will.

The voices in my head think this is an easy one: "TELL HER."

In the end, they may be right. But knowing when to disclose bad news is never easy, because these situations almost always fall into one of two camps: 1. The "I can't believe my friend(s) knew and didn't tell me" camp. 2. The "I wish I'd never been told because now I can't get past it" camp.

Meanwhile, each tell-or-don't-tell situation has a unique set of variables: how close you are to the principal players, how solid your evidence is, how serious the wrongdoing and its potential consequences are, whether the victim subscribes to "ignorance is bliss" or "the truth will set you free," and, to a lesser extent, what you'd want if you were in the victim's position.

I am aware of how singularly unhelpful I'm being so far.

Telling your friend may ultimately be your only bearable choice — especially since this so-called-friend/other woman is still on the scene.

But still, anytime we know our words are going to have a devastating impact on someone else's life, we need to speak those words only after we have ruled out every alternative as unrealistic, cowardly/self-interested, paternalistic, dangerous, immoral or cruel.

This is your best friend. You know her — probably better than anyone else does. Would she want to hear it from you, or from him (since forcing his hand is one of your options)? Would she want to know at all? Would she want you to wait till you were confident the affair was still going on?

And, if you're still torn after all that, you have this to fall back on: What would you have her do if you were in the exact same awful position?

When you sincerely don't know how best to take care of her, it becomes a matter of how best to live with yourself.

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Saoirse-Monica Jackson has a medieval moment in 'The Decameron'

BY OLIVIA MCCORMACK

"What is the plan you bloody idiot?"

It's Italy in the year 1348. The bubonic plague is sweeping Europe. And in "The Decameron," Kathleen Jordan's black death black comedy, Misia (Saoirse-Monica Jackson), a doting lady's maid, is asking the question of the hour.

Jackson has a penchant for playing characters who come into their own as history unfolds around them. First, there was Erin Quinn, a spirited teen growing up in Ireland during the Troubles, in "Derry Girls." Now, there's "The Decameron's" Misia, an aggrieved maidservant riding out the plague with a group of nobles in the Italian countryside. Both characters — a lesbian peasant and a teenage girl — embody underrepresented points of view.

"I think both characters are sort of on a quest for independence in very different ways," Jackson says from her New York City hotel room. The Irish actress, 30, is fresh off an appearance on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" and about to explore more of the city with her mom.

Jackson's first TV role was in the 2016 British mystery "The Five," but her big break came in 2018 with the premiere of Lisa McGee's wildly popular coming-of-age comedy "Derry Girls." She slips on the character, an overzealous girl grappling with the onslaught of adulthood, like a well-loved jumper. Jackson inhabits her latest role — and the potato-sack-esque wardrobe and Lord Farquaad wig that accompany it — with similar ease.

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Tony Hale as Sirisco, left, and Saoirse-Monica Jackson as Misia in Netflix's "The Decameron."

In "The Decameron," Misia is the downtrodden servant to Pampinea, a demanding noblewoman played by Zosia Mamet. It was their toxic employer-employee relationship that Jackson found most engaging about the role. "I think most women have experienced friendships like that," Jackson says. "We as females have a tendency to be maternal, probably before our time, and to be extremely empathetic and open with each other. Often that can be manipulated and sort of villainized against us."

Though the series is ostensibly a comedy, Jackson set out to mine the pathos of Misia's servitude: "Often, we see this example of someone in a more oppressed or lower social status role rolling their eyes and sort of more annoyed by the situation, and the joke's on the noble." She doesn't play Misia as someone who is in on the joke, she plays her as someone who knows that, if she can't take one, she risks losing her security.

We see Misia navigating emotional extremes, mourning the death of a lover in one scene and playfully throwing cheese into her mistress's mouth in the next. Jackson compares these abrupt transitions to being consumed by a fight at home but all smiles the minute someone knocks on the door. "It's not that you're trying to make Misia funny to land these deeper moments," she says. "I feel like it's grounded in that it's her trying to mask the pain and vulnerability she's experiencing throughout the show."

In Jackson's view, vulnerability is the key to comedy — exposing the humanity of her characters. "There has to be a lot of humiliation," she says. With Misia, she walks the line with a level of indignity that flirts with being too sad to find humorous, but she always cuts back just in time. For example, after being forced to commit murder, Misia breaks into song. "I just thought it was so sad but also so wildly, insanely funny," Jackson says. "If you were someone that cared about Misia, you would only find it funny in hindsight."

"The Decameron" presents an obvious parallel to the coronavirus pandemic. Like all of us, Jackson has already method-acted pandemic isolation, so she understood Misia's drive to find comfort in the known. Jackson spent lockdown with friends in London, she says, but longed to return to Ireland. "So many times in the show Misia says, 'Please, can we just leave this place? Please, can we go home?'"

The series, which debuted July 25 on Netflix, represents a departure for Jackson. The tight "Derry Girls" script didn't give the cast much freedom to improvise. "You could feel the beat landing with Lisa's jokes because it was so strictly assembled," she says. "But 'The Decameron' feels so expansive." With an ensemble cast of comedians who had palpably great chemistry, Jackson leaned into improv's "Yes, and … ." Jackson is particularly proud of an improvised moment in the first episode, as a steward chases her character down the expansive Villa Santa staircase. The bit felt like a childhood game to Jackson, so she petulantly yelled, "I'm a leader, so follow me!"

"The Decameron" is about finding humor even in perilous circumstances, a challenge Jackson took in stride. "I think every light has a shadow," she says. "As an actor, when [I] get to play those two, the darkness and the light intrinsically woven through together, [it's] such a privilege as a performer."

Mother wants to give son and daughter-in-law condoms at baby shower

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: Several months ago, my brother and his wife, who have a 10-month-old baby, found out that they are pregnant again. This news was not met with nearly as much joy as the news of the first child. It was made clear that this was neither planned nor wanted, and that it was the result of carelessness on their part.

Fast-forward to now, and they have strongly hinted to me that they would like a baby shower. They just had one less than year ago, at which they received a massive amount of supplies! They do not have a big enough circle to invite all new guests. My mother and I offered to throw them a gender reveal party, an offer that was quickly rejected without consideration. And we often watch their baby, so it's not like we don't care about them.

My mother has told me that if a baby shower is thrown for them by my sister-in-law's family (who also threw the last one), she would like to give them a pack of condoms! I was shocked — most of the shock arising from the fact that the idea originated from my usually puritanical mother. I suggested that perhaps, instead of presenting this "gift" in front of all my sister-in-law's friends, it be given privately as a "welcome home from the hospital" present once the baby is born.

I would value your opinion on this matter.

It is that your mother should be allowed one tasteless joke within the family without its being spread around, much less acted upon.

Admittedly, the couple set a standard of tastelessness by discussing the conception and demanding a shower from relatives. But there is an extended family involved here, with a child to be added to it. This seems a good reason to end any kidding that perpetuates the notion that the child was unwanted.

Dear Miss Manners: My husband, George, insists that we thank our sweet puppy when he follows directions. I explained that I do not believe thanking a pet is necessary, but I would be willing to send an inquiry to Miss Manners, who is the authority regarding etiquette. George responded that he did not believe Miss Manners is an actual person, and is more likely a group of people in an office. He then went on to explain that even if Miss Manners is "real," she isn't the authority in all areas of etiquette.

My questions for Miss Manners are: What is the appropriate amount of time for George to sleep in the doghouse, and does etiquette require that I eventually allow him back into our house?

George is a brave man to take on both his wife and Miss Manners. But a foolish one to disparage the authority who was about to sympathize with him. Not to vindicate him, exactly, but to sympathize.

Aside from the silliness of your alleged argument — and your satisfaction at getting Miss Manners to notice such silliness — it is good to be in the habit of giving thanks, even when not strictly necessary.

New Miss Manners columns are posted Monday through Saturday on *washingtonpost.com/advice*. You can send questions to Miss Manners at her website, *missmanners.com.* You can also follow her @RealMissManners.

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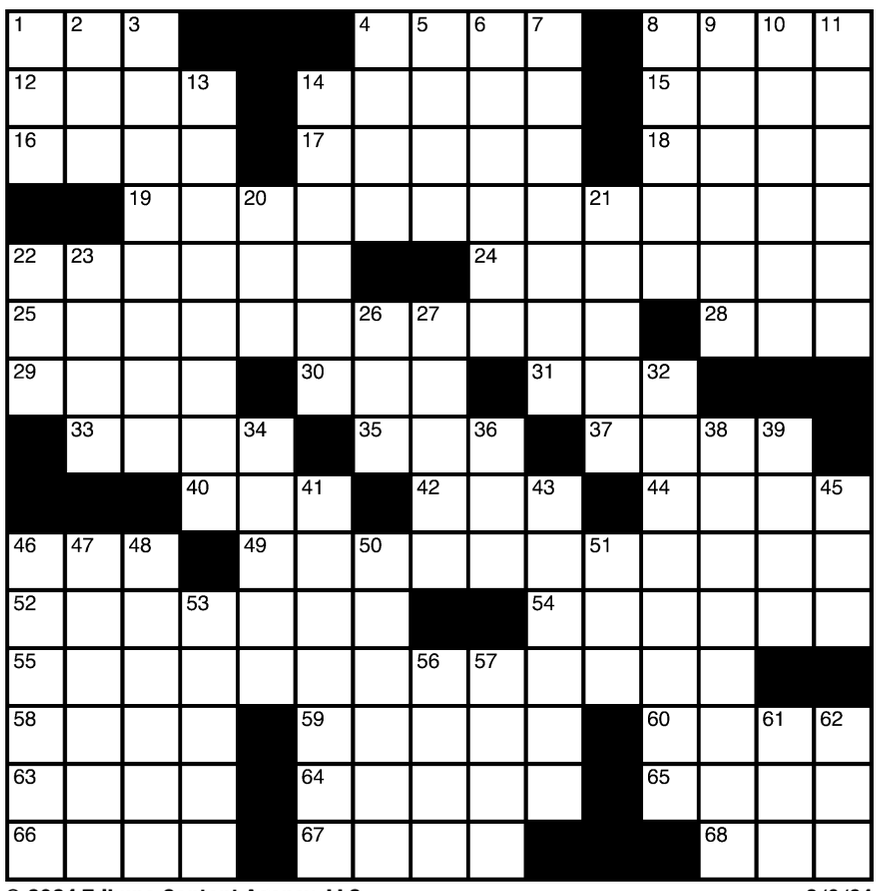
By Amie Walker



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1 Atlas page
4 Detective agency often outsmarted by Carmen Sandiego
8 Hit the brakes
12 Utter delight
14 Lets loose
15 Cornmeal cake
16 "Right Here Waiting" singer Richard
17 Godiva rival
18 Cathedral area
19 Romantic involvement without defined parameters
22 Wi-Fi device
24 Create a cartoon
25 Brand in a nursery
28 __ Talks: lecture series
29 Designer Gucci
30 Japanese currency
31 The "A" of LGBTQIA+, informally
33 Cry upon stubbing one's toe
35 Yoga studio accessory
37 Parts of psyches
40 On the __: running
42 Fish and chips fish, often
44 Get a grip on
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49 Email alternative
52 Top player
54 Rang out
55 Classic Jim Croce song, or a stretch for the ends of 19-, 25-, and 49-Across?
58 Big celebrity
59 Red wine grape
60 Figure skating leap
63 Hawaiian goose
64 Glum drops
65 Title for Emma Thompson
66 Throws into the mix
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DOWN

1 Film studio founded in 1924
2 In the manner of
3 Bring around
4 Vegas casino with a musical name
5 Penny
6 Middle of the road
7 Tallinn's country
8 Muscle twitch
9 Part of a Willy Wonka costume
10 Not remote
11 Sounded like a baby bird
13 Election Day survey of voters
14 Commotion
20 Short-sleeved shirt
21 Sabrina, to Hilda and Zelda
22 Nutrition fig.
23 Like some garage floors
26 Shining example
27 Put into law
32 Sandwich filling with hard-boiled ingredients
34 "Godmother of Soul" LaBelle
36 Shiv's partner on "Succession"
38 Challenge for a doctoral student
39 Wise
41 Has every intention of
43 Unexplored ocean regions
45 Place with pillows
46 "Gran Cocina __": Maricel E. Presilla cookbook
47 Left out, as a syllable
48 Energy bar nut
50 Saw right through, in a way
51 Game, __, match
53 1990s tennis great Monica
56 Small fastener
57 Rower's pair
61 Taking Back Sunday genre
62 Zodiac sign for one with an August 6 birthday

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MONDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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TELEVISION

8/6/24	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.** Track and Field, Diving: Primetime in Paris (Live)						♦ **News**
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**		♦ **Ellas soy yo**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Puzzler	♦ Chi. Fire
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Farm	♦ Outdoors	♦ **Gods of Tennis**		♦ **Frontline**				♦ **Amanp..**
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS News Hour**		♦ **Gods of Tennis**		♦ **Frontline**				♦ **Amanp..**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ BusinessMakers		♦ POV			♦ Nature		♦ Untamed	♦ 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	(5:00) Movie: Enemy of the State (1998)		Movie: Bad Boys ★★ (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.					Movie: Bad Boys II ★★ (2003)	
Animal Planet	North Woods Law		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Michigan
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		**Celebrity Fam**		**Blackson**	Movie: Next Day Air (...	
Bravo	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		The Real Housewives of Dubai		**The Real Housewives of Dubai**			The Real Housewives of Orange County	
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	Office	**DailyShow**
Discovery	Deadliest Catch		**Deadliest Catch**		In the Eye		Contraband		Contraba..
Disney	(6:10) Movie: Coco (2...		Movie: Descendants (2015)				ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	Raven
E!	Sex-City	Movie: Gone Girl ★★★ (2014)							**E! News**
ESPN	**Little League Baseball** Southwest Regional, Game 12: Teams TBA (Live)				**In the Arena: Serena** The Deep End		**The Ultimate Fighter**		**SportCtr** (Live)
ESPN2	**Soccer** Champions Tour: Real Madrid vs. Chelsea FC (Live)				**Little League Baseball** Mountain Regional, Game 6: Teams TBA (Live)				**Arena**
Food Network	Chopped		Chopped		**Bobby's Triple Threat**		Alex vs America		Chopped
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(5:30) Movie: O...	Movie: Ratatouille ★★★ (2007) A French rat longs to become a chef.					**Sasha Reid and the Midnight Order**		The 700 Club
FX	Movie: Fast & Furious 6 ★★ (2013) Hobbs offers Dom and crew a full pardon for their help.						Movie: The Fast and the Furious ★★ (2001)		
Hallmark	Movie: A Greek Recipe for Romance (2024)				Movie: Matching Hearts (2020)				Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Hailey Dean Mysteries				Hailey Dean Mysteries				Murder ...
HBO	(:55) Movie: The Social Network ★★★ (2010)				Hard Knocks		House of the Dragon		(:10) Hard Knocks
HGTV	Love It or List It		Dream Home		Dream Home		Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl
History	UnBelievable		UnBelievable		UnBelievable		(:05) UnBelievable		UnBelievbl
Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle
MASN	(6:30) **MLB Baseball**					**Nats Xtra**	World Poker Tour		**Ballgame**
Monumental	Hometown	Hometown	Rise and Strive		nba Washington Wizards at Phoenix Suns				Caps
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Wagner** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**11th Hour**
MTV	Love, Hip Hop		**Love, Hip Hop**		**The Surreal Life**		Love, Hip Hop		Surreal
Nat'l Geographic	Port Protection		Port Protection		**Port Protection**		Life Below Zero		Life Below
Nickelodeon	Movie: Trolls World Tour ★★ (2020)				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: Tommy Boy ★★ (1995) An heir (Chris Farley) tries to save his father's business.					Movie: Coming to America ★★★ (1988)	
Paramount+Sho	Movie: Heat ★★★ (1995) A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary.						Movie: Training Day ★★★ (2001)		
Syfy	(5:45) Movie: Resident Evil: Final Chapter (2...		**WWE NXT** (Live)				(:10) Movie: 12 Rounds ★ (2009) (P)		
TBS	**MLB Baseball** Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves (Live)						**MLBClose**	B/R Gaming	
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Bombshell (1933)		Movie: Platinum Blonde ★★★ (1931)			(:45) Movie: Hell's Angels ★★★ (1930)			
TLC	Fat Fabulous		**Fat Fabulous**		**Fat Fabulous**		**Welcome**		Unexpect..
TNT	(4:55) Movie: Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (20...		What Happened, Brittany Murphy?		(:20) What Happened, Brittany Murphy?			(:35) Movie: Tomb Raider ★★ (2018)	
Travel	My Horror Story		My Horror Story		My Horror Story		My Horror Story		My Horror
TruTV	No Gamble		No Gamble		No Gamble		Movie: Forgetting Sarah Marshall ...		
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single
USA Network	(6:00) Olympics		2024 Paris Olympics		2024 Paris Olympics		**Olympics**	**2024 Paris Olympics**	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Hip Hop
WNC8	Steal	Cleaning!	Fed Gov	Fed Gov Today with		**WorldNe..**	**WJLANe..**	Paid Prog.	**National**

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition
Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

Director Lynch says emphysema diagnosis may end career

BY HERB SCRIBNER

David Lynch revealed in a new interview published by a British magazine this week that he has been diagnosed with emphysema, leaving him homebound and unable to direct new projects over fears of getting covid-19.

Lynch, co-creator of the cult classic "Twin Peaks" television series, told the Sight and Sound magazine that his condition leaves him only able to walk short distances before he runs out of breath, making directing nearly impossible.

"I've gotten emphysema from smoking for so long and so I'm homebound whether I like it or not. It would be very bad for me to get sick, even with a cold," he said, per the Guardian.

Emphysema is an incurable disease caused by exposure to cigarette smoke and air pollution. It's a type of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (otherwise known as "COPD") that makes it hard to walk and breathe and worsens over time. Common treatments include quitting smoking, bronchodilators and corticosteroids to open airways, oxygen therapy and antibiotics to treat infections. In some cases, surgery or lung transplant may be advised, but not all patients are candidates for these procedures.

"Smoking was something that I absolutely loved, but in the end, it bit me," Lynch said in the interview. "It was part of the art life for me: the tobacco and the smell of it and lighting things and smoking and going back and sitting back and having a smoke and looking at your work, or thinking about things; nothing like it in this world is so beautiful. Meanwhile, it's killing me. So I had to quit."

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David Lynch, pictured in 2017, told the Guardian that emphysema has made directing nearly impossible.

The diagnosis stalls what's been a highly successful career for Lynch. "Twin Peaks" was a massively influential television series that helped mold the modern-day science fiction mystery show genre. Three of his films, 1980's "The Elephant Man," 1986's "Blue Velvet" and 2001's "Mulholland Drive" earned him best director nominations at the Academy Awards. He's also responsible for the 1984 version of "Dune" (which he later deemed a failure). Lynch, like other notable filmmakers, had a cast of regulars he'd enlist for his projects, including Laura Dern, Kyle MacLachlan and the late Jack Nance.

Lynch's last feature film was 2006's "Inland Empire," which starred Dern. He more recently worked on "Twin Peaks: The Return," a reboot of the original show that aired on Showtime in 2017 and starred MacLachlan.

After the pandemic hit in 2020, Lynch experimented with painting and making new music, leading to his recent collaborative album with the artist Chrystabell, who played agent Tamara Preston in the 2017 "Twin Peaks" reboot.

Lynch told Sight and Sound there's a road map for him to direct again in the future, assuming he can do so remotely. "I would do it remotely if it comes to it," Lynch said. "I wouldn't like that so much."

He hopes his 2010 screenplay "Antelope Don't Run No More" will make its way to the box office, but it's unclear if it will. "We don't know what the future will bring," he said.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:20-6:50-9:20
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 4:40
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:45-2:50-6:00-9:10
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:00-9:45
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:20
Longlegs (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Didi (R) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Kneecap (R) CC: 7:15-10:00
Sing Sing (R) CC: 1:10-4:00-7:10-9:50
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 1:00-10:40
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 1:45-5:00-8:15
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 1:15
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 1:30
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 4:15-7:30
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) OC: 9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:20-3:30-6:45-10:00
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) OC: 4:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 11:25AM
Heaven Adores You (NR) 7:15
Dune (PG-13) 7:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:10-3:35-7:00-10:25
Inside Out 2 (PG) 10:15-3:45-6:30-9:15
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Inside Out 2 (PG) 1:00
Twisters (PG-13) 3:00
Longlegs (R) 1:10

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E

Twisters (PG-13) 12:45-3:45-6:45
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 1:00-2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

Thelma (PG-13) 12:00-5:00
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) 2:15-7:15
Widow Clicquot (R) 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 3:30-5:00-6:15-7:00-7:45
Twisters (PG-13) 4:30-6:30-7:30
Trap (PG-13) 7:20
Longlegs (R) 4:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 4:15
Trap (PG-13) 4:45

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest

The Matrix (R) 4:00-7:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 3:30-4:30-7:00-8:00
Twisters (PG-13) 7:25
Longlegs (R) 5:45
Didi (R) 3:00-4:00-5:15-7:45
Kneecap (R) 3:15-8:15
Sing Sing (R) 3:25-7:30
Twisters (PG-13) 3:10

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 11:00AM
Sing 2 (PG) 11:00AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:50-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:50-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:40-11:30-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-3:20-4:00-5:10-6:40-7:40-8:20-9:00-9:20-9:40-10:00-10:40
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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:10-2:20-5:40-8:40
Twisters (PG-13) 2:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 2:40-6:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road

Topper (1937) 2:40
1776 (G) 12:10
The Thin Man (1934) (PG) 12:40-6:20
Thelma (PG-13) 1:10
The King of Marvin Gardens (R) 7:00
Funny Face (1957) (NR) 4:45
Destroy All Monsters (Kaiju Soshingeki) (1968) (NR) 9:15
The Seven Samurai (Shichinin no samurai) 3:15-7:15

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 10:15-12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:45
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:15-1:40-4:20-6:50-9:20
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Trap (PG-13) CC: 10:40-1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 10:20-11:40-2:00-4:20-6:40-9:00
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:10AM
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:05-12:00-2:35-5:00-7:25-9:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:45-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:50-1:20-3:50-6:30-9:05
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:40-4:30-7:20-9:45
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Longlegs (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:40-8:10-10:40
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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 9:55AM
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 Rd.

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Longlegs (R) CC: 1:45-4:30-10:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

The Firing Squad (PG-13) 1:45-6:25
The Fabulous Four (R) OC: 4:15
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:00-4:40-10:05
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-9:15
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 1:50-7:25
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:20-4:20-9:40
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:55-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
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Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) OC: 6:50
Trap (PG-13) OC: 7:15

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 6:00-8:45
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:45-2:20-4:45-9:30
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Trap (PG-13) 1:45

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:30-1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:40-2:00-4:20-6:45-9:10
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 2:00-7:25-10:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:35
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Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:15-6:10-9:05
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 4:50
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 11:30-2:30-5:30-8:30
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 12:30-6:30-9:30
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:00AM
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 3:30
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 11:30-2:20-4:30-9:45

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
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Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 5:45-9:45
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:45
Successor 11:15-2:30-6:00-9:15

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:30
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 3:00-8:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:45-3:00-5:30-8:00-9:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:45-1:15-3:00-3:30-4:30-6:15-7:45-9:30-10:45
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Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:15-6:15-10:30
Trap (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:45
Longlegs (R) CC: 12:30-5:30-10:30
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:30-6:30

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) XD: 10:10-1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50; 9:30-3:50-7:00-10:10; 9:10-9:20-9:40-9:50-10:00-10:20-10:30-12:10-12:20-12:30-12:50-1:00-1:10-1:30-1:40-3:20-3:30-3:40-4:00-4:10-4:40-4:50-5:35-6:40
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Trap (PG-13) 7:10-9:55
Longlegs (R) 9:25-12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 3:30-10:00
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
A Place Called Silence 12:50-6:55
Successor 9:40-3:45-9:50
Boat 7:35
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 9:25-11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-9:55

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:00-1:00-3:30-4:30-7:00-8:05-10:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:30
Twisters (PG-13) 12:30-3:45-7:15-10:45
Trap (PG-13) 1:45-4:45-7:45-11:00

Greenbelt Cinema
129 Centerway

Twisters (PG-13) 8:00
Touch (R) 5:30
Widow Clicquot (R) 8:15

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:15-2:20-4:35-6:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:00-2:00-3:00-5:00-6:00-8:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30-2:45-4:50-7:15
Twisters (PG-13) 1:15-4:15-7:05

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

The Matrix (R) 1:30-7:30
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 1:40-3:50-7:10
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:10-2:25-4:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:30-1:15-1:55-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-6:30-7:00-7:50
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Twisters (PG-13) 1:20-4:05-6:50
Trap (PG-13) 7:25

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:00-1:35-4:30-6:45-9:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:10-2:30-4:45-7:05-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:40-12:00-1:30-4:25-7:10-7:45-10:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
Trap (PG-13) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 4:00-10:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 9:25
Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 11:00AM
Sing 2 (PG) 11:00AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:40-1:15-4:00-6:45-9:15
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Peak Season11:30-1:45-4:15-6:35
Longlegs (R) 12:10-2:55-5:45-8:35
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 2:15-5:35-9:05
Kneecap (R) 10:25-1:00-3:50-6:40-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 12:20-7:00-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:05
The Fabulous Four (R) 10:45AM
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) 3:40
A Place Called Silence 12:30-3:30-6:25-9:45
Twisters (PG-13) 6:50

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 10:50AM
Sing 2 (PG) 11:00AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:45-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:00
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A Place Called Silence 11:25-2:00-5:10-8:00-10:55
Twisters (PG-13) 4:40

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Boulevard

Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 9:00
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Sing 2 (PG) 11:05AM
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Twisters (PG-13) 6:10

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 10:30-11:00
Sing 2 (PG) 10:30-11:00
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
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Longlegs (R) 9:50
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 12:30-3:40-7:10
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 11:00AM
Sing 2 (PG) 11:00AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:20-1:40-4:15-6:30
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Longlegs (R) 11:00AM
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 3:15
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
Successor 3:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:00

Regal Waugh Chapel
1419 South Main Chapel Way

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 11:00-11:20
Sing 2 (PG) 11:00-11:20
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:50-1:30-4:20-6:50-9:15
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Longlegs (R) 10:25
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 12:20-7:10-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 1:20-4:40-8:10
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) 3:40

Regal Westview
5243 Buckeystown Pike

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) 11:00AM
Sing 2 (PG) 11:00-11:05
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The Fabulous Four (R) 2:50
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) 12:20
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Twisters (PG-13) 7:40

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-9:55
Abominable (2019) (PG) 9:30AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:20-1:50-4:20-6:40-8:50
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Longlegs (R) 10:35-2:45-7:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:50-1:10-2:40-4:10-5:40-7:20-8:40

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) (!) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:15-11:45-12:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-6:30-7:00-7:30-10:15-10:30-11:00
Twisters (PG-13) 11:30-3:30-6:45-10:00
Trap (PG-13) (!) 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:45
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) 11:00-2:30-4:45-6:15-9:15
Longlegs (R) 1:30-7:45-10:45

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:10-2:20-4:40-6:15-9:45
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:15-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:00-12:00-2:00-3:10-5:00-8:00-8:40-11:00
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Twisters (PG-13) CC: 11:20-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:05
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Longlegs (R) CC: 10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 6:30; 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-7:15-7:30-9:30-10:15-10:30
Kneecap (R) OC: 7:30
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 12:00-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:35
The Fabulous Four (R) OC: 2:30
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 12:45-3:30-6:15-9:00
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:30-11:40-2:00-4:20-4:30-6:40-7:15-9:00-10:00
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Longlegs (R) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Coup! 11:05AM
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 11:20AM
Kneecap (R) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:00-10:15
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 1:00-10:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 11:30-12:00-2:30-3:00-5:30-6:00-8:30-9:00-11:30
Oddity (R) CC: 4:55
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:00AM
Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot (PG-13) CC: 10:00
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-7:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 4:00-6:30
A Place Called Silence 1:25
Successor 4:10-6:15-10:10
Trap (PG-13) OC: 10:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 6:45
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:00-12:00-1:20-2:20-4:45-6:45-8:20-9:40
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Twisters (PG-13) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:10-5:30-8:30-9:50
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:40-9:40-10:20
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Coup! 5:50-8:20
Kneecap (R) CC: 10:50-4:30-7:00
Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 3:40
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-8:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 10:30-12:45-1:30-3:45-4:30-7:30-9:45-10:30
Ponyo - Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G) 7:00
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 10:10AM
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 6:00
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 5:00
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) OC: 11:30AM
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:30-12:30-2:30-3:30-5:30-6:30-8:30-9:30
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 11:20-4:25-6:45
The Fabulous Four (R) OC: 1:45
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 7:15
Trap (PG-13) 1:45

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph

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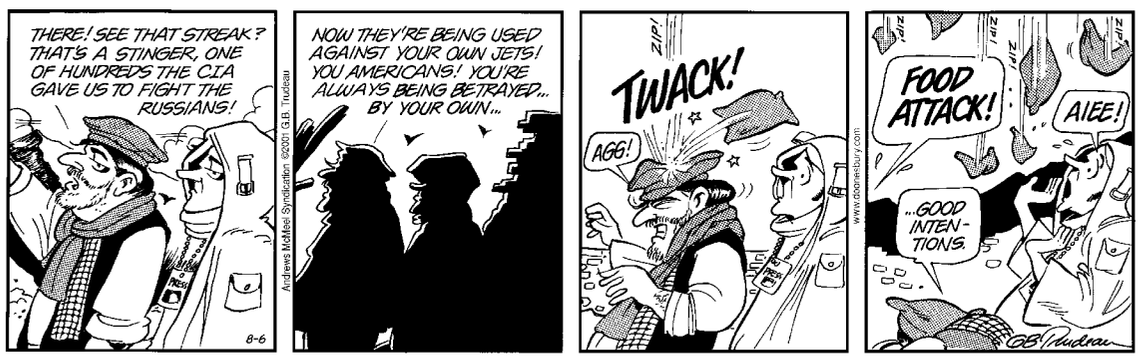

PICKLES

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 7 6 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K Q J 10 9 5
♣ 5

WEST
♠ K 9 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 6 2
♣ A 10 7 2

EAST
♠ A 8 4
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A 8 7 3
♣ 9 8 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ Q J 10 5
♥ K Q 4
♦ 4
♣ K Q J 6 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ J

Cy the Cynic complains that people waste all kinds of time trying to figure out where a roll of tape or paper towels starts, but his partners won't spend a moment to plan ahead as declarer.

Cy was today's North. At 3NT, South won the first heart with the king and led a diamond, and East took the ace and returned a heart. South won in his hand and led the jack of clubs, but West alertly took his ace and led a third heart to the ace.

South then ran the diamonds — and had to discard five times. He pitched a spade and three clubs, but the last diamond did him in. Whatever he threw, the defense would take the rest. Down one.

"Not even a boa constrictor can squeeze himself," Cy observed glumly, "but my partner managed to do it."

At Trick Two, South should lead the king of clubs to West's ace. South wins the heart return in his hand, cashes one high club and forces out the ace of diamonds. He wins the third heart with the ace and runs the diamonds for nine tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ K 9 2 ♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 6 2 ♣ A 10 7 2

The dealer, at your left, opens one diamond. Your partner doubles, and the next player bids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your opponent's jump-raise is weak. With a decent hand, he would have found another call — maybe a redouble. Don't be intimidated. Partner has opening values or more, and you may have a game. Bid three hearts. You have enough strength to compete at the three level.

— Frank Stewart

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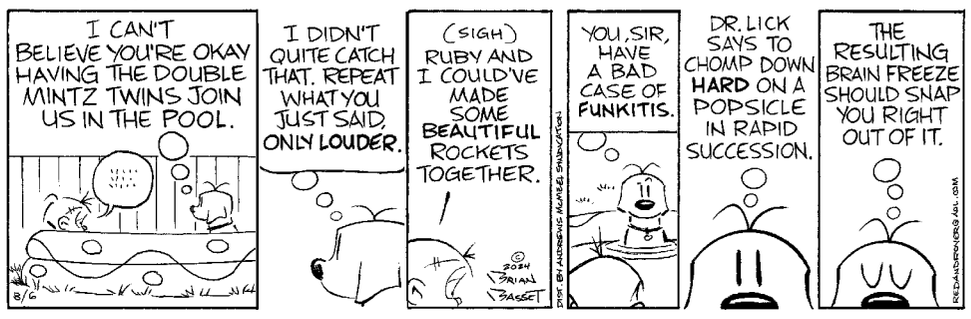

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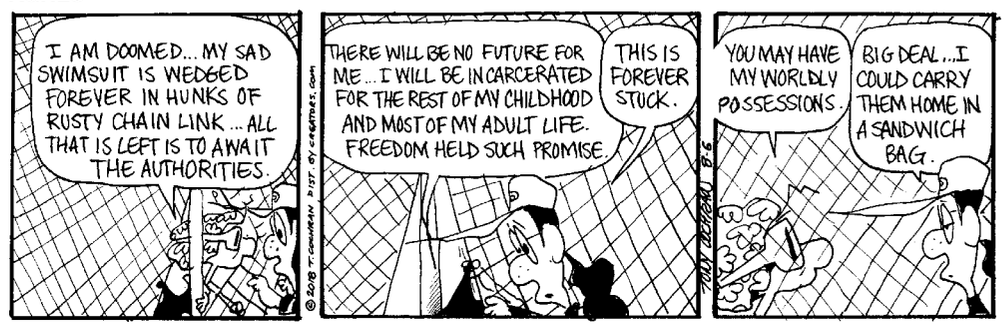

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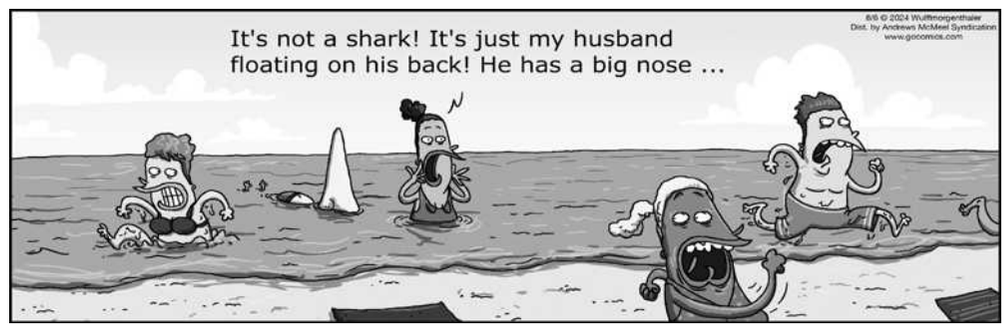

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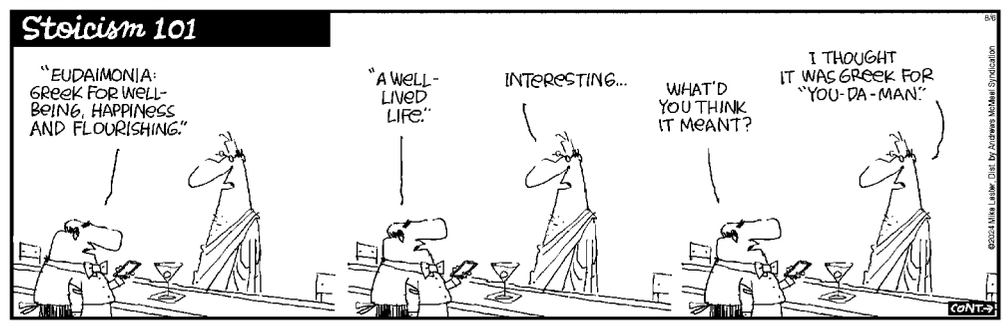

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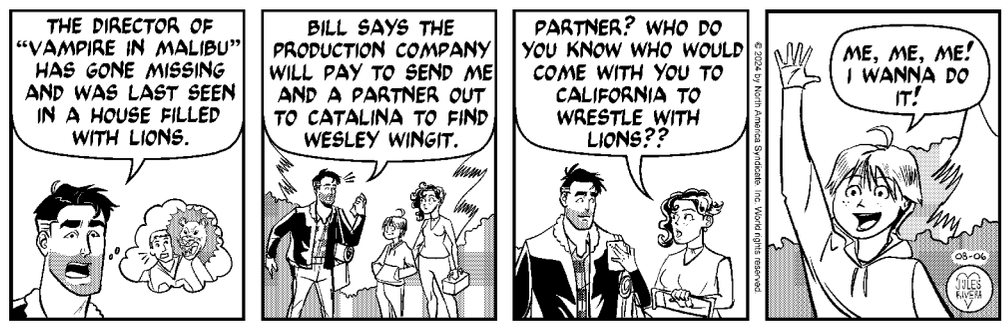

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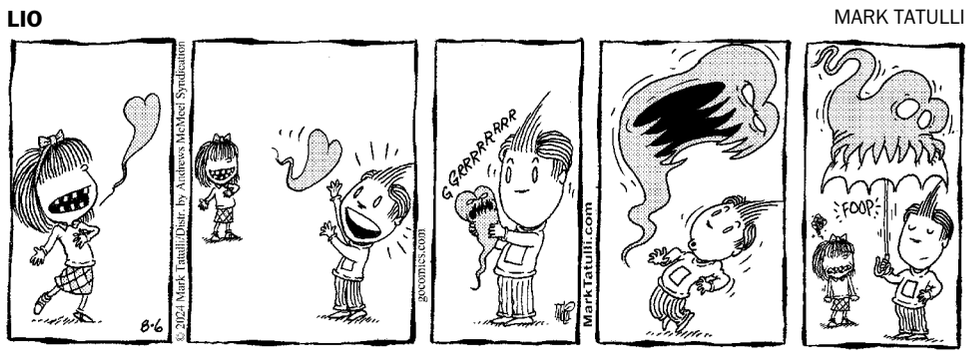

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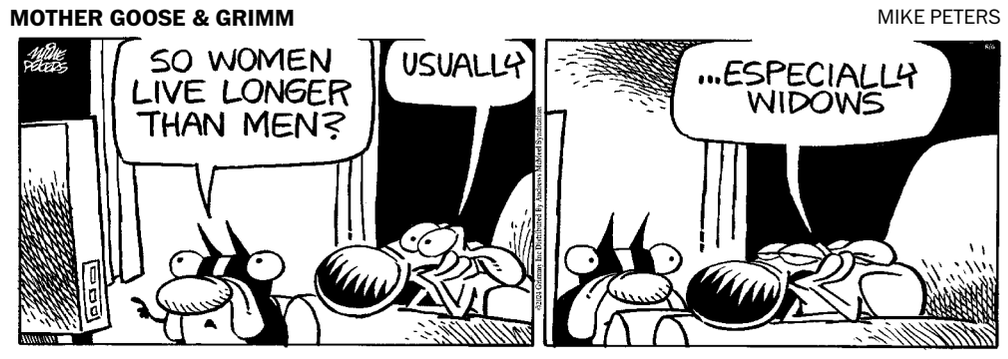

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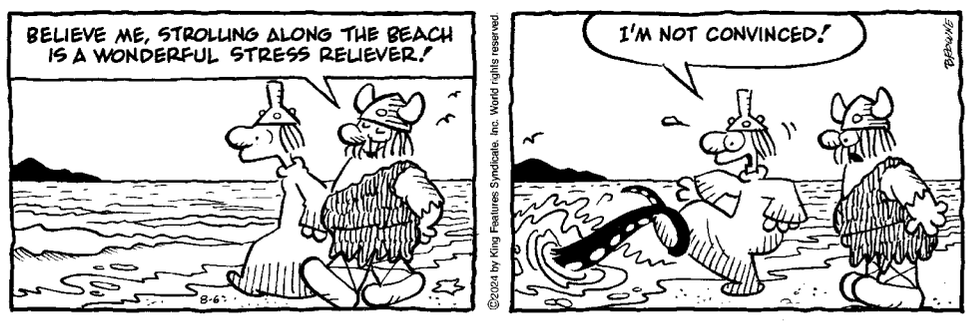

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PAR SCORE 160-170 **FOUR RACK TOTAL** ____
BEST SCORE 233 **TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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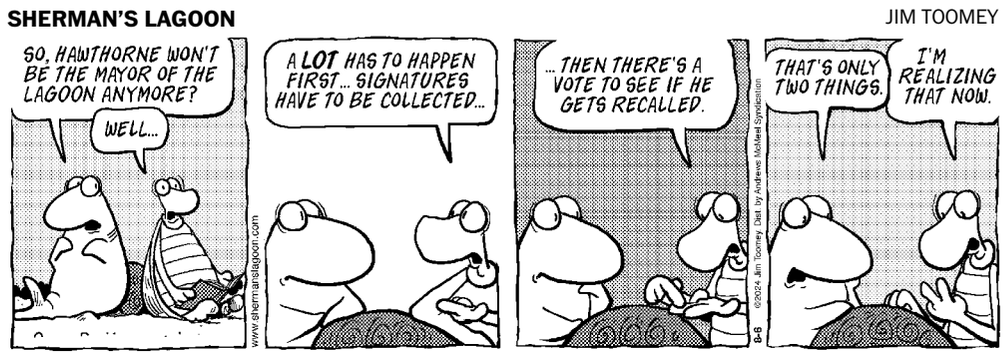

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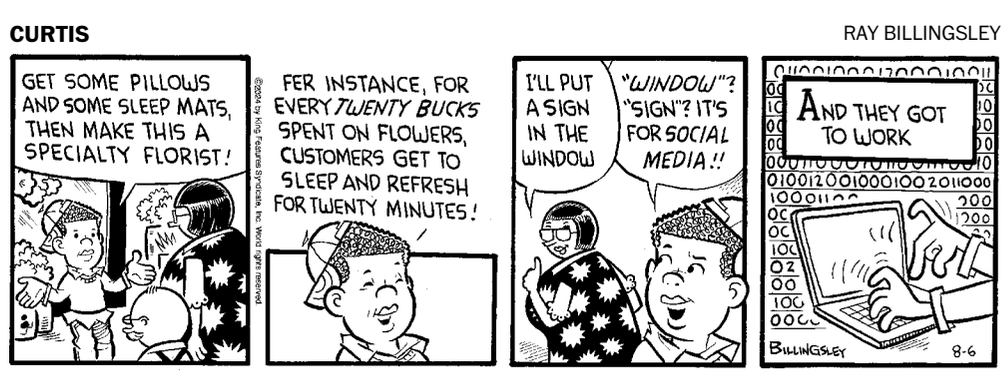

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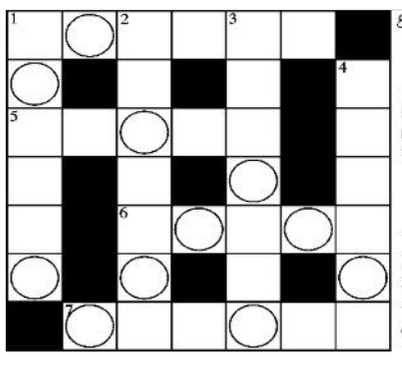

8-6-24

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Mass ____	DSEOUX
5. Grab	ESIEZ
6. Map within a map	ESNTI
7. Trout catcher	NLGRAE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Certain Navy rank	NIENGS
2. Belief, reaction	PONIOIN
3. Eating ____	LISUNTE
4. Author	RTWRIE

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How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: This singer-songwriter was named "Best British Female Artist" a record six times.

ANSWERS: 1A-Exodus 5A-Seize 6A-Insect 7A-Angler 1D-Ensign 2D-Opinion 3D-Utensil 4D-Writer 8-Annie Lennox

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BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

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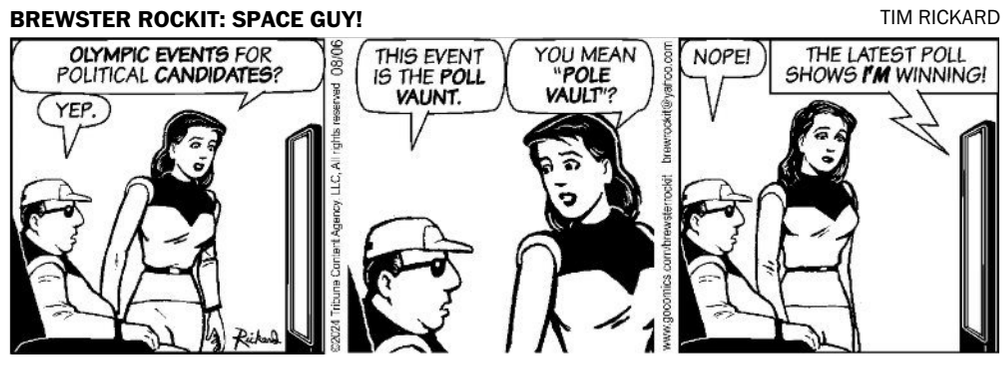

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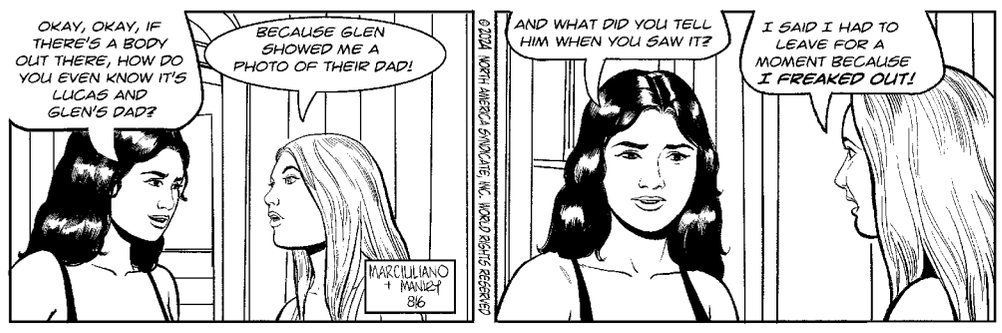
HEART OF THE CITY STEENZ

JUDGE PARKER FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY



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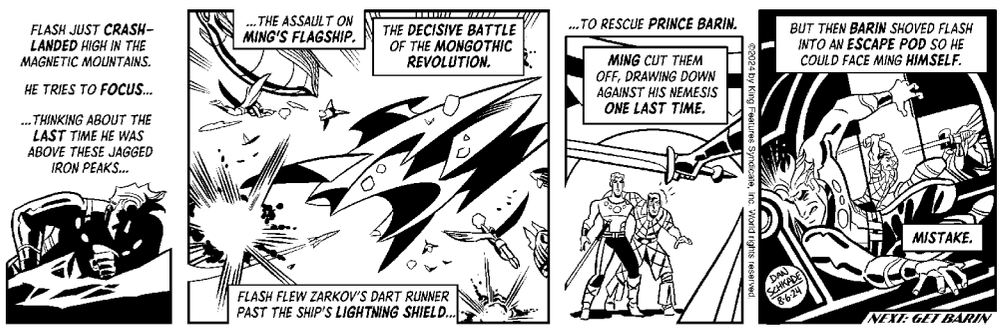

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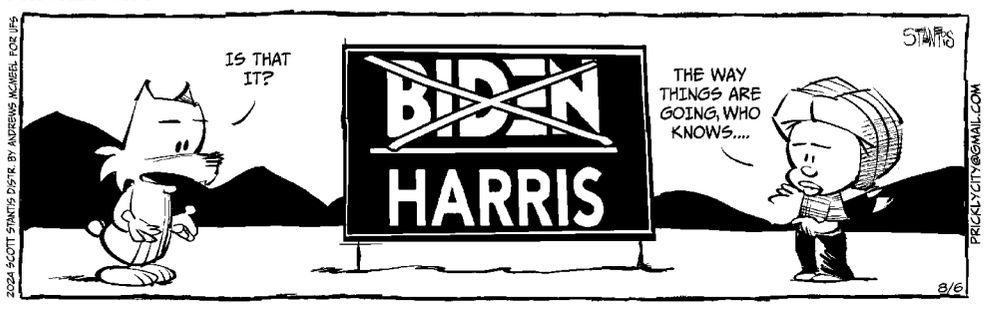

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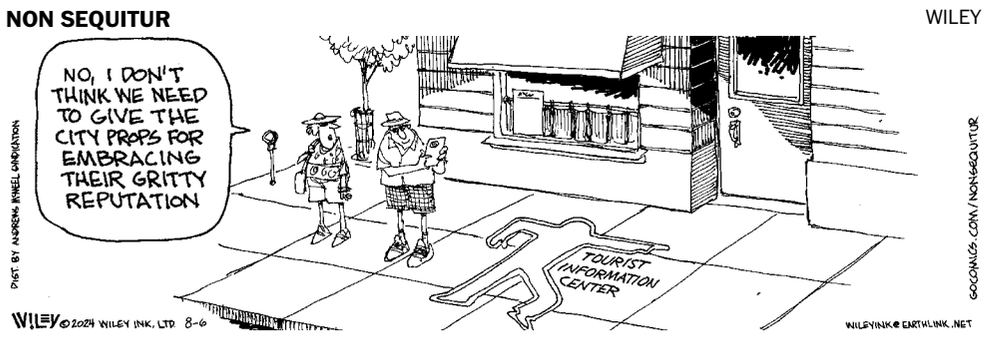

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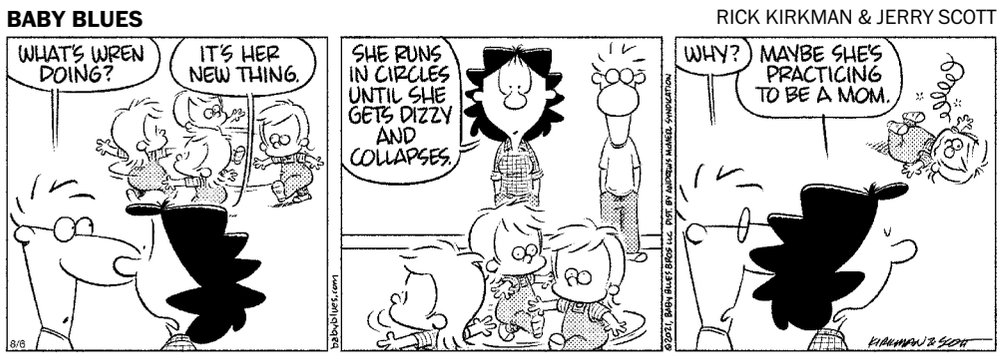

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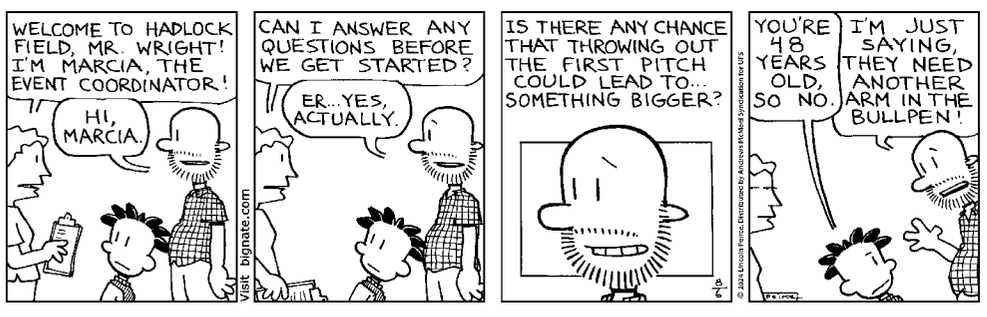

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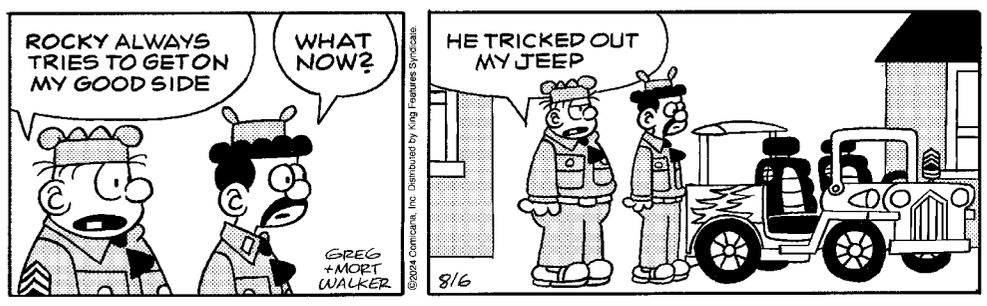

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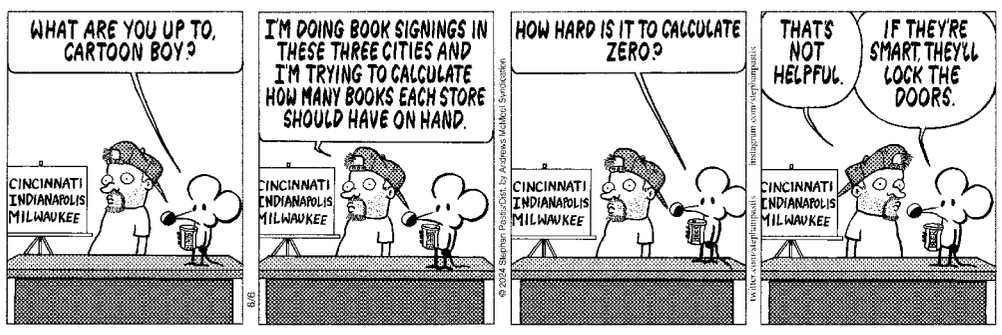

PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

E1	L1	U1	S1	O1	R1	Y4	RACK 1 = 80
P3	E1	L1	O1	T1	O1	N1	RACK 2 = 59
F4	E1	E1	B3	L1	E1		RACK 3 = 11
D2	O1	Z10	E1	N1	T1	H4	RACK 4 = 80

PAR SCORE 160-170 TOTAL 230

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 6

You're adventurous and have a strong lust for life. You love mental stimulation, and you resist routine. You work hard and party hard! This year is about creating solid foundations in your life, both physically and inwardly. Explore martial arts and yoga.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Virgo.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
Be patient with co-workers today. Something might annoy you, or you might feel angry with someone. This might be because you're working hard today and you could be taking on more than you can handle, which makes you exhausted and tired. Stay chill.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Be patient with kids today, as well as romantic partners. In fact, all social occasions, including sports events, might trigger minor hissy fits and disputes with someone.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Let's face it, with fiery Mars in your sign, you're a bit feisty! Mars can be in your sign only once every two years for about six weeks. Be patient with family members today, especially females.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
This is an argumentative day for many people, including you. If you are aware of this right from the beginning, you can practice patience when dealing with others. Patience is the antidote to anger.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Money squabbles or disputes about something that you own (or don't own) might arise today. You will put a lot of yourself into whatever you have to say because the Sun is in your sign.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with fiery Mars, which can trigger strong, volatile emotions in you and others. This is why you might end up in a quarrel with someone or feel obsessed about something.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Something related to travel, foreign countries, the government, medicine or the law could be a source of irritation for you today. (It also might be other things.) The result is you feel some angst, which is no fun.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Avoid squabbles and arguments with friends or members of groups. You might regret this later. The thing is that people are irritable today, and that's just what's happening. It's a short-lived and brief influence, so suck it up and move on. Don't make enemies.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
This is a poor day to ask bosses, parents or people in authority for permission or approval for anything. Their response will likely be, "Talk to the hand." This is because people are short-tempered and impatient with each other.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Steer clear of controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues, because arguments might break out today. This isn't something you will welcome, nor do you need it. Naturally, you have your opinions and you can share them, but today is a poor day to do this.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Money squabbles or disputes about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt or insurance matters might arise today. Actually, this is a poor day to enter into these discussions, because people are argumentative and easily irritated.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Be patient with partners and close friends. Many people are disgruntled or grumpy today. Cut others some slack. And while you're at it, cut yourself some slack as well. Don't make a big deal about anything. Stay chill.

— Georgia Nicols

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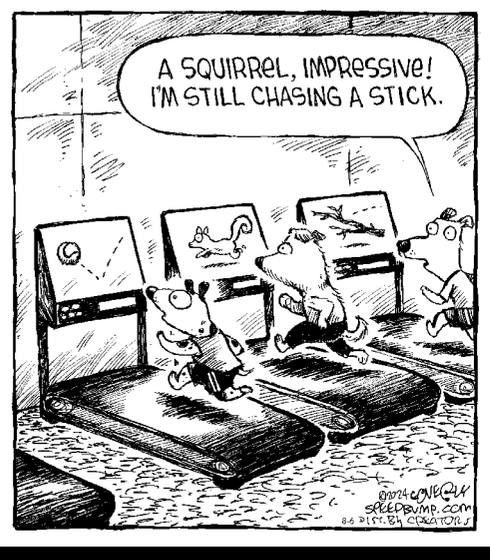
SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Korea House has been full of art installations, showing work from artists across several mediums during the Summer Olympics in Paris. People play drums, sing and dance outside of the Brazil House on Aug. 1. Tiffany Assman Pope, left, and Kalyn Bolland arrive at the Canada House on July 28.

Tiff and Kalyn, medaling in mirth

OLYMPICS FROM **C1**

The Olympics! "Where else am I going to a club," Tiff says, "dressed as a Canadian Girl Scout?" In the sea of writhing orange, she's in the maple-leaf red of her home country: a ball cap, kerchief and poncho that turns into a backpack when you overheat on the dance floor.

"At previous games, we've had to rely on word of mouth about these parties," says Kalyn, whose toenails are intentionally painted the same lavender as the lanes at the track-and-field venue. "So Tiff took it upon herself to create a website."

That website is technically a blog, and it is called House Party. Tiff worked on the site for 18 months, gathering info from 29 countries, sometimes Googling in Ukrainian or Polish for venue details, to create a map and database of Olympic "hospitality houses," a demure term for the spaces created by nations and corporations to gather goodwill (i.e., provide alcohol in this otherwise dry Olympics), push lite propaganda ("Travel to Slovakia: Good idea") and hawk homegrown brands (this big screen is brought to you by Canadian Tire).

The houses are like social embassies, or an Epcot for adults. Tiff made the website on her own time and dime, no sponsors or ads or affiliations (she does have a "donate" button on the site, but no one has ever donated). And now plenty of people at the games are using it to maximize their Olympics experience. Page views have reached into the hundreds of thousands, Tiff says, and readership has increased over 1,000 percent. Her inbox is piling up with odd requests, clutch tips and other evidence that she has become somewhat of a minor influencer at these Games.

"All of these places are like a house party, where you walk in and — even if you don't know anyone — there's a like-minded feeling," says Tiff, who lives in Vancouver. "There's people who are proud of their country, who love sport, who love to witness people in their greatness. Sometimes Kalyn and I can have an 18-hour day at the Olympics: leave at 8 a.m. and get home at 2 a.m. And so any hospitality house is a really lovely place to rest, sit, have air conditioning, chat with interesting fans."

For the Paris games, Tiff and Kalyn, both 35, have a color-coded Excel spreadsheet of their 12-day Olympics schedule. They have tickets to 13 sports events, maybe a dozen party houses to hit, a thousand commemorative pins to collect, and the aim of having the best time ever, over and over again.

"People who have the most incredible time at the Olympics have a plan but can still be flexible," Tiff says. "You have to be a 'yes' person, and go where the wind takes you."

The wind takes them to the free poutine at Canada House in Parc de la Villette, to the Swatch pop-up at Maison Suisse in the embassy of Switzerland, to the soggy lawns of Versailles for the cross-country equestrian event, where the hoof of an Oldenburg gelding named Forever Young Wundermaske flings a blob of mud into the air and onto Tiff's shoulder.

"Ooh," Tiff says, showing off the brown disturbance on her palace-ready person. "A souvenir!"

Doing the Olympics at 1,000 percent means having a sunny attitude. A stain is not a misfortune; it is a keepsake. An inconvenience is merely an opportunity for surprise and delight. A French football fan drunk nearly to the point of muteness, emerging from the darkness one evening to try to flirt, is not a creepy annoyance but a chance to say: "Hey, friend! Who won the game?"

This is the Olympics you can experience only in person, where there's no TV anchor holding your hand and narrating the story. In person, you are your own color commentator, your own cameraman, delivering cheeky weather reports through your Instagram stories. In person, the Olympics experience is both epic (monster volleyball spikes under the Eiffel Tower!) and blinkered (what's going on with the pommel horse up the Seine? No idea).

"Friends are texting me about what's on TV, and I'm living my tiny, minute experience," Tiff says. "I'm in an Uber. And on the train. And at NL House on the dance floor."

Doing the Olympics at 1,000 percent also means having "emergency almonds" and "security baguettes." It means using "lipstick smiles" to charm your way through sticky access points. It means still loving your travel buddy after days of sleeping and pooping in extreme proximity, in a 96-square-foot hotel room with no air conditioning.

It means not letting an American mansplainer detract from your full-throated cheering of cyclists as they whiz through Les Invalides.

"He was like: 'So there are two wheels …'" Kalyn says.

"It's like: I've been to the Tour de France, friend," Tiff says. "This is my sixth Olympics."

Their first Olympics was the winter games in Vancouver in 2010. Tiff blogged the experience for Lululemon, now her longtime employer; Kalyn, who now works at a children's hospital in Toronto, volunteered as a "steward" (i.e. guard) for the downhill ski course. The two women, who met at Queen's University in Ontario, were hooked. There was something addictive — no, *life-affirming* — about the cocktail of athletic greatness, national pride and communal cheer.

Tiff thought: *I want to go to every Olympic Games in my lifetime*. And part of that adventure is the party houses, which they really fell for at the Sochi 2014 Winter Games. Tiff and Kalyn spent many hours at Maison Suisse — which served a raclette that Tiff still thinks about 10 years later — and the pair randomly met some guy with the National Hockey League who gave them box seats.

"I literally sat in front of [Alexander] Ovechkin for multiple games," Tiff says. "That just comes from chitchat with people."

The last two Olympiads, in Tokyo and Beijing, were spectatorless because of covid, so right now the games are back in a big way, and so are the party houses (there are more, and with bigger budgets). So are Tiff and Kalyn, who are armed with "House Party" business cards and "House Party" pins to trade, though Tiff doesn't want this website to become like a job. People have told her to monetize the site somehow. But this is about *joy*. The moment it becomes *work* — forget it.

"It's been so rewarding to do something just for fun, that is also really useful for others around the world," Tiff says. "In our hustle culture, it's been quite freeing."

And it's freeing to say "yes" to it all, over two solid weeks in Paris.

Yes to the seismic roar from Club France (only 5 euro) at the Great Hall of La Villette, as Léon Marchand porpoises his way to a fourth gold.

Yes to a "group cheering event" for archery at Korea House (free admission!) in Maison de la Chimie.

Yes to a beach volleyball clinic at Casa Brasil, courtesy of the country's ministry of sports.

Yes to Maison Slovaque, where Urpiner beer is on tap and women's boxing is on the big screen and, for a moment, you're in Bratislava on the Canal de Saint-Denis.

But maybe no — a very polite Canadian no — to Team USA House, where the cheapest ticket is 325 euro for just one day of admission, though it does get you, uh, unlimited Michelob Ultra? And the chance to see Olympians, past and present, in the flesh (on offer this week: former figure skaters Tara Lipinski and Brian Boitano).

The Olympics at 1,000 percent means over 20,000 steps per day and throwing out your ragged shoes when the trip is over. The games at 1,000 percent feel like a lifetime that passes in an instant. The weeks are long but the days are short.

As Tiff says: "Time integrity is funky at the Olympics."

As Kalyn says: "The Olympics is not a sprint. It's a racewalk."

"And it's the 50-kilometer," Tiff adds, "not the 20-kilometer."

Tiff and Kalyn have some basic hacks, as you might imagine. The trick is to never get to the point of hunger, or thirst, or need of a toilet. The cure for the daytime sleepies is three ingredients consumed in quick succession:

1. a bottle of water
2. a large beer
3. an espresso

And if you want a guaranteed good time, it's TeamNL House all the way. The Netherlands seems to have perfected the art and science of the hospitality house. For a tenth of the USA House admission price, you get 10 times the party. You haven't truly done the Olympics until you've:

A) Seen the Dutch celebrate their gold medalists by crowd-surfing them around an arena.

B) Been nearly trampled during the whipsawing choreography of "Links Rechts," a party song by a Dutch group called Snollebollekes, whose frontman seems to be a fusion of Ryan Seacrest and Carrot Top.

You can't do these things via your television or your phone. Nor can you accomplish, remotely, one of Tiff and Kalyn's chief goals of every Olympics: to sing "O Canada" in person as a fellow countrywoman receives her gold medal. They have already succeeded in Paris, belting their national anthem right behind swimmer Summer McIntosh — and also making the blurry background on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. broadcast — after she won the 400-meter individual medley last week.

There are fancier, less cheesy ways of celebrating the Olympics in person: the Veuve Clicquot pop-up on the rooftop terrace of Printemps Haussmann, the Omega party hosted by Nicole Kidman at the Hôtel de Poulpry, the red-carpet welcome for the American basketball teams at USA House.

But are any of those as *fun* as Ireland House on a Thursday, after a day of beach volleyball? Show up to O'Sullivans by the Mill, an Irish bar in the neighborhood of Pigalle, and you can befriend the rower who won a bronze medal in double sculls 10 hours earlier (and who also looks like Clark Kent, and is also somehow a medical doctor) and then be moved to tears as an Irish rock band covers Adele's "Someone Like You," which, for Tiff and Kalyn, is a touchstone Olympics anthem going back to Sochi — but that's a story for another time.

When Tiff and Kalyn return to their boutique hotel around 12:50 a.m., they are greeted by anecdotal evidence that no one is doing the Olympics as much as they are. Theirs is the only key — out of 39 rooms — left on the hooks at the reception desk.

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PARIS OLYMPICS

For Biles, a final bow

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Silver medalist Simone Biles, left, and bronze medalist Jordan Chiles, right, take a knee for Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, who won gold on the floor in the final event of the women's gymnastics program at Bercy Arena.

Olympic sport or activity for a child's birthday party? It can't be both.

Barry Svrluga

PARIS — We are at the point in the Paris Olympics where we can make a full assessment of three-on-three basketball. It is — how to put this? — dumb.

A governing principle of the Olympic program should be: If you can do it in your backyard or your basement as the focal point of a barbecue or a kid's birthday party, it's out. So see ya, trampoline gymnastics. Au revoir, badminton. There's no Olympic cornhole. Why is there Olympic ping-pong?

Sorry. Table tennis. They call it table tennis.

(Psst. It's ping-pong.)

Breaking: Breaking starts later in the week.

Also breaking: It shouldn't be in the Olympics.

It's time to evaluate — both with tongue in cheek and a necessarily skeptical eye — what

SEE **SVRLUGA** ON **D8**

A news conference to settle ... nothing
The gender controversy that has roiled the women's boxing event continues unabated. **D7**

Chaotic finish in women's 5,000
Kenya's Beatrice Chebet wins gold after some jostling during the race got judges involved. **D8**

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Noah Lyles was on to his 200-meter heat the day after his 100 meters for the ages.

Golden Lyles has his eyes set on the stars

BY RICK MAESE

SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE — The fastest man on the planet was slow getting to bed. He had spent years dreaming of the moment, so forgive Noah Lyles for staying up late to watch. Over and over. Each time, thankfully, the same result: a photo finish, a gold medal, redemption.

Finally, around 2:45 a.m., "I had to stop watching the race," he said.

Lyles's life changed in those 9.784 seconds, though it surely will take time to appreciate just how much. One day after he won the 100-meter race — the marquee sprint of any Olympic track meet, packed with glitz, glamour and so much speed — Lyles's profile and his place in the sports world had instantly skyrocketed to new heights.

"What he is recognizing and reflecting

SEE **LYLES** ON **D7**

Gymnast is gracious in defeat, a skill she seldom has to display

Jerry Brewer

PARIS — In perhaps the final memory of Simone Biles on an Olympic podium, she bowed. Her motivation was not to acknowledge an adoring crowd, though she forever will be adored. For a rare time, she stood next to the highest perch, not on it, in second place waiting along with third-place finisher Jordan Chiles for Rebeca Andrade to be introduced as the gold medalist of the women's gymnastics floor exercise.

As Andrade ascended to glory, Biles and Chiles bent forward, extended their arms and waved them up and down, a classic gesture of reverence. The Americans did it out of immense appreciation for Andrade, who has recovered from three knee reconstructions to capture six career Olympic medals, including four at the Paris Games. They also hoped to create a moment that would illustrate their pride in seeing

SEE **BREWER** ON **D6**

She shines even when she stumbles
Simone Biles's closing act in Paris is a silver medal on floor during a mettle-testing day. **D6**

Expanding what's possible
Armand Duplantis soars beyond his own world record and captures gold in the pole vault. **D12**

The Eagles, with Saquon Barkley at RB and two new coordinators, get back to work. **D2** | The Nationals can't figure out Logan Webb's change-up and fall to the Giants, 4-1. **D3**

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THE DAY IN SPORTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Georgia, Ohio State lead the coaches' poll

A year after seeing its two-year run as national champion end, Georgia will open the season ranked No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

The Bulldogs received 46 of 55 first-place votes in the USA Today poll, which was released Monday. Preseason No. 2 Ohio State got seven first-place votes; the Buckeyes were followed by Oregon, Texas and Alabama.

The Associated Press preseason poll is slated to be released next Monday.

Texas and defending national champion Michigan each got a first-place vote. The Wolverines will open at No. 8 after losing coach **Jim Harbaugh** and quarterback **J.J. McCarthy** to the NFL.

Mississippi's No. 6 ranking represents the highest preseason ranking for the Rebels in the coaches' poll since 1970. Notre Dame is No. 7, followed by Michigan, Penn State and Florida State.

The SEC's Missouri (No. 11) and LSU (No. 12) were just outside the top 10. The SEC had nine teams in the poll, including half of the top 12. It's the highest starting spot for Texas since 2010 and the lowest for the Crimson Tide since 2009.

The Big Ten had four teams in the top 10 and six ranked overall; the Big 12 opens with five ranked teams.

Independent Notre Dame was the only team outside the Power Four conferences to be ranked.

National runner-up Washington just missed the top 25. …

Harbaugh said he has no reason to apologize as he continued to deny having any knowledge of the impermissible-scouting operation that triggered an NCAA investigation of his Michigan program during its championship run last year.

"Never lie. Never cheat. Never steal. I was raised with that lesson. I have raised my family on that lesson. I have preached that lesson to the teams I've coached. No one's perfect. If you stumble, you apologize and you make it right," the Los Angeles Chargers coach said after practice. "Today, I do not apologize. I did not participate. I was not aware nor complicit in those said allegations. So for me, it's back to work."

Harbaugh left the Wolverines on Jan. 24 to become coach of the Chargers, two weeks after he led his alma mater to its first national title since 1997.

Harbaugh could face Level 1 NCAA violations — the most serious the association can levy on an individual — as part of an investigation of impermissible scouting and sign-stealing. Michigan is expected to receive a notice of allegations from the NCAA soon.

A draft of the notice includes accusations of rules violations by Harbaugh and other staff members, including **Sherrone Moore**, who was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach, three people briefed on the document told the Associated Press on Sunday. …

Notre Dame offensive tackle **Charles Jagusah** will miss the season after he tore a muscle in his chest during preseason practice.

The school announced that Jagusah is expected to have surgery after injuring his right pectoral muscle. The second-year player and former four-star recruit was considered a possible starter at left tackle after the departure of **Joe Alt**, who was a first-round pick by the Chargers in April's NFL draft.

The Fighting Irish are replacing both starting offensive tackles this season, with **Blake Fisher** also getting drafted.

The 6-foot-7, 330-pound Jagusah started the Sun Bowl against Oregon State last year; Alt opted to not play in the postseason.

Notre Dame also announced that defensive back **Marty Auer** tore his left ACL and is out for the season.

The Fighting Irish open their season Aug. 31 at Texas A&M.

SOCCER

Champions League tweak nets odd match

Turkish champion Galatasaray was drawn against Young Boys, which is currently last in the Swiss league, in a playoff round to advance to the new Champions League format.

Neither team has started the season well. Galatasaray lost, 5-0, to city rival Besiktas on Saturday in the domestic Super Cup, and Young Boys is winless in four games to open defense of its Swiss league title.

Young Boys hosts the first leg of the playoff Aug. 20 or 21 in Bern. The return game is Aug. 27 or 28 in Istanbul.

The winner advances to the new 36-team Champions League that no longer plays the first phase in traditional four-team groups. Instead, all teams will play eight games instead of six, through January instead of December, and are ranked in a single standings. The fixtures are drawn Aug. 29 in Monaco and start Sept. 17.

Seven entries will be decided in the playoff round, with the lineup decided by the third qualifying round, which begins Tuesday.

In the playoffs, Croatia's Dinamo Zagreb will face Azerbaijan's Qarabag or Bulgaria's Ludogorets, and Serbia's Red Star Belgrade is away in the first leg against Norway's Bodo/Glimt or debutant Jagiellonia Bialystok, the champion of Poland.

In a separate draw path for teams that did not win their domestic league, Turkey's Fenerbahce, coached by **Jose Mourinho**, or France's Lille will play the Czech Republic's Slavia Prague or Union Saint-Gilloise of Belgium.

Austria's Salzburg, which has qualified for the 2025 Club World Cup, must get past Dutch squad Twente in the third qualifying round to earn a playoff against Ukraine's Dynamo Kyiv or Scotland's Rangers.

Teams that lose in the Champions League playoffs will enter the Europa League in September. The second-tier competition also is expanding to 36 teams. …

Atalanta and Italy forward **Gianluca Scamacca** will have surgery for a torn ACL and is likely to be sidelined for the next six months.

Scamacca had to be helped off the field early in the second half of Sunday's friendly against Parma. He could not put his left leg on the ground after injuring himself as he tried to stop a ball in the opponent's penalty area.

The 25-year-old left the stadium on crutches, and tests revealed the seriousness of the injury.

"Following a clinical consultation with Prof. **Pierpaolo Mariani** at the Villa Stuart Clinic in Rome, Gianluca Scamacca underwent diagnostic tests which revealed an anterior cruciate ligament rupture in his left knee," Atalanta said in a statement. "This afternoon … the footballer will undergo arthroscopic surgery. Prof. Mariani himself will carry out the operation."

Atalanta did not say how long Scamacca will be out, but it is likely he will not return until February, ruling him out for the majority of the season — including the Super Cup against Real Madrid on Aug. 14 and the new league phase of the Champions League.

Scamacca played a key role in Atalanta's success last season, helping it win the Europa League and finish in fourth place in Serie A. …

Bayern Munich's hopes of signing Netherlands forward **Xavi Simons** were shelved with the player agreeing to extend his loan at Leipzig from Paris Saint-Germain for another season.

"Speculation surrounding Xavi's future can finally be put to rest," Leipzig said on its website, where it announced it had agreed to another loan deal with PSG for the attacker.

Leipzig said the 21-year-old was to complete a medical examination and then train individually for the first time since the European Championship. He is slated to train with the rest of the team Tuesday, the club added.

Bayern had made no secret of its admiration for Xavi after he starred for the Netherlands at the European Championship.

"He has everything, including mentality and character — an exceptionally good player," Bayern sporting director **Christoph Freund** said last month.

Xavi, who has made 20 appearances for the Netherlands, scored 10 goals and set up 15 more in 43 games for Leipzig last season.

The club said he will wear the No. 10 for the coming campaign.

TENNIS

On appeal, Shapovalov keeps points, money

Canada's **Denis Shapovalov** will retain his ranking points and prize money after appealing his disqualification from the quarterfinals of the DC Open, the ATP announced.

Shapovalov lost his first set, 7-6 (7-5), in a match against American **Ben Shelton** on Friday and trailed 6-3 in a tiebreak in the second when he threw his racket to the court and began shouting at a fan in the stands.

As Shelton was about to serve for triple match point, the 25-year-old Shapovalov again argued with a fan. He was given an unsportsmanlike conduct code violation by the umpire, who then summoned a supervisor.

The ATP announced that the loss of ranking points and prize money, which is automatically applied when a player defaults, was a disproportionate penalty for Shapovalov's actions. He will, however, have to pay a $36,400 fine for the violation.

Shapovalov is back in action this week at the National Bank Open in Montreal. He will begin his tournament Wednesday against a qualifier.

— From news services

SPOTLIGHT: BASEBALL

Rebuilt Robinson statue arrives in Wichita

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WICHITA — With a rebuilt statue of Jackie Robinson in bronze back in Kansas, some of the late baseball icon's biggest fans are breathing a sigh of relief.

The original sculpture depicting Robinson resting a bat on his shoulder was cut off at its ankles in January, leaving only his cleats behind at Wichita's McAdams Park, home of League 42, an urban youth baseball organization. The statue is not only a piece of art or even just a tribute to the player who broke Major League Baseball's color line, said Bob Kendrick, president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

"That statue had become a symbol — a symbol of hope, a symbol of inspiration, of the core values that were part of Jackie's legacy. Those were fixtures here in the ballpark," Kendrick said.

He said that made it difficult to explain the statue's theft to the 600 children who play in League 42, which was named after Robinson's uniform number with the Brooklyn Dodgers, with whom he broke MLB's racial barrier in 1947. Kendrick and others worried the children might lose faith in humanity.

But then people from across the country stepped up to help replace it six months after thieves destroyed the original.

"It reminds us that there has always been more good people in this world than bad people," Kendrick said. "The minute that you're ready to give up on people, what happens? The good people in this case literally stepped up to the plate."

The league was met with an outpouring of support and hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations after news of the stolen statue shocked the community and spread across the country.

Little League players and former MLB standouts, including all-stars CC Sabathia and Dellin Betances, were slated to gather for a ceremony Monday night as an identical statue was unveiled. The cleats of the original found a new home at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

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7:20 p.m.	**Milwaukee at Atlanta** » TBS
10 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Los Angeles Dodgers** » MLB Network

SOCCER

5 p.m.	**NWSL Summer Cup, semifinal: Gotham FC vs. Angel City** » CBS Sports Network
7 p.m.	**Friendly: Chelsea vs. Real Madrid** » ESPN2
7:30 p.m.	**Leagues Cup, East Group: Nashville SC at New England** » Fox Sports 1
9 p.m.	**NWSL Summer Cup, semifinal: North Carolina at Kansas City** » CBS Sports Network

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: National Bank Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

HOCKEY

5:30 p.m.	**Hlinka Gretzky Cup, preliminary round: United States vs. Finland** » NHL Network
9:30 p.m.	**Hlinka Gretzky Cup, preliminary round: Slovakia at Canada** » NHL Network

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7 p.m.	**Southwest, final: Texas West vs. Louisiana** » ESPN
9 p.m.	**Mountain, semifinal: Colorado vs. Utah** » ESPN2

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

7 p.m.	**Elimination game: West vs. Asia-Pacific** » ESPN2

Talented Eagles strive to return to dominant form

After late-season skid led to playoff blowout, changes came quickly

BY MARK MASKE

PHILADELPHIA — As the Philadelphia Eagles worked through a training camp practice on a cloudy, gray morning, it was difficult to gauge their launching point for this season. Is this team more closely aligned to the imposing version that dominated the NFL for the first three months of last season? Or is it more like the disappointing rendition that ended the year in a downward spiral?

Cam Jurgens lined up at center during Sunday's practice as the replacement for retired great Jason Kelce. Tailback Saquon Barkley, a newly arrived offensive headliner, took his spot in the backfield behind quarterback Jalen Hurts. The offensive and defensive schemes on display had been drawn up by a new set of coordinators.

But as significant as such changes are, they fall short of representing an organizational overhaul. Coach Nick Sirianni remains in place, and he used a megaphone at times during Sunday's practice to call out situational considerations — the hypothetical score and time remaining — during full team drills.

The Eagles will enter the fourth season of the pairing of Sirianni as coach and Hurts as starting quarterback attempting to recapture what went so right for most of last season while moving on from what went so wrong at the end.

"Right now I feel like our team is getting better," safety C.J. Gardner-Johnson said after practice. "I'm not worried about what happened last year. It's a new team, new year, new roster, new yearbook. So we're just worried about focusing on getting better day by day and just understanding who we are so we can go out there and compete and go out there for our main goal, and that's compete for a Super Bowl."

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and General Manager Howie Roseman certainly are not afraid to order an organizational reset when they believe it's in order — as when Lurie dismissed Doug Pederson as the team's coach in January 2021, not even three years after Pederson orchestrated the first Super Bowl triumph in franchise history.

Some observers wondered whether a similar reset would occur after last season. The Eagles, coming off a Super Bowl defeat to the Kansas City Chiefs to conclude the 2022 season, were the league's best team through November. They won 10 of their first 11 games and were well positioned to become just the fourth NFL team to win a Super Bowl a season after losing one. But it all came undone as the Eagles lost five of their final six regular season games, were overtaken by the Dallas Cowboys for the NFC East title and were overwhelmed, 32-9, by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a first-round playoff game.

Lurie retained Sirianni, though his staff underwent major changes for a second straight offseason, this time by choice rather than by necessity. Sirianni lost both coordinators to head coaching jobs following the Super Bowl season; offensive coordinator Shane Steichen was hired by the Indianapolis Colts and defensive coordinator Jonathan Gannon took over the Arizona Cardinals.

Their replacements, Brian Johnson on offense and Sean Desai on defense, lasted just one season. Sirianni demoted Desai late last season without stripping the coordinator title from him, handing the defensive play-calling duties to senior defensive assistant Matt Patricia. Now, the Eagles have Kellen Moore as their offensive coordinator and Vic Fangio as their defensive coordinator.

"He's been around longer than a lot of [defensive coordinators]," Gardner-Johnson said of Fangio. "So his system actually works. We just want to understand the scheme and just continue to get better and win football games with it … because we know what's at stake for us this year."

Gardner-Johnson, a member of the Eagles' 2022 Super Bowl team, returns after spending last season with the Detroit Lions. The Eagles signed him in March.

"Chauncey just brings an element of toughness to this football team. … I love that we have him back," Sirianni said.

It's an intensity that Sirianni and the Eagles welcome. Gardner-Johnson is unafraid to yell at teammates on the practice field, explaining after Sunday's practice that Cowboys star pass rusher Micah Parsons "is going to go out there yelling at you" during the season. He called himself a "feisty, passionate" player in the mold of Ed Reed, Sean Taylor, Ray Lewis and Ndamukong Suh.

"I don't care how you feel," Gardner-Johnson said, pointing at several reporters. "I'm here to win, hold my teammates accountable, hold myself accountable."

On the other side of the ball, the Eagles need Hurts to return to his dual-threat brilliance of the 2022 season, when he finished second in MVP voting. The arrival of Barkley, who left the New York Giants to sign a three-year, $37.75 million deal, provides another key playmaker. Wideouts A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith look to build on a 2023 season in which they each topped 1,000 receiving yards for a second straight year.

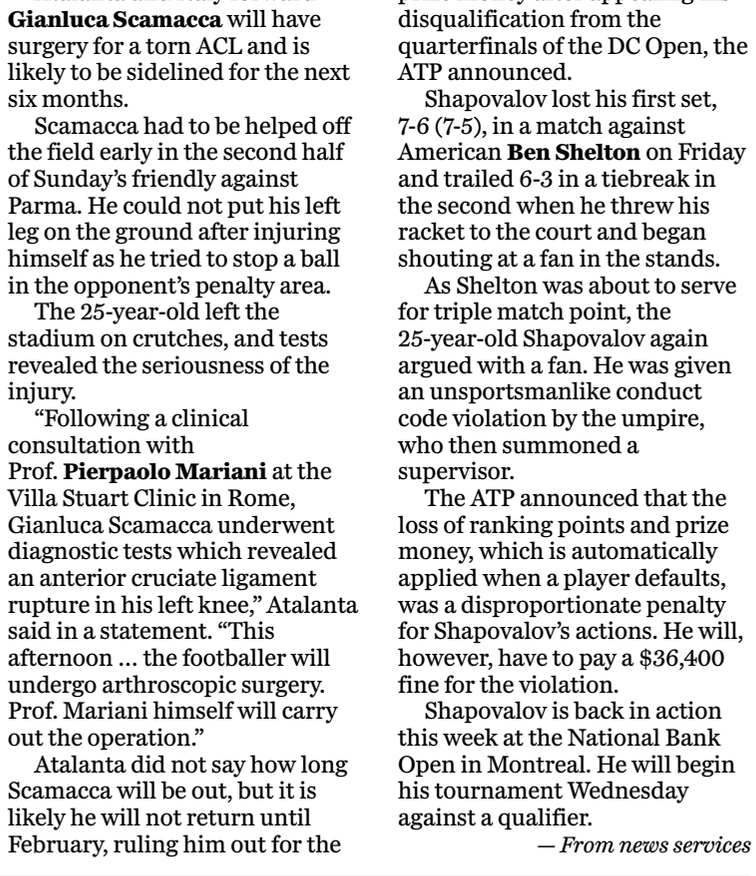
"As the years go on," Smith said of the wide receiver duo, "it's only going to get better."

But the offensive line must operate without Kelce, a future Hall of Famer who announced his retirement in March after 13 seasons with the Eagles and seven Pro Bowl selections. His successor is Jurgens, a third-year pro who made 11 starts at guard last season. He not only takes over for a legendary figure but also must attempt to maintain the Eagles' effectiveness on the push-the-quarterback sneak that has been such a short-yardage competitive advantage in recent seasons.

If the Eagles struggle, they are likely to be among the teams mentioned as possible suitors for Bill Belichick next offseason. He failed to land a head coaching job after parting in January with the Patriots following 24 seasons and six Super Bowl victories. Belichick is set to do broadcasting work this season and has not ruled out a return to coaching. The Eagles would represent the sort of ready-made contender that might be a fit for such an accomplished coach, although they generally have refrained from chasing prominent coaches in Lurie's past searches.

At least one notable figure does not expect the Eagles to struggle.

"Regardless of what you can pull up stat-wise, rating-wise, I'm always on the winning side of football," Gardner-Johnson said. "Regardless if I'm in the NFC championship or a playoff game or division championship game, if you look at the course of my career, I'm going to bring the winning attitude. My teammates, they understand that. I don't settle for less. If we can't win, then what are we here for?"



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Eagles Coach Nick Sirianni hopes to return his team — and his job security — to solid ground following a late collapse last season.

Webb's change of pace keeps the Nats unsteady

GIANTS 4, NATIONALS 1

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

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Flummoxed by Logan Webb's change-up, CJ Abrams's Nationals lost to the Giants to start a four-game series Monday at Nationals Park.

CJ Abrams found himself in a favorable position against San Francisco Giants right-hander Logan Webb in the fifth inning Monday night. He had laid off two pitches out of the strike zone, setting himself up to do damage with a runner in scoring position.

And then came Webb's change-up.

Abrams and the rest of the Washington Nationals read the scouting report on Webb. They watched video. They knew his change-up, as juicy as it looks coming out of his hand, can be deceiving. But the scouting report often goes out the window once you step into the batter's box.

And so Abrams took a hack at the change-up — even though it ended up at the bottom of the strike zone. He popped it up to center field, looked hard at the sky, then dropped his head and slammed his bat before Mike Yastrzemski settled under it for an out in Washington's 4-1 loss that opened a four-game series at Nationals Park.

"It looks just like his fastball coming in," Manager Dave Martinez said. "He's got good depth on it. We just had to get the ball up on him. Just couldn't do it."

Abrams had plenty of company in a frustrated home dugout. That change-up widened the eyes of the Nationals' hitters, with many of them already in their swing before the pitch began its descent toward the dirt. And when the pitch barreled past their bats, they winced, their regret immediate. Webb's change-up is designed to make hitters pound the ball into the dirt — if they swing. And the Nationals couldn't help but swing.

The Nationals (51-62), who entered Monday with the second-highest groundball percentage (46.3) in the major leagues, were basically tailor-made for Webb.

"It was really tough," catcher Keibert Ruiz said. "Everything was working at the bottom of the zone for him. His sinker moved a lot, his change-ups. It was a tough night for us."

Webb threw 45 change-ups. The Nationals swung at 27 of them. Eight were whiffs. Another nine were fouled off. And, of the 10 change-ups that were hit, the first eight went for outs. Webb recorded four strikeouts with the change-up — none of the pitches were in the strike zone. Washington also hit into seven groundouts.

Before the game, Martinez preached to his players to look for the ball up. After the game, his advice hadn't changed.

"Don't swing," he said. "[Webb] wants you to chase the ball down. He'll have to get the ball up when he's behind, and then we got to be ready for the ball up."

The Nationals were looking for a bounce-back performance from Patrick Corbin, who allowed 11 runs in his previous outing against Arizona. But Corbin allowed a solo homer to Tyler Fitzgerald to open the game. In the third inning, he tried to fool Matt Chapman by throwing a 67.8-mph slider as a get-me-over pitch, but Chapman hit a three-run homer to give the Giants (57-57) a 4-0 lead. Another loss dropped Corbin's record to 2-12.

The Nationals finally broke through against Webb in the sixth inning, when Ruiz worked a 13-pitch at-bat that ended in a walk and advanced to second base on a balk.

"I threw him everything — four-seams, cutters, sliders, change-ups, two-seams — and he just kept fouling it off," Webb said. "It's kind of annoying, to be honest."

Then came rookie James Wood, who lashed a change-up for an RBI single that cut the Nationals' deficit to 4-1. Travis Blankenhorn added another single off Webb's change-up in the next at-bat, ending the pitcher's night. But Alex Call flied out against reliever Ryan Walker to end the threat.

From there, the Nationals' best scoring opportunity came in the eighth, when they had two runners in scoring position and brought the tying run to the plate with nobody out. But Wood struck out on three pitches, Blankenhorn did the same, and Call flied out to right to end the rally.

Injury updates

Joey Gallo is expected to begin a rehab assignment with Class AAA Rochester on Tuesday. He'll play first base for five innings Tuesday, then be the designated hitter Wednesday. On Thursday, he'll play right field. Gallo has played the majority of his 46 games this season at first base and was one of the better first basemen statistically when he was on the field. But with the emergence of Juan Yepez at the plate, Gallo will have the opportunity to play more in the outfield, where he was expected to play when he signed. …

Righty Trevor Williams is still throwing from 125 feet as he rehabs a flexor strain that has sidelined him since early June. Martinez said the hope is that he can throw a bullpen session next week. …

Righty Cade Cavalli is continuing to throw as he works his way back from a setback in his rehab from Tommy John surgery.

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NFL NOTES

Skirmishes break out for Lions and Giants

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dan Campbell and Brian Daboll wanted a highly competitive workout when the Detroit Lions and New York Giants opened two days of joint practices Monday in East Rutherford, N.J. The two coaches may have gotten a little more than even they wanted.

Lions first-round draft pick Terrion Arnold, a cornerback, left the field after a goal-line drill and was being evaluated for a concussion. Detroit guard Kevin Zeitler, who was signed as a free agent, injured a shoulder early and left practice.

It appeared Arnold was hurt when he was blocked by Giants left tackle Andrew Thomas.

There were at least four scrums after plays where the players rushed to the altercation from all sides of the field before peace was eventually restored.

There were two involving Lions all-pro wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown, one with safety Dane Belton and the other with rookie cornerback Dru Phillips.

The scariest one for the Giants was seeing quarterback Daniel Jones rush into a scrum with his center Greg Van Roten down on the field and a Lions player on top of him.

It came one play after Jones hit his hand on the equipment of a Lions defender while making a throw.

Daboll immediately took exception and yelled at the Lions to stay away from his quarterback, who was wearing a no-contact jersey.

"A situation happens like that, you try to stand up for your guys," Jones said of running to Van Roten's aid.

• **CHIEFS:** Kansas City's Harrison Butker, who made the game-winning field goal in the Chiefs' Super Bowl victory two years ago, agreed on a four-year contract extension that makes him the highest-paid kicker in the NFL.

Butker announced the deal on social media, saying: "There's no place I'd rather be than with the Chiefs, excited to finalize a 4 year extension. To the Heights!"

ESPN reported Butker is receiving a $25.6 million extension that includes $17.75 million guaranteed.

Butker has converted 89.1 percent of his field goals (197 for 221) in seven seasons with the Chiefs. He has made 70 percent of his kicks (28 for 40) from beyond 50 yards. He has been excellent in the playoffs, making 32 of 36 field goals (88.9 percent) and 62 of 65 extra points (95.4 percent).

• **BROWNS:** Cleveland defensive end Za'Darius Smith was taken off the field in a cart after injuring his left knee during practice.

Smith, who had 5.5 sacks last season — his first with Cleveland — appeared to get hurt during a red-zone drill. As quarterback Deshaun Watson was scrambling, Smith got caught up in traffic while being blocked along the offensive line. The Browns said Smith suffered a bruised knee and will be reevaluated Tuesday. Coach Kevin Stefanski was not made available to comment on Smith's injury.

Also, linebacker Jordan Hicks didn't practice after getting hurt Sunday. With Hicks out, the Browns are missing their top three linebackers — Hicks, Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah and Tony Fields II.

• **SEAHAWKS:** Seattle quarterback Geno Smith returned to practice after missing a few days with knee and hip issues.

Smith was a full participant during practice, which lasted about two hours, and there aren't any restrictions on him moving forward, the team said.

• **VIKINGS:** Minnesota wide receiver Jordan Addison was charged with two misdemeanors in Los Angeles County after his July 12 arrest near Los Angeles International Airport on suspicion of drunken driving.

Addison has an Oct. 7 court appearance to be arraigned and enter his plea. If he is convicted or pleads guilty, he could face up to six months in jail, may have to pay fines of up to $2,000 or might lose his driver's license for as long as six months.

• **RAMS:** Wide receiver Puka Nacua, who suffered a knee injury Sunday during a joint practice with the Los Angeles Chargers, is considered week-to-week, said a person with knowledge of the situation who was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Nacua had six touchdown catches as a rookie last season.

Lewandowski still has 'this hunger to win something more'

Barcelona's prolific Polish striker wants to keep scoring but has begun to think about life after his playing days

BY THOMAS FLOYD

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Robert Lewandowski's goal total fell each of the two seasons the 35-year-old has played for Barcelona.

Ask Robert Lewandowski to unpack his goal scoring longevity, and the Barcelona striker will trace that endurance to good fortune, disciplined nutrition and, less conventionally, his father's insistence that he give other sports a shot.

Growing up as a Roberto Baggio-obsessed soccer fanatic in the Polish village of Leszno, Lewandowski would have only ever gotten his kicks on the pitch if left to his own devices. But Krzysztof Lewandowski, a former judo champion and professional soccer player who happened to be Robert's physical education teacher, preached the value of training the body to withstand all manner of challenges. So his son played soccer, yes, but also added basketball, volleyball, hockey and gymnastics to the rotation.

"My dad said to me, 'Now, you have to be thinking about different sports to be the athlete who can adapt very fast,'" Lewandowski said last week during an interview from Barcelona's preseason base in Annapolis. "I remember I did a lot of gymnastics when I was young, and for me that was easy. If I saw the new exercise, my father told me, 'Can you try this?' And I tried and I did this. After many years, I understood that helped me a lot."

Two weeks from his 36th birthday, Lewandowski remains one of the sport's most consistently deadly scorers. Case in point: He has netted at least 25 goals in all competitions each of the past 13 European seasons. The list of contemporaries who can rival that production begins at Cristiano Ronaldo, ends at Lionel Messi and includes no others. In 2020 and 2021, Lewandowski beat out both icons for men's world player of the year honors from FIFA.

Still, age may finally, gradually be catching up with Lewandowski. After averaging an astonishing 43 goals per season in all competitions over eight campaigns with Bayern Munich, he has notched 33 and 26 since joining Barcelona in a blockbuster move two summers ago.

But when Lewandowski linked up with the Blaugrana for its stateside tour, which wraps up with a friendly against AC Milan on Tuesday at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, he felt unusually fresh. For as frustrated as Lewandowski was by an ankle injury that sidelined him for a month last fall and the thigh issue that limited his minutes for Poland at this summer's European Championship, the ailments also curtailed the mileage on his lethal legs.

"It's the first time in a few years I wasn't so tired after the season," he said. "I have to say that after one week [off], I started thinking already about when I have to come back to the team. Normally, I don't have this kind of thing if I am on vacation. But this time, my body was telling me that I'm ready."

Lewandowski is the first to concede that the 2023-24 campaign was a "difficult season," for the club and for himself. After finishing atop the Spanish league in Lewandowski's first season, Barcelona endured a trophyless campaign in his second, exiting the UEFA Champions League and Copa del Rey in the quarterfinals and finishing 10 points back of Clásico rival Real Madrid in La Liga.

The 27-time Spanish champions are counting on such rising stars as Gavi (20 years old), Pedri (21) and Euro 2024 breakout Lamine Yamal (17) to guide them back to La Liga's throne. But as the club's oldest player, Lewandowski is expected to impart his experience on that youthful core while continuing to carry the goal scoring burden.

"Robert in the box is unbelievable," said new Barcelona coach Hansi Flick, who managed Lewandowski at Bayern from 2019 to 2021. "From the experienced players, my dream is also that they help the young players to improve, to grow up."

"It's like I can be the father of some of these guys," Lewandowski noted. "But I enjoy it a lot."

On the club level, there is no mountain Lewandowski hasn't scaled after he led the 2019-20 Bayern squad to an elusive treble — the Champions League, Bundesliga and German Cup titles. Yet motivation is no issue for a competitor who insisted he won't hesitate to walk away the moment his passion morphs into a burden.

"I cannot accept myself if I'm still going to be trying to play football but not doing this 100 percent," Lewandowski said. "If I'm going to do this 90 percent, I'm starting [to think]: 'Maybe something inside is off. Maybe I have to change thinking about football and my future.' But in the morning, I have a smile on my face as I'm going to the training session."

Lewandowski cites a career mercifully free of major or chronic injuries for that buoyant mindset. As he reaches the age when years of quick cuts and crunching tackles take their toll, he has no interest in wearing down his body — or his mental health — to the point of inhibiting his quality of life once his playing days are over.

Lewandowski said he began pondering that post-playing stage of his life as far back as his late 20s. Nowadays, he acknowledged, "I have to say that I am starting to think more about after the football life." He's not sure coaching is in the cards — in the short term, at least — because he anticipates wanting to step away from the day-to-day grind, not rehash it. But his exact aspirations remain a work in progress.

"In the end, we have to stay healthy — not just physically with the body but the mind," Lewandowski said. "Even if physically I'm going to feel well, maybe my mind is saying, 'Hey, maybe it's time to say enough' or, 'Maybe it's time to do something different' or, 'Maybe it's time to be more focused on family.' The football life is one part of your whole life. I don't want to be the person who has some kind of problem not being an athlete anymore."

For now, however, that fire still burns. Lewandowski is under contract with Barcelona until the summer of 2026, when he would like to represent Poland at the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada (though he noted that the tournament is too far out to be certain). As MLS recruits more global stars in the wake of Messi's arrival last summer, Lewandowski said he has discussed the league with Charlotte FC striker Karol Swiderski, his Polish compatriot; Inter Miami left back Jordi Alba, his ex-Barcelona teammate; and Miami owner David Beckham. ("But, you know, nothing serious," he quickly clarified.)

Although the final chapters of Lewandowski's career remain to be written, his place in the record book is already assured — not that he's ready to reflect on his legacy just yet.

"I still feel this hunger to win something more, to score more goals," Lewandowski said. "If you hear your name after you score a goal, it's sometimes difficult to explain in words, but it's the moment that you are in a different world. I don't want to forget this feeling, and I want to enjoy this feeling for as long as possible."

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Philadelphia	66	45	.595	—	2-8	W-1
Atlanta	60	51	.541	6	6-4	L-2
New York	59	53	.527	7½	5-5	W-1
Washington	51	62	.451	16	4-6	L-1
Miami	42	71	.372	25	5-5	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	62	49	.559	—	4-6	L-2
Pittsburgh	56	55	.505	6	5-5	L-1
St. Louis	57	56	.504	6	4-6	L-2
Cincinnati	54	58	.482	8½	5-5	W-1
Chicago	55	60	.478	9	6-4	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	65	47	.580	—	4-6	W-2
Arizona	61	52	.540	4½	8-2	W-2
San Diego	61	52	.540	4½	8-2	W-2
San Francisco	57	57	.500	9	8-2	W-2
Colorado	41	72	.363	24½	3-7	L-2

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Baltimore	67	46	.593	—	6-4	W-2
New York	67	46	.593	—	7-3	W-2
Boston	60	51	.541	6	6-4	W-2
Tampa Bay	57	54	.514	9	6-4	W-2
Toronto	51	61	.455	15½	5-5	L-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Cleveland	67	45	.598	—	6-4	L-3
Minnesota	63	48	.568	3½	7-3	W-5
Kansas City	63	51	.553	5	6-4	L-1
Detroit	53	60	.469	14½	3-7	L-1
x-Chicago	27	87	.237	41	0-10	L-20

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Seattle	59	54	.522	—	6-4	L-1
Houston	57	55	.509	1½	4-6	L-3
Texas	54	59	.478	5	3-7	W-1
Los Angeles	49	63	.438	9½	4-6	W-2
x-Oakland	46	67	.407	13	5-5	L-2

x-Late game

Giants 4, Nationals 1

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Fitzgerald ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.314
Canha 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Wade ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.298
Conforto lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.232
Chapman 3b	4	1	1	3	0	1	.246
Schmitt 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Encarnación rf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.308
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.253
Luciano dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.293
Yastrzemski cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.245
TOTALS	35	4	9	4	1	10	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Yepez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.317
García 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.290
Ruiz c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.222
Wood lf	3	0	1	1	1	2	.259
Blankenhorn dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.188
Call rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.382
Vargas 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.265
Young cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.249
TOTALS	33	1	6	1	3	11	—

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LOB: San Francisco 5, Washington 9. **2B:** Yastrzemski (10), Conforto (21), Young (16), Ruiz (11). **HR:** Fitzgerald (12), off Corbin; Chapman (18), off Corbin. **RBI:** Fitzgerald (24), Chapman 3 (54), Wood (21). **SB:** García (18).

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Webb	5⅔	4	1	1	3	4	95	3.42
Walker	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	16	2.29
Ta.Rogers	⅔	2	0	0	0	2	13	2.23
Ty.Rogers	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.16
Doval	1	0	0	0	0	3	13	4.29

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Corbin	6	7	4	4	1	6	90	5.88
Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	1	13	3.97
Salazar	1	2	0	0	0	1	20	3.68
Ferrer	1	0	0	0	0	2	12	9.00

WP: Webb (9-8); **LP:** Corbin (2-12); **S:** Doval (21). **Inherited runners-scored:** Walker 2-0, Ty.Rogers 2-0. **HBP:** Walker (Vargas). **T:** 2:22. **A:** 14,674 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

GIANTS FIRST
Tyler Fitzgerald homers. Mark Canha grounds out. Michael Conforto strikes out on a foul tip. Matt Chapman strikes out swinging.
Giants 1, Nationals 0
GIANTS THIRD
Mike Yastrzemski doubles. Tyler Fitzgerald lines out, Mike Yastrzemski to third. Mark Canha grounds out. Michael Conforto walks. **Matt Chapman homers, Michael Conforto scores, Mike Yastrzemski scores.** Casey Schmitt flies out.
Giants 4, Nationals 0
NATIONALS SIXTH
Juan Yepez lines out. Luis Garcia Jr. grounds out. Keibert Ruiz walks, advances to second base on a balk. **James Wood singles, Keibert Ruiz scores.** Travis Blankenhorn singles, James Wood to third. Alex Call flies out.
Giants 4, Nationals 1

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Tuesday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
Call	.382	13	3	1	5	8
Yepez	.317	32	12	2	14	8
García	.290	103	19	13	53	18
Ramírez	.277	18	4	1	16	1
Vargas	.265	54	14	1	23	16
Wood	.259	29	3	2	21	14
Winker	.257	81	18	11	45	53
Thomas	.253	76	16	8	40	32
Abrams	.250	105	23	16	54	33
Young	.249	80	16	1	22	21
Adams	.233	24	5	2	8	9
Meneses	.231	65	11	3	42	21
Ruiz	.222	67	11	8	36	10
Senzel	.209	43	10	7	18	27
Lipscomb	.209	38	3	1	10	15
Nuñez	.200	3	0	0	0	2
Blankenhorn	.188	3	1	0	2	0
Rosario	.183	40	11	7	26	13
Millas	.167	5	1	1	1	2
Gallo	.164	23	7	5	11	21
Robles	.120	3	0	0	2	5
Totals	**.242**	**905**	**188**	**90**	**449**	**329**

Pitchers	W	L	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO
Vargas	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	0
Floro	3	3	2.06	42	12	13	40
Williams	5	0	2.22	45	14	16	47
Law	6	2	3.16	68	24	18	57
Finnegan	2	5	3.30	37	17	14	45
Irvin	8	9	3.56	115	53	32	115
Salazar	0	0	3.68	11	3	4	8
J.Barnes	6	2	3.97	43	20	12	37
Parker	6	6	4.06	98	48	29	87
Harvey	2	4	4.20	43	21	12	50
Herz	2	4	4.27	45	22	13	59
Gore	6	9	4.54	123	56	44	122
Rutledge	0	0	4.76	5	3	2	7
Garcia	2	3	5.03	39	22	14	52
Corbin	2	12	5.88	153	83	40	95
Rainey	0	0	6.39	33	22	22	23
Weems	1	1	6.59	49	30	20	34
M.Barnes	0	0	6.75	16	10	4	10
Adon	0	0	7.71	9	6	3	4
Ferrer	0	0	9.00	6	6	4	6
Gray	0	2	14.04	15	13	5	9
Totals	**51**	**62**	**4.38**	**999**	**487**	**321**	**908**

NL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Ohtani, LA	.306
Arraez, SD	.305
Profar, SD	.300
Ozuna, Atl	.300
Marte, Ari	.300

HOME RUNS

Ohtani, LA	33
Ozuna, Atl	32
Marte, Ari	27

RBI

Ozuna, Atl	86
Ohtani, LA	79
Marte, Ari	77
Bohm, Phi	77

ERA

Sale, Atl	2.71
Wheeler, Phi	2.77
Greene, Cin	2.83
Suárez, Phi	2.87

SAVES

Helsley, StL	34
Finnegan, Was	30
Suarez, SD	24
Iglesias, Atl	23
Díaz, Cin	22

STRIKEOUTS

Cease, SD	174
Glasnow, LA	155
Sale, Atl	155

AL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Witt, KC	.344
Kwan, Cle	.333
Judge, NY	.322
Guerrero, Tor	.316

HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	41
Santander, Bal	32
Ramírez, Cle	29
Henderson, Bal	29

RBI

Judge, NY	103
Ramírez, Cle	93
Rooker, Oak	81
Naylor, Cle	80

ERA

Lugo, KC	2.57
Skubal, Det	2.58
Burnes, Bal	2.63

SAVES

Clase, Cle	33
Holmes, NY	23
Kimbrel, Bal	23

STRIKEOUTS

Crochet, Chi	162
Skubal, Det	162
Ragans, KC	159
Ryan, Min	145

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Something wild in St. Louis

The Mets' Pete Alonso scores on a wild pitch by the Cardinals' Andre Pallante during the second inning at Busch Stadium. New York prevailed, 6-0.

Mets 6, Cardinals 0

Sean Manaea won to give him victories in consecutive starts for the first time this season, Tyrone Taylor hit a three-run double, and New York routed St. Louis in the makeup of a May 8 rainout.

Manaea allowed six hits in seven innings, struck out 10 and walked none. He has pitched 14 scoreless innings over his past two starts. The Cardinals have lost four of five.

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	4	1	0	0	1	2	.253
Taylor rf	4	0	1	3	0	0	.236
Nimmo lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.262
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.241
Iglesias 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.331
McNeil 2b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.239
Alvarez c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.263
Bader cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.271
TOTALS	35	6	9	5	2	10	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.278
Pham lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.360
Contreras dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.256
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Arenado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.266
Burleson rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Donovan 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.265
Pagés c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.225
Scott cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.081
TOTALS	33	0	6	0	1	12	—

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E: Lindor (10). **LOB:** New York 4, St. Louis 7. **2B:** Bader 2 (18), Taylor (13), Arenado (16). **HR:** McNeil (10), off Armstrong.

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manaea	7	6	0	0	0	10	3.30
Stanek	1	0	0	0	1	1	10.1
Díaz	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.66

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pallante	4⅔	5	5	5	2	2	4.43
Armstrong	2⅓	2	1	1	0	4	2.25
Liberatore	2	2	0	0	0	4	5.01

WP: Manaea (8-4); **LP:** Pallante (4-6). **Inherited runners-scored:** Armstrong 1-0. **WP:** Manaea, Pallante(2). **T:** 2:22. **A:** 34,881 (44,494).

Reds 10, Marlins 3

Elly De La Cruz, 22, became the youngest Cincinnati player with four extra-base hits (two homers and two doubles) in a game since at least 1901, and the Reds overcame Jesús Sánchez's 480-foot home run, the longest in the major leagues this season.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	2	2	0	1	0	.262
De La Cruz ss	5	3	4	3	0	0	.261
Steer lf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.229
Wiemer lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Friedl cf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.216
Stephenson c	5	1	1	0	0	1	.241
Candelario dh	5	1	1	0	0	1	.226
France 1b	5	1	3	1	0	1	.235
Fraley rf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.281
Marte 3b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.170
TOTALS	42	10	15	9	3	4	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Edwards ss	5	1	2	0	0	1	.383
Burger 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.239
J.Sánchez rf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.241
Hill ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Bride dh	4	0	2	1	1	0	.262
Stowers lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.100
Rivera 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.219
Lopez 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.232
Bruján cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.219
Fortes c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.219
A.Sánchez pr-c	1	1	0	0	0	1	.170
TOTALS	37	3	11	3	2	9	—

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E: Martinez (3), De La Cruz (22), Muñoz (3), Lopez (3). **LOB:** Cincinnati 9, Miami 11. **2B:** De La Cruz 2 (24), France (1), Fraley (12). **HR:** De La Cruz (19), off Muñoz; Marte (3), off Muñoz; France (1), off Anderson; De La Cruz (20), off Anderson; J.Sánchez (13), off Junis.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Martinez	5	4	0	0	0	5	3.43
Junis	1⅓	6	3	3	0	1	18.0
Farmer	1⅓	1	0	0	1	2	2.60
Wilson	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.94

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Muñoz	3⅓	7	6	4	3	2	5.68
Anderson	5⅓	8	4	4	0	2	10.9

WP: Martinez (6-5); **LP:** Muñoz (2-6). **Inherited runners-scored:** Farmer 1-0, Anderson 3-0. **HBP:** Martinez (Fortes), Junis (Rivera). **T:** 2:47. **A:** 9,460 (37,446).

Diamondbacks 7, Guardians 6 (10)

Eugenio Suárez singled off Emmanuel Clase in the 10th inning to score Corbin Carroll and lift Arizona.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Marte dh-2b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.300
Moreno c	2	1	2	1	0	0	.262
Herrera pr-c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Gurriel lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.266
Bell 1b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.235
Grichuk rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Carroll ph-rf	2	1	0	0	0	1	.214
McCarthy cf	2	2	1	0	1	0	.294
Suárez 3b	3	0	1	2	1	1	.229
Newman 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.276
Pederson ph	1	1	1	2	0	0	.285
A.Thomas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	1	0	0	.275
TOTALS	37	7	10	7	4	6	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.334
L.Thomas rf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.125
Ramírez 3b	4	2	3	1	1	0	.282
J.Naylor 1b	4	1	0	1	1	2	.247
Fry dh	5	0	0	0	0	1	.274
Giménez 2b	4	1	3	2	0	1	.256
Freeman cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Martínez ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.240
B.Naylor c	4	1	2	1	0	2	.206
Rocchio ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.207
Schneemann ph-ss	0	0	0	1	0	0	.227
TOTALS	37	6	10	6	3	9	—

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LOB: Arizona 8, Cleveland 6. **2B:** Suárez (18), Ramírez (25), Giménez (17). **3B:** Bell (1), Kwan (3), B.Naylor (2). **HR:** Marte (28), off Allen; Moreno (5), off Allen; Pederson (18), off Barlow.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen	7	8	5	5	2	4	3.75
Ginkel	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.17
Puk	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
Thompson	1	1	1	1	0	1	2.30
Martinez	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.01

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Allen	5	5	2	2	2	2	5.56
Smith	⅔	3	2	2	1	1	2.17
Avila	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.02
Gaddis	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.37
Herrin	⅔	0	1	1	0	0	2.00
Barlow	⅔	1	1	1	1	0	3.86
Morgan	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.72
Clase	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.69

WP: Thompson (6-3); **LP:** Clase (4-2); **S:** Martinez (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Puk 1-0, Avila 2-0, Herrin 1-0, Barlow 1-1. **IBB:** off Martinez (Ramírez). **HBP:** Herrin (McCarthy). **WP:** Gallen. **T:** 3:07. **A:** 19,570 (34,788).

Twins 3, Cubs 0

David Festa struck out a career-high nine over five innings as Minnesota beat Chicago.

Making his fifth major league start, Festa allowed two hits and two walks for his second win. The Twins drew within 3½ games of American League Central-leading Cleveland; that's the closest they have been to first place since before play began May 18.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Castro ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.263
Larnach lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.248
Lewis 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1	.281
Wallner dh	4	1	2	0	0	2	.269
Kepler rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.264
Jeffers c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.243
Margot cf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.243
Martin 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.238
TOTALS	32	3	8	2	1	9	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Happ lf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.229
Busch 1b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.257
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.111
Bellinger dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.274
Tauchman rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.246
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Swanson ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.224
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.204
Amaya c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.214
TOTALS	31	0	4	0	2	14	—

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LOB: Minnesota 4, Chicago 6. **2B:** Santana (22), Wallner 2 (8), Crow-Armstrong (8), Happ (25). **HR:** Margot (4), off Hendricks.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Festa	5	2	0	0	2	9	5.55
Thielbar	1	0	0	0	0	3	5.34
Alcala	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.96
Duran	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.47
Jax	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.01

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks	6	5	2	2	1	5	6.60
J.López	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.61
Pearson	2	2	1	1	0	2	3.38

WP: Festa (2-2); **LP:** Hendricks (3-10); **S:** Jax (8). **PB:** Jeffers (3). **T:** 2:16. **A:** 35,382 (41,363).

Red Sox 9, Royals 5

James Paxton pitched six solid innings, Masataka Yoshida tied his career high with four of Boston's 18 hits, and the Red Sox beat Kansas City.

Paxton allowed two runs on five hits to record his first win since being traded to the Red Sox.

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Duran lf	5	0	1	3	0	1	.295
Abreu rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.274
Yoshida dh	5	2	4	0	0	0	.277
Devers 3b	4	1	2	0	1	1	.307
Wong c	5	1	2	2	0	2	.303
D.Smith 1b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.238
González ph-1b	2	1	1	2	0	0	.283
Sogard 2b	5	2	2	0	0	1	.333
Hamilton ss	5	0	2	1	0	0	.256
Rafaela cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.260
TOTALS	42	9	18	8	2	8	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.238
Witt ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.343
Pasquantino 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.265
Perez c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.278
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Massey 2b	4	2	2	0	0	1	.257
Fermin dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.304
Hampson lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Frazier ph-lf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.195
Isbel cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.221
DeJong ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.286
TOTALS	35	5	9	5	2	7	—

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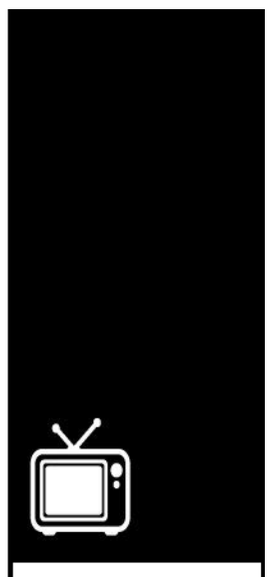
LOB: Boston 8, Kansas City 5. **2B:** Hamilton (14), Duran (35), Yoshida 2 (11), Wong (12), Massey (10), Garcia (20). **3B:** Massey (2). **HR:** González (3), off Zerpa; Pasquantino (16), off García.

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Paxton	6	5	2	2	1	4	4.35
Criswell	⅔	3	2	2	0	1	4.02
Sims	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
García	1⅓	1	1	1	0	2	3.86
Booser	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	2.61

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Singer	5⅔	10	4	4	1	6	3.03
Zerpa	⅓	5	4	4	0	0	4.17
Stratton	2	3	1	1	1	2	4.40
McArthur	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.20

WP: Paxton (1-1); **LP:** Singer (8-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Sims 1-0, Zerpa 2-2. **IBB:** off Stratton (Devers). **WP:** Zerpa. **T:** 2:46. **A:** 20,087 (38,427).



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NOTES

A'S AGREE TO SELL HALF OF OAKLAND COLISEUM

The departing Oakland Athletics reached a tentative agreement to sell their half of Oakland Coliseum to a private development group for $125 million, paving the way for the group to build an entertainment and sports complex. The African American Sports & Entertainment Group had struck a deal in May to purchase the other 50 percent ownership interest from the city for $105 million.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Dodgers: 1B Freddie Freeman returned to the lineup after missing eight games to be with his ailing 3-year-old son, who is out of danger after a serious medical diagnosis.

Marlins: Designated OF Nick Gordon for assignment. He hit .259 with eight home runs and 32 RBI in 95 games. Miami claimed OF Derek Hill off waivers from San Francisco.

TODAY

NL games

GIANTS AT NATIONALS, 6:45	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Birdsong (R)	3-0	2.97	4-2
Gore (L)	6-9	4.54	10-12
REDS AT MARLINS, 6:40			
Lodolo (L)	8-4	3.99	11-6
Meyer (R)	2-1	3.81	3-2
PADRES AT PIRATES, 6:40			
Cease (R)	11-8	3.42	14-9
Falter (L)	5-7	3.95	8-10
BREWERS AT BRAVES, 7:20			
Rea (R)	9-3	3.59	13-5
Sale (L)	13-3	2.71	14-6
METS AT ROCKIES, 8:40			
Severino (R)	7-4	3.93	11-10
Freeland (L)	3-4	5.64	6-5
PHILLIES AT DODGERS, 10:10			
Sánchez (L)	7-7	3.36	10-11
Kershaw (L)	0-1	5.87	1-1

NL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 4, Milwaukee 3
San Francisco 8, at Cincinnati 2
Miami 7, at Atlanta 0
Arizona 6, at Pittsburgh 5
at San Diego 10, Colorado 2
at Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 2

MONDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 4, at Washington 1
N.Y. Mets 6, at St. Louis 0
Cincinnati 10, at Miami 3
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, late

AL games

ORIOLES AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rodriguez (R)	13-4	3.86	14-6
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SCOREBOARD

OLYMPICS

Paris Summer Games

MEDAL LEADERS AFTER 182 OF 329 EVENTS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	21	30	28	79
China	21	18	14	53
France	13	16	19	48
Britain	12	13	17	42
Australia	13	12	8	33
South Korea	11	8	7	26
Japan	10	5	11	26
Italy	9	10	6	25
Netherlands	7	5	5	17
Canada	5	4	8	17
Germany	7	5	4	16
Brazil	2	4	6	12
New Zealand	3	5	1	9
Spain	1	3	5	9
Hungary	3	3	2	8
Sweden	3	3	2	8
Romania	3	3	1	7
Ukraine	2	2	3	7
Ireland	3	0	3	6
Israel	1	4	1	6
Switzerland	1	1	4	6
Greece	0	1	5	6
Croatia	2	1	2	5
Belgium	2	0	3	5
Hong Kong	2	0	2	4
Georgia	1	2	1	4
Kazakhstan	1	1	2	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4
Taiwan	1	0	3	4
Poland	0	1	3	4
Kenya	1	1	1	3
Uzbekistan	1	0	2	3
North Korea	0	2	1	3
Jamaica	0	2	1	3
Mexico	0	2	1	3
India	0	0	3	3
Tajikistan	0	0	3	3
Azerbaijan	2	0	0	2
Philippines	2	0	0	2
Serbia	2	0	0	2
Denmark	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Guatemala	1	0	1	2
Ethiopia	0	2	0	2
Kosovo	0	1	1	2
Turkey	0	1	1	2
Dominican Republic	0	0	2	2
Lithuania	0	0	2	2
Malaysia	0	0	2	2
Moldova	0	0	2	2
Algeria	1	0	0	1
Argentina	1	0	0	1
Chile	1	0	0	1
Dominica	1	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	0	1
Saint Lucia	1	0	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1
Uganda	1	0	0	1
Armenia	0	1	0	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Fiji	0	1	0	1
Mongolia	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	1	0	1
Tunisia	0	1	0	1
Austria	0	0	1	1
Cape Verde	0	0	1	1
Cuba	0	0	1	1
Egypt	0	0	1	1
Grenada	0	0	1	1
Indonesia	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1

MONDAY'S RESULTS

ATHLETICS
MEN
DECATHLON
DISCUS THROW
GROUP A

1. Karel Tilga, Estonia, (50.13), 164-5 3-4.
2. Harrison Williams, United States, (46.91), 153-11.
3. Johannes Erm, Estonia, (46.29), 151-10 1-2.
4. Ken Mullings, Bahamas, (46.07), 151-1 3-4.
5. Makenson Gletty, France, (46.03), 151-0 1-4.
6. Heath Baldwin, United States, (43.66), 143-3.
7. Janek Oiglane, Estonia, (43.39), 142-4 1-4.
8. Jose Fernando Ferreira Santana, Brazil, (42.86), 140-7 1-2.
9. Till Steinforth, Germany, (42.59), 139-8 3-4.
10. Jorge Urena, Spain, (40.92), 134-3.
11. Rik Taam, Netherlands, (39.31), 128-11 3-4.

400M HURDLES
ROUND 1
HEAT 1

1. Rai Benjamin, United States, 48.82 (Q).
2. Jaheel Hyde, Jamaica, 49.08 (Q).
3. Kyron McMaster, British Virgin Islands, 49.24 (Q).
4. Carl Bengtstrom, Sweden, 49.34.
5. Bassem Hemeida, Qatar, 49.82.
6. Daiki Ogawa, Japan, 50.21.
7. Matic Ian Gucek, Slovenia, 50.30.

HEAT 2

1. Karsten Warholm, Norway, 47.57 (Q).
2. Clement Ducos, France, 47.69 (Q).
3. Abderrahman Samba, Qatar, 48.35 (Q).
4. Yeral Nunez, Dominican Republic, 48.67.
5. Trevor Bassitt, United States, 49.38.
6. Vit Muller, Czech Republic, 49.44.
7. Oskar Edlund, Sweden, 49.74.
8. Xie Zhiyu, China, 49.90.

HEAT 3

1. Rasmus Magi, Estonia, 48.62 (Q).
2. Cj Allen, United States, 48.64 (Q).
3. Alison dos Santos, Brazil, 48.75 (Q).
4. Emil Agyekum, Germany, 49.38.
5. Victor Ntweng, Botswana, 49.59.
6. Julien Bonvin, Switzerland, 49.82.
7. Kaito Tsutsue, Japan, 50.50.
8. Yasmani Copello, Turkey, 50.72.

HEAT 4

1. Roshawn Clarke, Jamaica, 48.17 (Q).
2. Ezekiel Nathaniel, Nigeria, 48.38 (Q).
3. Wilfried Happio, France, 48.42 (Q).
4. Alessandro Sibilio, Italy, 48.43 (q).
5. Wiseman Were Mukhobe, Kenya, 48.58 (q).
6. Nick Smidt, Netherlands, 48.64 (q).
7. Gerald Drummond, Costa Rica, 48.80 (Re).
8. Constantin Preis, Germany, 49.99 (Re).

HEAT 5

1. Malik James-King, Jamaica, 48.21 (Q).
2. Matheus Lima, Brazil, 48.90 (Q).
3. Alastair Chalmers, Britain, 48.98 (Q).
4. Joshua Abuaku, Germany, 49.00 (Re).
5. Berke Akcam, Turkey, 49.48 (Re).
6. Ken Toyoda, Japan, 53.62 (Re).
7. Ismail Doudai Abakar, Qatar, DNF.
7. Peng Ming-Yang, Taiwan, DNF.

DISCUS THROW
QUALIFICATION
GROUP A

1. Mykolas Alekna, Lithuania, (67.47), 221-4 1-2 (Q).
2. Matthew Denny, Australia, (66.83), 219-3 1-4 (Q).
3. Lukas Weisshaidinger, Austria, (66.72), 218-11 (Q).
4. Traves Smikle, Jamaica, (65.91), 216-3 (q).
5. Ralford Mullings, Jamaica, (65.18), 213-10 1-4 (q).
6. Daniel Stahl, Sweden, (65.16), 213-9 1-2 (q).
7. Sam Mattis, United States, (62.66), 205-7.
8. Martin Markovic, Croatia, (62.31), 204-5 1-4.
9. Andrew Evans, United States, (62.25), 204-3.
10. Mauricio Ortega, Colombia, (61.97), 203-4.
11. Lolassonn Djouhan, France, (61.93), 203-2 1-4.
12. Nicholas Percy, Britain, (61.81), 202-9 1-2.
13. Francois Prinsloo, South Africa, (61.35), 201-3 1-2.
14. Mario Alberto Diaz, Cuba, (60.92), 199-10 1-2.
15. Martynas Alekna, Lithuania, (58.66), 192-5 1-2.
16. Henrik Janssen, Germany, NM.

GROUP B

1. Clemens Pruefer, Germany, (66.36), 217-8 3-4 (Q).
2. Roje Stona, Jamaica, (65.32), 214-3 3-4 (q).
3. Kristjan Ceh, Slovenia, (64.80), 212-7 1-4 (q).
4. Andrius Gudzius, Lithuania, (64.07), 210-2 1-2 (q).
5. Alin Alexandru Firfirica, Romania, (63.66), 208-10 1-2 (q).
6. Alex Rose, Samoa, (62.88), 206-3 3-4 (q).
7. Connor Bell, New Zealand, (62.88), 206-3 3-4.
8. Philip Milanov, Belgium, (62.44), 204-10 1-2.
9. Mika Sosna, Germany, (61.81), 202-9 1-2.
10. Joseph Brown, United States, (61.68), 202-4 1-2.
11. Lawrence Okoye, Britain, (61.17), 200-8 1-2.
12. Juan Caicedo, Ecuador, (60.99), 200-1 1-4.
13. Victor Hogan, South Africa, (60.78), 199-5.
14. Tom Reux, France, (58.22), 191-0 1-4.
15. Oussama Khennoussi, Algeria, NM.
15. Claudio Romero, Chile, NM.

400M
REPECHAGE ROUND
HEAT 1

1. Elian Larregina, Argentina, 45.36 (Q).
2. Gilles Biron, France, 45.87.
3. Lucas Carvalho, Brazil, 46.25.
4. Jonathan Sacoor, Belgium, DNS.
4. Davide Re, Italy, DNS.
4. Deandre Watkin, Jamaica, DNS.
4. Fuga Sato, Japan, DNS.

HEAT 2

1. Lythe Pillay, South Africa, 45.40 (Q).
2. Matej Krsek, Czech Republic, 45.53.
3. Oleksandr Pohorilko, Ukraine, 45.59.
4. Michael Joseph, Saint Lucia, 45.64.
5. Chidi Okezie, Nigeria, 45.92.
6. Alexander Ogando, Dominican Republic, DNS.
6. Yuki Joseph Nakajima, Japan, DNS.

HEAT 3

1. Zakithi Nene, South Africa, 44.81 (Q).
2. Leungo Scotch, Botswana, 45.33 (q).
3. Attila Molnar, Hungary, 45.45.
4. Lionel Spitz, Switzerland, 45.51.
5. Anthony Jose Zambrano, Colombia, DNS.
5. Kentaro Sato, Japan, DNS.

HEAT 4

1. Ammar Ismail Yahia Ibrahim, Qatar, 44.77 (Q).
2. Cheikh Tidiane Diouf, Senegal, 45.03 (q).
3. Jean Paul Bredau, Germany, 45.40.
4. Dylan Borlee, Belgium, 45.51.
5. Joao Coelho, Portugal, 45.64.
6. Sean Bailey, Jamaica, DNF.

POLE VAULT
FINAL

1. Armand Duplantis, Sweden, (6.25), 20-6.
2. Sam Kendricks, United States, (5.95), 19-6 1-4.
3. Emmanouil Karalis, Greece, (5.90), 19-4 1-4.
4. Ernest John Obiena, Philippines, (5.90), 19-4 1-4.
5. Ersu Sasma, Turkey, (5.85), 19-2 1-4.
6. Kurtis Marschall, Australia, (5.85), 19-2 1-4.
7. Huang Bokai, China, (5.80), 19-0 1-4.
8. Sondre Guttormsen, Norway, (5.80), 19-0 1-4.
9. Bo Kanda Lita Baehre, Germany, (5.70), 18-8 1-2.
9. Oleg Zernikel, Germany, (5.70), 18-8 1-2.
11. Menno Vloon, Netherlands, (5.70), 18-8 1-2.
12. Valters Kreiss, Latvia, (5.50), 18-0 1-2.

3000M STEEPLECHASE
ROUND 1
HEAT 1

1. Soufiane El Bakkali, Morocco, 8:17.90 (Q).
2. Leonard Chemutai, Uganda, 8:18.19 (Q).
3. Getnet Wale, Ethiopia, 8:18.25 (Q).
4. Daniel Arce, Spain, 8:18.31 (Q).
5. Ahmed Jaziri, Tunisia, 8:18.33 (Q).
6. Amos Serem, Kenya, 8:18.41 (qR).
7. Karl Bebendorf, Germany, 8:20.46.
8. Nicolas-Marie Daru, France, 8:20.52.
9. Ruben Querinjean, Luxembourg, 8:27.97.
10. James Corrigan, United States, 8:36.67.
11. Yassin Bouih, Italy, 8:40.34.
12. Bilal Tabti, Algeria, 9:04.81.

HEAT 2

1. Mohamed Tindouft, Morocco, 8:10.62 (Q).
2. Samuel Firewu, Ethiopia, 8:11.61 (Q).
3. Abraham Kibiwot, Kenya, 8:12.02 (Q).
4. Ryuji Miura, Japan, 8:12.41 (Q).
5. Avinash Mukund Sable, India, 8:15.43 (Q).
6. Matthew Wilkinson, United States, 8:16.82.
7. Nahuel Carabana, Andorra, 8:19.44.
8. Osama Zoghlami, Italy, 8:20.52.
9. Alexis Miellet, France, 8:22.08.
10. Velten Schneider, Germany, 8:25.75.
11. Matthew Clarke, Australia, 8:49.85.
12. Tomas Habarta, Czech Republic, DNF.

HEAT 3

1. Lamecha Girma, Ethiopia, 8:23.89 (Q).
2. Kenneth Rooks, United States, 8:24.95 (Q).
3. Simon Kiprop Koech, Kenya, 8:24.95 (Q).
4. Mohamed Amin Jhinaoui, Tunisia, 8:25.24 (Q).
5. Jean-Simon Desgagnes, Canada, 8:25.28 (Q).
6. Frederik Ruppert, Germany, 8:25.31.
7. Geordie Beamish, New Zealand, 8:25.86.
8. Ryoma Aoki, Japan, 8:29.03.
9. Louis Gilavert, France, 8:29.16.
10. Ben Buckingham, Australia, 8:32.12.
11. Topi Raitanen, Finland, 8:33.12.
12. Faid El Mostafa, Morocco, 8:39.48.

200M
ROUND 1
HEAT 1

1. Joseph Fahnbulleh, Liberia, 20.20 (Q).
2. Eseosa Fostine Desalu, Italy, 20.26 (Q).
3. Wayde van Niekerk, South Africa, 20.42 (Q).
4. Ryan Zeze, France, 20.49.
5. Felix Svensson, Switzerland, 20.54.
6. Cheickna Traore, Ivory Coast, 20.54.
7. Calab Law, Australia, 20.75.
8. Albert Komanski, Poland, 20.77.

HEAT 2

1. Tarsis Gracious Orogot, Uganda, 20.32 (Q).
2. Wanya McCoy, Bahamas, 20.35 (Q).
3. Renan Correa, Brazil, 20.41 (Q).
4. Andrew Hudson, Jamaica, 20.53.
5. Udodi Chudi Onwuzurike, Nigeria, 20.55.
6. Cesar Almiron, Paraguay, 20.87.
7. Tomas Nemejc, Czech Republic, 21.03.
8. Jose Gonzalez, Dominican Republic, DNS.

HEAT 3

1. Letsile Tebogo, Botswana, 20.10 (Q).
2. Makanakaishe Charamba, Zimbabwe, 20.27 (Q).
3. Filippo Tortu, Italy, 20.29 (Q).
4. Brendon Rodney, Canada, 20.30 (Re).
5. Timothe Mumenthaler, Switzerland, 20.63 (Re).
6. Koki Ueyama, Japan, 20.84 (Re).
7. Benjamin Richardson, South Africa, 51.86 (Re).

HEAT 4

1. Kenneth Bednarek, United States, 19.96 (Q).
2. Alexander Ogando, Dominican Republic, 20.04 (Q).
3. Joshua Hartmann, Germany, 20.30 (Q).
4. Diego Aldo Pettorossi, Italy, 20.63.
5. Shota Iizuka, Japan, 20.67.
6. Ondrej Macik, Czech Republic, 21.04.
7. Zharnel Hughes, Britain, DNS.

HEAT 5

1. Erriyon Knighton, United States, 19.99 (Q).
2. Tapiwanashe Makarawu, Zimbabwe, 20.07 (Q).
3. Shaun Maswanganyi, South Africa, 20.20 (Q).
4. Aaron Brown, Canada, 20.36.
5. Ian Kerr, Bahamas, 20.53.
6. Pablo Mateo, France, 20.58.
7. Erik Erlandsson, Sweden, 20.65.
8. Eduard Kubelik, Czech Republic, 21.14.

HEAT 6

1. Noah Lyles, United States, 20.19 (Q).
2. Andre de Grasse, Canada, 20.30 (Q).
3. Towa Uzawa, Japan, 20.33 (Q).
4. Bryan Levell, Jamaica, 20.47 (Re).
5. Blessing Akwasi Afrifah, Israel, 20.78 (Re).
6. Yang Chun-Han, Taiwan, 20.83 (Re).
7. William Reais, Switzerland, 20.92 (Re).

WOMEN
400M HURDLES
ROUND 1
HEAT 1

1. Rushell Clayton, Jamaica, 54.32 (Q).
2. Fatoumata Binta Diallo, Portugal, 54.75 (Q).
3. Amalie Iuel, Norway, 54.82 (Q).
4. Cathelijn Peeters, Netherlands, 54.84 (q).
5. Naomi van den Broeck, Belgium, 55.51 (Re).
6. Rebecca Sartori, Italy, 55.81 (Re).
7. Chayenne da Silva, Brazil, 56.52 (Re).
8. Kemi Adekoya, Bahrain, DNS.

HEAT 2

1. Jasmine Jones, United States, 53.60 (Q).
2. Rogail Joseph, South Africa, 54.56 (Q).
3. Savannah Sutherland, Canada, 54.80 (Q).
4. Paulien Couckuyt, Belgium, 54.90 (q).
5. Gianna Woodruff, Panama, 54.94 (Re).
6. Ayomide Folorunso, Italy, 55.03 (Re).
7. Shana Grebo, France, 56.70 (Re).
8. Carolina Krafzik, Germany, 58.49 (Re).

HEAT 4

1. Anna Cockrell, United States, 53.91 (Q).
2. Lina Nielsen, Britain, 54.65 (Q).
3. Janieve Russell, Jamaica, 54.67 (Q).
4. Hanne Claes, Belgium, 54.80 (q).
5. Nikoleta Jichova, Czech Republic, 55.45 (Re).
6. Grace Claxton, Puerto Rico, 56.29 (Re).
7. Viivi Lehikoinen, Finland, 56.67 (Re).
8. Lauren Hoffman, Philippines, 57.84 (Re).

REPECHAGE ROUND
HEAT 1

1. Ayomide Folorunso, Italy, 55.07 (Q).
2. Alanah Yukich, Australia, 55.11 (Q).
2. Naomi van den Broeck, Belgium, 55.11 (Q).
4. Grace Claxton, Puerto Rico, 55.94.
5. Line Kloster, Norway, 56.73.
6. Viivi Lehikoinen, Finland, 58.04.
7. Viktoriya Tkachuk, Ukraine, 59.40.

HEAT 2

1. Mo Jiadie, China, 54.75 (Q).
2. Jessie Knight, Britain, 55.10 (Q).
3. Gianna Woodruff, Panama, 55.10.
4. Nikoleta Jichova, Czech Republic, 55.31.
5. Rebecca Sartori, Italy, 55.44.
6. Carolina Krafzik, Germany, 56.02.
7. Chayenne da Silva, Brazil, 56.56.

HEAT 3

1. Shana Grebo, France, 54.91 (Q).
2. Anna Ryzhykova, Ukraine, 54.95 (Q).
3. Linda Angounou, Cameroon, 55.09.
4. Sarah Carli, Australia, 55.12.
5. Yasmin Giger, Switzerland, 55.18.
6. Alice Muraro, Italy, 55.48.
7. Lauren Hoffman, Philippines, 58.28.

POLE VAULT
QUALIFICATION
GROUP A

1. Nina Kennedy, Australia, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
1. Amalie Svabikova, Czech Republic, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
1. Roberta Bruni, Italy, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
1. Angelica Moser, Switzerland, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
5. Alysha Newman, Canada, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
5. Elina Lampela, Finland, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
7. Aikaterini Stefanidi, Greece, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
8. Ninon Chapelle, France, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
8. Anjuli Knaesche, Germany, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
8. Olivia McTaggart, New Zealand, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
11. Juliana de Menis Campos, Brazil, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
12. Bridget Williams, United States, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
13. Hanga Klekner, Hungary, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
14. Eleni-Klaoudia Polak, Greece, (4.20), 13-9 1-4.
15. Holly Bradshaw, Britain, (4.20), 13-9 1-4.

GROUP B

1. Elisa Molinarolo, Italy, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
1. Katie Moon, United States, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
3. Wilma Murto, Finland, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
3. Eliza McCartney, New Zealand, (4.55), 14-11 1-4 (q).
5. Marie-Julie Bonnin, France, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
5. Ariadni Adamopoulou, Greece, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
5. Imogen Ayris, New Zealand, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
5. Lene Onsrud Retzius, Norway, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
5. Tina Sutej, Slovenia, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
5. Robeilys Peinado, Venezuela, (4.40), 14-5 1-4 (q).
11. Niu Chunge, China, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
11. Brynn King, United States, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
13. Anicka Newell, Canada, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
14. Pascale Stocklin, Switzerland, (4.20), 13-9 1-4.
15. Molly Caudery, Britain, NM.

400M
ROUND 1
HEAT 1

1. Salwa Eid Naser, Bahrain, 49.91 (Q).
2. Stacey Ann Williams, Jamaica, 50.16 (Q).
3. Andrea Miklos, Romania, 50.54 (Q).
4. Gabby Scott, Puerto Rico, 50.74.
5. Kendall Ellis, United States, 51.16.
6. Sophie Becker, Ireland, 51.84.
7. Tereza Petrzilkova, Czech Republic, 51.92.
8. Modesta Juste Morauskaite, Lithuania, 52.00.

HEAT 2

1. Nickisha Pryce, Jamaica, 50.02 (Q).
2. Laviai Nielsen, Britain, 50.36 (Q).
3. Henriette Jaeger, Norway, 50.39 (Q).
4. Justyna Swiety-Ersetic, Poland, 50.95.
5. Ellie Beer, Australia, 51.47.
6. Lina Esther Licona Torres, Colombia, 51.85.
7. Zoe Sherar, Canada, 51.97.

HEAT 3

1. Amber Anning, Britain, 49.68 (Q).
2. Lieke Klaver, Netherlands, 49.96 (Q).
3. Paola Moran, Mexico, 51.04 (Q).
4. Martina Weil, Chile, 51.15 (Re).
5. Alice Mangione, Italy, 51.60 (Re).
6. Ella Onojuvwevwo, Nigeria, 51.65 (Re).
7. Tiffani Marinho, Brazil, 52.62 (Re).
8. Catia Azevedo, Portugal, 52.73 (Re).

HEAT 4

1. Natalia Kaczmarek, Poland, 49.98 (Q).
2. Roxana Gomez, Cuba, 50.38 (Q).
3. Sada Williams, Barbados, 50.45 (Q).
4. Victoria Ohuruogu, Britain, 50.93 (Re).
5. Gunta Vaicule, Latvia, 51.13 (Re).
6. Helena Ponette, Belgium, 51.75 (Re).
7. Shaunae Miller-Uibo, Bahamas, 2:22.29 (Re).
8. Esther Elo Joseph, Nigeria, DQ.

HEAT 5

1. Marileidy Paulino, Dominican Republic, 49.42 (Q).
2. Aaliyah Butler, United States, 50.52 (Q).
3. Susanne Gogl-Walli, Austria, 50.67 (Q).
4. Sharlene Mawdsley, Ireland, 50.71.
5. Aliyah Abrams, Guyana, 51.55.
6. Lurdes Gloria Manuel, Czech Republic, 52.20.
7. Pahal Kiran, India, 52.51.
8. Cynthia Bolingo, Belgium, 52.77.

HEAT 6

1. Rhasidat Adeleke, Ireland, 50.09 (Q).
2. Alexis Holmes, United States, 50.35 (Q).
3. Junelle Bromfield, Jamaica, 51.36 (Q).
4. Miranda Charlene Coetzee, South Africa, 51.58 (Re).
5. Lada Vondrova, Czech Republic, 51.80 (Re).
6. Lauren Gale, Canada, 53.13 (Re).
7. Evelis Aguilar, Colombia, 53.36 (Re).
8. Nicole Caicedo, Ecuador, DQ.

200M
REPECHAGE ROUND
HEAT 1

1. Jacqueline Madogo, Canada, 22.58 (Q).
2. Adaejah Hodge, British Virgin Islands, 22.94 (q).
3. Polyniki Emmanouilidou, Greece, 22.99 (q).
4. Lorene Dorcas Bazolo, Portugal, 23.08.
5. Aimara Nazareno, Ecuador, 23.35.
6. Ana Carolina Azevedo, Brazil, 23.44.
7. Veronica Shanti Pereira, Singapore, 23.45.

HEAT 2

1. Maboundou Kone, Ivory Coast, 22.89 (Q).
2. Boglarka Takacs, Hungary, 23.05.
3. Li Yuting, China, 23.24.
4. Martyna Kotwila, Poland, 23.50.
5. Gabriela Anahi Suarez, Ecuador, 23.54.
6. Lorraine Martins, Brazil, 23.82.
7. Dalia Kaddari, Italy, DNS.

HEAT 3

1. Olivia Fotopoulou, Cyprus, 22.92 (Q).
2. Krystsina Tsimanouskaya, Poland, 23.01.
3. Nicole Caicedo, Ecuador, 23.04.
4. Mia Gross, Australia, 23.34.
5. Cecilia Tamayo-Garza, Mexico, 23.49.
6. Ida Karstoft, Denmark, DNS.
6. Anna Bongiorni, Italy, DNS.

HEAT 4

1. Torrie Lewis, Australia, 23.08 (Q).
2. Jael Bestue, Spain, 23.22.
3. Imke Vervaet, Belgium, 23.33.
4. Leonie Pointet, Switzerland, 23.37.
5. Nora Lindahl, Sweden, 23.51.
6. Olga Safronova, Kazakhstan, 23.70.

SEMIFINAL 1

1. Julien Alfred, Saint Lucia, 21.98 (Q).
2. Favour Ofili, Nigeria, 22.05 (Q).
3. Mckenzie Long, United States, 22.30 (q).
4. Bianca Williams, Britain, 22.58.
5. Maboundou Kone, Ivory Coast, 22.65.
6. Audrey Leduc, Canada, 22.68.
7. Gemima Joseph, France, 22.69.
8. Adaejah Hodge, British Virgin Islands, 22.70.

SEMIFINAL 2

1. Gabrielle Thomas, United States, 21.86 (Q).
2. Dina Asher-Smith, Britain, 22.31 (Q).
3. Helene Parisot, France, 22.55.
4. Mujinga Kambundji, Switzerland, 22.63.
5. Niesha Burgher, Jamaica, 22.64.
6. Tasa Jiya, Netherlands, 22.81.
7. Jacqueline Madogo, Canada, 22.81.
8. Polyniki Emmanouilidou, Greece, 23.18.

SEMIFINAL 3

1. Brittany Brown, United States, 22.12 (Q).
2. Daryll Neita, Britain, 22.24 (Q).
3. Jessika Gbai, Ivory Coast, 22.36 (q).
4. Gina Mariam Bass Bittaye, Gambia, 22.66.
5. Lanae-Tava Thomas, Jamaica, 22.77.
6. Julia Henriksson, Sweden, 22.88.
7. Torrie Lewis, Australia, 22.92.
8. Olivia Fotopoulou, Cyprus, 22.98.

DISCUS THROW
FINAL

1. Valarie Allman, United States, (69.50), 228-0 1-4.
2. Feng Bin, China, (67.51), 221-6.
3. Sandra Elkasevic, Croatia, (67.51), 221-6.
4. Marike Steinacker, Germany, (65.37), 214-5 3-4.
5. Vanessa Kamga, Sweden, (65.05), 213-5 1-4.
6. Claudine Vita, Germany, (63.62), 208-8 3-4.
7. Jorinde van Klinken, Netherlands, (63.35), 207-10 1-4.
8. Daisy Osakue, Italy, (63.11), 207-0 3-4.
9. Irina Rodrigues, Portugal, (61.19), 200-9 1-4.
10. Kristin Pudenz, Germany, (60.38), 198-1 1-4.
11. Alexandra Emilianov, Moldova, (58.08), 190-6 3-4.
12. Melina Robert-Michon, France, (57.03), 187-1 1-2.

5000M
FINAL

1. Beatrice Chebet, Kenya, 14:28.56.
2. Sifan Hassan, Netherlands, 14:30.61.
3. Nadia Battocletti, Italy, 14:31.64.
4. Margaret Chelimo Kipkemboi, Kenya, 14:32.23.
5. Ejgayehu Taye, Ethiopia, 14:32.98.
6. Medina Eisa, Ethiopia, 14:35.43.
7. Karoline Bjerkeli Grovdal, Norway, 14:43.21.
8. Gudaf Tsegay, Ethiopia, 14:45.21.
9. Karissa Schweizer, United States, 14:45.57.
10. Elise Cranny, United States, 14:48.06.
11. Rose Davies, Australia, 14:49.67.
12. Nathalie Blomqvist, Finland, 14:53.10.
13. Whittni Morgan, United States, 14:53.57.
14. Joselyn Daniely Brea, Venezuela, 15:17.04.
15. Francine Niyomukunzi, Burundi, 15:22.40.
16. Faith Kipyegon, Kenya, DQ.

800M
FINAL

1. Keely Hodgkinson, Britain, 1:56.72.
2. Tsige Duguma, Ethiopia, 1:57.15.
3. Mary Moraa, Kenya, 1:57.42.
4. Shafiqua Maloney, St Vincent and the Grenadines, 1:57.66.
5. Renelle Lamote, France, 1:58.19.
6. Worknesh Mesele, Ethiopia, 1:58.28.
7. Juliette Whittaker, United States, 1:58.50.
8. Prudence Sekgodiso, South Africa, 1:58.79.

MIXED TEAM
4 X 400M RELAY
FINAL

1. Netherlands (Eugene Omalla; Lieke Klaver; Isaya Klein Ikkink; Femke Bol), 3:07.43.
2. United States (Vernon Norwood; Shamier Little; Bryce Deadmon; Kaylyn Brown), 3:07.74.
3. Britain (Samuel Reardon; Laviai Nielsen; Alex Haydock-Wilson; Amber Anning), 3:08.01.
4. Belgium (Alexander Doom; Helena Ponette; Jonathan Sacoor; Naomi van den Broeck), 3:09.36.
5. Jamaica (Reheem Hayles; Junelle Bromfield; Zandrion Barnes; Stephenie Ann McPherson), 3:11.67.
6. Italy (Luca Sito; Giancarla Trevisan; Edoardo Scotti; Alice Mangione), 3:11.84.
7. Poland (Maksymilian Szwed; Justyna Swiety-Ersetic; Karol Zalewski; Alicja Wrona-Kutrzepa), 3:12.39.
8. France (Muhammad Abdallah Kounta; Louise Maraval; Fabrisio Saidy; Amandine Brossier), DQ.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
MEN

United States 2, Italy 0 (21-17, 21-18)
Spain 2, Poland 0 (23-21, 21-18)
Norway 2, United States 0 (21-16, 21-14)
Qatar 2, Chile 0 (21-14, 21-13)

WOMEN

Latvia 2, Germany 1 (21-13, 17-21, 18-16)
Spain 2, Netherlands 1 (18-21, 21-19, 15-13)
Canada 2, United States 0 (21-19, 21-18)
Brazil 2, Japan 0 (21-15, 21-16)

DIVING
WOMEN
10M PLATFORM
PRELIMINARY

1. Quan Hongchan, China, 421.25 (Q).
2. Chen Yuxi, China, 382.15 (Q).
3. Caeli McKay, Canada, 324.90 (Q).
4. Andrea Spendolini Sirieix, Britain, 320.80 (Q).
4. Alejandra Orozco Loza, Mexico, 320.80 (Q).
6. Gabriela Agundez Garcia, Mexico, 306.95 (Q).
7. Christina Wassen, Germany, 303.20 (Q).
8. Lois Toulson, Britain, 299.60 (Q).
9. Ellie Cole, Australia, 290.00 (Q).
10. Kim Mi Rae, North Korea, 287.70 (Q).
11. Sarah Jodoin di Maria, Italy, 286.10 (Q).
12. Ana Carvajal, Spain, 285.60 (Q).
13. Melissa Wu, Australia, 285.20 (Q).
14. Anisley Garcia Navarro, Cuba, 283.00 (Q).
15. Else Praasterink, Netherlands, 281.60 (Q).
16. Matsuri Arai, Japan, 280.65 (Q).
17. Delaney Schnell, United States, 278.15 (Q).
18. Maia Biginelli, Italy, 277.00 (Q).
19. Daryn Wright, United States, 272.25 (R).
20. Kate Miller, Canada, 266.30 (R).
21. Pauline Alexandra Pfeif, Germany, 264.15.
22. Dzeja Delanija Patrika, Latvia, 259.30.
23. Ingrid Oliveira, Brazil, 255.90.
24. Maycey Adrianne Vieta, Puerto Rico, 253.90.
25. Sofiia Lyskun, Ukraine, 253.10.
26. Kim Nahyun, South Korea, 250.00.
27. Victoria Garza, Dominican Republic, 226.80.
28. Malak Tawfik, Egypt, 193.75.
29. Ciara McGing, Ireland, 188.50.

SEMIFINAL

1. Quan Hongchan, China, 421.05 (Q).
2. Chen Yuxi, China, 403.05 (Q).
3. Andrea Spendolini Sirieix, Britain, 367.00 (Q).
4. Kim Mi Rae, North Korea, 322.40 (Q).
5. Alejandra Orozco Loza, Mexico, 312.00 (Q).
6. Ellie Cole, Australia, 308.85 (Q).
7. Caeli McKay, Canada, 308.85 (Q).
8. Matsuri Arai, Japan, 300.50 (Q).
9. Gabriela Agundez Garcia, Mexico, 295.00 (Q).
10. Sarah Jodoin di Maria, Italy, 294.85 (Q).
11. Melissa Wu, Australia, 294.10 (Q).
12. Else Praasterink, Netherlands, 292.80 (Q).
13. Lois Toulson, Britain, 278.50 (R).
14. Ana Carvajal, Spain, 276.90 (R).
15. Delaney Schnell, United States, 271.95.
16. Anisley Garcia Navarro, Cuba, 270.65.
17. Christina Wassen, Germany, 255.55.
18. Maia Biginelli, Italy, 240.80.

EQUESTRIAN
OPEN
JUMPING INDIVIDUAL
QUALIFIER

1. Julien Epaillard (DUBAI DU CEDRE), France, 0 (Q).
2. Shane Sweetnam (JAMES KANN CRUZ), Ireland, 0 (Q).
3. Daniel Coyle (LEGACY), Ireland, 0 (Q).
4. Harrie Smolders (URICAS V/D KATTEVENNEN), Netherlands, 0 (Q).
5. Martin Fuchs (LEONE JEI), Switzerland, 0 (Q).
6. Steve Guerdat (DYNAMIX DE BELHEME), Switzerland, 0 (Q).
7. Henrik von Eckermann (KING EDWARD), Sweden, 0 (Q).
8. Emanuele Camilli (ODENSE ODEVELD), Italy, 0 (Q).
9. Kim Emmen (IMAGINE), Netherlands, 0 (Q).
10. Abdulrahman Alrajhi (VENTAGO), Saudi Arabia, 0 (Q).
11. Harry Charles (ROMEO 88), Britain, 0 (Q).
12. Scott Brash (JEFFERSON), Britain, 0 (Q).
13. Stephan de Freitas Barcha (PRIMAVERA), Brazil, 0 (Q).
14. Victoria Gulliksen (MISTRAL VAN DE VOGELZANG), Norway, 0 (Q).
15. Gilles Thomas (ERMITAGE KALONE), Belgium, 0 (Q).
16. Karl Cook (CARACOLE DE LA ROQUE), United States, 0 (Q).
17. Rodrigo Pessoa (MAJOR TOM), Brazil, 0 (Q).
18. Andres Azcarraga (CONTENDROS 2), Mexico, 0 (Q

GYMNASTICS

On final day, Biles stumbles, shines and shares spotlight

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

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Simone Biles soars in the floor final, where shaky landings cost her a gold medal. Earlier, she fell off the beam during the final on that apparatus and finished in fifth place.

PARIS — Simone Biles's closing act of these Paris Games wasn't a coronation. The world's best gymnast didn't step inside this arena and assert her dominance. Her final performance here instead tested her mettle.

In a fitting end to her comeback story, Biles had to overcome disappointment, then reminded the world she is human — incredible but not invincible. Two hours after missing out on a beam medal, Biles ended her competition with an imperfect performance on floor, but she did it on her own terms. After two powerful tumbling passes, she stepped out of bounds, costing her the gold medal. She finished these Games on the second-place podium but already had earned three other medals here, all gold.

"I'm not very upset or anything about my performance at the Olympics," said Biles, who admitted to being fatigued. "I'm actually very happy, proud and even more excited that it's over — the stress of it."

Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, who pushed Biles in the all-around final as well, won gold on floor with a less difficult routine but the secure landings that Biles lacked. Andrade's 14.166 narrowly edged Biles's mark of 14.133. Biles's U.S. teammate Jordan Chiles won the bronze after a last-minute score inquiry increased her mark by one-tenth. On the podium, Biles and Chiles bowed — facing Andrade and raising their arms up and down — to recognize the gold medalist.

Biles has said this Olympics was about redemption — not for others but for herself. A disorienting mental block amid unrelenting pressure at the Tokyo Games derailed her Olympics three years ago. This time, she left with four medals. Her mistakes — first an error on bars in the all-around competition, then a fall on beam that led to a fifth-place finish in Monday's final and the shaky landings on floor in the finale — proved she's not perfect. But her ability to finish on the podium in the end showcased her grit.

Monday's beam final was the first time Biles had performed in any Olympic competition and not won a medal. She had to regroup, with only a short break before she returned for the floor final. Her routine was well executed, but her excess of power pushed her into silver medal position, and Biles's final moment in this arena was with her top challenger standing above her on the podium.

"A lot of people think because you're favorites that it's given," said Laurent Landi, who coaches Biles and Chiles. "There is nothing given in sport. … They look very happy, and so I'm very pleased with that. I know it could have been a little bit better today, but at the end of the day, they accomplished greatness."

This performance marked the end of Biles's Olympics — and possibly her career. Biles, 27, has not closed the door on the Los Angeles Games in 2028, but she said, "I am getting really old."

With this final podium finish, Biles has 11 Olympic medals, including seven golds, and 30 more (23 gold) from the world championships. She is the most decorated gymnast in history, and she has more Olympic medals than any American gymnast.

"I have accomplished way more than my wildest dreams, not just at this Olympics but in the sport," Biles said.

Then after Biles had finished answering a question to a room full of reporters, Chiles quietly said, "I'm going to miss you, man."

The world watched Biles become a teenage sensation at the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016. In the following years, she was an unstoppable force — racking up medals, breaking records and pushing the boundaries of her sport. And then the world saw her at her lowest three years ago at the Tokyo Olympics, where she stalled midair, her mind and body out of sync, and decided it was too unsafe to carry on.

That ill-timed breakdown on the global stage set up this third Olympic act. As she waited for her low score on beam to appear on the video board, several fans shouted, "We love you, Simone!" They knew the significance of Biles's return to the Games was rooted in the magnitude of her past struggle.

"It's amazing," Landi said. "I frankly didn't think it was going to be possible because [the] trauma, I think, was deep and real."

After the Tokyo Games, Biles didn't know what would come next. She thought she would never compete again. But she gradually returned, first casually visiting the gym her parents own to see her friends and play around with simple flips on the trampoline. Eventually, the comeback became serious, albeit with unspoken goals. When Biles returned to competition in 2023, she dominated the field. She has been excellence since, her Olympic errors coming as uncharacteristic lapses.

Biles has competed in 37 individual finals and finished on the podium 33 times at the world championships and the Olympics. Her mistake on beam led to one of those rare disappointments.

Biles usually performs a back handspring connected with two back layouts, but in the final, she stopped after the first salto and came off the beam. It was a messy competition, with four of eight athletes falling off the apparatus and another grabbing the beam to steady herself. Italy's Alice D'Amato stayed poised and clinched the gold with a score Biles had tied or bested in her previous three performances.

"You could feel the tension in the room," said teammate Sunisa Lee, who placed sixth after she too fell off the apparatus. She mentioned how she and Biles were frustrated that the crowd kept making shushing noises, adding: "We didn't like that, just because it's just so silent in there."

On floor, the crowd roared and clapped along with routines. Biles's performance by far packed the most difficulty into 90 seconds. She soared through the air, with two of her tumbling passes featuring skills she pioneered. Biles always impresses on this apparatus, even in the finale when she wasn't at her best. Those steps outside the boundary kept her from writing a perfect ending. Instead she won the silver, and that was enough for Biles, awe-inspiring but fully human, to leave these Games content.

JERRY BREWER

The all-time great missed a mic drop moment. What she offered was even better.

BREWER FROM D1

three Black women on a gymnastics medal stand. Andrade smiled in shock, then lifted her arms high and threw her head back as Bercy Arena showered her with cheers.

"Rebeca, she's so amazing," Biles said. "It was just the right thing to do. She's a queen."

The good deed also signified an important aspect of the Biles legacy. What she gives to the sport is far greater than what she takes. On Monday, she wasn't able to own the moment. With two opportunities to make an awe-inspiring exit, she couldn't tap into enough of her otherworldly talent. Like several other gymnasts, she fell off the balance beam and finished fifth, marking the first time in three Olympics she had competed in a final and failed to win a medal. Then, during the floor exercise, she stepped out of bounds on two tumbling passes and watched Andrade, who has turned into a great foil, snatch gold from her for the first time in Olympic competition.

So Biles leaves Paris with three gold medals and one silver, strengthening her status as one of the greatest Olympians ever. She didn't get to drop the mic, however. Perhaps it's a better testament to her greatness that she handed it to someone else.

"I was fighting to finally have a gold, because I wanted that one so badly," said Andrade, who is from Brazil. "I'm so glad I managed."

Said Biles: "I have so much respect for her."

For so long, we looked only at Biles and didn't realize she had competition. At 27, she's still dominant, but at these stressful Olympics, she couldn't meet any expectations of perfection. She was plenty vulnerable. She won gold in the all-around, but Andrade pushed her the entire time. After she fell on the balance beam, you figured she would rebound with a punctuating performance during the floor exercise.

But Biles was imperfect again. It was surprising but not alarming. For certain, it didn't diminish any of her accomplishments here. She made a triumphant return after a mental block limited her three years ago in the Tokyo Olympics. Over the past two weeks, she showed the world that uber-elite athletes can succeed without damaging the rest of themselves, adding a happy chapter to the tale of her mental health journey.

Still, it was a taxing endeavor. We saw Biles get anxious. We saw her make mistakes. We saw her in full. She's a champion who sweats and strains like they all do. She is capable of losing, even when she doesn't have the twisties. Add it all up, and it makes how much she has won look even more impressive.

"I've accomplished way more than my wildest dreams, not only in the Olympics but in the sport," Biles said. "So I can't be mad at my performances."

Biles now has 11 Olympic medals: seven gold, two silver, two bronze. She has won 23 golds and 30 medals overall at the world championships. She is the most prolific winner in American gymnastics history. She is the greatest gymnast in modern history, and if there's no perfect way to judge without qualifiers, let's just look ahead and predict that she will remain the standard for several generations. She pushed the sport that far into the future.

And then she bowed to it by reminding us that a human being did all that.

"You never know with gymnastics," Biles said of her uneven final performances. "I'm just very happy and proud and even more excited that it's over."

Biles has left open the possibility that she could return for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028. She would be 31 if she could maintain the health and will to extend her career that long. But this felt like a good ending.

I'm all for athletes exiting on their terms, even if it means we see lesser versions of them. Biles has earned the right to depart her way. If she retires before Los Angeles, it probably won't be because she can't perform. She's at peace now, and whatever she wishes to chase, she can go after it feeling calm. There may be something more for her than gymnastics.

It's wild to think about, but at this point, the symbol of Biles is even greater than the athlete. She is known as much for overcoming as she is dominating. During the lowest moment of her triumphant Olympics, the crowd exclaimed "We love you, Simone!" as she awaited an inevitably subpar score on the balance beam.

The crowd needed to make sure she was all right. She was. For the rest of the day, she didn't grovel in disappointment. It was strange to see her lose — like, legitimately lose. But she focused on the winners. During a news conference, she adjusted the microphones for Italian gymnasts Alice D'Amato and Manila Esposito, the gold and bronze medalists on the balance beam. She and Chiles embraced Andrade as their sister.

As she bowed, Biles transferred some of her power. To Andrade and to the sport. To Black women and to the future. Whenever she's ready to leave the stage, my goodness, what treasures she leaves behind.

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Simone Biles wasn't at her best on the final day of women's gymnastics, but she won silver for her floor routine, her 11th Olympic medal.

PARIS OLYMPICS

Boxing at Games took a break Monday. The chaos didn't.

BY LES CARPENTER

PARIS — Inside a gilded party hall here Monday, three leaders of the International Boxing Association stood on a dais, hoping to start a news conference in which they said they would reveal the evidence that led them to disqualify two female boxers last year, ultimately throwing the Paris Olympic tournament into chaos.

The IBA disqualified the fighters, Algeria's Imane Khelif and Taiwan's Lin Yu Ting, from last year's world championships in New Delhi, but they are fighting in these Olympics — and winning. Both advanced to the semifinals of their weight classes. Khelif will fight Tuesday and Lin Wednesday at Roland Garros.

The IBA's leader, Russian sports businessman Umar Kremlev, has repeatedly alleged without proof that a test revealed the women had XY chromosomes, suggesting they had a testosterone advantage over other fighters.

Those allegations sparked anti-transgender social media posts from former president Donald Trump, author J.K. Rowling, billionaire businessman Elon Musk and others and upended the Games, leading to what Olympic officials have called "hate speech" and "abuse" against the boxers.

The International Olympic Committee, which cut ties with the IBA last year over Kremlev's connections to Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as IBA scandals and financial questions, has rejected the tests as "arbitrary" and illegitimate. Last weekend, Christian Klaue, the IOC's head of communications, said the IBA is running a Russian-backed "disinformation campaign against the Olympic movement."

So on Monday the IBA pushed back, promising "detailed explanations" for its ruling. Chris Roberts, its secretary general; Ioannis Filippatos, a member of its board of directors whose biography also says he is a gynecologist and obstetrician; and Gabriele Martelli, its world coaches chairman, planned to attend.

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Umar Kremlev looms behind, from left, Ioannis Filippatos, Chris Roberts and Gabriele Martelli on a screen during Monday's conference.

The start time came and went. The news conference's moderator said it would start a half-hour late. The room, filled with journalists, grew warm. The men on the dais fidgeted. Despite the IBA having lost its status as boxing's Olympic governing body, Filippatos wore a French Olympic T-shirt under a sports coat. African jazz music played over the speakers as workers fiddled with the electronics. At the open bar in the back, someone served wine.

"Guys!" a German reporter shouted. "You're wasting our time!"

Finally, an hour late, aides walked into the room with translation devices. Kremlev planned to join remotely, and he would speak only Russian.

Roberts spoke first, saying he couldn't show any test results because the Algerian and Taiwanese Olympic committees had sent letters demanding the alleged results stay private. None of the men on the dais provided evidence. They just talked. Or at least tried.

Roberts tried to provide a timeline for how the tests came about, but there was feedback from his microphone and there were screeching noises from the speakers. Filippatos attempted to speak, but before he could, Kremlev's face appeared on a nearly 15-foot screen behind the dais, looming over his associates.

Kremlev spoke about how he was standing up for women's sports while IOC President Thomas Bach was trying to destroy them. He ranted about the Games' Opening Ceremonies and how a scene resembling Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" portrayed by drag queens had "humiliated him." Finally, his voice rising until he was almost shouting, he said he was "going to open prosecution" of Bach without providing details of how this would be done.

When Kremlev finished, Filippatos started to talk about how, as a man who has delivered many babies, he is qualified to decide who is a woman. He said the IOC needs to let people such as him determine athletes' genders.

"Are you going to show us evidence, or is it time for us to leave the room now?" a reporter interrupted.

They didn't.

More questions came but few answers. How much was Kremlev paying them? How much of the IBA's funding still comes from the Russian energy company Gazprom, which had for a time been the IBA's lone sponsor? Kremlev's face again filled the enormous screen.

Then the room's speakers exploded. Or so it sounded. A translation device onstage had gotten too close to a microphone, and a *boom* filled the room. Everyone recoiled.

The news conference stretched past an hour, with the men on the dais saying that they don't test all boxers for testosterone irregularities and had only chosen four at the 2022 championships, including Khelif and Lin, and then only Khelif and Lin in 2023. They did not say the results of the 2022 tests or why those athletes were selected, other than vague references to complaints from opposing countries.

The speakers exploded again. People moaned. Kremlev reappeared and attacked Bach and the Olympics. He spoke vaguely of "high testosterone."

The news conference dragged past 1½ hours. Reporters shouted questions. People yelled in frustration. Once, as Filippatos talked, a woman yelled, "Shut up!" Some reporters started to pack up and leave. And still Kremlev talked.

Suddenly there was a noise in the back of the room. One of Khelif's Olympic boxing teammates, a 50 kg (110 pounds) fighter named Roumaysa Boualam, had come into the party hall. She wore an Algerian team jacket and a necklace with Olympic rings, and she carried an Algerian flag.

Many of the reporters abandoned their seats to surround her. Kremlev kept talking.

"Unfortunately, that's all the time we have for today," the moderator said.

"People need to listen to us," Kremlev said.

But no one was. Boualam stood up and held her Algerian flag high over her head.

"One, two, three, viva l'Algérie!" she shouted.

Then she started to walk out. Another woman from the Algerian team delegation walked with her.

"One, two, three, viva Imane," they chanted, referring to Khelif.

On the screen, Kremlev's head was still talking. But the Algerian women were leaving the room, and the reporters followed. They walked past the open bar and the complimentary snacks, down the stairs and out into the sunny Paris afternoon.

Lyles sets his sights on the 200 — and more

LYLES FROM D1

on is that he is beginning to transcend the sport," World Athletics President Sebastian Coe said.

Nipping Jamaica's Kishane Thompson at the finish line was big for Lyles, Coe said, but it was huge for track and field.

Lyles "winning last night was important because he's now creating a narrative that is heading us back into the Usain Bolt territory," said Coe, himself a two-time Olympic champion. "And that is hugely important. It's a recognizable face. It's a face that you've now got young people talking about. … Friends of mine who have got young kids, they're now talking about Noah Lyles in the same breath as some of the highest-profile sportsmen and women in the world."

Like everyone else, Coe watched in astonishment as Lyles caught Thompson at the finish line, his 9.79-second finish beating the Jamaican by 0.005 seconds. It was the fastest Olympic 100 meters since Bolt set the Olympic record with a 9.63 in 2012.

To truly ascend to the throne — one that has been largely vacant since Bolt hung up his spikes seven years ago — Lyles will need to continue working through his to-do list at these Paris Games. So he was back at the track Monday night, settling into the starting blocks of his 200-meter heat.

Lyles breezed through qualifying, winning his heat in a casual 20.19 seconds. He advanced to Wednesday's semifinal, the next step on his quest for a second gold. He's hoping to sweep his three events, which include the 4x100 relay, just as Bolt did in 2012 and 2016.

The 27-year-old Alexandria native was relaxed following his heat. The 200 has always been his signature event, and he hasn't lost a race sprinting around the curve since finishing third at the Tokyo Games three years ago. Many track observers are watching to see what time Lyles posts, not necessarily what color medal he wins.

JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

"What he is recognizing and reflecting on is that he is beginning to transcend the sport," World Athletics President Sebastian Coe said of 100-meter champion Noah Lyles.

Lyles called the 200 his favorite race because it shows everything he can do and highlights his "top-end speed."

"None of them is winning," he added. "When I come off the turn, they will all be depressed."

The rest of the track world, meanwhile, was still processing that 100 final, studying frame-by-frame video and squinting at that finish line photo. The majesty of Lyles's run was coming into better focus. His reaction time at the gun — 0.178 seconds — was tied for slowest in the field, but Thompson's was only 0.002 better, and the 100-meter starting blocks had never been Lyles's forte.

"When I looked at the data, I was like, this looks just like some of my greatest races," he said. "It wasn't that I was struggling to get out; everybody else stepped up."

Both Lyles and Thompson picked up speed with each stride, soon a pair of freight trains barreling the down the track. Lyles hit his top speed 65 meters into the race — 27 mph. More impressive: He maintained that speed over the final 35 meters. One of his final 10-meter splits was an eye-popping 0.82 seconds.

Thompson, meanwhile, slightly decelerated down the stretch, which allowed Lyles to close the gap. Lyles pulled ahead just after the nine-second mark, as the runners leaned into the finish line.

The 200 is Lyles's baby; the 100 had been his project. He finished seventh at the U.S. trials in 2021 and couldn't race the 100 at the Tokyo Games. At the 2022 world championships, the Americans swept the podium, but again, Lyles wasn't among them. The Paris 100 was an important goal. He needed to get out the block faster and hit his top speed sooner. But what really separates champions is finding a way to finish.

Lyles finally broke through, winning the 100 at last year's world championships in Budapest, but Sunday's gold and incredible finish served as a formal coronation.

"It's like all great individuals in sport and great teams: They tend, when it really matters, to find a way of winning," Coe said. "And that's what he did last night."

Coe placed the gold around Lyles's neck Monday night at a medal ceremony in the stadium. He said it's clear that Lyles's mission at the Paris Games isn't just to post fast times and pick up hardware. Lyles is using the moment to raise his profile as well as that of track and field. Like Bolt, he's able to make sure his spotlight shines on the entire sport.

"Noah knows it's not enough to be another just another Olympic champion or another world champion. He wants to fill a stadium, and he also wants to fill a news conference," Coe said. "And actually what he has to say, it's not just for the moment. What he actually has to say is actually profoundly important for the sport."

For Lyles, the 100 victory is a launching point. On the dais late Sunday night, he charmed a packed news conference room, moving the goal posts and ramping up the bravado.

"I want my own shoe. I want my own trainer. Dead serious," he said. "I want a sneaker. There ain't no money in spikes. There's money in sneakers. Even Michael Johnson didn't have his own sneakers."

But even a champion can be humbled. Lyles visited doping control, finished his media obligations and returned to the Olympic Village. His girlfriend, Junelle Bromfield, an Olympic sprinter for Jamaica, called him on the way to say she had left her spikes at the Airbnb of their masseuse. She needed them for her 400-meter heat the next morning and asked Lyles to pick them up.

"Here I am at 2 a.m., waddling with a spike bag, my bag and some toiletries," he said. "I'm [like,] 'Hmm, here I am, Olympic champion in the 100 meters, waddling to my girlfriend's room with all this stuff.'

"Not only was I an Olympic champion," he noted. "I was also the savior of the spikes."

PARIS OLYMPICS

TRACK AND FIELD

Hassan gets bronze in women's 5,000

Sifan Hassan's audacious attempt at a distance triple gold is over after just one race. That didn't stop her from jumping on 5,000-meter gold medalist Beatrice Chebet of Kenya in a festive celebration for both women Monday at Stade de France in Saint-Denis.

Hassan, the Ethiopian-born Dutch runner, was embarking on a big program that also includes the 10,000 and the marathon. She started with a bronze in the 5,000.

"This year I had a lot of ups and downs," Hassan said. "I was a little bit over training, and it took me two months to recover. Here I am with a medal. … My main goal is to complete all three distances."

Chebet clocked 14 minutes 28.56 seconds for her first major international title after claiming silver and bronze medals at the past two world championships.

Faith Kipyegon of Kenya was awarded the silver after initially being disqualified for physical contact with Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay.

Kipyegon's silver was reinstated after an appeal.

Hassan settled for bronze in 14:30.61.

TRIATHLON

Mixed relay team can't catch Germans

The U.S. mixed relay team of Seth Rider, Taylor Spivey, Morgan Pearson and Taylor Knibb won the silver medal in a three-person sprint finish in Paris.

Germany won the gold medal, with Britain clinching bronze.

The event went forward despite Belgium withdrawing because of concerns about pollution in the Seine, where the swimming portion was held.

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All together now

The U.S. artistic swim team is in fourth place after the technical routine portion of the competition in Saint-Denis, France.

ON TV TODAY

BASKETBALL
5 a.m. — Men's quarterfinal: Greece vs. Germany — E!
8:30 a.m. — Men's quarterfinal: Australia vs. Serbia — USA Network
3:30 p.m. — Men's quarterfinal: United States vs. Brazil — USA Network

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
2:15 p.m. — Quarterfinals — USA Network

DIVING
4 a.m. — Men's springboard, qualifying — E!
9 a.m. — Women's platform, final — NBC

SAILING
6 a.m. — Finals — Peacock

SKATEBOARDING
8:30 a.m. — Women's park, qualifying — E!
11:30 a.m. — Women's park, final — E!

SOCCER
Noon — Women's semifinal: United States vs. Germany — USA Network
3 p.m. — Women's semifinal: Brazil vs. Spain — E!

SPORT CLIMBING
7 a.m. — Men's speed, qualifying — USA Network

TRACK AND FIELD
4:05 a.m. — Morning session — USA Network
1:35 p.m. — Women's hammer throw, men's long jump, men's 1,500 meters, women's steeplechase and women's 200, finals; men's 400 and women's 400 hurdles, semifinals — NBC

VOLLEYBALL
11 a.m. — Women's quarterfinals — NBC

WATER POLO
1 p.m. — Women's quarterfinals: Australia vs. Greece — E!

WRESTLING
5 a.m. — Qualifying rounds — Peacock
12:15 p.m. — Finals — Peacock

SURFING

Marks looks golden on the waves of Tahiti

In Teahupo'o, Tahiti, Caroline Marks of the United States won the women's gold medal after French Polynesian Kauli Vaast prevailed among the men.

Cheers and tears erupted from boats floating near the wave and crowds of spectators along the shore as the men's final ended with Vaast pumping his arms in the air. He beat Jack Robinson of Australia in the final.

The women's gold medal match ended about 30 minutes later, with Marks defeating Tatiana Weston-Webb of Brazil.

SHOOTING

Teacher and his pupil snare silver in skeet

After four Olympic gold medals, Vincent Hancock settled for a silver as Italy's Gabriele Rossetti and Diana Bacosi edged the United States, 45-44, in the mixed team skeet final at Chateauroux, France.

Hancock was shooting alongside his student, Austen Smith, who won the women's individual skeet bronze Sunday.

China's Jiang Yiting and Lyu Jianlin won the bronze medal.

China also won its fifth shooting gold of the Games when Li Yuehong took a commanding victory over South Korea's Cho Yeong-jae in the men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol final.

VOLLEYBALL

Americans deny Brazil place in medal round

The U.S. men's team defeated rival Brazil, 26-24, 28-30, 25-19, 25-19, to reach the semifinals after falling short of that round at the Tokyo Olympics.

Brazil failed to reach the medal round for the first time since 2000.

The United States will face Poland on Wednesday; Italy takes on France in the other semifinal.

— Des Beiler

WATER POLO

U.S. men top Croatia, move to quarterfinals

Hannes Daube and Max Irving each scored three times to lead the U.S. men (3-2) to a surprising 14-11 victory over Croatia on the final day of group play in Nanterre.

The Americans are third in Group A, setting up a quarterfinal matchup with Australia on Wednesday.

"We need to be focused. The job's not done," U.S. attacker Luca Cupido said. "We are where we want to be, in the quarterfinal."

The U.S. men finished sixth at the Tokyo Games three years ago and are trying to earn the program's first medal since a silver in 2008.

3X3 BASKETBALL

Germany, Netherlands win championships

Sonja Greinacher hit a tiebreaking two-pointer with 30 seconds left, and the German women's team beat Spain, 17-16, for the gold medal in Paris.

Hailey Van Lith had six points to lead the defending champion U.S. team to bronze with a 16-13 win over Canada.

The Netherlands won the men's gold, with France taking silver and Lithuania bronze.

U.S. captain Jimmer Fredette revealed the injury that knocked him out of the tournament: "I tore two different ligaments completely in my adductor."

CYCLING

In team sprint, Britain smashes world record

Katy Marchant, Sophie Capewell and Emma Finucane of Britain shattered the world record while beating New Zealand in a women's team sprint showdown for gold at the Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines Velodrome in Montigny-le-Bretonneux.

"I mean, the competition is hot," Marchant said. "It takes a world record to become an Olympic champion."

Germany, led by Pauline Grabosch, Lea Friedrich and Emma Hinze, made its fourth consecutive podium in the event, winning the bronze.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Two American pairs lose in quarterfinals

Two U.S. teams fell in the quarterfinals at Eiffel Tower Stadium in Paris.

Taryn Kloth and Kristen Nuss lost to Canada a few hours after Chase Budinger and Miles Evans lost to Norway's defending gold medalists.

Only Miles Evans and Andy Benesh advanced on the day, joining Kelly Cheng and Sara Hughes in the elite eight.

"Definitely a little heartbroken," said Nuss, who along with her former LSU teammate formed the No. 2 team in the world rankings.

SOCCER

France, Spain move to gold medal match

Jean-Philippe Mateta scored twice as the French men's team advanced to the final with a 3-1 win over Egypt after extra time.

The host nation came from behind at Stade de Lyon to beat an Egypt team that was closing in on an upset after leading on Mahmoud Saber's 62nd-minute goal.

Mateta tied the score in the 83rd minute and sent the game into extra time.

France will play Spain in Friday's final at Parc des Princes in Paris, ensuring Europe's first gold medal in 32 years.

WRESTLING

Cuban earns a chance at a record fifth gold

Greco-Roman wrestler Mijain Lopez will have a shot at a record fifth Olympic gold medal.

Just two weeks shy of his 42nd birthday, the Cuban beat Azerbaijan's Sabah Saleh Shariati, 4-1, and advanced to the final at 130 kg (287 pounds).

By clinching a medal, Lopez tied West Germany's Wilfried Dietrich for the most Olympic wrestling medals with five.

— From news services and staff reports

BARRY SVRLUGA

If you can drop your barbecue tongs and do it, then it doesn't belong in the Games

SVRLUGA FROM **D1**

should be included as an Olympic sport and what should not. But before that, let's remind each other what the Olympics look and feel and sound like.

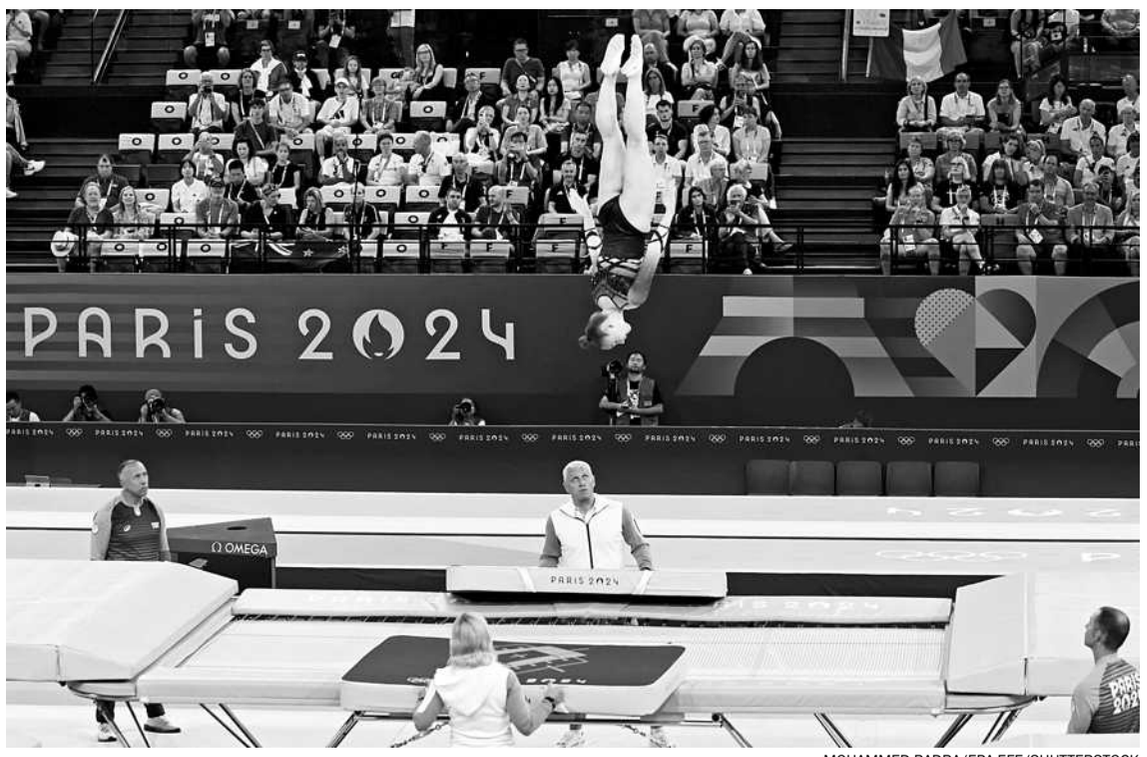
Sunday night in a pool in the western Paris suburb of Nanterre, American Bobby Finke swam the men's 1,500-meter freestyle in 14 minutes 30.67 seconds. In an event that has been on the Olympic program since 1904, it was both a gold medal and a world record.

A little less than three hours later and about nine miles east in the northern suburb of Saint-Denis, Noah Lyles of the United States and Kishane Thompson of Jamaica both crossed the finish line after 100 meters of all-out sprinting. The gold medal — and the title of world's fastest human — went to Lyles by *five-thousands* of a second.

Those are the Olympics. And those gold medals are exactly the same as, say, that taken home by Britain's's Bryony Page in — checks notes — *trampoline gymnastics*?

Have you *seen* trampoline gymnastics? No? It's exactly what you think it is: people bouncing on a springy, stretchy surface, then doing flips and tricks until they bounce again. They go pretty high, and it can look impressive, but you half-expect them to climb off the apparatus and go meet their uncle at the grill so he can hand them a hot dog before they head for the potato salad.

Look, we're definitely walking down a balance beam here: trying to argue for a normal, sensible, this-makes-sense Olympic program involving only *sports* without coming off as a cranky old man shaking his fist at authorities. We're talking a high degree of difficulty.



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Trampoline gymnasts do tricks and flips before bouncing high into the air again … and that's about it.

Yes, the Olympics have to stay modern and relevant. So for the Tokyo Games (scheduled for 2020, bumped to 2021) the International Olympic Committee added skateboarding, surfing, sport climbing, BMX freestyle and three-on-three basketball (which, in everyday English, is shirts-and-skins-type stuff). All returned for Paris, where they will be joined by breaking. Which is breakdancing. Which is not a sport.

The IOC, in its official literature, judged those Tokyo additions as an unmitigated success.

"That appeal with younger viewers and spectators was reflected by massive increases in social followers for some athletes after Tokyo 2020," the organizing body said. "By way of example, women's street skateboarding silver medalist Rayssa Leal of Brazil saw the number of people following her on social media jump from 630,000 in June 2021 to 9 million by that September."

Awesome for Ms. Leal. But we're now determining sporting success by Instagram followers?

It's not just some of the new sports that should go. Modern pentathlon should, of course, be renamed "outdated pentathlon," right before it's kicked out of the Olympics.

Quiz: What five events make up outdated pentathlon? Hint 1: Think hunting and gathering. Hint 2: Involve another animal. Answer to come.

What else? Judo is a martial art that dates from the late 1800s. Though it was born in Japan, the French go bananas — or, as they say in French, bananes — for this stuff. Parisian Teddy Riner is a hero of such proportions that he both carried the French flag and lit the cauldron during the Opening Ceremonies, and that was before he claimed a third gold medal in the heavyweight division, then helped France win a gold in the mixed team event.

But let's be honest. Judokas are enormous. None of us wants to run into one and lock in combat. But their sport plays out as Olympic pushing and pulling.

Oh, and equestrian. The venue at Versailles appeared trés magnifique. But we no longer need horses as a mode of transport. And it follows that if one of the most decorated dressage riders whipped her horse in an attempt to get it ready — and was subsequently sent home before the Games — then maybe horses aren't choosing to be in the Olympics, and who needs the headaches anyway?

Furthermore: There is a line of thinking that any endeavor in which the winner is determined by judging should be cast aside. I can't get there as a simple line of demarcation, mostly because that would mean no gymnastics. Yes, the people who judge Simone Biles, Brazil's Rebeca Andrade and the rest are trying to quantify the unquantifiable by assigning each routine a difficulty score and then taking points off for mistakes in execution. But mostly, it works.

So the (extremely sketchy) determination we'll make is that there's a visceral component to what stays and what goes, too. Wrestling and weightlifting are both such base-level pursuits — essentially assessments of strength that could have been understood in ancient Greece — that they absolutely stay. Biles and her teammates and competitors are inarguably athletes. Gymnastics remains, too. Points for the sport being part of the Olympic program since *1896*.

Though that's not the whole story, either. Modern pentathlon — sorry, *outdated* pentathlon — first appeared in the Games in 1912. It never left.

Oh, the outdated pentathlon answer: fencing, freestyle swimming, equestrian show jumping, laser pistol shooting and cross-country running. Put the athletes in the woods, pit the countries against each other, require them to perform all of the above — sword play before swimming away to jump on a horse, then shooting at your opponents before escaping on foot — and "Hunger Games" could come to the Olympics.

I haven't quite figured out sport climbing. It just started Monday. The "boulder and lead" event looks something like Olympic jungle gym. But the speed category — a race up the side of a wall — is kind of cool. Let's see how this plays out.

But three-on-three basketball? Come on. First of all, there are free throws? That are worth the same as regular buckets? (And an English-speaking hype man, who bellows into the mic, "Splash! Waterpark!" when a free throw goes through or, "Stripped like paint thinner!" after a steal?)

Anyone knows there aren't free throws in three-on-three basketball. It's an actual sport, watered down. That's okay for the park. It's not okay for the Summer Games.

The Olympic program is a living, breathing entity. On the way for Los Angeles in 2028: baseball and softball, lacrosse, cricket, flag football and squash.

Which means a few things have to go. After all, in 2032 in Brisbane, Australia, we're going to have to make room for pickleball.

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No. C-02-CV-24-001105

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Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, July 16, 2024** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Substitute Trustee BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **15th day of August 2024** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **15th day of August 2024** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **2454 APPLE BLOSSOM LN APT 304 ODENTON, MD 21113** to be **$250,000.00**.

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Versus

Estate of David A. Peters
Defendants

No. C-02-CV-22-002369

NOTICE

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TRUSTEE'S JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
1222 18th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 0107 in Square 4445

In execution of an Order and Decree for Sale of Real Property ("Sale Decree") from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia ("Court") in Case No. 2022-CA-002097-R(RP) ("Foreclosure Case"), the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 1222 18th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002, designated as being Lot 0107 in Square 4445, and as more fully described in the Indemnity Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Contracts, Leases and Rents ("Deed of Trust") dated November 27, 2017 and recorded on December 12, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017136079, from Stephen Babatunde ("Borrower"), as grantor, to Demetris Voudouris and Jason A. Pardo (collectively, "Trustee"), as trustees. The sale will occur at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 on

AUGUST 28, 2024 AT 10:30 AM

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes and water/sewer charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A nonrefundable deposit of at least ten percent (10%) of the bid price by certified funds will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Trustee may condition the right to bid or acceptance of bids upon a showing of said deposits, and may reserve the right to reject any bid made by anyone who does not have the deposit in hand at the auction. Trustee shall hold any deposit in a non-interest bearing trust account. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for noteholder and any of noteholder's successors or assigns. Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to Trustee that shall be announced at the sale. Trustee may enter into a contract of sale with the highest qualified bidder subject to ratification by the Court, and any memorandum of sale must indicate that the sale is subject to said ratification. If a third party bidder is successful at the auction, the bond filed in the Foreclosure Case shall be increased to the full amount of the purchase price, which shall be posted prior to ratification by the Court. Trustee shall file a Verified Report of Sale with the Court within thirty (30) days of the auction. The Verified Report of Sale shall specify the time, place, terms of the sale, the purchaser, the purchase amount, and the deposit held, together with an affidavit and documentation establishing that Trustee complied with the notice and advertisement requirements of the Deed of Trust and Sale Decree. Unless otherwise ordered at the time of ratification, settlement shall occur by payment of all sums due under the bid in certified funds to Trustee within thirty (30) calendar days from the entry of an order ratifying the sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs. If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the allotted time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and Trustee may apply the deposit toward costs, fees and his compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process. Any remaining amount shall be credited to the underlying debt. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Trustee in connection with such default. If Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever. After purchaser's funds submitted to Trustee have cleared, Trustee shall execute and deliver a Trustee's Deed, transferring title to purchaser. The costs of recording the Trustee's Deed shall be the responsibility of purchaser. Trustee shall be entitled to recover his costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees and commissions as authorized by the Deed of Trust for the execution of duties performed in accordance with the foreclosure and the Sale Decree as part of the settlement. Within sixty (60) days of settlement, Trustee shall file evidence of the settlement including a copy of the Trustee's Deed, a proposed accounting and distribution of funds, and a proposed order ratifying the distribution. A copy of those documents shall be sent to Borrower and all junior lien holders, together with a notice that any claim or dispute with the proposed accounting and distribution must be filed within fourteen (14) days, and that if no claim or objection is filed, the accounting and distribution may be ratified by the Court without further hearing. Any unclaimed funds due to junior lienholders, owners, or any other party, may be identified for payment into the Court registry, and upon payment thereof, Trustee may request a determination that his duties have been discharged and the Foreclosure Case be closed with the bond released. Trustee may establish additional terms of sale as may be appropriate in his judgment to promote the best price at the auction so long as any additional terms remain consistent with and do not alter the specific terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the Sale Decree.

Jason A. Pardo, Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

19111 NORTH KINDLY COURT
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 27, 2017, recorded in Liber 54205, Folio 90 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $164,350.00, 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 23, 2024 AT 3:29 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 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. 355155-1)

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4410 BOXWOOD ROAD
BETHESDA, MD 20816

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 5, 2016, recorded in Liber 53650, Folio 51 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $413,000.00, 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

AUGUST 23, 2024 AT 3:31 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $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 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. 362026-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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)

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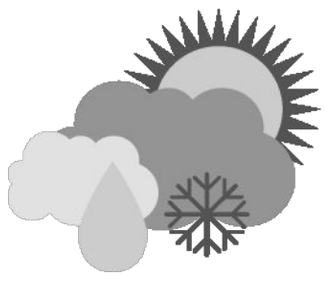

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5 PARK VISTA COURT SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Iva E. Johnson dated October 1, 2016 and recorded in Liber 53142, folio 245 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 23, 2024 AT 3:38 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-02747684.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 24-002300-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

11483 STONEY POINT PLACE GERMANTOWN, MD 20876

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Fernando E. Freire, Manuel A. Galaz and Sara R. Freire dated June 30, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32633, folio 790 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 23, 2024 AT 3:36 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-02049883.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 23-001129-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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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).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

2308 HOLLY SPRING DRIVE SILVER SPRING, MD 20905

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Naveen Khosla, dated August 2, 2005 and recorded in Liber 30701, folio 740 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 23, 2024 AT 3:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $38,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-600722).
The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
506 PEACOCK DRIVE Landover, MD 20785

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from OLUSEGUN ADELEGAN, dated February 16, 2021 and recorded in book 44950 , page 283 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-16-CV-24-000502; Tax ID No. 18-2053023) 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 22, 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 $ 30,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-001575-01)

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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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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
12407 APPLECROSS DRIVE Clinton, MD 20735

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from CYNTHIA K. BUSH, dated January 19, 2007 and recorded in book 27225 , page 134 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-16-CV-24-001483; Tax ID No. 05-0276964) 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 22, 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 $ 35,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-001958-01)

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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)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
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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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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
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 Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 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 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from PETER P. KETTNER AND CAROLYN K. KETTNER, dated June 15, 2007 and recorded in book 06383 , page 0149 among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-08-CV-24-000325; Tax ID No. 05-039924) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CHARLES COUNTY courthouse located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 .

AUGUST 22, 2024 at 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 29,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CHARLES COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-003048-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

10501A OLD ANNAPOLIS ROAD
FREDERICK, MD 21701

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 22, 2016, recorded in Liber 11660, Folio 70 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $432,030.00, 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 23, 2024 AT 2:14 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $43,000 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. 323803-15)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

324 MOUNTAINEERS WAY
EMMITSBURG, MD 21727

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 29, 2017, recorded in Liber 12161, Folio 477 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $306,000.00, 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 23, 2024 AT 2:12 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 368364-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

6683 COLDSTREAM DRIVE
NEW MARKET, MD 21774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2017, recorded in Liber 12105, Folio 13 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $270,655.00, 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 23, 2024 AT 2:19 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #27-514448.
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 $29,000 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. 22-002177-06)

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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 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 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, 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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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. 368650-1)

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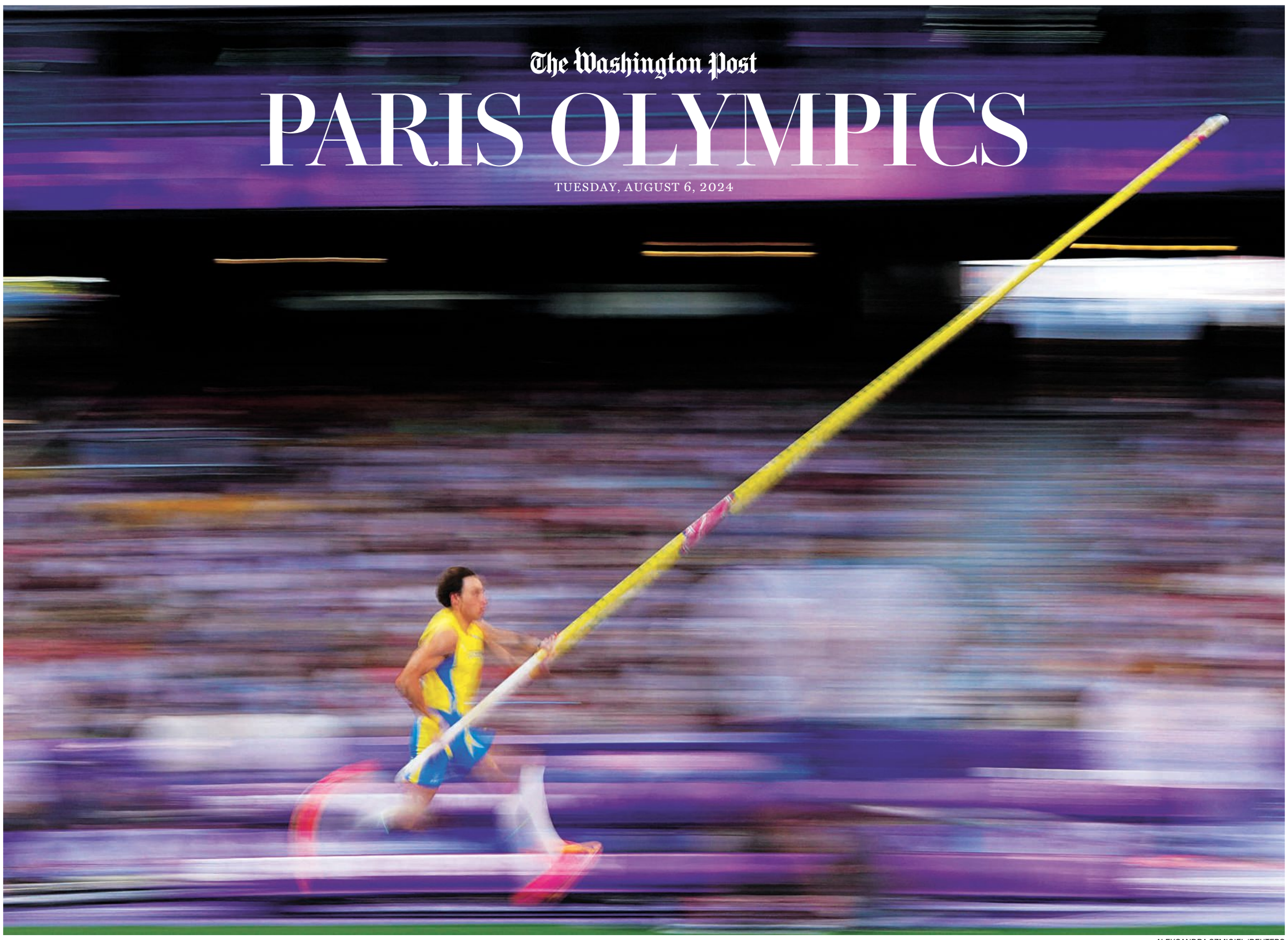

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Armand "Mondo" Duplantis cleared 6.25 meters (20 feet 6 inches) on his final attempt to set another world record in the pole vault. "If I don't beat this moment in my career, I'm pretty okay with that," he said.

The sky cannot contain Duplantis

The Louisiana-born Swedish pole-vaulting star, competing only with himself, soars to another world record and the gold medal

BY ADAM KILGORE

SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE — The only man standing on the track was the one everybody had come to see. Victory had belonged to Armand "Mondo" Duplantis in every functional sense since he had remembered to lug his poles into Stade de France. He operates on a different plane than any other pole vaulter the sport has ever seen. He trains for the moments when the competition is over, when every eye is on him and his only rival is himself.

Duplantis had broken the world record eight times before Monday night. One last jump would determine whether Duplantis could reduce the barrier between man and flight again, by one more centimeter.

Duplantis failed on his first two tries to break his world record. Before his third, he spoke with his father and coach, Greg, and decided on a crucial adjustment. He sprinted down the runway, soared into the night and became one of the forever athletes of the Paris Olympics.

A Louisiana-born pole-vaulting genius who matriculated at LSU and competes under the flag of his mother's native Sweden, Duplantis cleared 6.25 meters (20 feet 6 inches) on his final attempt. The Stade de France stadium lights flickered. The best crowd he had ever seen outside of Tiger Stadium produced a delirious wall of sound. He sprinted off the mat to the corner of the stadium, where he hugged his girlfriend and slapped high-fives with his brothers.

"If I don't beat this moment in my career, I'm pretty okay with that," Duplantis said. "I don't think you can do much better than what just happened."

Duplantis pushes limits as much as any athlete at these Games. For one night, he would be content with a new barrier. Duplantis mingled afterward on the track with Carl Gustaf Folke Hubertus, the king of Sweden. ("Fam vad cool," Duplantis said in Swedish — very cool.) He planned to party with family, and his brothers would drag him to karaoke, voice hoarse from interviews and all.

"I'll probably have some liquid courage and get up onstage," Duplantis said.

He had proved himself the ultimate performer well before Monday. Duplantis first broke the world record in February 2020, nudging it up one centimeter to 6.17 meters. He has since made it his lucrative plaything. Duplantis had broken it seven more times since, always by a centimeter, which maximizes the number of times he can trigger sponsorship bonuses for world records.

Duplantis's record at the start of the night stood at 6.24 meters. Only three other men in the field had surpassed a six-meter bar, and American Sam Kendricks had not done so in five years.

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American Sam Kendricks picked up the silver medal three years after a frustrating experience at the Tokyo Games. He won the bronze medal in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

The competitive portion of the night was about the silver medal. Kendricks won it with a 5.95-meter clearance three years after an experience that embittered him. He tested positive for the coronavirus and could not compete at the Tokyo Olympics. Kendricks, the Rio de Janeiro bronze medalist, was mad that a follow-up test he believed cleared him was not used. He was incensed at how he was put in isolation and, in his mind, discarded.

"I don't want to be bitter," Kendricks said. "I want to love all the people that are involved in it. I know back in the day, there's a lot of people that love me that were put between a rock and a hard place. They weren't able to be next to me. And it hurts me that I have to be mad at somebody."

Kendricks takes pride in his two victories over Duplantis, including at the 2019 world championships. He understood that eventually the prodigy finding his way would surpass him. "I'm a very small boogeyman in Mondo's life," Kendricks said.

The night at Stade de France slowly arced toward Duplantis. The mayhem of the women's 5,000 meters passed. American Valarie Allman claimed her second consecutive discus gold medal. Duplantis's vanquished competitors celebrated their silver and bronze. Only he remained.

First, he set the bar at 6.10 meters, shattering the 6.03-meter Olympic record. Then he asked for the bar to put at 6.25 meters, higher than it had ever been set before.

On his first attempt, he banged his right elbow on top of the bar. On his second, he achieved the requisite height but shortly after he began his fall to Earth, his chest hit the bar. He walked to the first row of the stands and spoke with his father.

Pole vaulters are allowed to move the standards — the uprights that hold the bar in place — closer or further from their takeoff point. Duplantis had taken his first two cracks at the record with the standards 70 centimeters away from the plant box.

Duplantis had jumped high enough on his second try, but he had not soared far enough. So Greg devised a solution. Duplantis would move the standards from 70 to 60 centimeters — 10 centimeters closer to his takeoff.

When Duplantis walked to the official, an instinct overcame him. At many events, the standards only move in increments of five. With Olympic-level equipment, officials could be as precise as they wanted. Duplantis asked not for the 60 that Greg prescribed but 62.

"It would be dope and a nice jab at my father if 62 was the perfect number," Duplantis said.

Once the standards had been reset, Duplantis carried his pole to the back of the runway and leaned it on his shoulder. When Duplantis was a child, Greg, who was a pole vaulter at LSU, built a runway in his backyard out of an abandoned track he bought for pennies on the dollar. Each time his youngest son ran down it, he imagined a bar set beyond the world record at the Olympic final.

"I felt like I had already been in this moment 1,000 times," Duplantis said.

Now, Duplantis raised his arms over his head and clapped once. The crowd responded with thunder. Another clap, then another. Faster: Clap. Clap. Clap clap. Clap clap clap clapclapclap*clapclapclapclapclapclap*.

Duplantis bolted. His extraordinary ability begins with his speed. Many pole vaulters take up the sport once they realize they will never possess the world-class speed of a sprinter. Duplantis might have it.

"He runs with God's hand on his back," Kendricks said.

The neon yellow pole glowed in his hands. At full speed, Duplantis jammed the top of his pole into the plant box.

"You feel the takeoff spot," Duplantis said. "Right when I hit it at the takeoff, I kind of knew."

Duplantis inverted, rose two stories off the ground, twisted his body and folded himself like a trapdoor. The bar remained still. He floated to the mat and landed with a roar. He hugged his family, and then he walked back to the coaches box and embraced Greg.

Duplantis had surpassed another limit. Every new mark invites the question of how far he can fly. He lives his life to expand the possible.

For one night, Duplantis would embrace what he had done instead of what he could do next.

"I don't even really care right now," Duplantis said. "Why would I care about anything else other than what just happened?"

United States
GOLD 21 | SILVER 30 | BRONZE 28 | TOTAL 79

China
GOLD 21 | SILVER 18 | BRONZE 14 | TOTAL 53

France
GOLD 13 | SILVER 16 | BRONZE 19 | TOTAL 48

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How nature nurtures happier, healthier children

BY JAMIE FRIEDLANDER SERRANO

When Julie Ernst's daughter was 8, she often played in a small stick fort behind their house. When Ernst went outside to get her daughter for dance class one day, she saw her "frosting" mud cupcakes. "This is so satisfying," she heard her daughter quietly say to herself.

"I'd never heard her say that about any other activity, even ones she loves," says Ernst, who studies the impact of nature on early childhood development at the University of Minnesota at Duluth. "It really made me pause and consider how we were spending our out-of-school time."

The average American today spends nearly 90 percent of their time indoors, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Yet research indicates that children benefit greatly from time spent in nature; that not only does it improve their cognition, mood, self-esteem and social skills, but it can also make them physically healthier and less anxious.

"Outdoor time for children is beneficial not just for physical health but also

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The many misconceptions teen girls have about periods

BY JO-ANN FINKELSTEIN

When a 15-year-old girl I see in psychotherapy ended up in the ER with second-degree burns, she was embarrassed to tell me why. Eventually she disclosed having crouched over boiling herb-infused water during her period. TikTok taught her that periods were dirty and that a "yoni steam" would not only cleanse her, but ease her cramps.

This is just one of a slew of myths and wrong beliefs pushed on social media and by influencers on TikTok and elsewhere that young people seem to be absorbing.

Educating children about their bodies and how they change has become increasingly mainstream, but my patients often say periods are "gross." Even for many parents and doctors, discussion of bleeding and vaginas feels taboo or uncomfortable, leaving young people uneducated about this basic biological process.

Some of the menstruation misconceptions are fairly innocuous, such as that periods sync when women spend time together, or that girls should not swim

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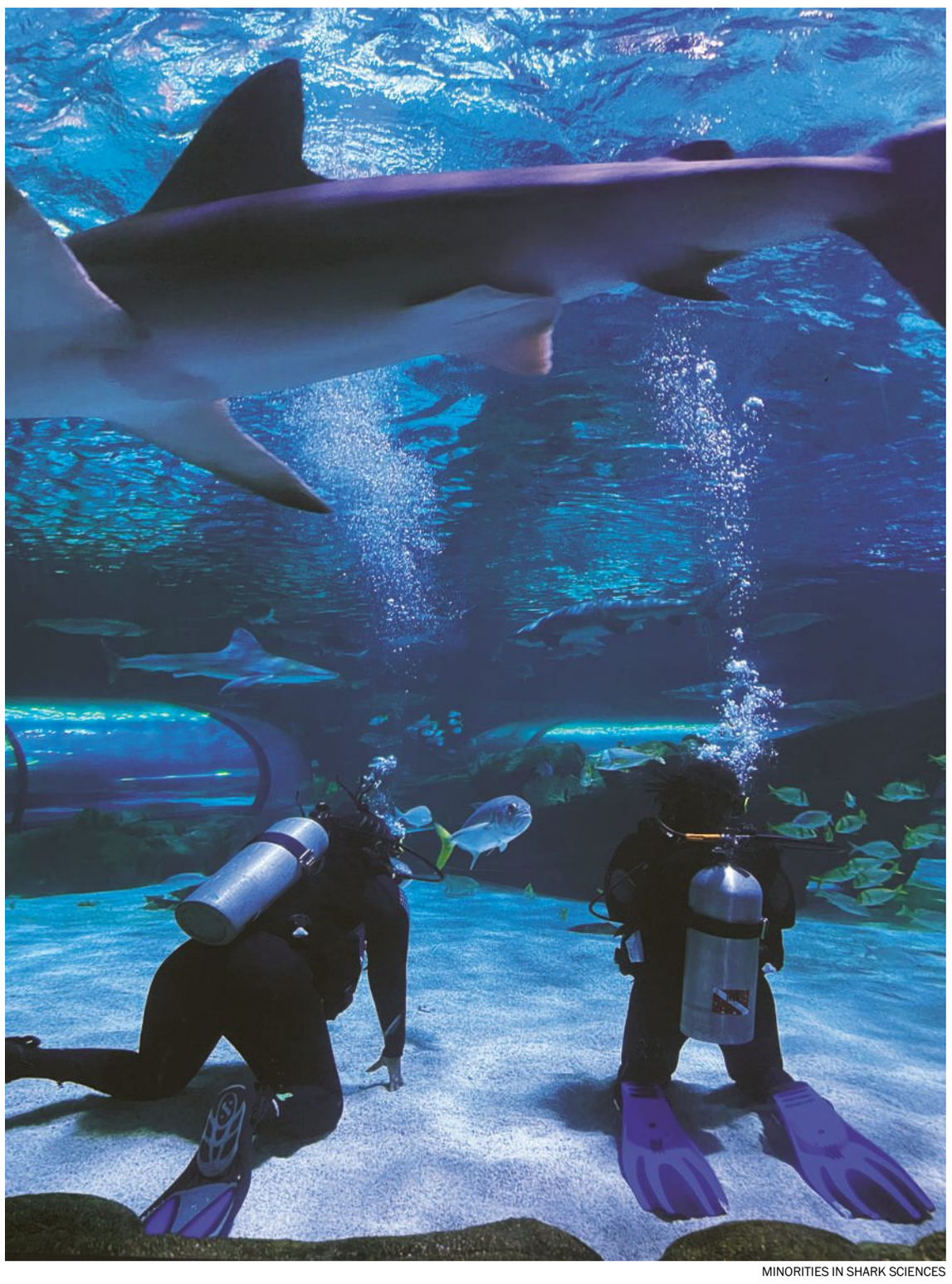
What sharks can teach about life

Marine biologist wants people to move from 'fear to fascination'

BY HOPE CORRIGAN



MINORITIES IN SHARK SCIENCES

Jasmin Graham, left, and Carlee Jackson Bohannon explore a tank at Ripley's Aquarium as a sand tiger shark swims overhead.

At the height of the pandemic and George Floyd protests, marine biologist Jasmin Graham stumbled across a picture on Twitter: It was of Carlee Jackson Bohannon, a Black female scientist, decked out in all-pink gear, diving with a nurse shark in Belize.

Buoyed by the feeling that she "discovered a unicorn," Graham, who is also Black, tweeted a message of appreciation. Within two weeks, she and Bohannon teamed up with two other Black women scientists to found Minorities in Shark Sciences, or MISS, a group dedicated to bringing more women of color out on the ocean.

In her new book, "Sharks Don't Sink: Adventures of a Rogue Shark Scientist," Graham chronicles how she fell in love with elasmobranchs, a group of fish that includes sharks, skates and rays, while growing up in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and elsewhere. That passion for marine biology brought her to academia, though she eventually abandoned that path due to the overt racism and misogyny she says she encountered there.

Instead, she launched her own research projects with the support of a network of women in marine biology, which she has expanded through MISS. Four years after its founding, the organization has over 400 members around the world, and offers fellowships, mentorship, workshops and educational opportunities for students, with the help of grants and donations from groups such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Save Our Seas Foundation and the Schmidt Ocean Coalition.

One of the early MISS-led research vessels she worked on flew three flags: the Stars and Stripes, Black Lives Matter and a Pride flag.

The Washington Post spoke to Graham about her work with sharks, her organization and her book. This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

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How did you get your start in marine biology, and why were you drawn to sharks?

Jasmin Graham: I always grew up [in South Carolina] going out fishing with my dad, and I just really loved being in and around water from a very young age.

I met a professor in undergrad [at College of Charleston] who studied sharks and I started working with them. I just figured out, "Oh wow, these animals have been around for such a long time, and they have so many cool adaptations." They haven't changed that much in hundreds of millions of years so they're obviously doing something right.

People assume they're man-eaters or they're out to get them. And I was really drawn to trying to turn that around. They're in the same part of the food web as dolphins, which are also predators. Why do dolphins get movies that are happy where little kids befriend them, and then sharks get scary music and they're eating people? That's not fair. I was really interested in helping people move from fear to fascination.

In the book you weave fascinating information about various shark species through the telling of your life story. Why did you write it that way?

Graham: I wanted to help people make a human connection with me as the person telling the story. Once we have that rapport between reader and author, helping them connect with sharks.

People sometimes assume I am scary because of my race and other factors I cannot control. People assume that sharks are scary because they have sharp teeth and they're predators, but they're really just trying to live their lives. I'm trying to take people step by step to make the logical connection of, we're all here sharing this planet, no matter what being we are.

You sometimes speak about these species as though they're people — you call the bull shark "grumpy," for example. Was that on purpose to draw that connection?

Graham: There's a big divide in the shark world [and among] scientists who study animals about how much is too much anthropomorphizing. You don't want to make people think that nonhuman animals think like people, because they don't.

But I'm trying to put things in the perspective of the reality of what people understand. People understand "grumpy" and "agitated."

That's the closest human emotion that I could connect to the shark. It was really important to me to use language that was approachable to people. Science doesn't have to be dry. We can talk about things that are silly, like animals that have a hedge trimmer on their face.

In the book, you chronicle your departure from traditional academia after getting your graduate degree from Florida State University, saying you went "rogue." How did you forge this new path?

Graham: Someone said, "the beautiful thing about rock bottom is that there's only one way to go, and that's up." When you're in a place of despair you just have to move forward. That's [the idea behind] the title of the book, "Sharks Don't Sink." If sharks stop swimming, they literally will sink.

I needed to get somewhere I felt safe and secure, and where I felt connected to the ocean. If you keep walking forward, eventually someone will open a door.

Tell me about Minorities in Shark Sciences.

Graham: We're trying to broaden participation in marine science as a whole and create a culture shift in the way that we do science, the way we treat each other as human beings in science.

We do that in a number of ways, all the way from kindergartners learning about the ocean through grade school to undergrads and early-career professionals learning the skills they need to be successful, and then supporting researchers as they're doing their research to make sure it's collaborative and inclusive.

We believe that diversity in science leads to diversity in thought, and that's how you get innovation. That's what we need to solve these problems that our oceans are facing.

What does a MISS-led research trip look like?

Graham: It's all people of color for the most part. Our [principal investigators] are typically women of color. The culture on our research boats is very open and welcoming.

Unfortunately, in shark science there's a lot of like, "Me man, me tackle shark," and that attitude permeates through how people interact with each other too, like screaming at each other.

It's not a very conducive place for learning or growing, so we try to be the opposite of that, where we're high-fiving people and talking them through things. Whenever they mess up, being like, "That's okay, we all mess up, here's how we can do it better." No one's getting blamed if something goes wrong.

That network of support never goes away. For a lot of our members, it's the first time they've had someone they felt truly understood them, saw them, valued them, respected them.

What have you learned from sharks that you've applied to your career and life?

Graham: Sharks have much simpler lives than humans.

They're just doing whatever they need to do that's best for them. But there's still a decision-making process and ultimately their self-preservation is what they're putting above everything else. That's something that I like to remind myself from the animal kingdom: You can't accomplish anything if you get eaten. So metaphorically, I can't let myself get eaten. I have to be worried about myself at the end of the day and make sure I'm taking care of myself because [otherwise] I can't take care of anyone else.

Sharks do something similar with their young. There's a process called maternal offloading when female sharks get a lot of pollutants in them, like mercury and toxins. To ensure they keep living to produce more young, they will dump a lot of their pollutants in their litter. Those pups might die but the mother has gotten rid of all of [the toxins] so now she can reproduce more. That is a self-preservation tactic.

In early June, there were three shark strikes in the Florida Panhandle. What would you tell people about the human-shark relationship to put them at ease?

Graham: The ocean has so many beautiful and wonderful things to offer. You should never let a fear keep you from all of these amazing things because the benefits greatly outweigh the potential threat.

There are people like me who study sharks and we're around them all the time. Swimming with them, interacting with them. And most shark scientists that you see, we have all 10 fingers and toes.

And you're yanking them out of the water.

Graham: Yeah, and we can't explain to them, "Hey, we're just trying to help you," right? So they're going to be antsy. I'm in a much more intense situation than somebody just casually swimming.

Sharks aren't any more evil than any other animal. You can do a lot to make sure that you're not putting yourself in a position where you're making an animal feel threatened.

I'm not saying that there aren't any unprovoked attacks. And when those things happen, it's very sad. But hundreds of thousands of people drive cars every day, and people die in car accidents all the time. There are things that we do to protect ourselves, but it doesn't stop us from driving.

Sharks have every reason to be afraid of us; we have very little to be afraid of them. We kill a hundred million sharks a year every year, and sharks kill somewhere between 6 and 10 people a year.

We just have to be really mindful of the language that we use because animals in and of themselves aren't scary. We should be trying to protect them, not vilify them.

What is your advice for younger people or people who are interested in going into shark sciences or marine biology, but feel like they are up against racism and misogyny?

Graham: You have to know your value and your worth and have that intrinsically in yourself, so deep that no matter what anyone says, you know that you deserve to be there.

You shouldn't have to pay a price to do a job. If that cost is too high — and I'm not talking about money, but mentally, physically, emotionally — it is totally fine to say, 'This is not worth it anymore.'

That's what I did when I left academia. You can find other ways to engage, other organizations to work for. People will tell you, "Oh, well, if you leave this job, you're never going to get another job." That's a lie.

What's next for your group, or your own research?

Graham: MISS is going to keep doing its thing. For my research, I have a red tide project that I'm working on.

I'm just going to keep following questions that I find interesting. That's the beauty of going rogue: There's no, "You have to do this, you have to do that." Whenever I find a scientific question I find interesting, I will explore it.

SCIENCE NEWS

Spanish lab sterilizes thousands of mosquitoes as climate change fuels spread of dengue fever

BY EVA MANEZ AND HORACI GARCIA

NAQUERA, SPAIN — A Spanish laboratory is breeding and sterilizing thousands of tiger mosquitoes to fight dengue fever and other diseases as climate change encourages the invasive species to spread across Europe.

Using an electron accelerator, the regional government-funded Biological Pest Control Center in Valencia sterilizes and releases about 45,000 male mosquitoes every week so they can pair with females — whose bite transmits diseases among humans — and eventually reduce the overall mosquito population.

"It's a species that is becoming more common with climate change. ... There is a favorable environment for its development for longer periods of time throughout the year and its populations are increasing all the time," said Vicente Dalmau of the Valencia region's health, agriculture and fisheries department.

The specimens for reproduction come from the region, and scientists then use a machine to separate female pupae from the males, before using radiation to sterilize the males.

Sterilization techniques have been used in other parts of the world, but the lab, using its experience with fruit flies, is pioneering their use on tiger mosquitoes in Europe at a time of growing concern over a rise in mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, zika and chikungunya.

Data from the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control shows an increase in cases imported from regions where dengue is endemic, as well as an increasing number of local outbreaks of West Nile virus and dengue in Europe.

The striped tiger mosquito, or *Aedes albopictus*, is spreading north, east and west in Europe and now has self-sustaining populations in 13 countries, including Spain.

The World Health Organization said last year that dengue rates were rising globally, with reported cases since 2000 up eightfold to 4.2 million in 2022, as a warmer climate is thought to help the mosquitoes multiply faster.

— Reuters

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The invasive tiger mosquito, seen here through a microscope in Moncada, Spain, has spread north, east and west in Europe.

SCIENCE SCAN

HEAT ISLANDS

Research suggests that rural land surrounding urban areas can cool cities by nearly 30 percent

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Rural land surrounding urban areas could help cool cities by up to 32.9 degrees Fahrenheit, an analysis in Nature Cities suggests, hinting at a way to cool increasingly scorching urban areas.

In an attempt to understand how rural land cover affects urban heat islands — a phenomenon in which cities become significantly warmer than the areas surrounding them — researchers studied data from 30 Chinese cities between 2000 and 2020. They looked at land cover surrounding the urban areas and ranked the capacity of various urban-rural configurations to cool the cities.

Rural areas hold "great potential" for cooling urban heat islands, the researchers concluded, with the biggest impacts occurring within a six-to-nine-mile radius of the urban boundary. Rural land in that range can reduce the urban heat island intensity by nearly 30 percent, they found.

The reason is a matter of physics, they write: Air warms in cities, leaving a low-pressure zone near the ground that then helps transport cooler air from surrounding rural areas. The rural areas then go on to absorb the heat.

Different factors affect the process, including geographic features like hills and mountains, a city's shape and climatic zones, the researchers write.

Past studies have focused on ways to use the land within cities to cool them, such as boosting green infrastructure like parks, the researchers note. The new research suggests that strategies using less dense, less expensive rural land could increase cities' cooling capacities as well.

Land use in rural areas "can make a big difference to temperatures downtown," Shi-Jie Cao, a visiting professor at the University of Surrey's Global Center for Clean Air Research and a co-author of the paper, said in a news release.

The findings allow for "quite specific recommendations," he said, pointing to "joining up patches of rural land," planting woodland around cities and consolidating bodies of water in rural areas as potential ways to cool cities.

By better regulating rural land, the researchers suggest, it could be possible to both maintain rural landscapes and boost rural economies while making urban areas cooler and more sustainable.

Mitigating urban heat island through neighboring rural land cover

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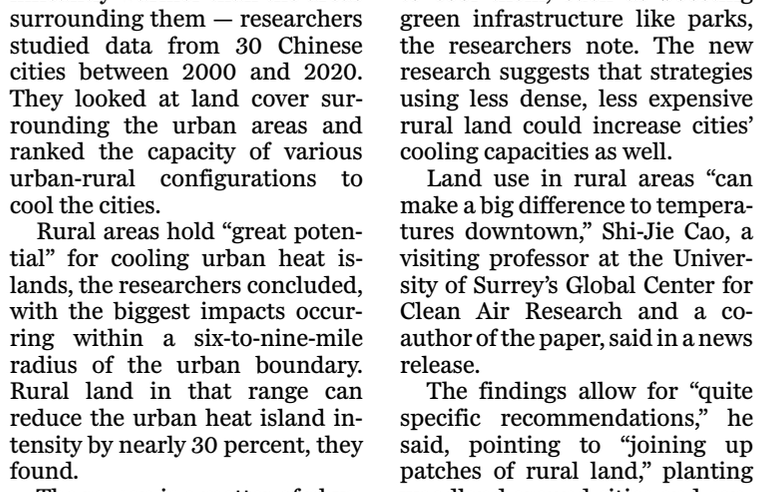

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People watch the sun set by the East River in Brooklyn as the Midtown Manhattan skyline looms in the distance on July 18.

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BIG NUMBER

30 percent

Nearly 30 percent (29.7) of those over age 60 still take a daily low dose of aspirin, despite guidelines advising against the drug's use as a primary way of preventing cardiovascular disease, a recent study says. The research, published in the Annals of Internal Medicine on June 25, examined trends in aspirin use from 2012 to 2021 with data drawn from the National Health Interview Survey. Researchers looked at data from just over 186,400 people age 40 or older; 53 percent of those studied were women and 31 percent were non-White. By inhibiting platelet function that contributes to clotting, aspirin can reduce the risk of formation of clots on top of fatty plaques inside arteries, lessening the chances of a heart attack or stroke. Evidence such as this led the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force in 2002 to strongly recommend that health-care professionals consider the use of aspirin with adults at risk for heart disease. But updated guidelines issued by the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association in 2019 note that potential risks of aspirin use, including gastrointestinal bleeding, outweigh its slight prevention benefit. "Aspirin should be used infrequently in the routine primary prevention" of cardiovascular disease because of a "lack of net benefit," the American Heart Association said in 2019. "Generally, primary prevention aspirin for adults older than 60 years is discouraged," said Mohak Gupta, the article's lead researcher and a cardiovascular medicine fellow at Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center, "but aspirin, or another anti-platelet drug, use is still strongly recommended for those with known cardiovascular disease." However, Gupta added, patients should talk to their doctors before stopping their daily aspirin.

— Ian McMahan

HEALTH NEWS

Mpox cases have surged in Africa this year, but treatments and vaccines remain scarce

BY JEAN FERNAND KOENA AND MARIA CHENG

BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC — African health officials said mpox cases have spiked by 160 percent so far this year, warning the risk of further spread is high given the lack of effective treatments or vaccines on the continent.

The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report released last Wednesday that mpox, also known as monkeypox, has now been detected in 10 African countries this year including Congo, which has more than 96 percent of all cases and deaths.

Officials said nearly 70 percent of cases in Congo are in children younger than 15, who also accounted for 85 percent of deaths.

There have been an estimated 14,250 cases so far this year, nearly as many as all of last year. Compared with the first seven months of 2023, the Africa CDC said cases are up 160 percent and deaths are up 19 percent, to 456.

Burundi and Rwanda both reported the virus for the first time this week.

New outbreaks were also declared last week in Kenya and Central African Republic, with cases extending to its densely populated capital, Bangui.

"We are very concerned about the cases of monkeypox, which is ravaging" the capital region, the Central African Republic's public health minister, Pierre Somsé, said.

Last Wednesday, Kenya's Health Ministry said it found mpox in a passenger traveling from Uganda to Rwanda at a border crossing in southern Kenya. In a statement, the ministry said a single mpox case was enough to warrant an outbreak declaration.

The Africa CDC said the mpox death rate this year, at about 3 percent, "has been much higher on the African continent compared to the rest of the world." During the global mpox emergency in 2022, fewer than 1 percent of people infected with the virus died.

Earlier this year, scientists reported the emergence of a new form of the deadlier version of mpox, which can kill up to 10 percent of people, in a Congolese mining town that they feared might spread more easily among people. Mpox spreads via close contact with infected people, including via sex.

An analysis of patients hospitalized from October to January in eastern Congo suggested that recent genetic mutations in the virus were the result of the ongoing spread in people.

Unlike in previous mpox outbreaks, where lesions were mostly seen on the chest, hands and feet, the new form of mpox causes milder symptoms and lesions mostly on the genitals.

The medical charity Doctors Without Borders called the expanding mpox outbreak "worrying," noting the disease had also been seen in camps for displaced people in Congo's North Kivu region, which shares a border with Rwanda. "There is a real risk of explosion, given the huge population movements in and out," said Louis Massing, the group's medical director for Congo.

Mpox outbreaks in the West have mostly been shut down with the help of vaccines and treatments, but barely any have been available in African countries including Congo.

In May, WHO said that despite the ongoing outbreak in Africa and the potential for the disease to spread internationally, not a single donor dollar had been invested in containing mpox.

— Associated Press

HEALTH SCAN

MENTAL HEALTH

Chronic pain patients' mental health needs often go unrecognized, researchers find

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

People living with chronic pain are more likely than their peers without pain to need mental health treatment, yet less likely to get it, a new analysis suggests.

The study, published in the journal PAIN, relied on data from the 2019 National Health Interview Survey, which tracked population-wide health in the United States by surveying a nationally representative sample of about 32,000 adults.

Researchers looked for respondents whose surveys indicated both chronic pain and clinically significant symptoms of ongoing anxiety or depression, then determined whether they were receiving mental health treatment via medication, counseling or therapy.

Overall, 43.2 percent of respondents with chronic pain had a mental health need compared with 17.4 percent of those not in pain, the researchers found.

Over 44 percent of those with chronic pain received mental health treatment, yet still had symptoms of unremitted depression or anxiety, unlike 71.5 percent of those without chronic pain. Chronic pain patients were also more than twice as likely to report inadequate treatment than their counterparts.

The unmet mental health needs of U.S. adults living with chronic pain

PAIN

The study also estimated that 61.1 percent of the 13.1 million people who use mental health treatments yet have unchanged depression or anxiety also suffer from chronic pain, the researchers write.

"At every point, U.S. adults living with chronic pain were underserved," the researchers write.

They said the disparities in care could be tied to lower awareness of chronic pain patients' mental health needs, mistaking depression or anxiety for pain or logistical barriers to treatment, or those with chronic pain not seeking mental health treatment because of already feeling stigmatized by others about their condition.

Regardless, the researchers conclude: "U.S. mental health care and social services system does not equitably address the mental health needs of U.S. adults living with chronic pain." They suggest that engaging patients with chronic pain become "a cornerstone" of mental health policy and further analysis of pain's role in mental health.

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

7 foods with surprising health benefits

BY SHARON LIAO

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Eating grapes may reduce the risk of heart disease, some cancers and Alzheimer's disease.

When it comes to healthy eating, you have the basics down. You fill your grocery cart with whole-wheat bread, chicken breasts, fresh veggies and berries. While these are all nutritious staples, you may be missing out on other good-for-you foods. Why? Even savvy consumers can hold on to outdated diet ideas, says Natalie B. Allen, a registered dietitian and clinical associate professor at Missouri State University in Springfield. Or you may not be familiar with certain foods, such as kimchi or sourdough bread.

Want to shake up your usual rotation? Experts say consider adding the following foods to your meals and snacks.

Grapes: Some people think of grapes as little globes of sugar. It's true they're one of the sweetest fruits, with 12 grams of sugar per half-cup. But the sugar in fruit is absorbed more slowly and doesn't cause the same blood sugar spikes as table sugar, says Samantha M. Coogan, program director of the didactic program in nutrition and dietetics at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Blood sugar spikes and crashes can deplete your energy and, over time, raise the risk for Type 2 diabetes.

Eating grapes may actually fend off the disease. A 2013 analysis published in the BMJ showed that having about three servings of grapes (and raisins) per week was linked to a 12 percent lower risk for Type 2 diabetes. "Grapes also come packaged with fiber and vitamin K, which is important for heart and bone health," Coogan says. Plus, they contain resveratrol, a powerful antioxidant that studies suggest may help reduce the risk of a list of chronic illnesses, including heart disease, some cancers and Alzheimer's disease.

Chicken thighs: Dark meat has a reputation for being fatty, but the difference between chicken thighs and breasts is minimal, Allen says. Four ounces of skinless thighs have 200 calories and 2.6 grams of saturated fat vs. 180 calories and about 1 gram of saturated fat in the same amount of breast meat.

Chicken breast has slightly more protein, but thighs contain more iron, a mineral lacking in many older adults' diets.

Chicken thighs are less expensive, more flavorful and easier to cook, says Elisabetta Politi, a dietitian at Duke Lifestyle and Weight Management Center in Durham, N.C. "They don't dry out as quickly as breasts," she says. For a quick dinner, toss together thighs and vegetables with herbs, spices and a little olive oil and roast at 425 degrees for 30 minutes.

Sourdough bread: Even though most sourdough loaves are made with white flour, it's a smarter pick than a traditional white bread. The difference is that sourdough uses a fermented flour and water "starter" containing natural yeast instead of commercial yeast. (If yeast is in the ingredients list, the bread isn't made with a fermented starter.) As the dough rises, it creates acids that slow the absorption of starches. As a result, "sourdough doesn't raise blood sugar as quickly as regular white bread," Politi says.

According to a 2019 Italian review of research, sourdough has a lower glycemic index — a measure of how a food affects blood sugar — than unfermented white and whole-wheat bread.

Leftover pasta, rice and potatoes: Don't toss out last night's leftovers. Refrigerating cooked rice, pasta and potatoes rearranges the starch molecules, forming a type of fiber called resistant starch. It's broken down in the large intestine, which creates short-chain fatty acids that feed healthy bacteria in the gut. And blood sugar levels may rise more slowly after meals with resistant starch.

According to a 2015 study in the Asia Pacific Journal of Clinical Nutrition, cooked white rice that had cooled for a day had 2.5 times the amount of resistant starch as freshly cooked rice — and led to a smaller blood sugar response. The amount of resistant starch didn't change much when the cold rice was reheated. While more research on resistant starch is needed, some studies suggest that it may help protect against diabetes, weight gain and certain cancers.

Popcorn: When it's not swimming in butter and salt, popcorn is one of the healthiest snacks. "Popcorn is a whole grain," Coogan says. "It's high in fiber that slows digestion, so you feel full for longer." A three-cup serving delivers 3.5 grams of fiber — roughly 14 percent of the total amount you need each day — for only 91 calories.

This snack also packs in protective antioxidants called polyphenols. Research suggests that ferulic acid, one of popcorn's antioxidants, lowers blood pressure and cholesterol buildup in the arteries, which may fend off diabetes and heart disease.

For the healthiest popcorn, make it yourself on the stove or in an air popper and season it with a little avocado or olive oil or butter, salt and spices. Bagged and microwave popcorn can be high in unhealthy saturated fat and sodium. (Check the nutrition facts label.) And the bags used for microwave popcorn may contain harmful PFAS chemicals that may leach into the kernels.

Coleslaw: No need to skip this creamy barbecue staple. "Compared to other dishes like mac and cheese or potato salad, coleslaw is the obvious choice," Coogan says. "It's lower in calories and fat and higher in vitamins." That's because cabbage, the star of coleslaw, is rich in fiber, vitamin C and glucosinolates, compounds that may protect cells against cancer-causing damage.

In a 2013 Annals of Oncology research review, people who ate the most cabbage slashed their risk for colorectal cancer by 24 percent compared with those who rarely ate the vegetable. And mayonnaise, which is used to make coleslaw, is low in cholesterol-raising saturated fat; a half-cup of coleslaw has just 1.5 grams.

Kimchi: A staple in Korean cuisine, kimchi — made of vegetables (usually cabbage) and hot pepper paste — adds a spicy, sour kick to meals. Because it's fermented, it delivers "good" bacteria called probiotics, which may help with inflammation, digestion and gut health.

According to a 2023 review in the Journal of Ethnic Foods, eating kimchi regularly was linked to a number of health benefits, such as lowering cholesterol, body fat and blood pressure. It can also increase the diversity of the natural "good" bacteria that live in your gut. Use it as a condiment in rice and egg dishes or add it to sandwiches and tacos.

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When a child is mysteriously ill, there are places to turn

BY KATHERINE ELLISON

Luna Holt's parents and doctors spent two years fighting for her life, even as they didn't know what they were fighting against.

A scan during her mother's pregnancy had shown what appeared to be an enlarged liver and spleen. After Luna's birth, prematurely at 31 weeks, she couldn't breathe on her own, and she spent the following 14 weeks in intensive care.

Genetic test results for the newborn appeared to be normal, but Luna's parents, Cassie and Dylan Holt, were frantic. "If you don't have a diagnosis, you at least want a prognosis," Cassie says. "But we were in the dark."

One of the few things Luna's doctors agreed on was that she had a "rare disease" — defined in the federal Orphan Drug Act, with some exceptions, as affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans.

While each rare disorder has its own constellation of symptoms, rare diseases aren't that rare. Researchers have identified more than 10,000 such illnesses, which, combined, affect as many as 1 in 10 Americans — roughly 30 million people — according to the National Institutes of Health. Half of them are children.

To be sure, these are "guesstimates," based on incomplete data, experts warn. "It's impossible to count those who are undiagnosed," says Kathleen Sullivan, an immunologist and rare disease specialist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, even as she agrees the numbers are higher than many people assume.

Rare diseases most often emerge in childhood, yet getting a diagnosis can take up to nine years, while nearly a third of children with a rare disease will die before age 5, according to the Lancet.

What do you do if doctors can't diagnose your child? If you're like Luna's parents, you'll face several anxious questions: Will your child survive? Are there any effective treatments for the illness? And will any future siblings be at risk from the same condition? Thankfully, there are more resources than ever for families in this situation.

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Expanding support

Increased awareness has contributed to unprecedented support for parents of children with serious, undiagnosed illnesses. These include online groups, myriad nonprofits and foundations — including many dedicated to specific children and single disorders — and, not least, the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN), an 11-year-old loosely affiliated association of medical sleuths at 15 academic medical centers throughout the United States.

It was at one of these centers, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), that the Holts at last found answers. For much of her first two years, Luna had been breathing and eating through tubes, while seeing puzzled medical specialists as often as twice a week.

Two days before Christmas 2021, Cassie Holt got a call from CHOP, informing her that Luna had Kagami-Ogata syndrome, caused by a spontaneous genetic mutation believed to occur in fewer than 1 in a million live births. The condition causes symptoms including skeletal abnormalities, abdominal-wall defects and delayed development. Although Luna's prognosis was good — her case was relatively mild and showed early signs of improvement — the syndrome is life-threatening for children under 4.

Sobering as this news was for the Holts, the diagnosis simplified Luna's care and gave them confidence to have another child. Luna's sister, Remy, was born in 2023, with no medical complications.

'Divine intervention'

Cassie had learned about the Undiagnosed Diseases Network serendipitously, after a CHOP representative visited the office where she worked as a health consultant. She now refers to it as "divine intervention."

Over the past decade, centers affiliated with UDN, launched with funding from the National Institutes of Health, have diagnosed more than 750 patients — adults and children — and identified 60 new disorders that had baffled other clinicians.

"Our consultants are world-class experts and have time to talk to each other, so we get a multidisciplinary approach," says William Gahl, founder and director of the first of the programs, housed at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md. As of last year, the affiliated centers no longer receive federal funds, but some have thrived without it.

"We have expanded from serving 30 patients in 2023 to be on course to seeing 200 patients this year," says Sullivan, the CHOP program's medical director. "We're really proud that we're enrolling new patients every day."

It's easy to apply online, but spots are scarce, and there are hurdles. Fewer than half of the more than 7,100 applications have been accepted. Applicants, who ideally have been evaluated by at least two specialists, must provide a detailed medical history, along with a health-care provider's referral.

Knowledge is power

At Luna's first appointment at CHOP, the family met with a geneticist, neurologist, immunologist, orthopedic surgeon and two genetic counselors. Because NIH estimates that roughly 80 percent of rare diseases are genetic, the toddler underwent extensive genetic tests that included whole genome sequencing, a test that sequences someone's entire DNA, to better enable doctors to understand variations.

Luna is now 5, breathing on her own and seeing doctors just three times a year. She started kindergarten this summer and enjoys swimming lessons, "Sesame Street" and being a big sister. The Holts went through a lot to get her to this place, including ongoing therapy to help her speak and eat. But she has no cognitive delay, Cassie says, and can take the bus to school.

No longer in crisis, Luna's parents have had time to reflect.

What served them best? "Faith, family — and cognitive behavioral therapy," Cassie says. The therapy "helped with the part of my brain that said 'the sky is falling,'" she says. "I was able to calm down this part of my brain and think more critically, look at the facts and not let my emotions or fears completely take over."

CASSIE HOLT

Luna Holt was diagnosed with Kagami-Ogata syndrome after two years of uncertainty.

At the same time, she says, she wishes she had trusted her gut and questioned Luna's doctors more insistently. After a problematic ultrasound scan before Luna was born, "I really wish I'd gotten a second opinion," Cassie says. "Because I didn't do that, I had no other perspective on what a healthy birth plan looked like for Luna and me. I went in for ultrasounds every two weeks, went and sat for hours with a belly monitor on to make sure she was having enough active periods, and it was hell. I have no idea whether any of that testing is shown to actually improve birth outcomes because I never looked into it or asked. Thus, everything was focused on worst-case scenarios and fears, and it made that period into the hardest of my life."

The Holts and other parents and physicians of children with rare diseases offer this additional advice:

Get connected: The nonprofit National Organization for Rare Disorders helps parents and providers track down other patients with similar symptoms, while also advocating for research and policies.

Explore resources at Global Genes: Active in 100 countries, it links families with information, specialists and financial tools, free of charge.

Find champions: Not all doctors have the time or inclination for detective work. You may need to get second and third opinions and possibly travel to a teaching hospital, as the Holts did.

Take thorough notes: "The more detail you have about your child, the better," says genetics specialist Vandana Shashi, the principal investigator for the UDN site at Duke University. "You don't need to fill out an Excel sheet. But do compile medical records and keep note of what tests have been done." Shashi also advises keeping a diary of symptoms and even taking videos of your child, especially if seizures or movement disorders are a problem.

Don't despair: "Live a joyful life," Cassie Holt says. "Find joy in the small things and don't compare your family to others. Comparison is such a joy robber. Celebrate every small thing your kiddo does; it doesn't matter if every other kid did it four years ago."

Are white noise machines bad? We looked at the latest research to find out.

Ask A Doctor

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Q: I've been using a white noise machine since my son was born. It helps him sleep. Is that bad? Could it affect his hearing?

A: Many American households turn to white noise machines to help their children get to and stay asleep. White noise is made up of different frequencies, creating a background sound that can muffle potential disturbances. The devices are easy to use, often in the form of a standalone machine or a smartphone app. The positives of this seemingly low-risk intervention are obvious: better sleep.

But just how low-risk is it? To find out, we conducted a review of the available literature on white noise machines for young children. The results, recently published in the journal Sleep Medicine, showed that all tested devices generated alarmingly loud sounds.

There is no uniform standard for noise exposure from consumer products like white noise machines. For occupational noise, however, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends limiting exposure to less than 85 decibels over eight hours and 82 decibels over 16 hours. That's roughly equivalent to noise from a lawn mower over eight hours or standing near busy traffic for 16 hours.

A toddler might sleep for 10 to 12 hours a night, but infants may sleep up to 16 hours over the whole day. In our review, we found that across 24 white noise machines and six phone apps, all could produce sound that violated the NIOSH guideline for an eight-hour work shift. Some white noise machines can reach volumes of 91 decibels — around the same level as a Metrorail train roaring through a station at top speed.

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Most parents probably aren't setting the machines at the loudest setting. But this finding means that during a typical night's sleep, a white noise machine at maximum volume exposes children to noise that can cause permanent hearing loss.

Changing the type of sound to music, static, rumble or tones does not make the sound safer, but lowering the volume does. In general, you should keep your white noise machine at the lowest volume that helps your child sleep. Our recommendation is to keep the volume at 60 decibels or less.

Can white noise machines damage hearing?

White noise exposure near its maximum volume is harmful in multiple ways. Loud, extended noise exposure causes mechanical stress to inner ear sensory hair cells, inflammatory damage to their supporting structures and damage to the nerve ending to the hair cells. This causes breakage of the tiny hairlike receptor proteins on their surface, cell death and loss of supporting cells.

Our research builds on this to show that white noise exposure in young children is even more of a concern due to its potential impact on physiological and social development. Animal models with noise exposure between 60 and 80 decibels have shown stunted vocal development and delayed development of neurons in the auditory processing centers of the brain.

Similarly, studies of children near high ambient noise like high traffic, train or plane noise have been linked to negative effects on sleep duration, sleep disturbances, cognitive development, behavioral issues, reading proficiency and even changes on brain imaging of regions related to language development.

Some machines can reach 91 decibels — around the same level as a Metrorail train roaring through a station at top speed.

What is a safe level for a white noise machine?

White noise within reasonable limits may help children — and parents — sleep without causing harm. We found studies showing that white noise applied at 60 decibels or less — about the volume of a quiet conversation — showed a decrease in nighttime arousals, increased sleep time and increase sleep efficiency (time spent asleep while in bed).

To check whether your white noise machine is at a safe volume, you can purchase a decibel meter online or download an app on your smartphone. NIOSH created a free app calibrated specifically for iPhones, called the NIOSH Sound Level Meter (SLM) app.

Place the white noise machine at the volume you usually use it and place your decibel meter where your child sleeps. The sound intensity should be well below 82 decibels.

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Teens chase dangerous rays via UV indexes

BY JACKIE DELAMATRE

The term "UV index" is not top of mind for most of us — unless, that is, you're a tween or teen girl in 2024.

On TikTok, nearly a quarter-million posts use the tag #uv. In many cases, these videos refer to the UV index, a shorthand for a measure of how intense ultraviolet radiation is at a given location. In video after video dating back to at least 2022, many with over 100,000 likes, young women in bikinis seek out UV indexes of 6 and above for tanning.

The problem is that the UV index wasn't invented for peak tanning, but rather to tell us when *not* to go into the sun.

"The fact that they're looking for the spike is exactly the opposite of what it was originally meant for," said Morgan Rabach, an assistant clinical professor of dermatology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. "This is dangerous behavior."

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A path to sun damage

The UV index measures potential UV exposure: A count of 2 or lower is considered "low," according to the Environmental Protection Agency, while 3 to 5 is "moderate" and some sun-safety precautions are recommended; 6 through 11 and above are considered "high," "very high" or "extreme." The EPA says being out in UV 6 or higher requires "protection against sun damage."

At the end of June, Brooke Jeffy, a dermatologist in Scottsdale, Ariz., posted a response on TikTok to a teen tracking the UV index. The comments it received, she said, were filled with "kids popping in and saying, 'I've been doing that.'"

"I don't know who started using this index for evil, but it seems like that's catching on right now," Jeffy said.

But experts agree: No amount of tanning is safe. And sunburns are never okay.

"Anything over a [UV index] 3 means to be careful," Rabach said. "You can target a UV index of 10 or 11 one time, get a blistering sunburn and double your chance of melanoma for the rest of your life." Higher UV numbers pose "extreme danger," she says.

The EPA recommends that people start taking precautions, including wearing a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher, once the UV index hits 3. Above 7, the EPA advocates sun-protective clothing and seeking shade. On the beach, conditions are even more intense, as white sand can "double UV exposure," the agency says.

How to talk to teens about tanning

I first heard the term UV index in March when my 12-year-old rushed us through lunch so she could avail herself of a rare UV 7. Soon, she was tracking the index on her smartwatch, and her friends were doing the same. I quickly discovered it was hard to talk her out of it. She wanted a tan — and fast.

So how can parents or caregivers speak to teens about this?

Experts recommend approaching them with curiosity, asking questions, being active listeners — and, although it's sometimes difficult, trying not to be judgmental.

"You have to really control your emotions because, if you react in a way that makes teens sense judgment, they will think, 'I can't talk to them,'" said Harmit Singh, a psychiatrist in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Maintaining a connection and avoiding invalidating teens' perspectives will get you further in the long run.

"None of us like the finger-wagging, so if we approach teens in a gentler way, we're often getting the information we're looking for and are able to provide advice," said Erin Belfort, a Portland, Maine, psychiatrist who specializes in caring for children and adolescents.

Belfort cautioned that it's not a "one and done conversation" but a "constantly evolving" exchange and said she likes to ask teens questions such as: "'Do you think it's healthy? Unhealthy?' I'm trying to see if there are cracks because often, they're questioning these things on some level. If you can find that opening … you can offer some facts."

If that doesn't work, some experts suggest appealing to vanity.

"I'm not going to say wrinkles aren't beautiful," Rabach said, "but the sun creates visible damage on the skin that's showing us it's not healthy for our body."

These short-term effects could make teens think twice, but concentrating on long-term consequences like skin cancer is less likely to be effective. Teens' brains aren't developed enough to be swayed by future ramifications.

Jeffy suggests that parents model good behavior for their children, including wearing long sleeves and hats in the sun. And, dispense with the index abbreviation and spell out what UV stands for: ultraviolet radiation.

"Let's make it a little scarier," Jeffy said. Ultraviolet radiation "doesn't sound good to anybody."

In the end, adults should remember that the strongest developmental pull for teens is to fit in and be accepted. That could explain the irony of teens swarming the aisles of Sephora for anti-wrinkle creams and then seeking out sun exposure that will lead to wrinkles. But understanding this developmental need can also help with solutions. Perhaps the craze for skin care can be leveraged to get kids to use sunscreen — and to start that important habit early.

Singh said another vital approach to viral trends is to "encourage individuality." He tells kids: "Everyone has their own path. You have to find what works for you, rather than completely change yourself."

Rabach agreed: "We really have to love the skin we're in whatever shade it might be. That's what true beauty is."

Still, the pace and peril of the trends can be overwhelming even to the experts who follow them closely. At the end of Jeffy's post, she said, her voice weary: "Videos like this just really make me question what I'm doing with my life."

A mother of three young daughters, Rabach remains alarmed.

"I feel TikTok needs to shut this down," she said.

TikTok had not replied to a request for comment as of publishing time.

Parents can dispel the rumors and shame swirling around a normal process

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during their periods because they will get an infection or attract sharks. One avid eighth-grade volleyball player told me she had abandoned the sport with the onset of menses. She didn't want to wear a pad, fearing it might leak, and had heard that jumping with a tampon could lead to losing it inside of her, ensuring death from toxic shock. Too shy to ask an adult, she had no idea that the vaginal canal ends at the cervix, which doesn't open enough for a tampon to fit, and that toxic shock, although serious, is exceptionally rare.

As a clinical psychologist, I hear regularly about the shame and misinformation associated with vaginas and periods that lead to teasing, embarrassment and missed school days. Girls have told me about using "vagina mints" — like a Tic Tac to flavor your vagina — and menthol-infused pads, which supposedly provide "a more comfortable period." But the message such products sent is that vulvas smell bad, so girls use them like they would deodorant even if they dislike the feel. As one girl told me about the pads, "They burn like mad, but I'm not risking being putrid."

Although my job when I hear these stories is to help girls understand their fears and the harmful messaging related to their periods, vulvas and, possibly, sex, I am also compelled to clarify the fact that vaginas are self-cleaning. Girls are often surprised to hear vaginas contain "good" bacteria that create a slightly acidic environment that inhibits the growth of "bad" bacteria. (Sometimes adult women don't know this either until they go to the gynecologist for an infection and learn that even soap can upset the natural pH balance.)

Inaccurate information can have negative interpersonal and sexual consequences. A 13-year-old boy I treat whose mother had died when he was 11 had a panic attack when his twin sister first got her period. He imagined the uterus lining shedding all at once and resulting in profuse bloodshed and death, rather than happening gradually.

A disheartened 17-year-old boy told me he thought his girlfriend was losing interest because she used her period as "an excuse" not to have sex, saying she had cramps and a headache. He'd recently seen a TikTok "proving" that menstrual complaints were attention-seeking.

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Sometimes the opposite happens: Symptoms are used as a way to dismiss girls' legitimate feelings. A college freshman told me he'd angered a friend by loudly pointing out in a group gathering that blood had leaked on her pants. He sheepishly admitted to me that he should have been more discreet but added defensively, "She's mostly pissed, though, because she's on the rag."

Some social media accounts like that of Karen Tang, a gynecologist and author of "It's Not Hysteria: Everything You Need to Know About Your Reproductive Health (but Were Never Told)," are on a myth-busting mission, helping girls understand not only that their symptoms are real, but also when they are suffering needlessly.

In an interview, Tang said, "People are told, even by their doctors sometimes, that severe pain, diarrhea or vomiting is normal, but it's not. Misinformation leads to delays in diagnoses of serious conditions like endometriosis, premenstrual dysphoric disorder and polycystic ovary syndrome."

Perhaps most worrisome is when I hear teens justify unprotected sex during their or their partner's period, believing they cannot get pregnant.

But as Tang said, "Sperm can live in the body for up to five days, so if you have sex during your period but ovulate early, you can get pregnant." She noted, too, that irregular bleeding and bleeding during ovulation, when it's very possible to get pregnant, can make you think you're having your period when you're not.

As my clients have shown me, period myths affects kids of all genders and ages. Here are four ways parents can help dispel confusion and misinformation and alleviate the anxiety and shame some girls may feel.

Normalize menstruation: Boys learn that their reproductive abilities — including erections and semen — are a source of virility and pride, while girls tend to speak in embarrassed voices about theirs. For parents, normalizing periods means being open about them when you are buying menstruation products or when mom has cramps and about how pregnancy works. When your young child barges into your bathroom and wonders about that string between your legs, answer factually: "Mommies bleed a little every month to help them have babies, and this catches the blood."

By the time your daughter is 9, before most girls have begun to bleed, make sure she knows what a period is. Not knowing what to expect can leave girls feeling anxious. Explain that when she goes through puberty, her ovaries release hormones, causing the lining of the uterus to build up so it is ready for a fertilized egg. When there is no fertilized egg, the lining breaks down and blood and other material are discharged through the vagina for several days or a week. She can expect her period to begin about two years after breasts start developing and six to 12 months after vaginal discharge begins. Explain that there are safe, easy options for managing periods — disposable pads, reusable pads, tampons, cloths, menstrual cups, discs and period underwear — and that when the time comes, you will help her find a product she is comfortable using.

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Clarify what is and isn't a normal period. Tang told me it's important for girls to know that periods should not be awful. "If your daughter is missing school and activities because of period pain that even Ibuprofen and Tylenol aren't touching, is changing pads or tampons more than every other hour, or emptying a menstrual cup more than every three-four hours, get them to a pediatrician. And if that doesn't help, seek out a pediatric gynecologist."

Experts say that for most girls, short walks, regular sleep, lots of water, a heating pad and some gentle over-the-counter pain medicine should bring relief.

Celebrate her first period: One way to reduce shame and instead honor womanhood is to mark a girl's first period. Some people have mother-daughter parties or create a rite-of-passage "First Moon" ceremony to celebrate the step into womanhood. For my daughter, I created a period kit that included various period products, a wallet for holding pads, a pill box for pain relievers, a microwaveable heating pad, a tips-and-tricks sheet with important period information and, of course, chocolate.

At 15, she seems to have no shame or even self-consciousness around her period and can talk casually about it even in front of her father and brother. In contrast, I, like many girls, swore my mother to secrecy with regard to my dad and brothers.

Be explicit about the culture of shame around periods: You can explain that there's a long history of periods being misunderstood or used to make girls feel like something is wrong with them and that they should be on the lookout for misinformation on social media. Direct them, instead, to reliable books such as "A Girl's Guide to Puberty & Periods" by Marni Sommer, Margaret Schmitt, Christine Hagstrom and Caitlin Gruer or to websites like girlshelpinggirlsperiod.org and amaze.org. You can also ask your pediatrician or a therapist to broach the subject with them.

And remind them that targeting women for what is a natural and healthy bodily function constitutes discrimination. If they get teased, they might remind their teaser that periods are fundamental to the continuation of the human race. And make sure that the boys and men in the family understand the importance of having a positive and open attitude about periods.

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Time outdoors improves children's cognition, stress levels

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mental health for a multitude of reasons," says Janine Domingues, a senior psychologist in the Anxiety Disorders Center at the Child Mind Institute. "It fosters curiosity and independence. It helps kids get creative about what they can do … and then just moving around and expending energy has a lot of physical health benefits."

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Thriving on multiple levels

Being outdoors goes hand in hand with active play, which can improve physical health and coordination, says Stephen Cook, a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics and a professor of pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. It also increases children's exposure to vitamin D, which the body produces in response to sunlight and which is necessary for growth and bone health.

There's a robust body of research supporting the mental health benefits of children being in nature.

Numerous studies have found that kids living in greener environments have better moods, higher self-esteem and more resilience, says Sarah Milligan-Toffler, president and CEO of the Children and Nature Network, an organization that helps connect children to the outdoors. Research has also found that long-term exposure to nature reduces stress and anxiety in children and lowers their levels of aggression, she says.

Nature time can also lead to cognitive improvements: One 2022 systematic review published in the journal Educational Psychology Review looked at various nature-based interventions in 5-to-18-year-olds. Researchers found that engaging in nature can improve kids' working memory and attention.

One small study even found that children who grew up in greener spaces had increased volume in the areas of the brain that deal with memory and attentiveness.

There are social benefits, too: Another 2022 systematic review found that time outdoors can improve prosocial behaviors, including sharing, cooperating and comforting others.

Research has found that nature can be particularly helpful for those who've had adverse childhood experiences, Milligan-Toffler says. Such experiences can include growing up with poverty, abuse or violence. One 2023 study published in the Journal of Environmental Psychology looked at how making art in nature affected about 100 children in a low-income neighborhood in England. Their confidence, self-esteem and agency all improved.

The poet Mary Oliver once said she often escaped an abusive childhood by spending time in the nearby woods: "I think it saved my life. … I got saved by the beauty of the world."

More structured childhoods

People from older generations often tell stories about spending their childhood riding their bikes around the neighborhood, not surfing tablets on the couch. This shift isn't just anecdotal — children worldwide are spending less time outdoors than they used to, Milligan-Toffler says.

There are a multitude of reasons for this, many of which were explored in Richard Louv's book "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder." (Louv co-founded the Children and Nature Network.)

Technology has, of course, played a role. Children 8 to 12 are estimated to spend four to six hours a day watching or using screens, and teens up to nine hours, according to the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Children's average roaming radius, or how far a child can venture from their parents, has also gotten smaller. Plus, children's time is more scheduled and programmed than it was generations ago, Milligan-Toffler says.

Children spend more time in day care and other formal care environments than they did decades ago, says Rebecca Colbert, director of the National Wildlife Federation's Early Childhood Health Outdoors (ECHO) program.

"They don't have the kinds of daily freedoms and access that previous generations had for just spending unprogrammed time outdoors in their community, in their front yard or with their extended family," Colbert says.

For all these reasons, it's important for even very young children to have access to nature where they already are, says Nilda Cosco, a research professor and director of programs at North Carolina State University's Natural Learning Initiative. "The preschool years are so foundational for children that their environment should offer the opportunity to be in touch with nature," she says.

Forest kindergartens, a European trend in which young children spend their entire day outdoors, even in inclement weather, are becoming more common in the United States. Ernst, who studies nature preschools, says the most noticeable thing about them is the children's joy.

"You see children interacting well with others, helping others and showing care and kindness," she says. "You see children deeply engaged in what they're doing. There's this feeling of aliveness that's just unmistakable."

How to help children get more green time

Experts offer this advice for helping your children reap the benefits of nature.

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Start small. You don't need to visit a national park — a simple walk around the neighborhood will do. To young kids, "three trees can feel like a forest," Colbert says.

Let your love of nature show. Children model what their parents do. "If as a parent we show positive attitudes toward spending time in nature, and actually spend time in nature ourselves, children may follow suit," Ernst says.

Put your phone away. It's important to engage with your children outdoors — don't just sit and surf your phone while they're running around, Cook says. "I think a really important piece of being outside is putting away all technology," he says.

Invite other children. Ernst has noticed that when her kids have other children in the neighborhood to play with outside, they're happier, braver and more engaged. "Their creativity and sense of adventure feed off one another," she says.

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Shingles vaccine may lower risk of developing dementia, study says

BY ELIZABETH COHEN

The shingles vaccine, recommended for people 50 and older to fight the painful viral infection, might also decrease the chances of developing dementia, according to data presented at a medical conference last Tuesday.

The study, which looked at the health records of hundreds of thousands of people across the United States, shows that those who received the shingles vaccine were 20 percent less likely to be diagnosed with dementia in the five years following vaccination compared with a control group of people who received a vaccine for a different illness.

Pharmaceutical giant GSK, which makes the Shingrix vaccine, funded and performed the research and presented it at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Philadelphia.

Vaccine experts who were not involved in the research said that more definitive studies still need to be done, but they noted the study adds to growing recognition that infectious agents may play a role in the development of some types of dementia.

"I think this is something that we have to take seriously," said Peter Hotez, a physician and co-director of the Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development.

Growing evidence

The GSK research follows two other large studies, which were not funded by the industry, that also show a lower risk for dementia among those who were vaccinated against shingles.

Last month, researchers in Britain published a study in Nature Medicine looking at medical records of hundreds of thousands of people over six years and found that those who received Shingrix were 23 to 27 percent less likely to develop dementia compared with people who received vaccines against other diseases. That research was not funded by GSK, but one of the authors is a consultant for the company.

Another study of more than 282,000 people in Wales found that those who received a different shingles vaccine had a 22.4 percent lower risk of being diagnosed with dementia in the seven years following vaccination compared with those who didn't receive the vaccine. That research, which was led by researchers at Stanford University, was published last year in the journal Alzheimer's & Dementia.

"We are seeing different groups, different methodologies, coming up with not exactly the same results, but broadly similar results," said Phil Dormitzer, global head of vaccines research and development and infectious-disease research at GSK. The Shingrix vaccine is the only shingles vaccine available for use in the United States.

One out of 3 people will get shingles in their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The infection is a reactivation of the chickenpox virus, which can lie dormant in the nervous system. While rarely life-threatening, shingles causes distressing symptoms including a painful rash with blisters that can last for several weeks. It can also lead to blindness and to neurological pain that can persist for months or years.

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People who received the shingles vaccine were less likely to develop dementia than a control group.

Vaccine experts say the possibility of a connection between the shingles vaccine and reduced risk of dementia makes sense.

"I think it's real," said Paul Offit, a physician and professor of vaccinology at the University of Pennsylvania. He's also a member of the Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee.

Why the vaccine may protect against dementia

Offit and other experts said there are two possible reasons that the shingles vaccine might protect against dementia. First, previous research suggests that herpes infection might play a role in the development of dementia.

Shingrix dramatically decreases the reactivation of the herpes virus that causes chickenpox. It's 97 percent effective at preventing shingles in people ages 50 to 69 with healthy immune systems, according to the CDC.

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Experts also hypothesize there might be something about the particular way Shingrix stimulates the body's immune system against shingles that decreases the chances of dementia.

Hotez, the vaccine expert in Texas, said that if more studies show that Shingrix protects against dementia, it could be "another carrot to induce people to want to get it."

Only 18.6 percent of people in the United States who are aged 50 and older have received at least one dose of Shingrix, which is given in two doses, according to CDC data from 2021. The CDC also recommends the vaccine to anyone age 19 and older with a weakened immune system.

Dormitzer, the GSK scientist, said the company is doing more studies to see if there truly is a relationship between the shingles vaccine and preventing dementia.

"We have a very interesting clue here," he said. "We have more work to do at this point."

William Schaffner, a physician and infectious-disease researcher at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, said that if the relationship withstands further scrutiny, it would be "big news — capital B, capital N, because at the moment, we have a very limited number of things we can do to prevent or intervene on behalf of people who have Alzheimer's."

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