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Many rush to get out of Lebanon as war looms

Dwindling flights hamper exodus sparked by recent assassinations, threats

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE AND SUZAN HAIDAMOUS

BEIRUT — Vacations cut short, hurried goodbyes and last-minute flights at exorbitant fares — residents and tourists, heeding warnings of an impending war, are scrambling to leave summertime Lebanon as tensions build between Israel and Hezbollah, Iran's Lebanese ally.

Britain has ordered its citizens to "leave Lebanon now," while Paris is urging French nationals to depart "as soon as possible." The U.S. Embassy in Beirut, in an alert over the weekend, instructed Americans who wish to leave to "book any ticket available to them."

At the Beirut airport, passengers waited for delayed flights or for seats to open up, tired children resting against luggage carts piled high with suitcases, their parents sipping coffee out of paper cups. As airlines such as Lufthansa, Air France and Royal Jordanian cancel flights to and from the country, ticket prices have skyrocketed, putting them out of reach for many Lebanese grappling with the effects of an economic crisis, including soaring inflation and a currency that has lost much of its value.

"The options are few and it's very expensive, but for now, people are getting out," said Samer Shamass, 55, the owner of a small travel agency in Beirut.

Passengers described having to make tough decisions about whether to leave, and then rushing to find flights, or having family members outside Lebanon pay for their tickets.

Mireille Malaket, 31, said by

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People assemble in east London on Wednesday to oppose anti-immigration riots that have swept Britain in the past week. Crowds gathered across the country to push back against racism and to protect sites on an online "target list" connected to the far-right protests.

After violent week, new voices arise

Thousands take to the streets of Britain to condemn anti-immigration riots and quell violence

BY WILLIAM BOOTH AND KARLA ADAM

LONDON — Faced with a week-long wave of widespread violence and rioting by people authorities describe as far-right "thugs," British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and the police have been struggling to end some of the worst civil unrest here in more than a decade.

On Wednesday night, something unexpected happened.

Thousands of counterdemonstrators poured into the streets of a dozen English cities to denounce racism and to protect refugee centers, law offices and other sites that had appeared on an online "target list" for anti-immigrant protests.

Video of a gathering in west London's Brentford neighborhood showed a large crowd chanting "This is what community looks like," as police looked on from a distance. People shouted "No to racism" in Harrow. In Southhampton, a dozen anti-immigration protesters showed up, to be confronted by hundreds of counterprotesters who bellowed "Racists go home."

There were reports of scattered arrests. But for the most part, the counterdemonstrators appeared to outnumber the agitators. And, for one night at least, they helped stop the violence.

In its first big test, Starmer's new government has been trying to put down the riots with a strategy of more cops, more arrests, more prosecutions. On Wednesday, officials highlighted the first sentences: stiff prison terms of 20 months, 30 months and three years. "If you provoke violent disorder on our streets or online, you will face the full force of the law," the prime minister said.

Police in Britain have a free hand to arrest those who attack officers, set cars on fire and loot stores. They can also charge people for online incitement of violence, racial hatred and terrorism.

But experts say that stopping these sorts of riots with a law-and-order approach is harder than it looks. They note, too, that Britain's police, courts and prisons are overstretched — partly as a result of a decade of funding cuts by previous governments.

One thing is clear: The British public is revolted by the violence.

A YouGov survey found that 85 percent of Britons oppose what the pollsters called "the recent protests and unrest." Among the public, there is broad agreement with Starmer's characterization of the demonstrators as "thugs."

"Even if you think that migration needs to be controlled and it's fine to send people to Rwanda, you can still draw a line at smoking people out of a hotel,

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Trump agitated by shift in race

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Advisers keep their focus on campaign attacks

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND MICHAEL SCHERER

Donald Trump's candidacy appeared all but destined for victory only weeks ago.

He rose defiant from the bullet graze of an attempted assassination, hoisting his fist in the air with a unified party at his back, a growing lead in the polls, dissolving criminal prosecutions — and a struggling opponent, President Joe Biden, facing a full-blown revolt from within his own party. Trump mocked the idea of Vice President Kamala Harris becoming the new Democratic nominee, calling her "so pathetic."

As staffers and allies gathered at the GOP nominating convention in Milwaukee last month, some privately discussed what administration jobs certain people wanted — and predicted a landslide election. There was talk of spending money in states where Republicans haven't won in decades.

"At the convention, it was game over, and the Democrats realized that," said Richard Porter, a member of the Republican National Committee from Illinois. "It felt like it was too good to be true, and it was. It's amazing how quickly they coalesced behind another

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At these Games, it's revenge of the nerds

Elite athletes prove the importance of pursuing your passion with intelligence and diligence

Sally Jenkins

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There have never been so many glorious geeks gathered in one place as there are at the 2024 Olympics, unless you want to count heads at a soil dynamics convention. What sweetness comes from total absorption in an eccentric pursuit — and what surprising athletic confidence, judging by the performances of the Gabby Thomases, Grant Fishers and Stephen Nedorosciks, not to mention all the throwers, fencers, shooters and archers. If there's a main lesson of these Paris Games, it's this: Make fun of the eyeglassed kids who draw strange schematics in their high school notebooks if you wish, but what they do as adolescents is likely to be the least of what they accomplish, while the mockers peak in 11th grade.

Thomas, the commanding gold medalist in the women's 200 meters, is Harvard-educated in neurobiology with a master's degree in public health and a special interest in the

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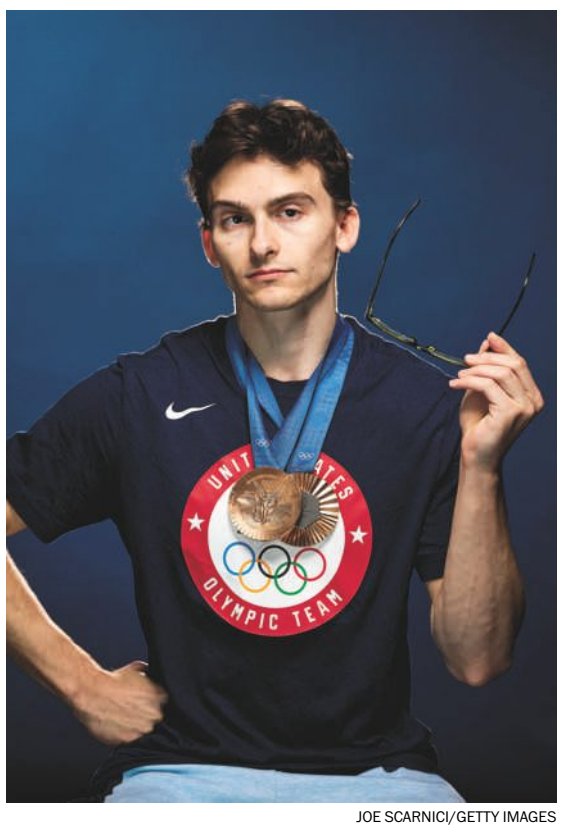

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Pommel horse bronze medalist Stephen Nedoroscik rests his mind with a Rubik's Cube, while discus gold medalist Valarie Allman got her Stanford degree in product design. Both found success in Paris.

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Afghan exit points to limits of Harris's counsel to Biden

BY MICHAEL KRANISH AND DAN LAMOTHE

When Joe Biden's presidency began in 2021, Afghan official Nader Nadery knew that the new commander in chief was determined to pull U.S. troops from his country.

But Nadery, like other Afghans who feared the return of a repressive Taliban regime that had been overthrown in 2001, hoped he had an ally who could persuade Biden to leave some forces behind until the Taliban agreed to a peace deal: Vice President Kamala Harris.

While Harris had backed Biden's pledge to end the bloody and costly 20-year military operation, she had also been outspoken about protecting women and children after the United States pulled out. "I want to ensure that the country is on a path to stability, that we protect the gains that have been made for Afghan women and others," Harris said in 2019 while running for president.

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Trump took private flight with Project 2025 leader in 2022

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF, JOSH DAWSEY AND HANNAH KNOWLES

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has repeatedly denied knowing about the Project 2025 policy blueprint or the people behind it. "Have no idea who is in charge of it," he wrote in a social media post in July.

But in April 2022, Trump shared a 45-minute private flight with Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts, according to people familiar with the trip, plane-tracking data and a photograph from on board the plane, which has not been previously reported. They flew together to a Heritage conference where Trump delivered a keynote address that gestured to Heritage's forthcoming policy proposals.

"They're going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will

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Starliner crew may be stuck until February

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

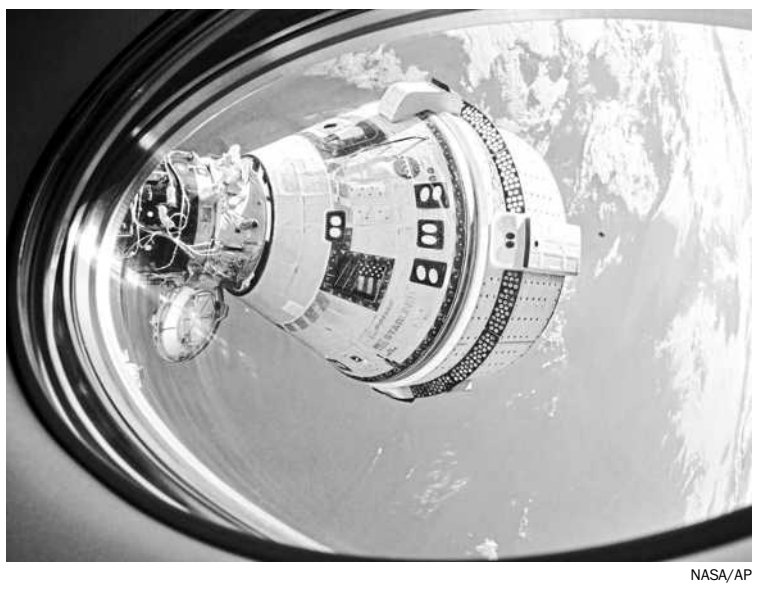
NASA officials said Wednesday that Boeing's Starliner spacecraft may not be safe enough to return the crew home and that they could turn to Boeing rival SpaceX for the return much later than originally planned.

If NASA takes that extraordinary route, it could mean that Sunita Williams and Barry "Butch" Wilmore, the NASA astronauts who launched on Boeing's Starliner, would have their mission, originally scheduled for about eight days, extended to eight months, to February 2025, when SpaceX's flight is scheduled to return.

Boeing, however, has made it clear that it strongly disagrees with NASA's assessment and has maintained that the spacecraft is healthy and should be able to complete the flight, Starliner's first with crew on board. The mission, designed to test how the spacecraft performs with humans in the capsule, already has been stretched out over the past two months as NASA and Boeing try to determine what caused several thrusters to malfunction during the June flight to the International Space Station.

Boeing was not invited to participate in Wednesday's briefing, but said in a statement that it was safe to fly the astronauts home. "We still believe in Starliner's capability and its flight rationale," the company said. "If NASA decides to change the mission, we will take the actions necessary to configure Starliner for an uncrewed return."

The disagreement has created an highly unusual situation that pits Boeing engineers against those from NASA as the sides struggle to determine the best way forward.



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NASA said it may turn to SpaceX to return Boeing's Starliner crew, which was supposed to stay in space for only eight days.

Ken Bowersox, NASA's associate administrator for the space operations mission directorate, described the discussions as productive and said that "reasonable people could pick either" Starliner or SpaceX's Dragon capsule as the way to return the astronauts.

The teams "were not too far away" from a final decision, Bowersox said, though NASA is still trying to "drive some more consensus amongst our team." He added that NASA has "heard from a lot of folks that had concerns and the decision was not clear."

But the debate has been stressful, he said. "I have to admit that sometimes, when we get disagreement, it's not fun," Bowersox said. "It can be painful having those discussions, but it's what makes us a good organization."

NASA, which has repeatedly stressed that safety is paramount, said that it's still possible for Williams and Wilmore to return on Starliner. But ground tests meant to mimic what happened in space have not definitively demonstrated what caused them to fail, officials said.

"The NASA community, in general, would like to understand a little bit more of the root cause and the physics," said Steve Stich, NASA's commercial crew program manager.

NASA has brought in extra propulsion experts from across the agency — including personnel from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Glenn Research Center and the Goddard Space Flight Center — "to see if there's some data that perhaps we have missed," Stich said.

But in a statement last week, Boeing asserted that the cause of the thruster problem has been found, and that it shows Starliner is safe enough: "The data also supports root cause assessments for the helium and thruster issues and flight rationale for Starliner and its crew's return to Earth."

While Boeing has long been one of NASA's most trusted partners, the space agency's confidence in the company has languished, according to a person familiar with the thinking of NASA's leadership.

"They just don't trust Boeing anymore," said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. "There's been lots of times when they said, 'This is good,' and it turns out not to be good."

If NASA abandons Starliner for the return mission and use SpaceX's Dragon as a rescue craft, it would be another blow for Boeing. The company's commercial airliner program has been reeling since fatal 737 Max disasters in 2018 and 2019, and assembly problems have been exposed by an incident this January, when a door panel blew off during an Alaska Airlines flight.

Boeing's Starliner spacecraft is years late and has suffered repeated setbacks, from software problems to sticky valves. It had to redo a test flight without crew on board, after a major software problem prevented Starliner from reaching the space station in 2019.

During the current mission, which launched from Cape Canaveral on June 5, several thrusters used to orient the spacecraft suddenly shut off as it approached the space station. The propulsion system has also had helium leaks.

The delay in returning Starliner and the subsequent tests to figure out what went wrong have been costly for Boeing. In a recent earnings call, the company said it had to take a $125 million charge for the program, bringing the total amount the company has had to spend out of pocket for various missteps and failures to about $1.6 billion.

John Shannon, who leads Boeing's exploration systems division, told The Washington Post last year that the company was having a hard time finding a business case for Starliner and that its future in the program was uncertain. If NASA decides Starliner is unfit to fly Wilmore and Williams home, some in the space agency fear the company would bow out, meaning NASA would have only SpaceX as a domestic supplier of crew transportation to the space station.

The space shuttle Columbia disaster, in which seven astronauts died when the shuttle came apart while flying back to Earth in 2003, remains in the back of NASA leaders' minds, said Wayne Hale, a longtime NASA flight director.

"Those senior leaders lived through Columbia and don't want to repeat those mistakes, and that's why I have a great deal of confidence they'll make the right decision," he said in an interview.

He added that while there is pressure on Boeing's bottom line, NASA would not factor that in its decision-making.

"Boeing needs a win from a corporate standpoint," Hale said. "But whatever influence they have will not override the people making the safety decisions. That's not going to happen."

SALLY JENKINS

Geeks grab the spotlight at the Paris Olympics

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epidemiology of sleep.

A few years ago, when she tired of the dual stress of training and making grades, she took two months off — for a field-study trip to Senegal. She called it "refreshing." That's geekdom.

Fisher, only the fourth American man to medal in the 10,000 meters, is a Stanford grad in electrical engineering with a master's in computer science. When he is asked to name a hobby, he lists computer programming and piano. His true love apart from running is computational social science, the use of data "to predict various things in the world." He told Track and Field News, "It's been fun."

Yared Nuguse, the surprise American bronze medalist in the 1,500 meters with the magnificent kick, is arguably the most unapologetic geek in the Games. He was on the bowling team in high school. He got his degree in biochemistry from Notre Dame and insists running is merely a secondary interest to his life's ambition of becoming an orthodontist. In his spare time, he likes to sketch insects with charcoal pencils.

Then, of course, there's Nedoroscik, the bespectacled pommel horse bronze medalist who rested his mind for competition by solving a Rubik's Cube in less than 10 seconds. What with his degree in electrical engineering from Penn State, he thinks of his sport in terms of "negative momentum and positive momentum" and says of his event specialty: "A lot of horse specialists, you'll see, are engineers or, you know, really smart people. They're just kind of nerds — and, honestly, kind of geeky people. They're all just kind of fun."

The U.S. fencing team is studded with geeks, including three-time gold medalist Lee Kiefer, who is on leave from medical school and works as a reproductive rights advocate, and Harvard economics grad Elizabeth Tartakovsky. Fencing is often called chess with swords. "You have to use your brain and think very hard and think independently on the strip … and I think a lot of that translates," Tartakovsky says.

There is something more going on here than just the notion that athletics is a brand of intelligence, though it certainly is. What does it mean to be a geek? It's not a look or an interest in robotics. A geek is someone who finds an obsessive interest that most others don't share and decides to pursue it intelligently, regardless of popularity.

Road cycling gold medalist Kristen Faulkner is pure geek. A rower as an undergrad at Harvard, she left Cambridge with a degree in computer science, as well as proficiency in Mandarin and Spanish, and went into venture capital, investing in early-stage technology companies. She didn't discover cycling until 2017 — that was the first time she ever clicked into some pedals — and found that all of her previous obsessions applied.

"What I learned was how to calculate high risks and how to assess risk," she said after upsetting some of the best cyclists in the world with a sustained breakaway. "… But there's also being an athlete — there's the discipline, the time management, the resilience, learning how to learn."

What Faulkner is saying is that geeks have the gift of *method*. They have a tolerance for tedium and a penchant for process, a deep attentiveness that makes them suited for athletic training. They have organization. Maybe most importantly, they have the resilient minds of researchers and engineers when it comes to failure. They know you can only improve something by stressing it.

Listen to Valarie Allman, the two-time gold medalist in the discus who got her Stanford degree in product design, talk about the development of her high athletic functionality. "For most people at this level, the psychology part is most of the battle," she said. "… So much of what you do is routine and discipline and structure, and you get so much experience doing the same movement, a second-and-a-half, thousands of times throughout the year. Being able to walk into your area of play and know your body is going to do exactly what you want it to, that's the challenge."

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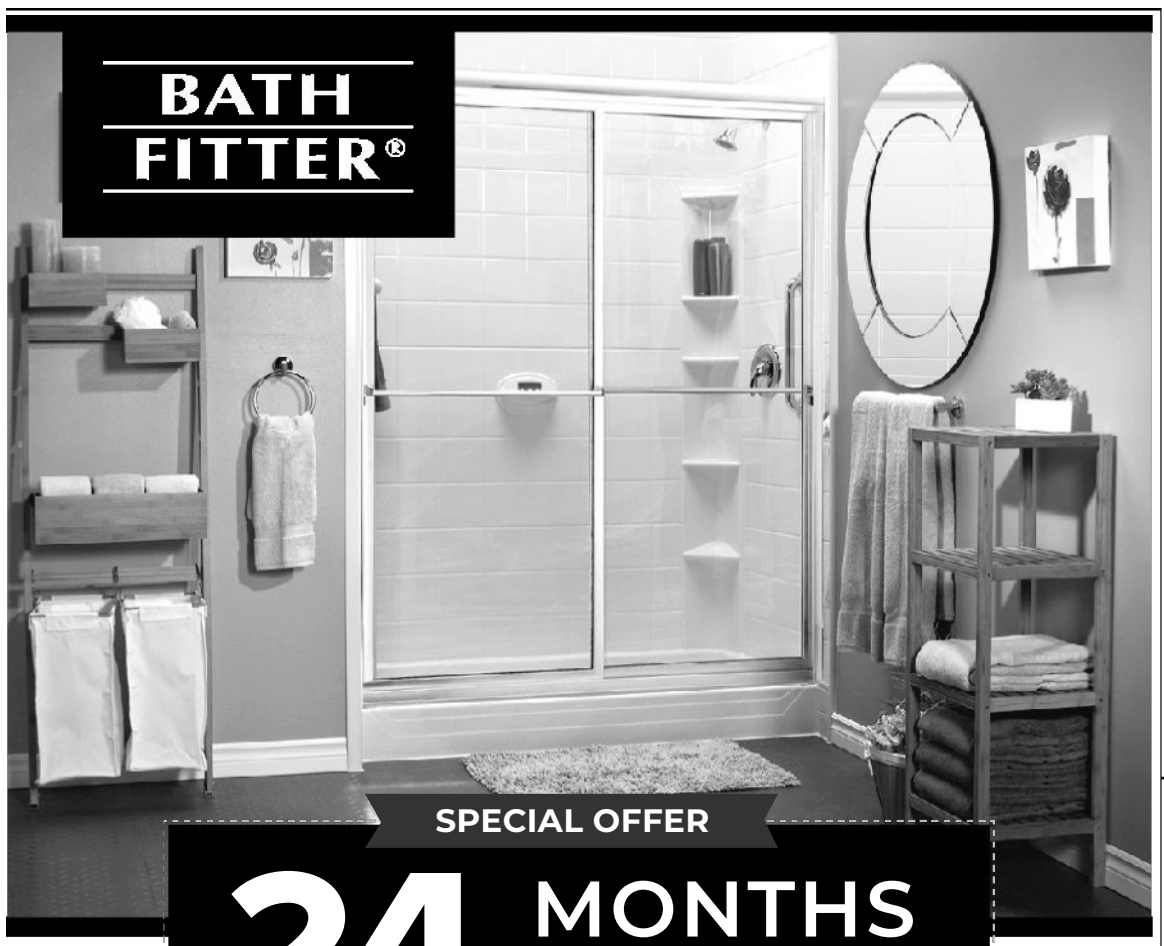
Lee Kiefer, the 30-year-old American fencing star with three gold medals (including two from Paris), is on leave from medical school.

Former New York Yankees performance coach Dana Cavalea, who worked with Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera among others, has talked about how the disciplined math of training, the seeking of infinitesimal fractions of difference, is what separates the highest performers. In other words, their geekdom. So many of us, normal people, stroll through the world hoping to project nonchalance because we suppose it means effortlessness — when, really, it's a kind of abdication. That way, we never really have to lose at anything. Geekdom "comes with friction," Cavalea observes, because it means "you have to start making choices." To resist the pressure of the crowd, forgo a social drink, not partake of the group dessert, be called a stiff. It means rejection — a decision not to do what everyone else is doing.

Therein lies the true beauty of the geek. Beware the child curled over a glue model as others play video games, the teenager with a pencil and a journal, the collegian alone in a dorm deserted for a kegger. Geeks find enthusiasm where others see boredom. They are the ones with true imagination — and big futures.



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Glacier melt floods Alaska homes for 2nd year

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW

The torrent of frigid meltwater that burst from an Alaskan glacier Tuesday and flooded at least 100 homes, swamped cars and forced residents to wade to safety has become a summertime scourge for the residents of Juneau who live in its path — and one with no easy solutions.

A year ago almost to the day, another glacial outburst flood scoured away homes and undercut riverfront condominiums as then-record amounts of water eroded vast swaths of the bank along the Mendenhall River. The floodwaters originate in a hemmed-in basin above the city that fills up with rain and glacial meltwater in the summer until the pressure becomes so great that billions of gallons of water suddenly force their way underneath the Mendenhall Glacier and down into Juneau.

Last year's damage prompted residents and local officials to discuss a wide range of possible defenses: from giant siphons to suck out the basin to underground tunnels to riverbank barriers to bombing the glacier. But such costly and complicated ideas didn't progress far, and scientists at the time were unsure whether a flood of that size would happen again soon or at all.

This week's flood turned out to be the biggest yet.

The water level in Mendenhall Lake — at the foot of the glacier — reached nearly 16 feet at 3:15 a.m. on Tuesday, a foot higher than last year's record, according to the National Weather Service. While the previous outburst proved destructive to homes right along the river, this year flooding was far more extensive and inundated neighborhoods farther away.

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At top and above, water inundates neighborhoods Tuesday in Juneau, Alaska, after an outburst from a glacier-dammed lake. At least 100 homes were affected a year after a similar, smaller event.

"There was a tremendous amount of water that came out at one time," said Aaron Jacobs, senior service hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Juneau.

Glacial outburst floods have poured out of Suicide Basin more than 30 times since 2011. It is challenging to predict exactly how large they will be, since conditions change each year. The jumble of icebergs in the basin keep melting — adding more liquid water to the pool — and the glacier that acts as a dam keeps thinning and retreating as the atmosphere warms, so scientists don't know exactly when the pent-up water might release.

But when the basin fills to the point that it overtops the glacier, as it did over the past week, authorities know flooding is coming soon.

On Sunday, the National Weather Service said that flooding was "imminent" and predicted "near record" lake levels of 15 feet. The office updated that the next day to 15.7 feet. But in describing how different streets in Juneau might be affected by flooding as lake levels rose, the forecasts did not say what might happen to residents beyond 15 feet.

There was "significant inundation in neighborhoods that were not anticipating inundation," Juneau City Manager Katie Koester said during a city meeting Tuesday, according to the Anchorage Daily News.

Jacobs said the service promoted online flood maps to help people understand the potential impacts.

Eran Hood, a hydrologist with the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau who studies the Mendenhall Glacier's dynamics, has been involved in using drones to map the size of Suicide Basin to estimate the volume of water it could hold. After seeing imagery taken from a colleague's helicopter flight Tuesday, after the basin had drained, Hood said it appears to be widening out into the main glacier and deepening as more ice melts. At the same time, the glacier holding back that water is thinning.

"The water level when it cut loose this year was lower than it was last year," Hood said. "But the basin was larger."

"We're chasing a moving target in terms of being able to really lock down the flood volume," he added.

Eventually, once the Mendenhall Glacier recedes past Suicide Basin, these particular floods will no longer be a problem. But that could be decades from now, Hood said, and in the meantime larger-magnitude floods like those of the past two years "could become relatively common."

DIGEST

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4 from hotel charged in Black man's death

Milwaukee County prosecutors charged four people with murder Tuesday after they beat or restrained a Black man as he died outside a hotel in June.

D'Vontaye Mitchell, 43, died June 30 after four Hyatt Regency Milwaukee employees dragged him from the hotel and pinned him face down to the concrete.

His family members have said they believe he was having a mental health episode.

On Tuesday, the Milwaukee County district attorney's office charged Devin W. Johnson-Carson, 23; Brandon LaDaniel Turner, 35; Herbert T. Williamson, 53; and Todd Alan Erickson, 60, with murder in Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

According to a criminal complaint released Tuesday, the chain of events that led to Mitchell's death began after he ran across the hotel lobby "in what appears to be a frantic manner" — first heading into a gift shop, then into a women's restroom, where Mitchell attempted to lock himself inside with two women who were already there.

Turner, a security guard, grabbed Mitchell's shirt and began to escort him toward the lobby before Mitchell punched him in the jaw, court records state. The three other defendants then joined the scuffle.

Aimbridge Hospitality, which operates the hotel, said last month that it fired several employees after Mitchell's death.

The Milwaukee County medical examiner's office ruled Mitchell's death a homicide caused by restraint asphyxia and the effects of cocaine and methamphetamine.

— María Luisa Paúl

OKLAHOMA

Board backs clemency for man on death row

Oklahoma's Pardon and Parole Board voted 3-2 on Wednesday to recommend the governor spare the life of a man on death row for his role in the 1992 shooting death of a convenience store owner during a robbery.

The board's narrow decision means the fate of Emmanuel Littlejohn, 52, now rests with Gov. Kevin Stitt (R), who could commute his sentence to life in prison without parole. Stitt has granted clemency only once, in 2021, to death row inmate Julius Jones, commuting his sentence to life without parole hours before Jones was scheduled to receive a lethal injection. Stitt has denied clemency recommendations from the board in three other cases.

Littlejohn was sentenced to death by two separate Oklahoma County juries for his role in the shooting death of Kenneth Meers, 31, who was co-owner of the Root-N-Scoot convenience store in southeastern Oklahoma City.

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Harris, Walz rally in Midwest as Vance follows closely

BY TYLER PAGER, SABRINA RODRIGUEZ, MERYL KORNFIELD AND NICOLE MARKUS

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Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, address a 12,000-person crowd during a campaign rally in Eau Claire, Wis., on Wednesday. The Democratic presidential ticket is continuing its barnstorming through battleground states.

Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz continued their blitz through the country's battleground states Wednesday, rallying supporters in the Midwest and seeking to sustain their momentum as Republican vice-presidential nominee JD Vance followed closely behind and escalated his attacks on the Democratic ticket.

Harris's and Vance's planes landed within minutes of each other Wednesday in Eau Claire, Wis., before they held dueling events just four miles apart. The gatherings had very different tones: Harris and Walz rallied more than 12,000 boisterous supporters outdoors, while Vance appeared with a handful of workers at an aviation factory at an event largely designed for the media.

The split screen underscored how much the presidential race has transformed since President Joe Biden abandoned his reelection bid on July 21. For years, former president Donald Trump has traveled the country to hold rallies with thousands of adoring supporters, while Biden usually appeared in carefully curated spaces, rarely able to draw a large crowd.

For the moment, the Democrats have flipped that dynamic. Harris has held several packed rallies in the past two weeks, while Trump has not appeared at a public event since Saturday night, when he campaigned in Atlanta. He is scheduled to return to the campaign trail on Friday for a rally in Bozeman, Mont.

Vance has been deployed in his stead, essentially trolling Harris and Walz as they campaign together following the vice president's selection of her running mate on Tuesday. Arriving shortly after Harris in Eau Claire, Vance walked over to Air Force Two to taunt Harris for not engaging more with the media. Republicans have criticized her for rarely taking questions from journalists since becoming the likely Democratic nominee.

"I figured I'd come by and, one, just take a good look at the plane because hopefully it's going to be my plane in a few months, but I also thought you guys might get lonely because the vice president doesn't answer questions from reporters," Vance told reporters while Harris was still on the plane.

At their rally, Harris and Walz ripped into Trump and sought to make their case to rural voters. Harris repeated what has become a favorite line, noting that she took on predators and fraudsters as a prosecutor: "So hear me when I say, I know Donald Trump's type. I know his type. In fact, I've been dealing with people like him my whole career."

Walz, who grew up in a small town in Nebraska and lives less than 90 miles from Eau Claire, has been leaning into his Midwestern background as he works to introduce himself to a national audience.

The governor discussed his time as a high school social studies teacher and football coach, as well as his 12 years in Congress representing a conservative district. After asking if there were any Minnesotans in the crowd, Walz shifted his focus to highlight what he said are the differences between the Democratic ticket and Trump.

"We don't shy away from challenges, but I'll tell you what: Donald Trump, he sees the world differently than we see it," Walz said. "He has no understanding of service because he's too busy servicing himself — again and again and again."

Following the Wisconsin rally, the Harris campaign took a page out of Trump's playbook, holding a large rally in a hangar at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport with Air Force Two sitting in the background. A DJ played Beyoncé's "Run The World (Girls)," continuing a theme in which several speakers have focused on Harris's push to become the first woman elected U.S. president.

The Harris campaign has struggled to find venues large enough to hold the crowds of people who are hoping to see Harris and Walz in person, according to a campaign aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the planning.

Walz's addition to the ticket, Democrats hope, will help them peel support away from Trump in largely White and rural areas that typically back Republicans by large margins. In what is shaping up to be a strikingly close race, winning even a slightly bigger proportion of those voters in states such as Wisconsin and Michigan could be critical.

Harris, who spent much of her career in deep-blue San Francisco, is trying to move beyond the "ultraliberal" label from Trump and broaden her outreach to voters who will decide the election in the Midwest.

"I promise you, our campaign is going to reach out to everyone, from red states, from blue states, from the heartland to the coast," she said. "We are running a campaign on behalf of all Americans. We will govern on behalf of all Americans. And we're clear about this: Unlike the other side, we work for you."

Republicans reject this characterization, depicting Harris and Walz as extreme liberals. They cite Minnesota's protection of gender-affirming care under Walz's leadership, for example, and his extension of driver's licenses to all residents regardless of their immigration status.

"What Kamala Harris is telling all of us by selecting Tim Walz is that she bends the knee to the far left of the Democrat Party," Vance said Wednesday. "She's done it every single time in government. She's done it in who she selected as her VP nominee, and she will do it if the American people give her a promotion to president of the United States."

In contrast to the Democrats' large rallies, Vance has held small events, designed to attack Harris and Walz in front of cameras. He first visited a police department in Shelby Township, Mich., on Wednesday morning, assailing Harris and Walz for their record on immigration and policing. He attacked Walz as a "radical human being" and accused him of exaggerating his military record and quitting the National Guard to avoid a deployment to Iraq.

Walz's defenders note that his retirement came after he had served more than two decades in the National Guard.

"Every month thousands of people retire," former U.S. congressman Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, a Republican and a military veteran who supports Harris, posted on X. "The fact that Walz did 25 years, 5 OVER retirement eligibility, and 4 years after 9/11, is honorable. Many people at 25 years today would get out even if there was a deployment possibility because they DID THEIR DUTY."

In Wisconsin, Vance appeared with a few dozen factory workers who make aviation equipment at Wollard International. He focused his remarks on Harris, largely ignoring Walz as he questioned whether the Minnesota governor would still be on the ticket in the coming weeks, given the tumult in the Democratic Party over the past month. The party officially certified Harris and Walz as its nominees on Tuesday.

Vance also blamed Harris for fentanyl deaths in the United States and for sending jobs overseas, promising that a Trump-Vance administration would heighten border security and place tariffs on Chinese goods. He sought to burnish his image as an everyday American, a depiction that Walz and other Democrats have attacked by describing Vance and Trump as "weird."

Asked by a reporter why Wisconsinites would want to have a beer with him, Vance laughed before saying he and Trump can admire and listen to "normal people" in a way others can't. He also said he enjoys beer, a noted contrast with Trump and Walz, who do not drink alcohol.

"I guess they'd want to have a beer with me because I actually do like to drink beer, and I probably like to drink beer a little bit too much, but that's okay," Vance said. "I'm sure the media won't give me too much crap over that."

Harris and Walz were slated to campaign in the seven most competitive battleground states over the course of four days, though events in North Carolina and Georgia were postponed because of Tropical Storm Debby. Vance, who has largely been following in the Democrats' footsteps this week, like them appeared in Philadelphia on Tuesday and was scheduled to campaign in North Carolina on Thursday, though his events were similarly postponed because of the weather.

Since Biden dropped out of the race, Democrats have flocked to Harris's rallies, exhibiting a level of energy and enthusiasm that many in the party concede has been absent for years. The Harris campaign said it raised $36 million in the 24 hours since Harris announced Walz as her running mate, adding to its massive fundraising haul since Biden dropped out of the race and endorsed the vice president.

Three hours before Harris and Walz took the stage in Eau Claire, the line of cars trying to park at the event stretched more than a mile and a half down the road.

Tammy Hanley, 53, jumped up and down when asked how she felt about Harris being the Democratic Party's nominee. Hanley, a special-education teacher from Anchorage, was visiting family in Minnesota and changed her flight to attend the rally.

"I'm going to cry when I see her," Hanley said. "I feel so much more hopeful about the future. Everyone is feeling more hopeful."

Hanley's niece, Sydney Hooppaw, 20, said that three weeks ago, when Biden was still running for reelection, she was not sure if she was going to vote. "It just felt like the options weren't great," she said.

But now, Hooppaw said, she is thrilled to vote for president for the first time, particularly to cast her ballot for Harris, who could become the country's first female president. "I might cry, too," she said, laughing.

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LGBTQ+ advocates praise Walz's record of defending trans rights in Minn.

As governor, he passed legislation protecting gender-affirming care

BY FENIT NIRAPPIL

Before he joined the Democratic presidential ticket, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz had emerged as one of the most prominent champions for transgender rights and gender-affirming care as legislation restricting access proliferated across the country.

In March 2023, Walz issued an executive order protecting trans patients' ability to receive medical care that helps them live according to their gender identity. The order shields patients, parents and providers from punishment by other states for seeking and delivering such care. The next month, he signed legislation enshrining similar protections that supporters said would establish Minnesota as a "trans refuge."

After Vice President Kamala Harris named Walz as her running mate, conservatives began attacking those actions, falsely accusing him of allowing the state to terminate parental custody if parents prevent their trans children from receiving gender-affirming care.

The Minnesota law allows courts to have "temporary emergency jurisdiction" during custody disputes crossing state lines if a child has been unable to obtain gender-affirming care. Kat Rohn, executive director of OutFront, an LGBTQ+ advocacy organization in St. Paul, Minn., said the law gives courts the ability to resolve conflicts when parents disagree on whether their child should receive gender-affirming care; it does not remove custody from parents who decline such care.

In providing gender-affirming care for trans children and adolescents, clinicians may offer patients counseling to assist in their social transition to match their gender identity such as changing their names, pronouns and hairstyles. They may also prescribe puberty-suppressing treatments under close monitoring. They generally do not offer genital surgeries until adulthood.

Republican nominee Donald Trump said on Fox News on Wednesday that Walz is "very heavy into transgender. Anything transgender he thinks is great." As president, Trump and his administration restricted the rights of transgender people, including barring them from military service and eliminating protections against discrimination in health care. In his campaign, he has vowed to bar federal agencies from promoting the concept of gender transition.

His campaign spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt also appeared on Fox News on Tuesday to criticize Walz for signing legislation that makes menstrual products available in school restrooms, regardless of gender, to accommodate transgender students.

LGBTQ+ advocates praised the governor for his record as a forceful defender of transgender rights and his broader support for their community, stretching back to 1999, when he served as faculty adviser to the gay-straight alliance club at the high school where he coached football and taught social studies. Erin Reed, an LGBTQ+ activist who tracks legislation targeting the community, described Walz on X as "one of the most protective governors towards trans people."

STEVE KARNOWSKI/AP

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D) signs a ban on "conversion therapy" at the Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., on July 15, 2021.

Minnesota's adoption of protections for transgender people coincided with some of its neighboring states — North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska — restricting access to gender-affirming health care.

Walz entered his second term as governor in 2023 after Minnesota voters elected a dozen state lawmakers who identified as LGBTQ+ — the most in state history. The Democratic legislators formed a "queer caucus" that prioritized passing a trans refuge bill designed to prevent the state from enforcing court orders from other states to remove children from parents who approve gender-affirming care.

State Rep. Leigh Finke (D), Minnesota's first openly transgender lawmaker and leader of the caucus, said she asked the governor's aides if Walz could issue an executive order as she worked on passing the trans refuge bill in a legislature where Democrats held the Senate majority by just one seat. Walz's order in 2023 buoyed those efforts, activists said.

"I cannot imagine the stress that families and individuals go through, but here in Minnesota, we're going to be a place of refuge to make sure that they feel safe and welcome," Walz said at a news conference announcing his executive order.

He also blasted Republican politicians who restricted access to care as bullies. Half of all states enacted laws or policies limiting youth access to gender-affirming care, including 23 that imposed penalties on health-care practitioners who offered such care, according to KFF, a health policy organization.

"Imagine what the human emotion was in that room when they did that with absolutely nothing to gain for themselves, not following any factual data and simply using the state apparatus to bring cruelty down on the most innocent amongst us," Walz said at the time.

His stance was especially notable coming from a Democrat from a rural area who represented a swing district in Congress. Activists credited him for making the issue mainstream by casting access to gender-affirming care as fitting into Midwestern values of caring for neighbors and his broader vision for making Minnesota the best state in which to raise children.

Dave Edwards, whose 14-year-old transgender daughter stood by Walz as he signed the executive order and trans refuge bill, said the governor's matter-of-fact approach to supporting trans rights sets a model for people who do not have a personal connection to the issue.

"He communicates that 'I care about everyone, so of course I care about you and I don't need to look like you or sound like you to know your lives are important,'" said Edwards, who advocates gender inclusivity in schools. "To have someone just frame things like 'trans people exist' feels like a breath of fresh air."

Rohn, the LGBTQ+ advocate, recalled Walz pulling her aside during an LGBTQ+ lobbying day at the Capitol and asking how he could support those facing vitriolic online harassment while the bill was being considered.

Finke, the transgender lawmaker who was a prime target of the harassment, said Walz would periodically inquire about her well-being.

"He cares about doing what's right," Finke said. "I was inspired by his willingness to champion our rights at a time when we are vulnerable."

Walz's backing of the bill continues to draw intense criticism from Republicans and conservative activists who said it threatened parental rights, mischaracterizing what the law does.

Jeff Evans, president and CEO of the Minnesota Family Council, a Christian organization, condemned "the so-called Trans Refuge bill which could take children away from their parents if parents do not provide access to harmful 'gender-affirming care,'" in an X post after Harris tapped Walz as her running mate.

Conservative radio host Megyn Kelly falsely accused Walz of signing a bill that lets the state take away children from parents who do not agree to "sterilize them & chop off their body parts in the name of 'gender affirming care.'"

For trans advocates, Walz's support came at a crucial moment.

A. Kade Goepferd, medical director of the gender health program at Children's Minnesota, said the organization has seen an increase in phone calls from out-of-state parents seeking gender-affirming care for their children.

"Knowing that Minnesota was a place that their children and their families would belong and could get the health care they needed," Goepferd said, helped cement Minnesota in their eyes as "the best place for us to raise our family."

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Bush is second 'Squad' member to be ousted in primary

BY ABBIE CHEESEMAN, PRAVEENA SOMASUNDARAM AND AMY B WANG

In an upset Tuesday, prosecutor Wesley Bell defeated Rep. Cori Bush in the Democratic primary for Missouri's 1st Congressional District, ousting the liberal congresswoman in what had become a proxy battle over Israel's handling of its war in Gaza against Hamas, as well as over how Democrats wanted the party to look going forward.

Bell, who was backed by one of Washington's most powerful pro-Israel lobbying groups, advances to the general election, where he is favored to win in the solidly Democratic district. In a statement Tuesday, Bell said he was "deeply honored and humbled" by the support.

"I am committed to serving the St. Louis region in Congress with integrity, transparency, and dedication," Bell said. "Together, we will tackle the challenges ahead and build a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

Bush, who was first elected to Congress in 2020 and was the district's first Black congresswoman, has been among the most vocal critics of the Israeli government for its military conduct in Gaza, as Israel's war against Hamas stretches into its 10th month. Several outside groups — mostly the pro-Israel lobby, opposed to Bush's pro-Palestinian views — spent more than $12 million in ads that attacked Bush and supported Bell, according to the Washington nonprofit OpenSecrets.

Bell headed into the primary's home stretch with a sizable monetary advantage, with four times as much cash on hand as Bush by the end of June. The money from outside groups prompted Bush to accuse Bell of "trying to buy this seat."

"ST. LOUIS IS NOT FOR SALE!" Bush posted on X on Tuesday as voting was underway.

Despite the millions outside groups spent on the race, Missouri voters told The Washington Post that Bell's and Bush's contrasting opinions on a war being waged 6,500 miles away were expected to make little difference in how they voted. The race also became a matter of style over substance, with Bell portraying himself as a more pragmatic choice.

As of Wednesday afternoon, results showed Bell had received 51 percent of the vote to Bush's 46 percent. Bush becomes the second member of "the Squad," a group of House Democrats on the party's left flank, to lose their primary race this year, after Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-N.Y.) lost his primary in June.

A defiant Bush conceded the race Tuesday night but said in her speech that her defeat had only emboldened her.

"They about to see this other Cori, this other side. . . AIPAC, I'm coming to tear your kingdom down," she said.

Both candidates faced allegations of improper behavior: Bush is under federal investigation over allegations that she misused campaign funds to hire her husband to provide security, while Bell is awaiting a civil trial over allegations that he fired people based on their gender, age and race. Both candidates have denied wrongdoing.

In a district Joe Biden carried by more than 60 points in 2020, Bell heads into November's election as the strong favorite.

While the vote in Bush's primary was among the most hotly contested on Tuesday, it was one in a slew of House, Senate and gubernatorial races that played out in Missouri, Michigan and Washington.

U.S. Senate race in Missouri

In his second bid for Senate, Lucas Kunce won the Democratic primary in Missouri. The Marine veteran defeated state Sen. Karla May and December Harmon, a community activist. Kunce advances to November's general election to take on Republican Sen. Josh Hawley, who ran unopposed in Tuesday's primary.

Bell had previously been a candidate in the Senate primary until he announced in October that he would take on Bush.

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Prosecutor Wesley Bell said he was "deeply honored" to win the Democratic primary for Missouri's 1st Congressional District.

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Rep. Cori Bush (D-Mo.) pauses before giving her concession speech after losing to Bell on Tuesday night in St. Louis.

Democrats largely rallied around Kunce, a Marine veteran who narrowly lost the Democratic nomination for Senate two years ago. He had a major financial advantage over May, raising more than $10 million in his campaign, compared with just more than $50,000 that May raised this cycle, according to financial disclosures filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Missouri gubernatorial race

State Rep. Crystal Quade won the Democratic primary for the gubernatorial race in Missouri, according to the AP, after defeating business executive Mike Hamra. She will be the heavy underdog in a red state and will face Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, who won the Republican primary, according to the AP, defeating state Sen. Bill Eigel and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft.

Staunch supporters of Donald Trump, all three GOP front-runners had received the former president's endorsement. Kehoe, who was first appointed lieutenant governor before being elected in 2020 to a full term, advances to November's general election in a race that will determine who will replace Republican Gov. Mike Parson, who is term-limited.

Parson endorsed Kehoe, as have several agricultural and law enforcement groups. Before becoming lieutenant governor, Kehoe served on the state's Highway and Transportation Commission and in the state Senate, where he was the majority floor leader for three years.

U.S. Senate race in Michigan

The battle lines are set in the Senate race to replace retiring Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) in this critical swing state: Three-term Rep. Elissa Slotkin won the Democratic Senate primary, while former congressman Mike Rogers was Tuesday's winner on the Republican side.

Slotkin defeated Hill Harper, a well-known actor and local business owner in Detroit who was a first-time candidate. Rogers, a former FBI special agent and ex-chair of the House Intelligence Committee, defeated fellow former House member Justin Amash and physician Sherry O'Donnell.

The Michigan seat is among a handful expected to help determine which party controls the Senate next year.

While Republicans united behind Rogers, who has been endorsed by Trump and the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the heavy favorite faced competition from underdogs. Slotkin, a former CIA analyst and Defense Department official, has faced criticism in Michigan — home to the largest population of Arab Americans in the country — for not being harder on Israel's conduct in the war in Gaza.

Michigan Republicans haven't won a Senate race since 1994.

Michigan's 8th District primaries

State Sen. Kristen McDonald Rivet won the Democratic primary in Michigan's 8th Congressional District, defeating Pamela Pugh and Matt Collier, the former mayor of Flint.

It's another Michigan seat that Democrats are forced to defend without an incumbent this year — following the retirement of Rep. Daniel Kildee, who served the Flint area since 2013 after taking over from his uncle, who was in Congress for 36 years. He endorsed McDonald Rivet.

McDonald Rivet came into the race just one year into her four-year Senate term. She said in an interview with the AP that Kildee called her and encouraged her to run for his seat.

In November's general election, McDonald Rivet will face Paul Junge, who won the Republican primary on Tuesday. He defeated Mary Draves and Anthony Hudson. Junge had made another bid for the House seat after falling by double digits to Kildee in 2022.

Junge was a clear favorite for the nomination, having vastly outraised his opponents. This race marks his third time running for the seat. He previously served in the Trump administration at the Department of Homeland Security.

Washington gubernatorial primary

State Attorney General Bob Ferguson (D) and former congressman Dave Reichert (R) won Washington's all-party gubernatorial primary, according to the AP. Under the state's primary system, the top two vote-getters advance to the general election regardless of party. The race was rated as leaning toward Democrats by the Cook Political Report.

Ferguson, who received Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee's endorsement, would extend the party's decades-long hold on the state office. The attorney general is known for pressing legal challenges against the GOP on issues including abortion and gun control. Reichert, a former county sheriff and seven-term congressman, would break Washington's nearly 40-year streak of Democratic governors. He gained national recognition for his work as a sheriff, when he was part of a task force that captured the "Green River Killer," who was convicted of 49 murders in the early 2000s.

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Walz, whose history with China dates to 1989, has criticized rights abuses

BY REBECCA TAN AND VIC CHIANG

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D), Vice President Kamala Harris's newly announced running mate, has had an unusually long and involved relationship with China, one that Republicans have seized upon as a line of attack in the face of rising antipathy among voters toward China.

Both Republicans and Democrats have promised to further toughen the United States' stance on Beijing if elected, especially when it comes to trade, but growing bipartisan concern about China's rise has fueled anti-China sentiment across large swaths of American society, polls show.

Walz's selection Tuesday has brought new attention to candidates' approach to China.

Republicans have tried to suggest that Walz, who moved to China in 1989 to teach for a year, would be soft on Beijing. Richard Grenell, who served as an ambassador in the Trump administration, on Tuesday called Walz "pro-China," adding that "Communist China is very happy" with his candidacy.

But Walz, 60, has spent much of his political career critical of the Chinese government's actions, particularly on human rights and democracy.

Walz first visited China when he participated in a Harvard-run teach-abroad program in 1989 and spent a year teaching English and American history at Foshan No. 1 High School in the southeastern Chinese province of Guangdong. "China was coming, and that's the reason that I went," Walz told the Hill in 2007.

It was a very different time in China. "I was treated exceptionally well," Walz told the Star-Herald in Nebraska upon his return in 1990. "There was no anti-American feeling whatsoever."

But there were also concerning events. On June 4, 1989, joyful pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square turned deadly when Chinese authorities violently crushed the protests.

When Walz married fellow teacher Gwen Whipple five years later, they got married on June 4. "He wanted to have a date he'll always remember," his wife told a Nebraska newspaper at the time. They went to China on their honeymoon.

After returning to the United States, where he worked as a public high school teacher, the Walzes set up a company, Educational Travel Adventures, that coordinated summer trips to China almost every year through 2003. As of 2016, according to Walz, he had visited China about 30 times.

Elected to the House of Representatives in 2006, Walz, who has a master's degree in genocide studies, championed multiple bills that censured China's human rights record and served on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, which focuses exclusively on human rights.

In 2009, he co-sponsored a resolution condemning the arrest of Liu Xiaobo, a Chinese activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who was arrested for subverting state power. And in 2016 he met Tibet's exiled leader, the Dalai Lama, whom China considers a separatist. More recently, as governor, he has criticized China for "siding" with Russia on the Ukraine war.

On China, Walz "has a much longer history than most people in Washington," said Jeffrey Ngo, a pro-democracy activist from Hong Kong now based in Washington.

While many lawmakers from both parties have in recent years positioned themselves as critical of China, Ngo said few have centered their arguments on human rights and democracy, emphasizing instead the threat that China poses in trade, geopolitics and security. "With Governor Walz, it has always been about human rights," he said.

Chinese analysts on Wednesday were ambivalent about Walz and whether, if elected, he would help stabilize U.S.-China relations.

Walz seems like a "senior American politician" and his time in China could help the Democratic ticket "make more pragmatic China-related policies instead of relying on ideology, stereotypical views and pure ignorance," said Tang Xiaoyang, chair of the department of international relations at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

But Shen Dingli, a Shanghai-based scholar of international relations, said Walz's keen understanding of China may "make him more difficult for the Chinese government to deal with," in particular citing Walz's criticism of China's handling of the democracy movement in Hong Kong.

Chinese state-run media on Wednesday noted Walz's connections to China but did not mention his advocacy on human rights issues.

On the Chinese social media platform Weibo, some users saw his time in China as an indication he might be friendlier toward the country. "Without Walz and his connection with China, Harris might take a tougher stance against China," posted Qiu Zhenhai, founder of a Hong Kong-based think tank.

But Zha Daojiong, a professor at the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development at Peking University, said he disagreed. Policy regarding China "has a ready and rich template among the two political parties in America" that is not easily influenced by a single political figure, Zha said.

Would Walz's history of criticizing China's human rights record sour relations further between the two countries? Also unlikely, Zha said. Walz is "not the only prominent American to have such a background," he said.

Zhu Feng, director of the Institute of International Studies at Nanjing University, said he believes that Walz could have a "more constructive" view on China than other American politicians but that his influence on his party's — and his country's — overall positioning vis-à-vis China seems limited. "The Republican Party has already used Walz's connection to China to attack him, which could even force Walz to take a tougher stance on China," Zhu said.

Ngo, the Hong Kong activist, said he didn't think it was likely Walz would stray from what have been his central concerns in China over the last three decades.

In 2016, a group of pro-democracy Hong Kong activists that included Ngo visited Washington to lobby their cause with U.S. officials. This was during the lame duck period after Trump had been elected and no lawmakers accepted the activists' invitation to speak at an event on Hong Kong — save one: Walz.

The following year, Walz was one of two lawmakers in the House to sponsor the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, which eventually passed in 2019. "The fact that he supported it when very few people did and that his support was sustained — that's different and that's who he is," Ngo said. "My hope is that the Democratic Party leans into it," he added.

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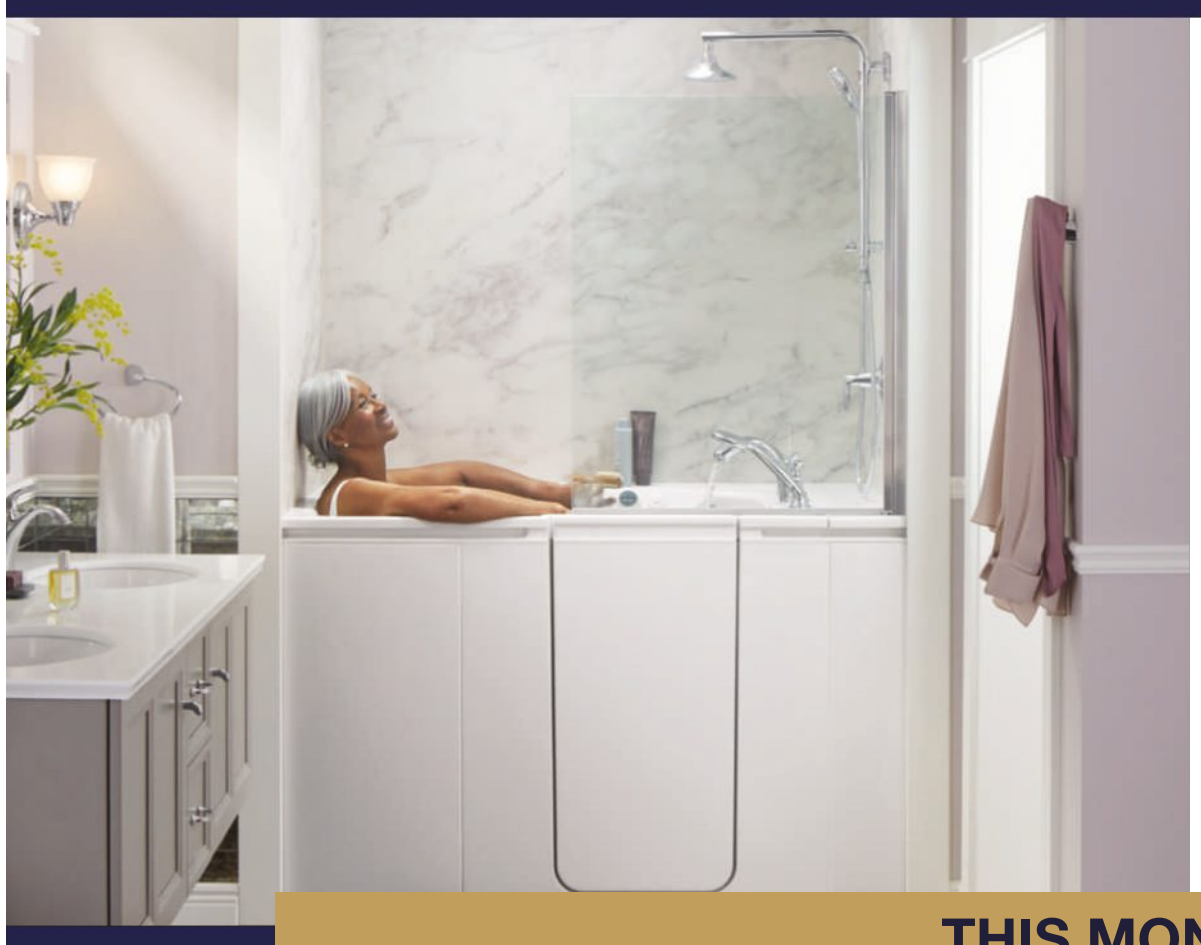

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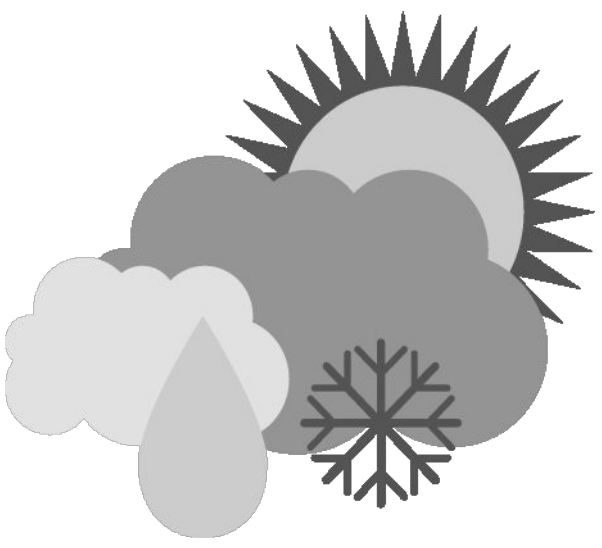

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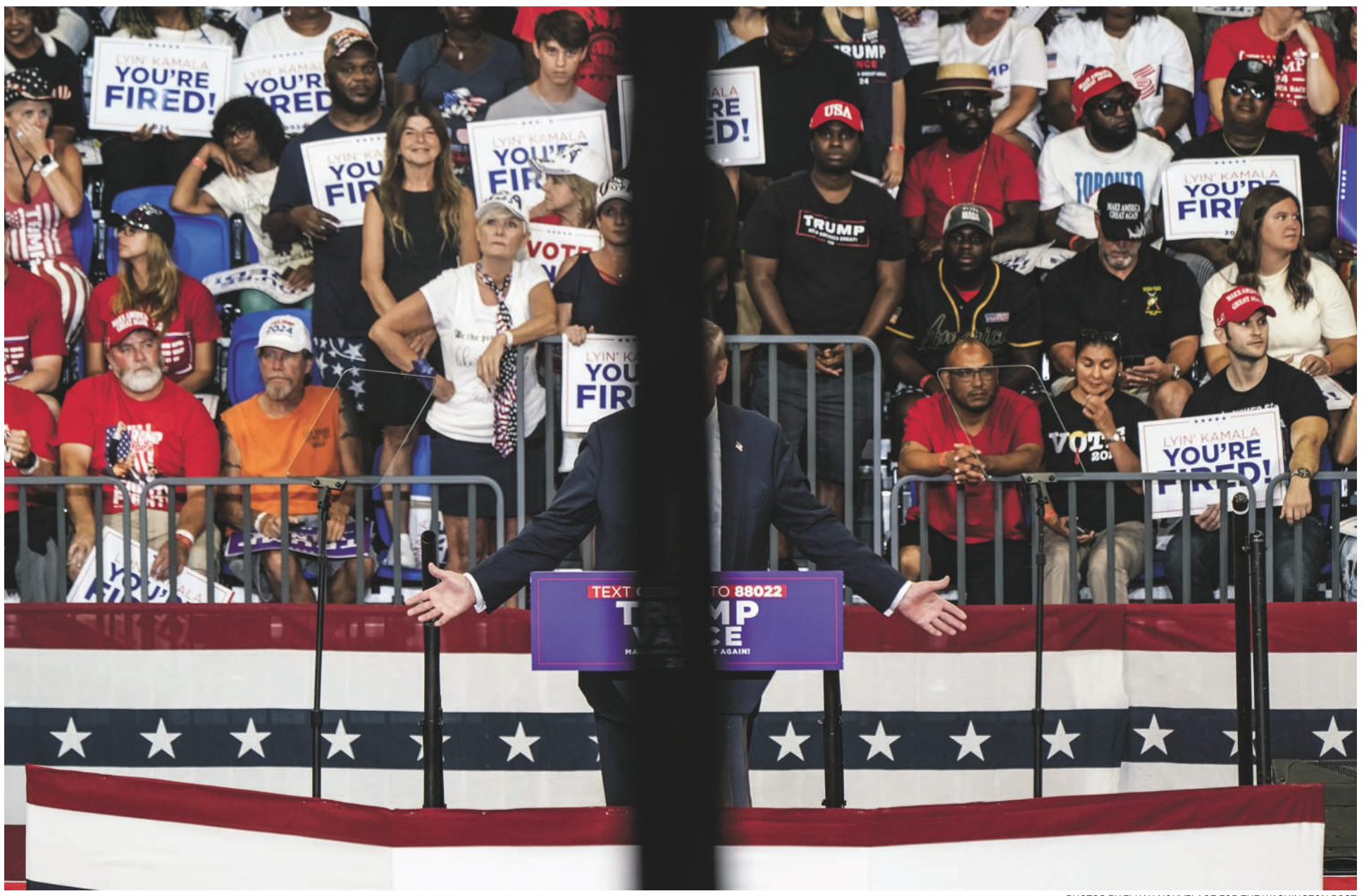

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Former president Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally in Atlanta last week. He remains ahead of his opponent or tied in most swing states, according to polling.

Trump grows increasingly upset over campaign

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candidate."

Trump now finds himself back in a dead-even contest and with new signs of strain in his orbit. In the face of new Democratic momentum, he has grown increasingly upset about Harris's surging poll numbers and media coverage since replacing Biden on the ticket, complaining relentlessly and asking friends about how his campaign is performing, according to five people close to the campaign who like some others spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

"It's unfair that I beat him and now I have to beat her, too," Trump told an ally in a phone call last weekend.

Allies have taken to finger-pointing over several events that seemingly went off the rails. Friends, Mar-a-Lago members and donors have logged their concerns with Trump, who then tells them to others, according to three people close to him. U.S. Senate allies and others are trying to get Trump focused on attacking Harris.

"We had a lot of good things happen in a row that were unsustainable, but we've hit a few speed bumps," Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), a Trump ally, said in an interview. "There's been a rough spot."

The Trump campaign, for its part, remains confident that he will win decisively in November, with aides saying they never took the advantages in July for granted or let their guard down. The former president remains ahead or tied in most of the swing states and continues to attract large crowds, with the cash on hand in total not far from the Democratic operation.

"The Trump campaign has never taken anything for granted and we always fight like we're the underdogs," Steven Cheung, a Trump spokesman, said in a statement. "That's especially true after an assassination attempt on President Trump heading into Convention. Our sole job is to help President Trump win the election, and we're going to beat the brakes off the dangerously liberal Kamala-Walz ticket."

But for the first time since Trump established his dominance in the Republican nomination fight, his campaign has found itself publicly struggling to manage the daily news cycle as excitement around Harris has swelled along with her campaign activity. It has left people close to the campaign wondering why Trump and his team seemed ill-prepared, given that they had privately speculated for weeks after Biden's disastrous June 27 debate performance that Harris was going to be the nominee.

"What's happened in the last couple of weeks is we actually have a real race. This is a real presidential campaign. The Biden-Trump version of this was one event a week by each candidate, very rarely on the campaign trail and no real engagement," said Kevin Madden, a Republican strategist who worked for Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential effort. "Now this is going to be one of those campaigns where strategies matter, resources matter, time matters, and there is not much room for error."

People familiar with the campaign's inner workings say there is no staff freakout — nor have there been dramatic fights between senior advisers in recent days, a hallmark of previous Trump campaigns where things went awry. Staff have been meeting to discuss polls, spending and upcoming events at the campaign's headquarters.

Cheung dismissed the allies and Trump advisers questioning the campaign's effectiveness as "unnamed sources who have no idea what they are talking about and are doing nothing but helping Democrats."

"We have always thrived under pressure because we take our cues from President Trump," he said. "With his leadership, we continue to prove everyone wrong. Anyone on the outside who continues to complain simply hasn't been battle-tested or gone through the adversity we have and come out on top."

But there is no doubt that some of his big advantages have faded.

The fundraising edge Trump enjoyed for two months was swallowed by Harris's $310 million fundraising surge in July — about $170 million more than he announced for the same month. The much-larger Harris campaign now appears poised to take advantage of a new outpouring of grassroots energy, including more than 1.3 million voters who have signed up for campaign events since she entered the race for president, according to her campaign.

Despite going up with his first television spots of the general election, Trump and his allies are still being outspent in the battleground states. Over the first five days of August, Trump and his allies spent about $16.5 million on advertising, according to AdImpact, compared with about $23 million by Biden, Harris and their allies. From the beginning of March to early August, the Biden side has spent $309 million, compared with $110 million for the Trump side, according to the ad-tracking firm.

While Trump has repeatedly said Republican Party officials only needed to focus on election integrity, he has begun hearing from outside allies that he does not have a significant ground game in key battleground states. He has grown annoyed with some of the media focus on his campaign staff, suggesting to others that his advisers get too much credit. Some advisers have urged him to spend more on digital advertising, saying he is being pummeled online.

Democrats and some in Trump's orbit have tried to highlight social media posts from Trump advisers and allies that they say show fear or bad messaging, while trying to stoke division in other ways. The Harris campaign has circulated posts and news releases about his staff, the pick of Sen. JD Vance (Ohio) as his running mate, crowd size and other topics they say will grate on Trump and cause him to say controversial things.

"It's easy to live in Donald Trump's head," one Harris aide wrote, suggesting a story about crowd size now that Harris draws a crowd as big or larger than Trump's rallies.

Harris, meanwhile, has been traveling more on the campaign trail than Trump, who is fundraising this week in Florida. Since the June 27 debate, Trump has held eight campaign rallies, besides his nominating convention, including events in Minnesota, Florida and Virginia, all outside the main battleground map.

Harris will visit six states this week. Beyond interviews, the only event Trump has scheduled is a rally in Montana, a state where he is almost certain to win by double digits. Democrats wonder about the state of Trump's operation, while the former president's advisers note that he has campaigned for 21 months.

"Of all weeks when he has to blunt the momentum of Kamala Harris, you would have expected him to be very aggressive this week," said Simon Rosenberg, a Democratic strategist.

Trump has begun asking friends and allies how his campaign staff is doing — a question that some say could lead to staff changes, though the former president has not said he is planning that and has expressed support for campaign aides in recent days, a person close to him said. He has asked why Harris is raising so much more money than him, people familiar with the comments say. Trump has also repeatedly raised the large crowds that Harris is getting compared with Biden, people who have spoken to him said.

Some Trump advisers grew alarmed last week when Kellyanne Conway arrived at his Bedminster, N.J., golf resort for a meeting and posted about it on X. Conway, who was the manager of his winning campaign in 2016, has a long relationship with Trump and has questioned some of the campaign's decisions but has not specified any personnel changes she thinks Trump should make, according to people who have spoken to her.

"The Kamala bump was a direct cause from the Biden slump," Conway said in an interview. "There was nowhere for his successor to go but up in fundraising and enthusiasm. But this remains President Trump's election to lose. The electoral map and underlying fundamentals favor him."

While accepting the Republican nomination at the convention, in his first speech since the shooting, advisers wanted him to give a sober and hopeful address about the future. He began by telling an emotional tale of his shooting but wandered off the teleprompter remarks dozens of times, stretching the speech "past the point where it was productive," a campaign official said. Inside the arena, loyal attendees could be heard grumbling as they exited about how long the speech was. Several people close to Trump described it as a missed opportunity.

Inside his campaign, there have been frustrations about some of his other comments, people close to Trump say. When he went to a National Association of Black Journalists event in Chicago, he made unplanned remarks that suggested Harris was not really Black.

"I didn't know she was Black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn Black and now she wants to be known as Black. So, I don't know, is she Indian or is she Black?" Trump said falsely.

While the campaign sought to defend his comments, Trump was frustrated by the event. He did not know that Harris was not going to appear, that the journalists were going to ask such tough questions and that there would be a fact-checking component to the event, one person who spoke with him about it said.

His team has sought to attack her on policy grounds while casting her as unfit. It has pushed arguments about rising numbers of undocumented immigrants crossing the southern border, inflation that rose while she was vice president, her record as a California politician, and her comments backing certain liberal positions in the past, such as supporting the Green New Deal.

Cheung, the Trump spokesman, dismissed concerns expressed by allies about the campaign and its messaging. "Our message discipline is second to none," he said. "It's why President Trump was able to take out Joe Biden in the debate, it's why we've been so successful thus far, and it'll be why President Trump will win the election."

Several people close to the campaign said there was an ongoing effort to get Trump to focus on attacking Harris and slashing Democrats. Trump enjoyed an advantage of two percentage points over Biden in a Washington Post average of national polls taken in July, before the president bowed out. Harris is polling four percentage points ahead of Biden's number in a Post average of national polls since then, giving her a one-point edge over Trump.

"This is really Trump's race to lose," Graham said. "I hope we'll get more focused on prosecuting the case against her. I think he was frustrated originally, but over the last couple days, we've had good conversations and I think we have the wind at our back."

Clara Ence Morse contributed to this report.

Attendees put their hands over their hearts during the Pledge of Allegiance at a Trump rally in Atlanta. His allies have taken to finger-pointing over several recent events that seemingly went off the rails.

Walz gives up post as governors group chair

BY TYLER PAGER

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz resigned from his post as chair of the Democratic Governors Association on Tuesday after Vice President Kamala Harris selected him to be her running mate.

Once Walz became a candidate for federal office, he was no longer allowed to chair the organization, according to its bylaws. Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly, the vice chair, will replace Walz in the top slot of the group, which seeks to elect more Democratic governors nationally. Walz plans to continue to serve as Minnesota's governor as he seeks higher office.

"Having the DGA Chair become the VP candidate is a BIG DEAL and a thing to celebrate!" Meghan Meehan-Draper, the organization's executive director, wrote to the DGA staff on Tuesday. "His team (Gov. Walz) called me this morning to say, 'We want you to know how important the DGA is to the governor and to our whole team.'"

Harris's decision to elevate Walz is the latest step in his remarkable rise from high school social studies teacher to the Democratic presidential ticket. On Tuesday, Harris and Walz campaigned together for the first time in Philadelphia, where a jubilant crowd celebrated the new ticket.

"Tim Walz was the kind of teacher and mentor that every child in America dreams of having and that every kid deserves," Harris said. "The kind of coach — because he's the kind of person — who makes people feel like they belong and then inspires them to dream big. And that's the kind of vice president he will be. And that's the kind of vice president America deserves."

As chair of the DGA, Walz helped raise record-breaking sums of money, with the organization reporting more than $61 million from January to June. He also helped organize a call with Democratic governors and President Joe Biden after his politically disastrous debate. That call led to an in-person meeting at the White House in which several governors asked the president tough questions about his campaign's path forward. Biden's decision last month to exit the race paved the way for Harris and Walz to take over the Democratic ticket.

Kelly is serving her second term as governor of Kansas, one of the few Democratic leaders of a reliably conservative state.

"I want to thank Governor Tim Walz for his leadership and partnership over this last year, helping to steer the ship to success — including breaking fundraising records and putting Democratic candidates for governor in the best position to be competitive in tough races this year," Kelly said in a statement. "We will do everything in our power to ensure success of the Harris-Walz ticket this November."

There are 11 gubernatorial elections in November, with North Carolina and New Hampshire seen as the only toss-up races. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (D) is term-limited, and New Hampshire's Chris Sununu (R) announced last year that he would not run for reelection.

"By focusing on the issues that matter most to Kansans, Governor Kelly has shown what effective leadership looks like, and has been a huge asset to the DGA in her role as Vice Chair these last two years," Meehan-Draper said in a statement. "Governor Kelly knows what it takes to win tough races in some of the most challenging environments, and we are grateful to have her leadership and guidance at the helm of the DGA."

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Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly (D) speaks in Topeka last year.

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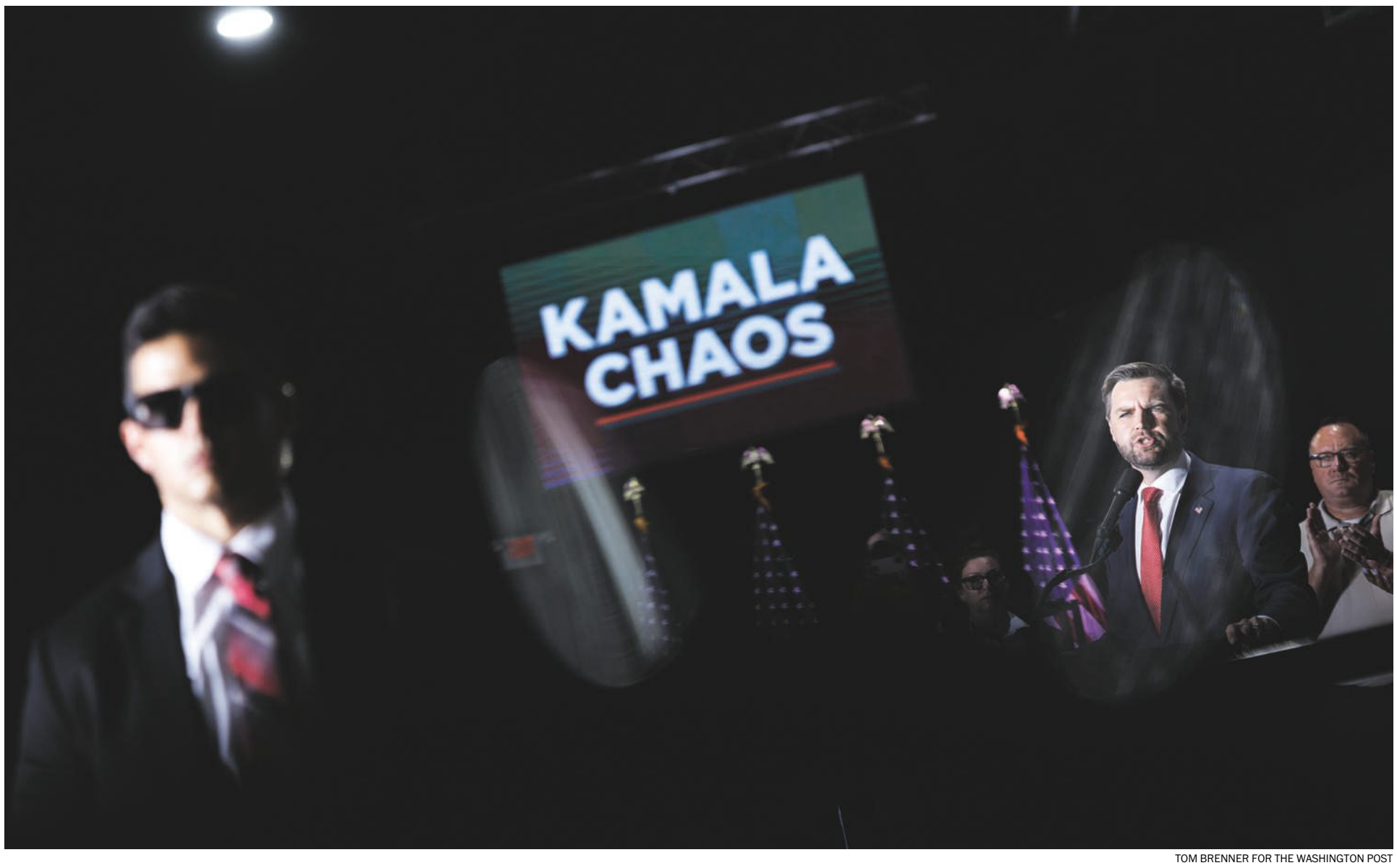
Blogger shares profane, off-the-cuff texts from Vance

Senator entertained conspiracy theories in private exchanges

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER AND BETH REINHARD



TOM BRENNER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio) casually discussed U.S. alliances, a late GOP megadonor and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's death in texts with right-wing blogger Charles Johnson.

The day after JD Vance was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2022, he received a congratulatory text from Charles Johnson, a blogger and entrepreneur who has zealously promoted right-wing conspiracy theories.

Johnson assumed the posture of a wise mentor, cautioning the first-time officeholder to choose his staff carefully and repeatedly pressing him on his committee assignments. "Got to keep you out of trouble," wrote Johnson, who now describes himself as a government informant seeking to protect the United States from foreign influence.

Their correspondence over the next 20 months — extending into the weeks before former president Donald Trump picked Vance as his running mate — offers a glimpse of the Republican vice-presidential nominee's off-the-cuff musings, often matching his public expressions but voiced with much less polish and more profanity. Vance was just as casual in discussing America's foreign alliances as he was in evaluating his own private alliances with the GOP's moneyed class. With Johnson, he pondered responsibility for the sabotage of the Nord Stream gas pipelines and crudely described his aversion to the Ukrainian government and refusal to consider its pleas for U.S. assistance.

"Dude I won't even take calls from Ukraine," he told Johnson in October, about three weeks after House Republicans blocked additional aid to help Kyiv repel the Russian invasion. "Two very senior guys reached out to me. The head of their intel. The head of the Air Force. Bitching about F16s."

In response to questions about his correspondence with Johnson, Vance spokesman William Martin said the two were never close and don't share the same politics. "Chuck Johnson spam texted JD Vance," Martin said. "JD usually ignored him, but occasionally responded to push back against things he said."

The texts, sent over the encrypted messaging app Signal and provided by Johnson to The Washington Post, show the 40-year-old senator engaged in the kind of freewheeling communication ordinarily tightly controlled by congressional staff members.

As a newly minted senator, Vance solicited Johnson's views on many topics, including UFOs ("What is your read"), the Republican Party's relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ("What is GOP Bibi problem?") and the death of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein ("Do you think Epstein actually killed himself?"). When Johnson suggested that the senator should work to restrict foreign ownership of U.S. housing, Vance responded with a "thumbs up" emoji.

The mostly friendly conversation with Johnson reflects how Vance gravitates to people on the political fringe — a cohort emboldened by Trump's insurgent campaign in 2016 and highly active online in the years since. After Trump picked Vance as his running mate on July 15, Johnson has been criticizing his onetime interlocutor and threatening to release their communications. He said he has grown disillusioned with Vance, especially over the senator's favorable view of the Israeli prime minister, and now supports President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee.

Johnson, 35, has spread fantastical claims about a wide range of politicians and journalists and has made comments casting doubt on the Holocaust. He was banned from Twitter in 2015 for soliciting donations aimed at "taking out" Black Lives Matter activist DeRay Mckesson. He argued at the time that he was referring to journalistic sleuthing, and his account was restored under the platform's new owner, Elon Musk.

Johnson has provided information to the FBI in recent years about some of his associates and maintains that his access to far-right circles has allowed him to expose wrongdoing and serve the public good, saying, "My admittedly controversial associations have allowed me to get entry to some of the most fringe spaces, but my commitment to our country hasn't wavered."

Vance is perhaps the most high-profile emblem of a new breed of conservative politician willing to entertain and endorse provocative or offensive figures. Trump has displayed similar impulses, including in 2022 when he dined at his Mar-a-Lago Club with Nick Fuentes, an outspoken Holocaust denier.

Unlike Trump, however, Vance has turned his ideological permissiveness into a political philosophy — an open embrace of the unvetted and the indecent aimed at undermining conventional norms of truth and decorum. Vance has defended his vision as a big tent representing how many Americans actually think. Democrats have described his approach as "weird," a label that Harris allies have increasingly applied to the Trump ticket.

Vance has bragged about being "plugged into a lot of weird, right-wing subcultures." He wrote a positive blurb for a book by Jack Posobiec, the far-right activist who advanced the "Pizzagate" conspiracy theory. And he has defended Alex Jones, the right-wing radio host who spread lies about the Sandy Hook school shooting.

"Believing crazy things is not the mark of whether somebody should be rejected," Vance said in a 2021 speech to the conservative Teneo Network that was recently published by ProPublica. "Believing important truths should be the mark of whether we accept somebody, and if they believe some crazy things on the side, that's fine. We need to be okay with nonconventional people."

In the texts, Vance often seemed skeptical of Johnson — not because of his associations with far-right causes but rather because of his self-presentation as a spook. "If you are who you say you are then don't you have my phone tapped?" Vance wrote last fall, adding an emoji signaling that he was laughing so hard he was crying.

Still, the messages suggest Vance valued Johnson's opinions. The two were introduced over email in 2019 by a Republican fundraiser, according to correspondence shared with The Post, but Johnson, who helped start the facial recognition company Clearview AI, said they had spoken previously. Though their conversation was generally amicable, they argued about Israel in the messages. Vance pushed back on Johnson's criticism of Netanyahu, falsely characterizing some of the prime minister's past positions.

"If the GOP listened to Bibi we wouldn't have invaded Iraq, wouldn't have done nation building in Afghanistan, and wouldn't be threatening a war with Iran," he wrote. In fact, Netanyahu supported the U.S. invasion of Iraq and had pushed for regime change in Iran, telling Congress in 2002, "It's not a question of whether Iraq's regime should be taken out but when should it be taken out; it's not a question of whether you'd like to see a regime change in Iran but how to achieve it."

Vance said he thought more of Netanyahu's government than of Americans who support interventionist foreign policy. "Publicly and privately not a single rep of the Israeli government has sounded as insane as our neocons," he wrote.

His defense of Israel and scorn for neoconservatives shows Vance saying privately what he often says publicly. But he let his guard down with Johnson, responding to the suggestion that he read an article about the influence of Sheldon Adelson, the late Republican megadonor, by saying, "I'm pretty sure he gave me shit."

"Never met him," Vance wrote last year. "Hes dead. Don't care."

Adelson died in January 2021, months before Vance entered the race for U.S. Senate in Ohio. But his widow, Miriam Adelson, contributed $2,900 to Vance's campaign, federal records show, and she recently gave $5 million to a pro-Trump super PAC, with promises to contribute more this year.

A spokesman for the Adelson family, Andy Abboud, said Miriam Adelson spoke Monday to Vance following a Post inquiry about the senator's message to Johnson. "She is unfazed," Abboud said. "She will continue to have a good relationship with JD Vance."

In the messages, Vance pushed back on Johnson's accusations that he was beholden to donors and other allies, including his law school mentor, Yale professor Amy Chua. When Johnson suggested that Vance was channeling Chinese and Israeli interests, Vance replied, "Chua doesn't tell me anything." He added: "I am pretty sure I don't even know another Chinese american." Chua declined to comment.

At times, the conversation was one-sided, with Johnson repeatedly texting Vance his social media posts without eliciting any response. Late last year, they argued after Johnson challenged Vance's criticism of the sale of U.S. Steel to a Japanese corporation. "Stop sending me weird messages," Vance told Johnson. "I find your threatening tone enraging."

But occasionally, Vance took the initiative with Johnson, reaching out last fall to ridicule the mental state of a pro-Ukraine activist. In a nod to Johnson's purported work for the U.S. government, Vance suggested he should "have the spooks up the doses of Xanax among the rank and file," an insinuation that Washington was engineering popular support for Ukraine. The following month, he asked for Johnson's take on a former intelligence official's claims that the U.S. government had evidence of alien spacecraft.

In response to a tweet Johnson sent him about Epstein's death, Vance asked whether he thought it was a suicide, as New York City's medical examiner concluded, and added of the sex offender: "Also haven't followed story closely but he seemed like a genuinely bad dude."

On June 24, as several media outlets reported that Vance was among Trump's top choices for vice president, Johnson wrote to him: "Congratulations. Good luck."

Vance responded six days later. "For what?" he asked. "You assume too much!"

Johnson warned: "Don't take it when it's offered. It's a trap."

"Haha," Vance wrote back. "Doubt it's offered. We'll see."

On July 15, the day Trump announced his selection, Johnson sent Vance a message: "Lots of reporters asking into you."

Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

Trump flew with Project 2025 head two years ago

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do," Trump said in the speech.

Separately, Roberts told The Washington Post in an interview in April of this year that he had previously discussed Project 2025 with Trump as part of offering briefings to all presidential candidates. "I personally have talked to President Trump about Project 2025," he said in the interview, "because my role in the project has been to make sure that all of the candidates who have responded to our offer for a briefing on Project 2025 get one from me."

Trump campaign spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt said Roberts never briefed Trump. A Heritage spokeswoman declined to elaborate on private meetings.

The flight, Trump's speech and Roberts's interview cut against the former president's recent efforts to distance himself from Project 2025 once Democrats turned some of its most controversial proposals into a frequent campaign attack. The proposals came from alumni of Trump's first term and often overlap with his own official campaign pronouncements, such as eliminating the Education Department, weakening protections for career civil servants, ending affirmative action and reversing restrictions on greenhouse gases. One of the proposals calls for federal restrictions on access to abortion medication, a position at odds with the Trump campaign stance.

"Project 2025 has never and will never be an accurate reflection of President Trump's policies," Leavitt said. "As President Trump himself and our campaign leadership have repeatedly stated, President Trump's 20 promises to the forgotten men and women and the RNC platform are the only policies endorsed by President Trump for a second term."

Trump and Roberts flew together in April 2022 from the former president's home in Palm Beach, Fla., to the foundation's annual conference on Amelia Island. Heritage chartered the plane because Trump's jet was being refurbished at the time, according to two people familiar with the trip who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private interactions.

At that time, Heritage was in the early stages of organizing Project 2025. Roberts brought it up with Trump on the flight, but Trump seemed uninterested and moved on to another subject, according to a Heritage official. A Trump campaign official said Trump and Roberts didn't discuss Project 2025 on the plane ride.

Trump briefly described meeting Heritage staff members during his keynote address at the conference. "With Kevin and the staff, and I met so many of them now, I took pictures with among the most handsome, beautiful people I've ever seen," he said.

Roberts took over day-to-day management of Project 2025 last week with the departure of director Paul Dans. The project is winding down its policy work in anticipation of handing off its recommendations to the official presidential transition. The project will continue to operate a database of 20,000 applicants for Republican political appointments.

Participants are still drafting executive orders and conducting training classes for potential future administration officials, a person involved in the project said. In private, the person said, Roberts has told people Trump isn't really that mad, instead attributing the backlash to top Trump campaign advisers Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles.

"Some chapter writers see this as a disaster, a catastrophe, that it's really bad for them. Others think it's going to blow over," the person involved in the project said. "The wishful-thinking school is that this will all blow over."

The Heritage Foundation has since 1980 published a book of policy recommendations for the next Republican administration. For this cycle, the foundation set out to convene a coalition of more than 100 right-wing groups, presenting the proposals as a movement consensus under the banner of Project 2025. The coalition involved at least 140 Trump administration alumni, according to a CNN tally, including Dans, former White House speechwriter Stephen Miller, former acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Tom Homan and former White House budget director Russ Vought.

Heritage published the 900-page agency-by-agency policy book in 2023, and it was not until recent months that Democratic attention on its proposals exploded. They have particularly focused on the Project 2025 proposal to ban shipments of abortion medication through the mail — which departs from Trump's stated plans.

Trump and his advisers chafed at the critical media coverage that Project 2025 generated, especially when leaders including Roberts brushed off repeated warnings to keep their heads down. Roberts himself drew backlash for a July interview on the right-wing "War Room" podcast (which was hosted by former Trump adviser Stephen K. Bannon until he reported to prison), in which he said, "we are in the process of the second American Revolution, which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be."

Miller has started forcefully denying any role in the project. His America First Legal group was part of the coalition, and his deputy, Gene Hamilton, wrote the playbook's chapter on the Justice Department. Others, such as Vought, who wrote the chapter on the executive office of the president and served as policy director for the Republican National Convention's platform committee, have kept a lower profile since the Trump campaign started admonishing the project.

Others whom Trump specifically said he would consider bringing back into a second administration contributed chapters to the project, including former adviser Peter Navarro on trade; former acting defense secretary Christopher Miller on the Pentagon; and former HUD secretary Ben Carson on housing. Navarro served four months in prison over his refusal to testify before Congress about efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

Roberts also has a relationship with Trump's running mate, Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), who wrote the foreword to Roberts's book, "Dawn's Early Light." In the foreword, Vance called Heritage "the most influential engine of ideas for Republicans from Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump." On Tuesday, Roberts announced that he would delay publication until after the election.

Roberts previously raised suspicion among Trump advisers who viewed him as favoring Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis during the presidential Republican primary. Advisers also said Trump resents other groups such as Heritage raising money that he believes should go to his campaign.

At other times, though, Trump has praised Roberts. He singled him out in February during a speech in Nashville to the National Religious Broadcasters. "Heritage Foundation president, somebody else doing an unbelievable job," Trump said. "He's bringing it back to levels it's never seen, Dr. Kevin Roberts. Kevin, thank you."

On Tuesday, congressional Democrats called on Roberts to release Project 2025's plans for the first 180 days of a new administration. This "fourth pillar" was not published, unlike the overall policy recommendations.

"It is time to stop hiding the ball on what we are concerned could very well be the most radical, extreme, and dangerous parts of Project 2025," Democratic lawmakers led by Reps. Jared Huffman (Calif.) and Ayanna Pressley (Mass.) said in a letter to Roberts. "If we are wrong about that — if your secret 'Fourth Pillar' of Project 2025 is actually a defensible, responsible, and constitutional action plan for the first days of a second Trump presidency — then we hope you will publish it, without edits or redaction."

Walz's Guard service and departure face new scrutiny

He comes under attack over characterization of military rank and record

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Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, reacts during a campaign event Tuesday in Philadelphia. His decision to leave the National Guard in 2005 has led to bitterness among some former Guard colleagues, who later served in Iraq.

Tim Walz was weighing a life-altering decision when he stepped into a supply room at the National Guard Armory in New Ulm, Minn., nearly two decades ago. He closed the door behind him, recalled a colleague, Al Bonnifield, and confided he was considering whether to leave their unit even though it was preparing to go to war so he could run for Congress.

"It was a very long conversation behind closed doors," Bonnifield said. "He was trying to decide where he could do better for soldiers, for veterans, for the country. He weighed that for a long time."

Walz, 60, ultimately chose to leave the Guard in 2005 and went on to win a House seat the following year, unseating a Republican incumbent as a populist wave of opposition to the Iraq War lifted Democrats to a majority of both chambers of Congress. That jump-started a political career that saw him elected governor of Minnesota in 2018 and, this week, selected as Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate in a heated race for the White House.

But while Walz and his political allies have cited his 24 years of military experience as an asset, the circumstances of his departure from the National Guard and his characterization of his service already have come under attack. At least three former Guard colleagues have publicly voiced bitterness at Walz's decision to leave their unit at such a consequential moment. It's not clear how widespread that feeling was, but the Trump campaign has moved quickly to capitalize on the issue.

"Nobody wants to go to war. I didn't want to go, but I went," Doug Julin, a retired National Guard soldier who worked with Walz, said in an interview. "The big frustration was that he let his troops down."

The Harris campaign did not address criticisms from fellow soldiers that he retired to avoid going to war. Instead, the campaign said that while in Congress he was a "tireless advocate for our men and women in uniform." As vice president, the campaign said in a statement to The Washington Post, "he will continue to be a relentless champion for our veterans and military families."

Walz, a native of West Point, Neb., enlisted in the Nebraska Army National Guard at age 17. His father served during the Korean War era, and urged both him and his sister to enlist, Walz said during a 2009 interview for an oral history project by the Library of Congress. Walz shifted to the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1996 after relocating with his wife, Gwen. He was activated for a variety of missions, including responses to forest fires, tornadoes and flooding.

On Wednesday, Walz also came under scrutiny for saying during a gubernatorial campaign event in 2018 that "we can make sure those weapons of war that I carried in war" are not on America's streets. Walz did not serve in combat, according to the Minnesota Army National Guard, and his Republican counterpart jumped on those comments.

"He said we shouldn't allow weapons that I used in war to be on America's streets," JD Vance, the Republican vice-presidential nominee, said during a campaign event in Michigan. "Well, I wonder. Tim Walz, when were you ever in war?"

The Harris campaign, in response to those comments, said in its statement to The Post that Walz carried, fired and trained others how to use "weapons of war innumerable times." It declined to address why Walz claimed incorrectly to have done so in war.

"Governor Walz would never insult or undermine any American's service to this country — in fact, he thanks Senator Vance for putting his life on the line for our country," the statement said. Vance, a Marine Corps veteran, served in Iraq in a noncombat role for six months beginning in fall 2005.

Walz and his political allies also have inaccurately described him as a retired command sergeant major, one rank higher than he holds in retirement. Walz himself did so in a video clip from 2006 that was surfaced by C-SPAN on Tuesday and in a 2018 clip posted on his own YouTube account.

"I'm a retired sergeant major in the Army and the Army National Guard," he told a group of voters in the latter video.

Though Walz did achieve the rank of command sergeant major, it was a provisional rank until he completed required coursework for senior leaders, National Guard officials said. He did not do so by the time he departed the military and his retirement rank reverted to master sergeant on May 15, 2005, officials said. Walz retired the next day.

The Harris campaign declined to address why Walz has inaccurately said he retired as one. He has sometimes called himself a "former command sergeant major," which is accurate.

Walz, asked by the oral history interviewer where his combat experience occurred, said initially that his unit — the 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery — had served "throughout the European theater with Operation Enduring Freedom," the name the Pentagon used to describe the war in Afghanistan and other counterterrorism assignments.

Walz clarified later in the interview that he and his fellow Guard members initially thought they would fire artillery, but later learned they would be assigned in Europe to backfill other U.S. troops who were going to war.

"I think in the beginning, many of my troops were disappointed," Walz said, recalling how he was assigned in Vicenza, Italy. "I think they felt a little guilty, many of them, that they weren't enough in the fight up front as this was happening."

But Thomas Behrends, a retired command sergeant major who also was on that deployment, said it was very clear that their unit was not going to war.

"He's sugarcoating it to make it more than it was," Behrends said. After 9/11, he added, the Air Force realized it needed to better safeguard its airfields and requested the National Guard to assist.

"That was the mission from the get-go," Behrends said. "There was nothing ever said about going to combat."

Behrends has been a vocal critic of Walz's since at least 2018, when he and another Guard member, Paul Herr, placed a scathing letter to the editor in a local newspaper, the West Central Tribune, that accused Walz of exaggerating his military career for years as he ran for governor.

"He failed his country. He failed his state. He failed the Minnesota Army National Guard, the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion, and his fellow Soldiers," Behrends and Herr wrote. "And he failed to lead by example. Shameful."

Behrends, who replaced Walz as the unit's command sergeant major, has donated to Republican political causes in the past. In 2022, he promoted a petition on his Facebook page demanding that Walz resign as governor, posting a photo of a grain silo — Behrends is a farmer — festooned with the phrase "Walz is a traitor!"

He also stood next to Walz's gubernatorial opponent, Republican Scott Jensen, at a campaign event that year and donated $2,500 to Jensen's campaign, records show. He acknowledged in an interview Wednesday that he has made political donations in the past and said they were not about politics. He went on to call Walz "as far left as they come," and said he can't speak to whether other candidates are lying, but does know "for a fact that Tim Walz is lying about his record."

"I always thought he was somebody that talked too much," he said of their time serving together. "It was like, 'God, could he just sit down and shut up?' But he liked to hear himself talk, the same as he does now."

Joe Eustice, who served in the National Guard with Walz for at least a decade, said he vehemently disagrees with Walz's politics but described him as a good soldier. In an interview, he rejected assertions that Walz avoided combat duty. In late spring 2005, when Walz said he wanted to pursue politics and decided to retire, there was only speculation of a combat deployment on the horizon, Eustice said.

"Other than having a rumor, we were not notified that we were going to be deployed," Eustice said.

The unit received an official alert order two months after Walz had retired, the Minnesota National Guard said, which helped the unit prepare for mobilization later in the fall.

Walz, when asked by the Library of Congress historian about his retirement, said that he did so to run for Congress, adding that he was concerned about trying to serve in the military and run for office simultaneously. He also cited worries about the Hatch Act, which restricts partisan political activity by federal employees.

Julin, who oversaw Walz as a more senior command sergeant major, said that Walz approached him in 2005 and said he was prepared to go on their upcoming deployment to Iraq, but also was interested in running for Congress. Julin said he thought "no big deal" because other members of Congress had deployed.

But a couple of months later, Julin learned from another member of the Guard that Walz had retired. Julin was frustrated, he said, because Walz had arranged his retirement with two officers who outranked Julin.

"I would have analyzed it and challenged him," Julin said. "It would have been a different discussion, but he went to the higher ranks. He knew I would have told him, 'Suck it up, we're going.'"

Bonnifield, who listened as Walz pondered his future nearly 20 years ago, said the future politician appeared then to have no fear about the possibility of danger.

"He was not that kind of man," Bonnifield said. "Absolutely not."

The deployment to Iraq turned out to be grueling for their unit, which was deployed to Camp Scania, a way station between Baghdad and Kuwait constantly targeted by insurgents with rockets and other long-range fire, Bonnifield said. On the day their deployment was supposed to end, he said, it was extended an extra six months. The soldiers were away from home for a total of 22 months, he said, and multiple people died.

Bonnifield, who described himself as a Democrat willing to vote across party lines, said he thought Walz made the right career decision. He later voted for Walz, whom he said he has spoken to only once since, during a chance encounter at a political event.

"If I had the same choices, I probably would have done the same thing," he said.

Patrick Murphy, the first Iraq War veteran elected to Congress, met Walz on Capitol Hill in 2006 during their orientation as freshman lawmakers, Murphy said in an interview. They quickly bonded while rooming together in a modest apartment on Capitol Hill, he said.

Both felt the Iraq War was a disaster, and Walz said he believed he could do more as a policymaker to avoid such conflicts rather than deploy again, Murphy recalled. While Walz did not see combat, his service in Italy still meant leaving his family behind.

"We have yanked these citizen-soldiers around for the last two decades," Murphy said. "The Pentagon, the Army, they pick where you go. You don't get the chance to go where you want."

Walz served on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and pushed for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, the Pentagon's policy at the time that prevented gay service members from being open about their sexuality. He also supported in 2008 the Post-9/11 GI Bill, legislation that provided far more generous education support than the previous benefit.

Vance has credited the expanded benefits for his ability to attend Yale Law School. Vance should thank Walz for that, Murphy said, "instead of criticizing him for his military record."

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Dozens of athletes test positive for covid at Paris Olympics amid global surge

At least 84 countries cite rise in cases with decline in reporting and testing

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A summer covid wave — and the accompanying fevers, coughs and general misery — continues to wash over the Americas and parts of Asia and Europe, including the Paris Olympics, offering the latest evidence that the coronavirus moves in ways distinct from other respiratory ailments.

The World Health Organization said this week that the virus is increasing in at least 84 countries despite perceptions that the pathogen is a remnant of the past. Disease trackers sounded alarms that diminished testing and low vaccination rates could provide fertile terrain for more dangerous viral variants to take hold.

"Covid-19 is still very much with us," Maria Van Kerkhove, a WHO epidemiologist, said at a news briefing Tuesday.

At least 40 athletes have tested positive for the coronavirus and other respiratory illnesses, suggesting that the virus may not exhibit the same seasonal patterns as the common cold, flu and respiratory syncytial virus — widely known as RSV — which tend to strike during cold-weather months.

The uptick has sparked concerns about efforts to prevent the spread of the disease at the Olympics. Testing and reporting vary by team, and the lack of streamlined efforts to minimize the spread highlights stark difference between the Paris Games and the Tokyo Olympics held in 2021.

At the Tokyo Games, spectators were barred and people were required to take two coronavirus tests on two separate days within 96 hours of their flight to Japan. Upon arrival in Japan, further testing was conducted at the airport. This is a sharp contrast from the Paris Games, where people who tested positive are competing, there are no testing requirements, and spectators are back in attendance.

The rise in global cases comes during pandemic fatigue and a decline in testing for the virus and reporting of cases. As a result, health agencies confront significant challenges in monitoring and understanding the virus's impact.

"I am concerned," Van Kerkhove said. "With such low [vaccine] coverage and with such large circulation, if we were to have a variant that would be more severe, then the susceptibility of the at-risk populations to develop severe disease is huge."

Wastewater analysis offers one of the main methods for gaining insight into infection levels. Van Kerkhove said circulation rates are estimated to be two to 20 times higher than baseline levels established for comparison purposes at each testing station.

At the peak of the omicron variant in January 2022, the concentration of the coronavirus in wastewater samples peaked at 23 times higher than earlier levels, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Levels were just barely above baseline at most stations nationally in April and May, but they have risen in the past two months to seven times the baseline concentration — a considerable increase but far below the rate of the nation's largest outbreaks.

With the increase, public health experts worry that more severe variants of the coronavirus could emerge heading into fall and winter — and with waning vaccination rates, people with a higher risk of severe infection could face more dangerous outcomes.

Elevated infection rates during summer months in the Northern Hemisphere deviate from the typical pattern of respiratory viruses, which usually thrive during the fall and winter. While current hospitalization rates are lower than peak levels during the pandemic, the WHO is calling on governments to bolster vaccination initiatives for high-risk groups.

"The virus continues to confound me in terms of what it's doing and how it's bucking the trends of seasonal patterns of respiratory illness," said Scott Roberts, an infectious-disease physician at Yale School of Medicine.

Roberts suggests that a vaccine twice a year to address the surges might be an important step in minimizing summer spread.

"I certainly haven't seen anyone doing mitigation strategies, such as masking and whatnot, in the summer months," Roberts said. "So, maybe we need to rethink the timing of this virus and stop treating it like a once-every-year virus the way we do with flu."

As of July 21, Russia had the highest number of cases worldwide, but the United States had the most reported number of deaths, according to WHO data.

"The number of cases is up, but the quality in terms of deadliness is not," said Otto Yang, an associate chief of infectious diseases at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. "Still, a lot of people are still dying, and it is still having a big impact on society, so we should still be taking this seriously."

Otto said another concern is that the virus could become more deadly because it's continuing to mutate, and data shows an increased risk of complications with each subsequent coronavirus infection someone endures. He cautioned that a mutating virus could also pose a threat to treatments.

As a virus spreads, it can mutate to make itself stronger. And as it mutates, it can figure out how to evade disease-fighting antibodies to better infect people and to survive longer in aerosol and droplet form, according to Andrew Pekosz, a professor of microbiology at Johns Hopkins University who studies how respiratory viruses, such as the coronavirus, replicate.

"The more opportunities we give the virus to mutate, the more likely that some of these mutations will emerge," Pekosz said.

As of July 27, the highest rate of covid in U.S. emergency rooms was found among children 11 and younger, narrowly surpassing the incidence in adults 75 and older.

Nancy Foster, vice president for quality and patient safety policy at the American Hospital Association, said some hospitals in California have reported seeing covid admissions higher than expected, with patients staying in the hospital longer than during recent waves. But the bigger concern for hospitals lies in the months ahead as the United States enters respiratory viral season, she said.

"That's the worry I hear most from hospitals is [that if] we don't get this in hand, if people don't take their vaccination either for flu or RSV or covid, then we could see large influxes of patients again, and that's certainly something we'd like to avoid," Foster said.

Despite the surge in cases this summer, some regions have instituted anti-mask policies. North Carolina passed an anti-masking bill in June, and a county on Long Island followed suit Monday.

Pekosz said the United States is seeing a "swarm of variants" that have picked up similar mutations, which could indicate that the virus has a limited number of ways to evolve.

"We don't have any data that suggests that the variants that are circulating now cause more severe disease," he said.

Monitoring coronavirus cases that result in hospitalization and death is straightforward, but accurately tracking the overall number of cases poses a greater challenge because many people opt out of testing and medical care after contracting the virus.

The absence of comprehensive data on total coronavirus cases hinders the assessment of variant severity, because researchers cannot determine the proportion of cases that lead to hospitalizations or deaths.

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California megafire overwhelms even best preparations

Experts believe more prescribed burns are necessary to help limit damage as changing climate leads to hotter and faster-spreading blazes

BY SCOTT DANCE

COHASSET, CALIF. — Yahmo Ahqha thought he was safer than ever in his cabin in the forested Northern California foothills, where the Sierra Nevada meets the Cascades. As safe as he could be, at least.

Controlled burns removed dense underbrush across more than a dozen acres around his home over the past year or two. Intentionally setting low-intensity fires to clear forest floors of flame-fueling vegetation is a primary strategy to slow and weaken potential fires in the West — and offer some peace of mind in a place where trauma lingers from the 2018 Camp Fire's devastation in nearby Paradise.

But when a wildfire alert to Ahqha's phone two weeks ago interrupted an intense video game battle with his 9-year-old son, his sense of security was pierced. A blaze had ignited in nearby Chico, at the edge of the valley floor. When he swung open the door to the old hunting cabin, he saw smoke pouring directly overhead.

The pair escaped before what became known as the Park Fire exploded into what experts say may be California's fastest-moving wildfire on record, and so far its fifth largest. While the flames somehow skirted much of the ridge Ahqha called home, leaving a store, a school, a community center and many homes untouched, they reduced Ahqha's cabin to a pile of barely recognizable rubble.

The latest Western conflagration has residents like Ahqha asking: What if the best fire prevention is still not enough to stop a megafire?

Cohasset fared far better than Paradise, with prevention efforts creating buffers that probably kept the Park Fire's flames from leaping to many homes, inspiring calls for much more of the so-called "good fire" of prescribed burns. But its ferocity and size demonstrated how even the best strategies to confront fire may be failing to match blazes that veteran firefighters said are burning hotter and spreading faster than ever, even when they cross some fire-breaking burn scars.

"We never had fires like this," Mark Brunton, a battalion chief and operations section chief for Cal Fire, told The Washington Post at a Park Fire command center in Chico.

Nearly a week after the fire ignited, spots of hot earth still smoldered around where Ahqha's cabin once stood. A mangled half of a door. An overturned claw-foot tub. A charred typewriter. Only the metal disc golf baskets in the yard appeared untouched.

The 39-year-old musician wonders if enough could ever be done to keep his family safe. After the Camp Fire, Ahqha, whose legal name is Erik Rydberg but goes by his tribal name, did whatever he could to help neighbors in Paradise, where he lived as a child.

"Now I'm on the other end of it," he said.

The Park Fire demonstrates how years, if not decades, of weather patterns in a changing climate can converge to send flames raging through remote wilderness and mountain outposts at shocking speeds.

Historic drought left trees weakened or dead. Stormy winters washed debris into piles, while the rain allowed flammable grasses to thrive. Intense heat, smashing records across California this summer, dried everything out.

And then there is the element of randomness in where fire moves after it ignites. Like most wildfires, Park was sparked by human activity. A witness saw a man push a burning car down a hill near a popular swimming hole in Chico's Upper Bidwell Park, though the suspect told authorities it was an accident, according to local reports.

With winds flowing from the south, that meant flames fanned into some pristine and densely forested wilderness in Lassen National Forest, toward the southernmost peak of the Cascade range of volcanoes. The same treacherous terrain that made the area's Ishi Wilderness a refuge for native Yahi people — a man named Ishi was the last of the tribe to remain there — allowed the fire to rapidly consume the rugged landscape.

Ecologists had hoped parts of the wilderness had experienced enough fire that they could weather the burn. One ponderosa forest studied for decades, known as Beaver Creek Pinery, was thought to be a prime example of a fire-tolerant and healthy forest, and scientists had been planning a prescribed burn in the area to see how it would fare.

But other parts of the forest had no known fire history in a century of recordkeeping. That made it much easier for the fire to spread and fueled extreme plumes that created towering infernos that firefighters could hardly battle.

"One might think, well, is there any area of California that hasn't burned?" said Eric Knapp, a research ecologist for the U.S. Forest Service in Redding, Calif. "But there are still vast landscapes that have seen far too little fire."

In these extensive forested lands that haven't burned for decades, vegetation has built up to levels that could fuel hotter fires, Knapp said. Though attitudes around beneficial fire are changing, risks of huge wildfires remain heightened because, for decades, the country's firefighting approach was to put out every new blaze as fast as possible.

In California, prescribed burns treated a record-high 63,878 acres through June 24, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. But Stanford University research has shown the need for such burns or other vegetation thinning across nearly 20 million acres of the Golden State, about 20 percent of its footprint.

"There's still a lot of work to do to deal with 100-plus years of accumulated fuels," Knapp said. "You have a changing climate on top of it, and you have a summer like the one we've had. … It just leads to an extreme type of fire."

Closer to the ignition site at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, environmentalists spent years meticulously working to prepare the land for fire, using chain saws and controlled burns to thin vegetation while promoting natural biodiversity, said Miranda Kokoszka, assistant director of the Butte Environmental Council. The reserve's staff also began offering forest therapy for survivors of the Camp Fire, which killed 85 people.

But the Park Fire was already so intense by the time it reached the reserve that it made little difference, she said. Fire destroyed a reserve office and a historic barn, and probably did extensive damage to the landscape.

"We were doing all the work we could," Kokoszka said. "We were not prepared for this at all, even though we thought we were."

Firefighters once considered scars from past fires a more reliable backstop: For at least the first few years after a blaze, vegetation is light, meaning there is little to burn. But intensifying fire conditions mean some no longer ensure a fire break.

If the Park Fire continues to spread to the northeast, it could soon encounter the scar left by another of California's biggest wildfires on record, the 2021 Dixie Fire. Depending on where it reaches that burn scar, the Park Fire could stop in its tracks: After three years, much of the area is still a "moonscape" with nothing to burn, said David Mitchell, a volunteer firefighter who oversees prescribed burns across Butte County, which includes Cohasset, Chico and Paradise.

But in some parts of the Dixie scar, Brunton said, there are beds of fuel it left behind. The intensity of fires like the Dixie and Park fires can kill so many trees, they leave scars that end up feeding a cycle of severe fire, scientists said.

Trees have evolved to survive moderate fires and even come out of them stronger. But when fires burn so hot that they kill trees across thousands of contiguous acres, that can leave the landscape even more prone to severe fires, said Scott Stephens, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley who studies fire ecology. Downed dead trees can fuel fires for longer and keep them burning hotter.

Any fire that spreads as quickly and burns as hot as the Park Fire is capable of setting a bad cycle of blazes in motion, he said.

"You're in a loop that's hard to get out of," Stephens said.

That the communities of Cohasset and Forest Ranch, another foothill town in the line of the Park Fire, did not see the same level of devastation as Paradise was surprising and encouraging, said Addison Winslow, a Chico City Council member. He returned to his hometown after the 2018 Camp Fire, which was perhaps equal parts terrifying and galvanizing here.

Chico voters approved a 1 percent sales tax in 2022, and some of the proceeds have funded fire resiliency work, Winslow said.

But there are already questions about whether it was enough. Zeke Lunder, a Chico resident and wildfire and fuels management expert, quickly pointed to an overgrowth of invasive thistle near the Park Fire ignition site that Chico could have reduced with a prescribed burn, as it recently had in other parts of Upper Bidwell Park.

That didn't happen, Winslow said, in part because some residents are leery of any flames, even controlled ones, and because there is simply so much fire preparation to be done.

"It didn't happen because we've been stretched thin," Winslow said. "We don't have the resources to do everything. It's a lesson."

Around Cohasset, at least, there are some signs that prescribed burns and other work to reduce fire fuels were successful in defending the community. Cal Fire data showed nearly two-thirds of structures inspected within the Park Fire as of Friday morning had survived without damage. Stephens called the share "quite high," but that still left "terrible outcomes" for so many residents, he added.

Cohasset remained mostly closed off last week, so residents and fire experts said more investigation was needed to learn how structures stayed intact and which fire prevention efforts may have succeeded.

But for residents like Ahqha, there was evidence of failure. After evacuating with his son, he monitored the fire-tracking app Watch Duty as the flames approached the Cohasset ridge and then overtook it. A neighbor whose house made it through unscathed and was allowed to briefly return shared a picture of Ahqha's home from a distance — vehicles ablaze and no sign of the cabin.

As a member of Northern California's Pomo nation, Ahqha said he sees the value in controlled, low-intensity burns like the ones that cleared the ridge around his home. His ancestors used fire to maintain the landscape for centuries, and he agrees with calls to treat forests with more good fire.

But if wildfires keep outmatching preparations, then what? He isn't sure.

"It just keeps happening out here," Ahqha said. "Will it ever be safe, really?"

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Firefighting bulldozers work on a road as the Park Fire burns on a hillside in the community of Cohasset near Chico, Calif., on July 25.

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LEFT: Firefighters spray water while battling the Park Fire in the Cohasset community of Butte County, Calif., on July 25. The crew was able to keep flames from reaching the mobile home they were protecting. ABOVE: Norm Rosen of Butte County looks out at the burned landscape in Cohasset on July 31. BELOW: Horses are evacuated as the Park Fire tears though Cohasset on July 25.

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THE WORLD

Ukraine counts on Olympians to exemplify 'the will to win'

'I'm fighting to the end, and I show the people that Ukrainian people will never give up,' one athlete said. 'We will fight ... for our independent country.'

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Fans watching the Olympics from Kyiv cheer Ukrainian high jumper Yaroslava Mahuchikh on Sunday. Mahuchikh secured the country's first individual gold medal in Paris.

PARIS — With cups of borscht in their hands, the fans from many countries who had gathered at the Ukrainian Olympic pavilion in the French capital kept their eyes trained on the big screen as they watched high jumper Yaroslava Mahuchikh launch her body skyward.

Mahuchikh — the world record holder — cleared two meters. She had just one challenger left.

Some 1,500 miles away, fans at an outdoor watch party in downtown Kyiv lounged on beanbags and savored the moment. "Everyone is expecting this golden medal," grinned Anton Nahornyak, 19.

Then Mahuchikh clinched it. She beat out Australia's Nicola Olyslagers to secure Ukraine's first individual gold in the Paris Olympics, while Ukrainian Iryna Gerashchenko and Australian Eleanor Patterson shared the bronze.

In Paris, the fans spilled out into the evening. In Kyiv, they rushed home before curfew.

The 140 Ukrainian athletes at the Paris Olympics are competing under the slogan "the will to win." They know that people back home, and refugees displaced throughout Europe, are counting on them — not only to excel in their sports, but to make their nation feel victorious again, and to plead Ukraine's case to the world.

Mahuchikh, riding high after winning gold, slept for only an hour Sunday night, she said. But on Monday, she was seated in front of an audience of sports fans and foreign journalists at the Ukrainian pavilion — called Volia Space — to speak about the political significance of her victory, "because we are ambassadors for Ukraine."

"I'm fighting to the end, and I show the people that Ukrainian people will never give up," she said in an interview with The Washington Post afterward. "We will fight to the end for our independent country."

It is a mission that has taken on particular urgency 2½ years into the grinding war, as Western fatigue over supporting Ukraine's defense grows. Ukrainian officials are warily eyeing the U.S. election, fearful that a Donald Trump victory would bring pressure to bow to Russia in negotiations over a settlement to the conflict.

Russia, along with Belarus, was banned from fielding a team in these Olympics. Only 15 Russian athletes have been allowed to compete as "Individual Neutral Athletes," after screening meant to ensure they have not supported Russia's campaign in Ukraine.

As a result, Ukrainian athletes haven't encountered many Russian competitors in Paris. But Russia's invasion of their country upended their lives and training regimens, forcing many to contend with fear, displacement, air raid sirens and the loss of loved ones and fellow athletes.

More than 3,000 Ukrainian athletes and coaches have fought in the war, and nearly 500 have died, Ukrainian Sports Minister Matvi Bidny said. Russian attacks have damaged 520 sports facilities in Ukraine, with more than a hundred of them beyond repair, according to Ukrainian officials.

The fact that Ukrainian athletes are here in Paris at all, competing under their flag rather than as individual refugees, is an enormous feat, Bidny said in an interview in Paris. "It's very symbolic to demonstrate our will to win, to demonstrate our country has resilience and strong partners."

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Ukrainian fencer Olga Kharlan celebrates after winning a gold medal on Saturday in a come-from-behind victory in the saber team final against South Korea.

Some athletes have continued their training in Ukraine. Twin synchronized swimmers Vladyslava and Maryna Aleksiiva, who are scheduled to compete in Paris later this week, have recounted how their pool sessions in Kyiv and Kharkiv were interrupted by air-raid sirens.

Mahuchikh has moved between European cities since fleeing her native Dnipro under gunfire shortly after Russia invaded in February 2022.

"I am 22 years old, but I feel that I'm 30," she said. "Russia took my energy and really my young age."

Her euphoria when she broke the world record in the high jump last month was punctured by news the next day that a Russian strike had destroyed a Kyiv children's hospital, she said.

Fencer Olga Kharlan — who gained prominence for refusing to shake her Russian competitor's hand at an international fencing competition last year — said she had to learn to turn off her fears for her family in Mykolaiv as she and teammates trained in Italy.

"We watch the news, where missiles are going ... but then when we train, we decided to just put it aside," she said at a news conference Sunday in Paris.

Kharlan carried the women's saber team to a gold medal over South Korea on Saturday night — a come-from-behind victory that drew praise from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and reinforced the message that an underdog, with determination and international support, can stave off the toughest of adversaries.

Their grit makes Ukrainian Olympians "heroes," Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said last week at the sumptuous Hôtel de Ville, where she presented the athletes with the Grand Vermeil Medal, the city's highest honor.

Decrying Russia's invasion as a breach of "all the rules of international law," Hidalgo told the athletes, "The victory of Ukraine is indispensable for all of the Ukrainians, but also, of course, for Europe."

Attendees bowed their heads for a moment of silence for Ukrainian athletes killed during the war. Black-and-white portraits filled a projector screen in a grim tableau.

Andriy Yermak, head of Zelensky's office, called in via video to thank French officials for their support. He bemoaned the International Olympic Committee's decision to allow some Russians and Belarusians to compete as neutrals — an objection shared by many Ukrainian athletes here.

Still, Yermak said, Russia's exclusion from this Olympics represented a global denunciation of "evil" and a recognition that "Russian sport is a part of Russian imperial propaganda, and propaganda is important for the outcome of the war."

The Ukrainian team, meanwhile, has received a warm welcome in France. A Ukrainian athlete carried the Olympic torch through Marseille in May. Cheers resounded when the team's boat floated down the Seine during the Opening Ceremonies. At the packed Grand Palais fencing arena Saturday, French fans decked in their country's tricolor apparel screamed "Olga! Olga!" to pump up Kharlan during the gold medal match.

The French government provided financial and logistical support to help Ukraine set up Volia Space in Parc de la Villette, where national teams have created fan zones to celebrate their athletes and showcase their cultures.

Most of the pavilions are full of games, alcohol and party music. The mood at Volia Space is decidedly more subdued. Displayed by the entrance are rows of cracked bleachers from a Kharkiv stadium destroyed by Russian shells. Next to them lies a rusted barbell fashioned from car tires that high jumper Andriy Protsenko used to continue training while living under Russian occupation in the Kherson region in 2022.

Volia Space organizers screen documentaries about the impact of the fighting on athletes and children. And each evening, members of Ukraine's Olympic team share their personal stories of war and displacement.

"The first goal of this place is to show the world the reality and some difficulties which we face every day," said Victoria Riasna, Ukrainian vice minister of sports. "It's like a scream to the world."

For some Ukrainians, the participation of some Russian athletes has soured them on the Games. At a sports bar in Kyiv last week, Illya D'yakov, 31, ignored the fencing competition playing on the television. The presence of any Russian athlete in Paris "signifies disrespect to all of humanity," he said.

But for others, the Olympics have brought a much-needed morale boost. Kharlan said she has received messages from soldiers on the front line who say her fencing successes had energized them. In Paris, she dedicated her medals to Ukrainian troops.

"They're fighting for your life, the life of your family and everything," she said. "This is what motivated me a lot, and I think all my team as well."

Galouchka reported from Kyiv. Isabelle Khurshudyan in Kyiv contributed to this report.

DIGEST

BANGLADESH

Interim leader urges end to violence

Bangladesh's incoming interim leader Muhammad Yunus appealed for calm Wednesday and urged all parties to help the country rebuild after weeks of violence that killed hundreds of people and led Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to resign and flee to India.

Yunus, a Nobel peace laureate, was in Paris for the Olympics when he was named interim leader following talks among military officials, civic leaders and the student activists who led the uprising against a prime minister seen as increasingly autocratic. Yunus made his first public comments in the French capital Wednesday before boarding a plane home.

He congratulated the student protesters, saying they had made "our second Victory Day possible," and appealed to them and other stakeholders to remain peaceful, while condemning any violence since Hasina's resignation Monday.

Bangladesh's military chief, Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman said in a televised address that Yunus would be sworn in Thursday night. The military leader said that those responsible for violence since Hasina resigned would be brought to justice.

— Associated Press

SYRIA

11 killed in fighting, and truck explosion

Violence surged in opposition-held areas of Syria on Wednesday. Government-backed fighters killed at least two people in rare violence in the east, while a truck bomb exploded in the northern city of Azaz, killing nine people, the main U.S.-backed force in the war-torn country and an opposition war monitor said.

Fighters backed by the Syrian government and Iran attacked areas controlled by U.S.-backed fighters in the country's east, killing at least two people and wounding others, the main U.S.-backed force said Wednesday.

To the west, a truck bomb exploded Wednesday evening in Azaz, which is controlled by Turkey-backed opposition fighters, killing nine people and wounding 11, the opposition's Syrian Civil Defense (the White Helmets) said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in Azaz. Turkey has launched three major cross-border operations in Syria since 2016 and controls some Syrian territory in the north.

— Associated Press

GERMANY

Hotel on Mosel River collapses, killing 2

Part of a hotel in a winemaking town on the Mosel River in western Germany collapsed, authorities said, leaving two people dead and trapping seven others in the wreckage overnight. The last person was rescued some 24 hours later, on Wednesday night.

Fourteen people were in the hotel in Kroev when one story of the building collapsed at about 11 p.m. on Tuesday. Police said five were able to get out of the building unhurt because they were not in the part that collapsed, but others were trapped.

Rescuers were able to contact some of them by cellphone. But getting to them proved difficult because the collapse of one story left two ceilings lying on top of each other, according to Joerg Teusch, fire and disaster protection inspector for the Bernkastel-Wittlich district.

"We have to proceed with caution because the entire building structure is like a house of cards. If we pull on the wrong card, this building is sure to collapse," he said as rescuers worked through the wreckage on Wednesday morning.

— Associated Press

A tanker ship caught fire off Indonesia's Bali island on Wednesday, leaving five crew members dead and 15 others injured, officials said. The tanker Elisabeth with 21 crew members on board caught fire at Gili Tepekong in Bali's Karangasem district while traveling to West Nusa Tenggara province, police said. A crew member said that when the tanker neared Gili Tepekong, an explosion occurred near the crew's living area. The tanker stopped moving, and then a second explosion occurred, Karangasem police Chief Nengah Sadiarta said. Three crew members suffered serious burns, and 12 others were being treated for minor injuries, he said. The captain was reported to be safe. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

— From news services

ISRAEL-GAZA WAR

Punishing attacks on militants inspire others to take up fight

In battered Palestinian cities and refugee camps in the West Bank, Israeli firepower is spurring recruitment and bringing rival groups together

BY CLAIRE PARKER AND LORENZO TUGNOLI

JENIN, WEST BANK — Israeli raids targeting Palestinian militants in the West Bank are taking an enormous toll on daily life in the territory, leaving hundreds dead and neighborhoods destroyed, tactics residents and local fighters say are feeding resentment and causing more unrest.

Since the Oct. 7 attacks, Israeli forces have killed 554 Palestinians in the West Bank, according to the United Nations, whose tally does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but is higher than any annual total since the United Nations began counting in 2005. Thousands more have been arrested or wounded, in sweeping operations backed by drones, warplanes and helicopter gunships.

Israel, which occupies the West Bank, says the firepower is necessary to prevent attacks on Israeli citizens. "In order to thwart terror activity in the region, the IDF [Israel Defense Forces] deploys all the capabilities at its disposal," including airstrikes, the army spokesperson's unit said.

But the forays into Palestinian cities and refugee camps have done little to subdue the militants. Instead, the violence is helping grow their ranks, furnishing recruits angered by the conflict and driving rival groups together to plan joint attacks.

In the northern West Bank city of Jenin, a longtime hub for Palestinian factions and a central focus of Israel's recent operations, the impact of the raids, and their role in fueling militancy, is especially stark. Here, in the rubble-strewn alleys of the Jenin refugee camp, residents say they have been hardened by the incursions and have watched for months as local youths increasingly take up arms.

"They are destroying all the infrastructure, the electricity, the shops," Ashraf Jaradat, 42, said just hours after Israeli forces withdrew following a raid on July 5. An airstrike targeting five militants that day shattered Jaradat's windows and cracked the water tank on his roof. "We get sick and tired of this," he said. "The children are traumatized."

The IDF spokesperson's unit, in response to a list of questions about the West Bank raids, said its counterterrorism operations "are carried out on the basis of concrete intelligence information" and in specific areas "where either terror activity or the preparation of such activity is taking place in a way that risks the lives of our forces or Israeli citizens."

But some of the operations have lasted days, knocking out power and water and confining residents to their homes as battles rage outside. Nearly every house here is pockmarked by bullets, and the streets are torn up by Israeli bulldozers searching for explosives. A new crop of Palestinian fighters, organizing loosely under an umbrella group, the Jenin Battalion, now patrols entrances to the camp.

The battalion, which was founded three years ago during another bout of violence, is led by Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a hardline faction opposed to Israel. But it also includes fighters from other armed groups and cooperates regularly with Hamas, making it "the cornerstone" of the armed struggle in the West Bank, said 22-year-old Samer Abu Murad, one of the battalion's more prominent fighters.

After the death of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Tehran on July 31, the battalion marched in the streets of Jenin that night, congratulating Hamas's armed wing on the "martyrdom of the great leader … Ismail Haniyeh."

"We say to the enemy that we in the Jenin Battalion will continue on the same path of the martyrs," one commander said, according to a video of the demonstration.

The group has already "lost a lot of members" since October, Abu Murad said, estimating that between 70 and 80 operatives have been killed by Israeli forces. "But at the same time, the more we lose, the more it reinforces our determination," he said, claiming the battalion has since recruited double the number of fighters lost.

During the raid in Jenin on July 5, Israeli forces killed six militants, including three from the battalion, and shot dead a civilian bystander, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Another militant injured in an airstrike died two days later. Also among the casualties were two Hamas operatives, brothers Hareth Hashash, 19, and Hamam Hashash, 23.

Hamam Hashash was one of two militants responsible for a roadside bomb attack that killed an Israeli sniper team commander in June, according to an IDF statement and a video released by Hamas. The other suspect, 22-year-old Nidal al-Amer, fought for Palestinian Islamic Jihad before Israeli forces assassinated him in Jenin on July 3.

The joint attack on the convoy, which also injured 16 soldiers, was an example of how armed groups are cooperating and adapting in the West Bank, Abu Murad said. Fighters are operating in smaller, more nimble cells, improving their tracking, observation and bombmaking techniques, he said. They are also thriving in close-quarter gunfights and slinging tarps across the camp's narrow alleys to shield themselves from drones.

The military "operates within a complicated security reality" in the West Bank, the IDF spokesperson's unit said, adding that security forces have "increased the number of operating checkpoints and monitoring efforts."

Outside the blackened ruins of their family home, on a hill looking over the city, 28-year-old Nusayba Hashash said she hadn't known her two brothers were involved with Hamas. Hamam worked as a courier, delivering food on his motorbike. But they were among Jenin's "shadow soldiers," Abu Murad said. "They fight … and the day after, they go to work normally and nobody knows what they do."

While the militants are still relatively undisciplined, their growing capabilities, including the use of roadside bombs, have "prompted top [IDF] commanders to rethink the methods of operation in the refugee camps," Israel's largest daily newspaper, Yedioth Ahronoth, reported on July 2.

"The IDF is seeing a very fast learning curve among the Palestinians," Israeli journalist and security analyst Amir Bar Shalom wrote for the Times of Israel last month. The militants are burying explosive devices deeper in the roads to evade Israel's backhoes and bulldozers, he said, causing the army to consider reinforcing its vehicles and to work on strengthening intelligence gathering in areas where the bombs are made.

For years, Palestinian militants laid low in the West Bank, battered by Israel's crushing response to the second intifada, a mass uprising that began in 2000 and included suicide bombings and other violent attacks in Israeli cities. Military operations were more limited in scope, even as Israel gobbled up more territory by expanding Jewish settlements across the West Bank.

It wasn't until 2021, as tensions rose in East Jerusalem over the eviction of some Palestinian families, that the dynamic began to shift.

Over the next two years, violence spiked, the military cracked down, and the number of active armed groups in the West Bank soared.

The Israelis "were very heavy-handed going in, and that's where the protective instinct started," Tahani Mustafa, senior Palestine analyst at the International Crisis Group, said of how the Jenin Battalion and other cells were established.

In 2022, the IDF launched Operation Break the Wave, carrying out more than 2,000 raids in just six months, according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, a nonprofit research group that collects and maps political violence.

By October 2023, ahead of the Hamas attacks, "there really wasn't much left" of the battalion in Jenin, Mustafa said. "But as soon as there's an immediate catalyst, these groups will re-form."

"That's something the Israelis willfully refuse to really learn," she said. "That this isn't something you can clamp down on with coercion."

In Jenin, a city of roughly 68,000 people, the raids have failed to turn residents against the militants, pushing them instead to come together to support the battalion. Some women feed and hide the fighters. One man in Jenin, who identified himself only as Osama because of security reasons, said he runs a Telegram channel to alert residents to approaching military vehicles.

"There is no safe place in the camp," Mujahed Abadi, 24, said from his hospital bed last month, two weeks after Israeli forces shot him during a raid in Jenin. The IDF had tied an injured Abadi, a vegetable seller with no ties to the militants, to the hood of a military jeep in searing hot weather, causing him to sustain severe burns in addition to the gunshot wounds to his arm and leg.

"The anger now is inside me," Abadi said. "I believe the resistance is right in defending the camp."

The military said in a statement that Abadi's treatment "does not align with IDF values." But, Mustafa said, "these raids are having a counterproductive effect," elevating militant groups "that started out more like community defense mechanisms."

When asked whether the IDF had degraded the militants' capabilities, the spokesperson's unit responded by saying the military had "eliminated hundreds of terrorists" in the West Bank over the past nine months. More than 1,800 "operatives" affiliated with Hamas were also apprehended, the IDF said.

But even as fighters are arrested or killed, the violence in Jenin has drawn a steady stream of recruits from surrounding villages. One of the militants who died in the July 5 raid — 30-year-old Yaseen al-Areedi — was a Hamas commander from Jalqamus, a village roughly 12 miles southeast of Jenin. His father, a soft-spoken cucumber and tomato farmer, said that his son had been hiding in the Jenin refugee camp for nearly a year.

Areedi "wanted the same as anyone — to live simply," his elder brother Samer, 46, said at a memorial in the village. But he "saw the damage, the killing" and decided to take up arms.

For Amer, one of the alleged perpetrators of the roadside bomb attack, the fight "was in his blood," his aunt, 50-year-old Dalal al-Amer, said.

Amer's father, Ziad, who helped lead al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade during the second intifada, was killed during a 2002 battle in Jenin when his son was just an infant.

"We were telling him: 'You have a history of fighters in the family — your uncles, your father. You have the opportunity'" to live a normal life, said Dalal. "It was useless."

Amer was buried in Jenin, in a parking lot residents converted to a cemetery last year after the old one ran out of space. Dalal's 16-year-old son — Amer's cousin — served as a pallbearer. Before, he was "a little boy," scared of the violence around him, she said. But after that day, "he defeated the fear inside him. I saw it in his eyes."

If he doesn't end up following his relatives' footsteps, she said, "he will be an exception."

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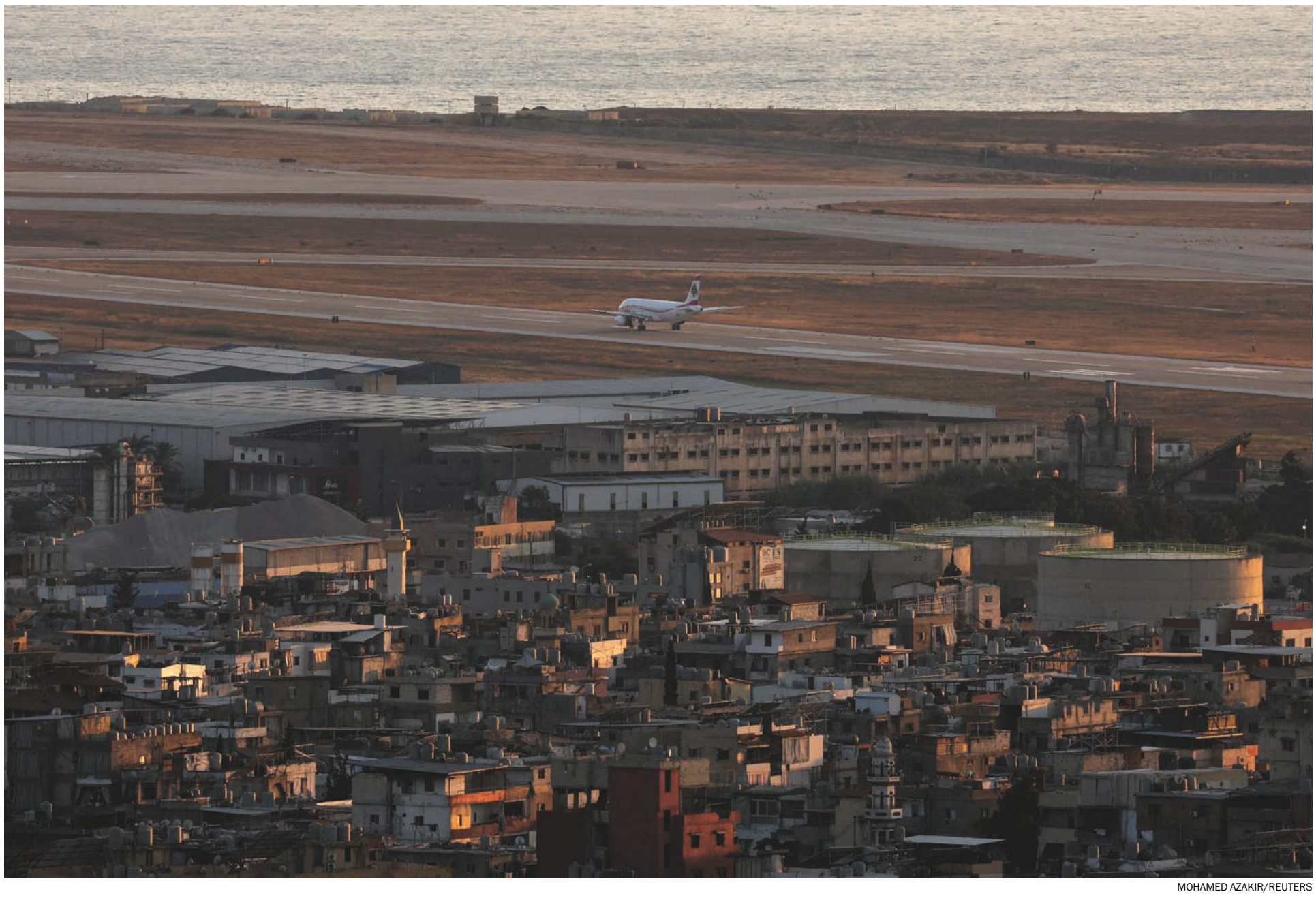
TOP: Residents survey the site of a deadly Israeli airstrike in the West Bank city of Jenin on July 5. ABOVE: A crowd gathers for the funeral procession of Hareth Hashash, 19, who was killed in the raid on Jenin alongside his brother Hamam Hashash, 23. Hamam Hashash was behind an attack that killed an Israeli sniper team commander in June.

A woman walks through the home in Jenin where Hareth and Hamam Hashash were killed. They were among Jenin's "shadow soldiers," said Samer Abu Murad, a fighter with the Jenin Battalion.

In Lebanon, many look to flee amid fears of war

LEBANON FROM **A1**



MOHAMED AZAKIR/REUTERS

A Middle East Airlines plane takes off Tuesday from Beirut-Rafic Al Hariri International Airport. Passengers have crowded the Lebanese capital's airport, many waiting for delayed flights or open seats, as some airlines cancel flights and ticket prices skyrocket, putting them out of reach for many Lebanese citizens dealing with an economic crisis.

phone on Wednesday that she had scrambled to rebook her ticket home to Canada last week. "The whole situation changed really fast," she said, adding that the atmosphere felt "tense" from the moment she arrived in Lebanon in early July. "I could have waited, but it would have been a risk."

The exodus from Lebanon, a vibrant but crisis-ridden nation of about 5.3 million people, began last week after back-to-back assassinations targeted a senior Hezbollah commander near Beirut and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Israel said it "eliminated" the Hezbollah commander, Fuad Shukr, on July 30 as retaliation for a rocket strike days earlier that killed 12 children on a soccer field in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Hours later, on July 31, Haniyeh was also killed, in a blast while visiting Iran. Israel has not commented on Haniyeh's killing, but U.S. officials were informed by Israel immediately afterward that it was responsible — and Iran has vowed revenge for the attack on its soil.

"After the assassination of Haniyeh, Iran finds itself obliged to respond. After the assassination of Fuad [Shukr], Hezbollah finds itself obliged to respond," the Lebanese group's leader, Hasan Nasrallah, said Tuesday in a live video address to supporters in Beirut.

Israel and Hezbollah, Lebanon's most powerful political and military movement, have traded cross-border fire for months, in clashes that started soon after Hamas militants from the Gaza Strip attacked southern Israel on Oct. 7, igniting a war. Since then, near-daily Israeli strikes have displaced close to 100,000 people from the border region in southern Lebanon, and have killed 114 civilians and noncombatants, according to a Washington Post tally.

In Israel, Hezbollah rocket and drone attacks have also forced 62,000 people from their homes in northern Israel and killed 23 civilians.

But Nasrallah on Tuesday signaled that this time was different, that the assassination of a senior commander near Beirut required a much stronger response. For months, he said, one part of Lebanon has served as the front line, with frequent casualties and funerals, while in another part of the country "it's concerts and leisure, lunches and dinners, restaurants are full, hotels are full."

"We did not escalate, even when our commanders were killed," he said, but added that "no one can tell us, inside or outside Lebanon, to deal with [the] attack" on Shukr as if it were a normal strike.

Despite the underlying fears, much of life in Beirut continues as normal. Rush-hour traffic snarls the city's narrow downtown streets and at night restaurants and bars fill up with revelers. But a heightened level of anxiety hangs over the sense of routine. When Israeli fighter jets broke the sound barrier above Beirut as Nasrallah began to speak Tuesday, the city collectively took a beat, fearing the sound marked the beginning of an attack.

The last time Israel and Hezbollah fought an all-out war was in 2006, when Hezbollah fighters ambushed Israeli troops on the border, killing three and kidnapping two. Eighteen years later, the devastation of that conflict looms large for many Lebanese. Back then, Israeli fighter jets targeted the Beirut airport on the second day of the war, also bombing key roads and bridges and blockading Lebanon's ports.

At Shamass's travel agency, the phones have been ringing nonstop since Shukr was killed in an airstrike in Haret Hreik, just south of the capital, he said. Most of those who are booking travel are people who came to Lebanon to visit extended family for the summer.

"They have jobs, their kids have school, it makes sense to go," Shamass said.

But for residents of Lebanon, where an estimated 44 percent of the population lives in poverty, according to the World Bank, there is nowhere to go. Lebanon only shares borders with Israel and Syria, whose economy is also in free fall.

The cost of a one-way ticket out of Lebanon is more than what many Lebanese households make in a month. A flight from Beirut to Paris on Lebanon's Middle East Airlines costs about $300, and to Istanbul on Turkish Airlines, prices jump to roughly $500 one way.

A survey by Human Rights Watch in 2022 put the median monthly household income in Lebanon at $122.

Tourism has also served as a lifeline for the Lebanese economy, with most other sectors hobbled by the collapse. It accounted for more than 10 percent of the country's gross domestic product in 2022, according to the World Bank.

Bryan Stern is the founder of the Grey Bull Rescue Foundation, an organization that specializes in extracting and evacuating U.S. citizens from conflict and disaster zones. He said his group has started preparing for missions in Lebanon, chartering boats and working to secure access to planes.

"If you are an American in Beirut, there are just fewer paths out of the country for you," said Stern, who described his foundation as one that fills the "gaps" left by the U.S. government.

Still, he said he's encouraging people to get on commercial flights if they can.

"We are the last resort," he said. "We are not war-zone Uber."

But not everyone wants to leave. Some Lebanese citizens are returning home so they can be close to family if there's war — or at least so they're not stranded elsewhere if the airport is destroyed or damaged again.

"We are all traumatized by what happened in 2006 and the blockade," said Jean Riachi, 61, a banker who cut short his vacation in Greece to come back to Lebanon on Saturday. "No one wants to take a chance to be stuck."

During the last war, Riachi said, the Israeli strikes on roads and bridges put everyone on edge: "When you were on the road you were always thinking: It could come at any time."

But now that they're back in Lebanon, Riachi and his family haven't changed their daily routines. The restaurants and shops in his Badaro neighborhood are full as most people continue to enjoy the summer, he said.

His children, grown and living abroad, have also returned to be near him and their mother if the conflict escalates, he said.

"They want to be home," Riachi said, laughing. "It's not very special to our family, most Lebanese are like this."

Mohamad El Chamaa contributed to this report.

Putin calls cross-border attack in Russia's Kursk region a 'provocation'

BY FRANCESCA EBEL

Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed Wednesday that Ukrainian forces had crossed the border into the Kursk region of western Russia and carried out an attack, describing the operation as a large-scale "provocation."

"The Kyiv regime has launched another major provocation," Putin told members of the Russian government at a meeting, claiming that Ukraine was "firing indiscriminately" using various types of weapons, including rockets, "at civilian buildings, residential houses, ambulances."

Putin's statement followed a Russian Defense Ministry announcement late Tuesday night that up to "300 Ukrainian militants" had launched a cross-border attack that morning and had entered Russian territory with "11 tanks and more than 200 armored vehicles."

Kursk borders Ukraine's Sumy region. Russia's Defense Ministry said Russian forces had repelled the attack, but this could not be independently verified.

Kyiv so far has not acknowledged the attack, and Ukraine's Defense Ministry and intelligence agencies declined to comment. Pro-Ukrainian militia groups not officially affiliated with Ukraine's armed forces have launched incursions into Russia before. But Russian military bloggers have claimed that regular Ukrainian brigades, including elite paratroopers supplied with U.S. weapons, are leading this offensive into Kursk. Ukraine's General Staff declined to comment.

With the situation in the area apparently still volatile, and Kyiv bracing for Russian reprisals, Ukrainian officials ordered the evacuation of about 6,000 people from the Sumy region.

Meanwhile, White House national security spokesman John Kirby said that U.S. officials would contact Kyiv for information about what was happening in Kursk. But he said that there had been no change in Washington's limits on how Ukraine can use U.S.-supplied weapons to hit targets in Russia, which he said is restricted "to target imminent threats just across the border."

"We are, as you would expect we would be, reaching out to our Ukrainian counterparts to get a little bit better understanding," Kirby said.

Asked about the situation in Kursk, Peter Stano, a foreign policy spokesman for the European Commission, said, "According to international law, Ukraine has a legal right to defend itself, including striking an aggressor on its territory."

Since the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, anti-Kremlin Russian militias backed by Ukraine have carried out several cross-border attacks, while Kyiv has launched repeated, often deadly, airstrikes on Russian border cities, including Belgorod.

It was not clear, however, if the attack on Kursk was carried out by an anti-Kremlin militia, by regular Ukrainian forces or some other fighting formation.

Military analysts questioned why Kyiv would choose to open a new area of the front when its forces have been steadily losing ground in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donetsk. Russian forces have advanced around the strategic hub of Pokrovsk — a key transit point that connects other cities in the Donetsk region to the large city of Dnipro just two hours west.

While Ukraine might be trying to divert forces from the east to defend its new offensive in Russia's Kursk region, Russia already has more manpower and maneuverability than Ukraine. Kyiv has been mobilizing thousands of men in recent months in a ramped-up conscription campaign, but those recruits still need to undergo weeks of training before reaching the battlefield.

Alexei Smirnov, Kursk's acting governor, said Wednesday that the region had been "heroically resisting the attacks for 24 hours."

Russian health officials said that at least 31 people were wounded, mainly from burns and shrapnel. Maria Lvova-Belova, Russia's commissioner on children's rights, said six children were among the victims.

Smirnov said emergency services had been put on high alert and called on citizens to help donate blood at local hospitals and clinics. Putin said Wednesday that he had instructed aid agencies to provide the "necessary assistance" to residents in the region.

Reports by Russian military bloggers and images circulating on social media contradicted Russian Defense Ministry statements seeking to minimize the attacks, and suggested the raid was more substantive than past cross-border incursions.

Some analysts suggested that Ukrainian forces may have advanced six miles into Russia from the front line. Photos from the area showed destroyed buildings, as well as equipment losses.

Rybar, a popular Russian military blogger with links to the Russian Defense Ministry, reported on Tuesday evening that the situation in the Kursk region remained tense, with battles still underway in border districts.

Rybar reported that up to 400 Ukrainian troops entered the region, with up to 2,000 troops concentrated along the border. Rybar also reported that Ukrainian troops had captured an important gas transit hub.

Another Russian military Telegram channel, Archangel Spetsnaz Z, reported that Ukraine had sent two battalions across the border that were pushing toward the town of Sudzha. The Washington Post could not independently verify those reports.

Natalia Abbakumova in Riga, Latvia, Alex Horton and Karen DeYoung in Washington, and Isabelle Khurshudyan and Kostiantyn Khudov in Kyiv contributed to this report.

After 2 are accused of plotting attacks, Taylor Swift cancels Vienna shows

BY ANIKA ARORA SETH

Taylor Swift canceled three concerts in Vienna after Austrian authorities arrested two people, accusing them of planning attacks on large-scale gatherings — including the singer's shows — in the European capital. The arrests come amid a string of similar terrorist threats targeting major events in Europe this summer.

One of the suspects is a 19-year-old who allegedly pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, authorities said. That suspect, an Austrian citizen, was arrested Wednesday in the town of Ternitz.

"We have identified relevant preparatory actions and also that a focus of the 19-year-old was the Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna," said Franz Ruf, the public security director at Austria's Interior Ministry, in a joint news conference on Wednesday with Police Chief Gerhard Purstl. No information was shared about the second suspect.

Swift's concerts were scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Ernst Happel Stadium and were expected to draw more than 150,000 people across all three nights.

Ruf said that the arrested people were radicalized online, and that officers found chemical substances after searching the first suspect's home. Investigators are working to determine if those substances could have been used to construct a bomb, according to authorities.

Though Purstl said during the news conference that security would be increased for the concerts, including police dog units and anti-terror teams, the official Taylor Nation Instagram account indicated later on Wednesday that all three shows were canceled.

"With confirmation from government officials of a planned terrorist attack at Ernst Happel Stadium, we have no choice but to cancel the three scheduled shows for everyone's safety," reads a post by Austrian concert promoter Barracuda Music, which Taylor Nation reposted. Barracuda Music and Swift's official website said that ticket-holders can expect to receive full refunds within 10 business days.

Swift's Eras Tour is the highest-grossing concert tour of all time, and fans have traveled from all over the world to see the singer perform at her European shows. As her remaining U.S. shows boast individual ticket prices over $1,000, some American fans have gone as far as to plan entire summer vacations around Swift's European tour dates. Taken together, airfare, hotels and a concert ticket in Europe can sometimes cost less than a seat at a show in the United States.

Swift's publicist did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer called the cancellation a "bitter disappointment" for Austrian fans in a post on X on Wednesday, but thanked Austria's emergency services, police forces and foreign intelligence for preventing a "tragedy" and "investigating at full speed."

Terror threats have disrupted numerous major events across Europe this year. In March, a grievous attack on Crocus City Hall in Moscow killed at least 137 people and hospitalized over 100 others. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack, and intel assessments largely agreed that Islamic State-Khorasan, the Afghanistan and Pakistan arm of the group, was responsible.

In April, local police increased security for the Eurovision Song Contest in Malmo, Sweden, amid heightened concern over possible attacks. In May, French officials said an 18-year-old man had been arrested for planning an attack on the Olympics in the name of the Islamic State, Reuters reported. In May, New York state and local police officers said weeks of threats against the Cricket World Cup were tied to ISIS-K, and tightened security as the June India-Pakistan match was reportedly the focus of threats posted to a pro-Islamic State online platform.

Intelligence officials in the United States have warned since at least March that the war in Gaza and fury at U.S. support for Israel could galvanize existing terrorist groups and inspire fresh threats.

Kate Brady contributed to this report.

After week of U.K. riots, thousands counterprotest

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because that's attempted murder," said Marta Lorimer, a lecturer in politics at Cardiff University. "These are very extreme behaviors that don't have wide support."

The current unrest broke out after a July 29 stabbing attack at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class in Southport left three young girls dead. Within hours of the attack, social media posts shared by prominent far-right figures described the assailant as an asylum seeker, with an Arabic name, who had crossed the English Channel illegally on a raft.

None of it was true. The stabbing suspect was later identified as 17-year-old Axel Rudakubana, born in Wales. His religion is unknown. His parents are from Rwanda, where the vast majority of people are Christian.

But efforts to disentangle the stabbing from concerns about illegal immigration appeared to have little impact. Anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim riots swept through cities in England, as well as Belfast in Northern Ireland, amounting to Britain's worst disorder since 2011. Mobs chanting "We want our country back" stormed a library, a mosque and a hotel providing shelter for asylum seekers. Police in helmets brandishing plastic shields have found themselves deluged with flying bricks and bottles.

Starmer — a former top prosecutor — has urged police to hold the line. He wants them to protect life and property, and pursue mass arrests, using all the tools at the state's disposal, including widespread coverage in British cities by surveillance cameras, abetted by AI-assisted facial recognition software.

The National Police Chiefs' Council said that as of Wednesday afternoon, nearly 428 people had been arrested and 120 people charged.

Starmer's new minister of police, Diana Johnson, said that courts could sit 24 hours a day to handle "thugs who maraud our streets."

The government pledged that 567 extra places were being opened in Britain's overcrowded prisons to make room for rioters.

But experts say that even with the ability to monitor some online activity, it can be difficult to anticipate where the next riot will break out and to assemble the security force that will be required.

"These are very fast-moving events, popping up here and there, in cities across the country," said Tim Newburn, a criminologist at the London School of Economics. "There will be four or five one night and more the next night, in different cities. The police have to be very agile."

In Britain, experts say, police do have extensive powers to make arrests.

"The police can pretty much arrest you for any kind of violent disorder," said Geoff Pearson, an expert in crowd policing at the University of Manchester Law School.

But when police are overwhelmed, their first duty is to protect life and property — to keep the mob from setting fire to a mosque or an immigrant center, or to keep protesters and counterprotesters apart. Arrests may come later.

Newburn estimated that at demonstrations involving a couple hundred people, dozens have been throwing bottles and bricks at police, while most of the others have been shouting and filming each other with their mobile phones.

It appears the rioters are mostly leaderless, although they are attuned to far-right influencers and have been organizing themselves on social media, often on encrypted platforms such as WhatsApp.

Even while Britons are firmly against the violence and tell pollsters that the riots are unjustified, many people are unsettled by high numbers of immigrants arriving in recent years.

More than 125,000 people illegally crossed the English Channel in small rafts since 2018 — 900 crossed on Tuesday, with 12,313 making the perilous journey so far this year. Some 36,000 asylum seekers are residing in British hotels at a cost of $10 million a day. In addition, the previous governments have granted visas for a surge of students and workers. Net migration to Britain last year was 685,000, a record.

Nigel Farage, the leader of the anti-immigrant Reform Party, which won five seats in the last election, has decried the riots and distanced himself from them, but said there are "deeper, longer-term" problems that remain.

"The majority of our population can see the fracturing of our communities as a result of mass, uncontrolled immigration, whether legal or illegal," Farage wrote on X.

The lack of public support may make this round of rioting difficult to sustain. But there's also plenty of grievance to go around in Britain that could continue to stoke the violence. Experts say the riots could fizzle — and, like a brush fire, emerge again.

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ABOVE: A large crowd gathers Wednesday in Walthamstow in east London to head off anti-immigration protests. RIGHT: Counterprotesters hold signs and banners in west London's Brentford neighborhood on Wednesday.

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

$8 billion claimed in tax credits for energy upgrades

Use of incentives for home improvements far exceeded projections

BY JULIE ZAUZMER WEIL

American taxpayers claimed more than $8 billion in credits on their 2023 returns — more than twice government projections — for making climate-friendly upgrades to their homes under the Inflation Reduction Act, the Treasury Department reported Wednesday.

The 2022 law dedicated roughly $370 billion to curbing harmful emissions and promoting green technology, as well as investments in health care and other components of President Joe Biden's economic agenda. It also included an array of tax credits and rebates for energy-efficient residential improvements. The nonpartisan congressional Joint Committee on Taxation estimated the first-year costs of those incentives at $2.4 billion. In the next two years, it estimated that people would claim more than $4 billion per year in credits.

Instead, data shows, more than 3 million households claimed $6 billion in credits for solar panel installation and related projects, as well as $2 billion for other home improvements such as new windows and air-conditioning systems.

"The reality is, the American people want to adopt solar panels, heat pumps and electric vehicles, and the federal Inflation Reduction Act is helping them do it," said Leah Stokes, a political scientist at the University of California at Santa Barbara who advocated the inclusion of the climate credits in the law.

Other credits in the Inflation Reduction Act, such as those made available to buyers of electric vehicles and certain companies, have also proved much more popular than anticipated.

The average household that installed solar panels or made related improvements, such as buying batteries for solar energy storage, claimed just over $5,000 in tax credits; these incentives were capped at 30 percent of the project's cost. A separate credit provides a smaller tax break for such upgrades as energy-efficient windows or insulation.

During a call Tuesday with reporters, Biden administration officials emphasized the savings that consumers would realize by switching to more efficient power. The typical household saves more than $2,000 a year after installing solar panels and from $1,000 to $3,000 by switching from oil or propane heating to an electric heat pump, they said.

Based on conversations with companies that sell solar panels and other technologies, Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo said, he expected even more households to claim the credits this year, especially as more people become familiar with them. Though the credits existed before the Inflation Reduction Act, the law made them more generous and expanded access to credits that had already expired or were set to expire.

In most states, 2 to 3 percent of individual and family taxpayers claimed a tax credit for at least one form of climate-friendly home improvement in 2023. The rate was 4 percent in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont — places where heat pumps have become a popular alternative to costly fuel oil, aided by the states' own generous rebates and credits for buyers. Oklahoma and West Virginia were the only states with rates below 2 percent.

Though nearly half the households that claimed the credits reported annual income below $100,000, the credit uptake was more common higher up the income scale. More than 1 in every 20 households in income brackets higher than $100,000 claimed the credit, despite the fact that some of the credits limited eligibility for higher-income households.

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Pure Power Solar owner Nicholas Hartnett, left, and Brian Hoeppner install a solar panel on the roof of a home in Frankfort, Ky., in 2023.

"The focus of our outreach has been around Americans who have to deal with the cost of energy," Adeyemo said. "We're going to continue to focus our outreach efforts on middle-class and working-class Americans, with the hope that all eligible Americans will take advantage of these tax credits."

For climate experts, a major question is whether the tax credits are spurring people to make purchases they wouldn't otherwise make.

"To understand the effectiveness of something like that, you have to have a good idea of what a counterfactual might be. Some people who are going to take these tax credits would have perhaps made these investments anyway," said Karen Palmer, an environmental economics expert at Resources for the Future. "It's especially difficult the very first time we have numbers here to make inferences about what the IRA has done."

She noted, for example, that the lower number of people buying heat pumps compared with other technologies might not be a reflection of the effectiveness of the tax credit alone — some people who want to buy heat pumps are on a waiting list because of supply chain issues or a lack of trained and qualified professionals to install them.

Rhodium Group, which has been monitoring spending on climate technology for years, published a report Wednesday that showed spending on heat pumps, solar panels and batteries has remained relatively flat in recent years, while consumer purchases of electric vehicles have soared.

"Certainly the hope of the administration and Democrats in Congress at the time of the IRA's passage was that this would really significantly affect the pace of heat pump installation," said the report's leader, Michael Delgado. "The total number of heat pump installations have been pretty flat, but that's been against the overall decline in total HVAC installations and home renovations generally. They have been gaining market share."

A host of factors, not just the tax credits, might be contributing. Stokes pointed out that Congress probably underestimated how many people would claim credits because lawmakers didn't know that several states and cities would pass their own climate rebate programs, making it even more appealing for people in some localities to install heat pumps. Adeyemo said he hoped further public education would encourage more people to buy heat pumps.

"There's been so much going on in the market at the same time," Delgado said. "When you're talking about solar or electric vehicles or batteries, the cost of the technology has been declining so much over the past couple years. Really teasing apart [the effect of the tax credits] is challenging."

Sara Baldwin, who leads research on decarbonization at Energy Innovation, pointed out that earlier tax credits show a history of directly spurring people to make climate-friendly purchases. "We've seen a yo-yo up and down in the past suggesting that these tax credits do have a stimulating effect on the market and encouraging more uptake and adoption than would otherwise happen in their absence. I think that's especially true for individual homeowners, residential customers," she said.

She also predicted that increased purchases of new technologies will have good ripple effects beyond just the buyers' households.

"As we see growth of technologies, whether you're talking about heat pumps or electric vehicles, the initial adopters always drive economies of scale, which helps reduce the cost for future adopters," Baldwin said. "You have better workforce that knows how to install them and build them. … All of the costs start to come down gradually."

Jeff Stein contributed to this report.

HELP DESK

Google update makes it easier to scrub nude deepfakes from search results

BY TATUM HUNTER

If someone shares false, sensitive or explicit information about you online, the results can be devastating and your options for fighting back limited. Now, Google is expanding its tools for taking down search results that put your privacy or peace of mind at risk.

A new Google update will make it simpler to request the removal of fake explicit images, as public figures, teachers and ordinary people increasingly contend with targeted abuse in the form of "deepfakes," or realistic-looking images made with AI.

While fake nude images have long existed and Google already lets people request they be removed from search results, the change will help identify and remove copies of explicit images and block further explicit searches, the company said in a recent blog post.

As part of the update, Google says it will also penalize websites that receive multiple reports of abusive deepfakes by lowering their rankings in search. There is a form in its help center to request Google take down a fake explicit image. You must be identifiable in the image for it to be taken down, Google says.

The change comes as AI imaging gets more advanced and abusers target people from Taylor Swift to local politicians with altered photos that appear to show subjects nude or in sexual scenarios. In many cases, victims struggle to get law enforcement and tech companies to take down the images.

Different state laws take different stances toward revenge porn, AI manipulation and online harassment, and tech companies currently aren't held legally liable for the content on their sites. Websites hosting deepfake pornography can ignore requests to take down copyrighted material — in this case, the victim's likeness — and dodge repercussions.

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Some explicit deepfakes come from image generators that have been edited to remove guardrails against nudity. Others come from apps dedicated to "nudifying" images. Google has its own AI-powered image generator, Gemini, which prohibits making pornographic images in its terms of service. Google has said Gemini was trained on public images from across the web.

Google's removal requests are, for some people, a last line of defense against abusers or predatory data brokers. Information about you, including your address and phone number, is usually circulating online, but when these items surface in a Google search, it can put your safety or reputation at risk. Deleting them from search results doesn't remove them from the web, but it might help mitigate stalking or harassment.

How to remove search engine results about you

To remove a result that includes your phone number or address, open the Google app or Chrome browser and tap on the three dots next to a search result. A window titled "about this result" should pop up. Scroll to the bottom and select the "remove result" button. After you fill out a removal form, your request will take a few days to process. You can check the status by tapping on your profile icon in the top right corner and selecting "results about you."

If you're trying to remove financial information or medical records from Google search results, there is a personal content and removal policies form in the help center. You can also ask Google to remove genuine explicit photos if they were posted without your consent.

DIGEST

MARKETS

U.S. stocks slump after morning rally fizzles

U.S. stocks slumped Wednesday after a morning rally evaporated, but the losses on Wall Street weren't as bad as the manic moves that wracked markets worldwide over the last week.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.8 percent after an earlier jump of 1.7 percent petered out. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 234 points, or 0.6 percent, while the Nasdaq composite dropped 1 percent.

Stocks swung lower as Nvidia, one of Wall Street's most influential companies, went from a morning gain of 4.4 percent and pushing strongly upward on the S&P 500 to a loss of 5.1 percent that made it the index's heaviest weight. Nvidia and other Big Tech stocks have been struggling the past month on worries their prices shot too high amid Wall Street's frenzy around artificial-intelligence technology.

A profit report from Super Micro Computer, whose stock more than quadrupled in less than three months to start the year, helped further mar excitement around AI. Even though its revenue soared 143 percent in the latest quarter, profit for the company that sells server and storage systems used in AI and other computing fell short of analysts' heightened expectations. Its stock tumbled 20.1 percent.

Still, other signals in the market showed less fear than in prior days when sharp losses cascaded globally. The S&P 500 is coming off a 1 percent rally that broke a brutal three-day losing streak in which it tumbled a bit more than 6 percent.

— Associated Press

ENTERTAINMENT

Disney's streaming up, but park visits slowing

Disney returned to profitability in the third quarter as its combined streaming business started making money for the first time, along with a very strong showing in theaters for the movie "Inside Out 2."

Operating income for the entertainment segment, which includes its movie studio and parts of its television wing, nearly tripled to $1.2 billion. Disney's run at the box office continues with " Deadpool Wolverine," giving the company the top two films of the year.

The Walt Disney Co. said Wednesday that its direct-to-consumer business, which includes Disney Plus and Hulu, reported a quarterly operating loss of $19 million, which was much smaller than its loss of $505 million a year earlier. Revenue climbed 15 percent to $5.81 billion.

The results were announced a day after Disney said that it will be boosting prices for Disney Plus, Hulu and ESPN Plus, starting on Oct. 17.

Disney Plus and Hulu will each cost $9.99 a month with ads, a $2 increase for each plan.

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

Four boxes with live Olympics action filled Peacock's screen during its "Gold Zone" show one afternoon this week — one showing women's hammer throw competitors, another with long jumpers going aloft, a third with racers leaping hurdles and the last showing the minutes counting down in the U.S.-Germany women's soccer match. Occasionally producers punch up a concentrated look at one event. This was a gripping display of the breadth of Olympic sports, and it was hard not to get hooked. Millions of Americans have shared similar experiences during the past week and half, powering a much-needed rebound for Peacock, the streaming service that was often the target of ridicule during the Olympics in Tokyo in 2021 and Beijing in 2022. "It's been a real turnaround," said Mark Lazarus, chairman of the NBC Universal Media Group. With several days of competition remaining, NBC has surpassed 17 billion minutes streamed for the Paris Games — the vast majority on Peacock — exceeding the streaming minutes for all of the previous Olympics combined.

America's drugstores are testing smaller locations and more ways to offer care as price-sensitive shoppers look elsewhere. Customers may see Walgreens stores that are one-fourth the size of a regular location or CVS drugstores with entire primary clinics stuffed inside. If these experiments succeed, the new stores might improve access to care and create a more lasting connection with customers, analysts say. Walgreens CEO Tim Wentworth said recently that his company could close a "significant portion" of underperforming stores in the next few years. CVS Health is going through a round of closings. Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy. Thousands of independent drugstores have closed over the past five years. The stores have struggled with increased competition from Amazon and lower-price options like Walmart or Dollar Tree. They're also dealing with ongoing theft, growing costs and thinner prescription reimbursement.

— From news services

Pro-Harris accounts labeled as spam on X

Democrats express concerns about potential bias on social media site

BY TRISHA THADANI

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X owner Elon Musk, seen with President Donald Trump at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida in 2020, has recently courted support for Trump in his posts on the platform.

SAN FRANCISCO — Prominent X accounts advocating for Vice President Kamala Harris have been labeled as spam or restricted in recent weeks, triggering alarm among some Democrats that Elon Musk's social media platform is tilted in favor of his chosen candidate, former president Donald Trump.

Only a handful of pro-Harris accounts, including one called "White Dudes for Harris," appear to have been affected. But the recurring issues are raising questions about whether Musk's platform is intentionally censoring the pages, or if the deep staff cuts he made after buying the company in 2022 have left the platform ill-equipped for the surge in political speech ahead of the Nov. 5 election.

Musk's recent posts on X — which have actively courted support for Trump and amplified a manipulated video of Harris — highlight the potential risks of having the owner of a major platform openly champion a presidential candidate. This dynamic is unprecedented, as other social media CEOs and founders have largely stayed out of the political fray.

"It's curious," said Ross Morales Rocketto, an organizer of White Dudes for Harris, a pro-Harris group whose account was affected twice in the course of a week. "Clearly we're political, so it just continues to feel like another iteration of Musk Twitter impacting people's political speech when it not does not align with him."

White Dudes for Harris drew more than 200,000 people to an online fundraiser last week that raised more than $4 million. Shortly after the event, the group had its X account suspended. It was reinstated several hours later. On Tuesday, the group was told by X that its reach on the platform could be restricted because the group's page "may contain spam or be engaging in other types of platform manipulation," according to a screenshot shared by organizers.

Another account, "Progressives for Harris," was temporarily suspended and labeled as spam on Friday shortly after the group announced that prominent politicians such as Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) would headline an upcoming online rally.

And at least one official campaign account has also apparently been restricted on X. On the day Biden withdrew from the race last month and endorsed Harris, some users reported they were unable to follow her official campaign account, @KamalaHQ.

Musk and X did not respond to a request for comment.

"We're talking about four episodes out of a lot of Harris content on X," said Daniel Kreiss, a principal researcher at the Center for Information, Technology and Public Life at the University of North Carolina. "But without transparency into why enforcement decisions are being made, given the very strong political activism of the owner, people are going to raise questions."

After Musk acquired the platform then known as Twitter in October 2022, he made sweeping layoffs and other dramatic changes to its staffing and policies. The entrepreneur fired much of Twitter's trust and safety team, loosened the site's rules on hate speech, reinstated a number of previously suspended accounts and lifted a ban on campaign ads.

Alexander B. Howard, an open government advocate, said X's diminished staff might make technical glitches or moderation mistakes more likely, or cause the platform to fix them more slowly. Such issues happened even before the billionaire took over, he said, but Musk's political advocacy has erased any trust in the platform's neutrality and put a spotlight on which accounts get restricted.

"Neutrality has left the building," Howard said. "We're now in a really dangerous moment headed to a pivotal presidential election, and someone who has direct control, at a root level, to this platform is fomenting division."

Meta chief executive Mark Zuckerberg and other social media CEOs and founders have at times engaged with political causes with donations or the occasional statement. With the exception of Trump's social media site Truth Social, none have been as outspoken or partisan as Musk, who has increasingly courted a right-wing audience on his platform.

Last spring, for example, Musk hosted Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) on X to announce his run for the White House, in an event that was marred by major technical issues. This summer, Musk became even more overt in his support for the Republican ticket when he endorsed Trump's presidential campaign after the attempted assassination on the former president.

This week, Musk used his site to taunt British Prime Minister Keir Starmer over far-right violence in the United Kingdom, suggesting the perpetrators were unfairly targeted by police. The Financial Times reported that the British government had found X less responsive than other social platforms to alerts flagging posts believed to be inciting further violence or spreading disinformation about the clashes.

On Tuesday, Trump announced on Truth Social that he would do a "major interview" with Musk on Monday, without providing further details. Musk appeared to confirm in a post on X that the interview would be streamed on his platform. A representative for the Harris campaign declined to comment about whether the candidate was offered a similar opportunity.

Before Musk's takeover, Twitter was often accused by Republicans of censoring conservative viewpoints with the aim of helping Democratic candidates. Its new owner's personal endorsement of Trump — coupled with the recent restrictions experienced by pro-Harris accounts — has flipped that pattern on its head.

Last month, Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) called on House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) to investigate reports that some users were temporarily blocked from following a Harris campaign account on July 21. In a media statement about the letter to NBC News, Nadler wrote that unlike "the countless conspiracy theories of political censorship that Republicans have chased down over the last year," the episode "appears to be a real example of online censorship." Spokespeople for Jordan did not return a request for comment.

Soon after that letter, other pro-Harris accounts began to report a string of actions against them by X. It started with the White Dudes for Harris account, which was first suspended last week right after its massive fundraiser because of "a user report" for "violating our rules against evading suspension," according to screenshot of the log-in screen shared with The Washington Post. The account was reinstated several hours later.

On Friday, an account for Progressives for Harris, @Progs4Harris, was suspended shortly after it posted to announce that Sanders would headline its own online rally Monday, along with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) and Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.). The account — which received a significant jump in followers after it posted about the suspension — was reinstated after about two hours, according to an email the group received from X and shared with The Post, which said the suspension was accidental.

"We have systems that find and remove multiple automated spam accounts in bulk, and yours was flagged as spam by mistake," the email said.

On Tuesday, White Dudes for Harris received another notification from X saying the reach of its account may be limited and its content may also be temporarily restricted because it may contain spam. Even if the string of incidents can be attributed to mistakes by X, Rocketto, the organizer, said it makes him wonder about what will happen as the political speech ramps up in the coming months.

"How are they going to handle this, especially as we get closer and more misinformation spreads?" Rocketto said.

Musk has at times jumped in to help accounts experiencing technical problems on X. On Saturday, for example, the National Weather Service posted that it could no longer post automated tweets and, as a result, it could no longer "post all watches/warnings/advisories as they are issued."

Musk responded: "This should not be happening. Will investigate."

Organizers of the pro-Harris accounts say they have not received any direct assistance from X staff or its CEO, only automated messages informing them their accounts have been restricted or reinstated.

Cristiano Lima-Strong contributed to this report.

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Flaw could allow hackers to roll back Windows updates

BY JOSEPH MENN

LAS VEGAS — Some of Microsoft's most important tools for protecting Windows users from malicious hackers can be twisted into being used in attacks, according to research presented here Wednesday at the annual Black Hat security conference.

The newly discovered method includes altering the internal registry of a Windows machine to make it seem as though it has been updated through Microsoft's regular process for issuing improvements and security fixes.

That would allow an attacker to downgrade the machine to earlier versions of Windows, making hundreds of vulnerabilities that are patched in current versions of Windows fair game once more.

The technique fools another highly touted security innovation, known as virtualization-based security, by renaming a file folder, according to Alon Leviev, a researcher for security company SafeBreach who is presenting the findings at Black Hat and at Def Con, the hacking conference that begins here Friday.

Microsoft's feature is supposed to stop any tainted core element of an operating system from working, but Leviev beat it, giving him complete control of test machines.

Microsoft said it was still working on mitigations for the attack technique, which Leviev reported to the company in February. It said it had no evidence that criminals or spies had been using the method in actual attacks, although that could change after Wednesday's public presentation.

"We appreciate the work of SafeBreach in identifying and responsibly reporting this vulnerability," Microsoft spokesman Jeff Jones said. "We are actively developing mitigations to protect against these risks."

Because the security flaw is in the design of multiple Windows sub-programs, fixing it is not as simple as issuing a patch. Instead, Microsoft has to craft an update that revokes and replaces old system files. A wide variety of tests are needed to be sure the fix does not harm or crash Windows computers, Microsoft said.

Leviev said he began looking for ways to force Windows downgrades in the wake of a similar rollback attack demonstrated a year ago against Microsoft's Secure Boot process for starting machines safely. He looked for other key programs that might be vulnerable to the same technique and found it in the update process.

He said one lesson from his work is that vendors and outside researchers should look carefully at new types of attacks to see if similar approaches would also work. In the past few years, outside researchers and some former Microsoft employees have complained that Microsoft patches only the exact vulnerabilities that friendly researchers demonstrate, instead of redesigning programs to eliminate entire classes of attacks.

Under fire for other security failings that allowed foreign spies to hijack the email accounts of top U.S. officials, Microsoft pledged this year to make security performance a part of salary reviews.

THURSDAY OPINION

ADAM LASHINSKY

The Google decision is the right ruling — at the wrong time

In its resounding victory over Google, the Justice Department might well be slamming the proverbial antitrust barn door after the monopolistic horses already have fled.

As we've seen before, the glacially slow process of reining in bad behavior by a powerful corporation — in this case Google, the undisputed thoroughbred champion of search-engine advertising — is happening at the precise moment when technological trends are moving away from the product that made the monopolist dominant.

Generative artificial intelligence, not browser-based search, is the technology enchanting consumers and businesses at the moment — and for the foreseeable future. Google, an important player in AI but hardly the leader in a field that includes OpenAI, Microsoft, Meta and multiple well-funded start-ups, now seems likely to be punished for its past transgressions just as a new market is taking shape.

None of this is to say that the reasoning by U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta in his ruling against Google is anything but sound. In clear language that serves as a useful history of the past 15 years of the technology industry, Mehta explains how Google has abused the position that gave it upward of 90 percent of the search market. By comparison, the second-place contestant, mighty Microsoft's Bing, has been able to scrape together a mere 6 percent share.

Google has achieved this position, Mehta ruled, by spending so much money to secure distribution of its search engine, notably by paying to make it the default for Apple's Safari browser, that competitors don't stand a chance against it. Mehta didn't use this comparison, but it would be as if a breakfast cereal company spent so much money ensuring its products' place on supermarket shelves that competing cereal makers couldn't afford to promote their brands.

The search giant seems likely to be punished for its past transgressions just as a new market is taking shape.

Mehta was particularly persuasive in his explanation of the chilling effect this expensive distribution strategy has had on would-be Google foes. "As a result of the extraordinary resources required to build, operate, and monetize" a general search engine, he wrote, "venture capitalists and other investors have stayed away from funding new search ventures." The judge noted that this is even more remarkable given the ostentatious profitability Google enjoys. One would expect fat profit margins to attract competition like bees to honey. Not so when an illegal-monopolist bee guards the hive.

Not even Apple could afford to build a search engine, something it had plenty of incentive to do. The judge cited Google estimates that it would take Apple $20 billion in capital expenditures to replicate Google's technical infrastructure dedicated to search.

Mehta's trenchant observation about VCs and megacap aspirants, however, belies the important trend at play. Investors in fact have moved on from search. They are investing billions in AI instead. Whether they are doing this because Google blocked them from investing in novel search ideas or because they are anticipating the next big thing is irrelevant.

There's a laughable side note to all this, by the way: that Google's defeat is a victory for what some in Silicon Valley call "little tech," namely start-ups that have been stymied by Big Tech. The dynamic is hardly new — though it's a clever PR strategy to suggest otherwise — and the entire history of Silicon Valley is predicated on scrappy upstarts successfully challenging slothful incumbents. (Another aside: Until earlier this year, my wife worked at Google.)

Still, that the antitrust regime would focus on yesterday's war is wholly consistent with the disruption-to-dominance-and-back-again cycles of the industry's past. Regulators went after IBM in the 1970s over its stranglehold on mainframe computers, a market that barely exists today. In the 1990s, Microsoft ran afoul of the Justice Department over its control of a software operating system and its browser. More than a decade later, Google neutered that market with free software that performed nearly as well as what Microsoft had sold so dearly.

It makes one wonder which declining technology antitrust cops will target 20 years from now.

Of course, it typically doesn't even take lawsuits to bring down a dominant technology. Intel was so powerful in semiconductors that for years it was considered a legal monopoly, with a consistent 80 percent share of the market for the processors that went into personal computers. Ironically, given Intel's decade-long slide — including last week's decision to lay off 15,000 employees — it still dominates the market for microprocessors that go into PCs and servers. Unfortunately for Intel, that market isn't what it used to be, and Intel missed important shifts, first into mobile phones and then into AI.

There is one thing about Mehta's ruling that is shockingly new. It is the first major case affecting the technology industry that validates the attempt by what just a few years ago was called the "hipster antitrust" crowd to argue that antitrust protections should extend beyond consumers. The so-called consumer welfare standard, popularized by Robert Bork in the 1980s, held that if consumers weren't injured, there was no antitrust violation. Alleging monopolistic behavior against a company such as Google, which makes many of its products available free to consumers, was a stretch under this thinking.

Though Mehta has yet to rule on how Google should be punished, his finding of illegal monopolist behavior for harming competitors constitutes a horse of a different color from the past four decades in antitrust law. Google's Big Tech brethren, including Apple, Amazon, Meta and, possibly, even Microsoft (again), should all take heed.

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DANIEL PINK

Why not shake up the Olympics?

Two types of people are watching the final week of the 2024 Summer Olympics.

In one camp are those who believe that adding breaking — what we Gen Xers used to call "breakdancing" — as an Olympic sport insults legitimate athletes and portends social collapse.

In the other camp are the rest of us.

The Olympics, like all collective rituals, are built on tradition. But they maintain their relevance, and renew their energy, through novelty and experimentation. This year's Games have earned solid TV ratings in part because of innovations that would have seemed outlandish a few decades ago, such as surfing in Tahiti and skateboarding at Place de la Concorde.

But as the International Olympic Committee, the 200-plus participating nations and all of us sports fans ponder the 2028 Games in Los Angeles, we have a chance to think bigger — to bring this quadrennial spectacle more fully into the 21st century.

The modern Olympic Games have matured from battles of brute strength in 1896, when the economies of the 14 participating countries relied on the equivalent of pinning dudes to a mat or hoisting a massive barbell. Over the next 120 years, the Games evolved: Women joined in 1900, officials approved popular team sports in the mid-20th century such as basketball and volleyball, and events that require finesse and beauty became mainstays, from artistic swimming to rhythmic gymnastics.

Yet today's Games don't fully reflect how much the world has changed.

Why not introduce more contemporary competitions, assemble more varied teams and involve more of the world as participants?

1. New sports

Hundreds of millions of people across the globe now earn their living less with their backs and more with their brains, relying on sharp reasoning and creative thinking. So how about seeing who's best at that?

One idea: a competition such as the solar car challenges popular in many high school and college engineering programs. Mixed-gender squads of techies could receive a design brief months in advance and then arrive at the Games to pit their team's creation against those of other nations on an official Olympic racetrack. It would be a competition that relies on teammates with smarts, skills and creativity — and some would need to be traditional athletes, too. Have you seen a pit crew at the Indy 500? I'd cheer on Team USA against Team China in a battle to create and race zero-emission automobiles. Besides, who wouldn't want to see the Katie Ledecky of mechanical engineering smiling on a box of Wheaties? Or how about Olympic chess? Don't laugh: The International Chess Federation has been pushing the idea for decades. In 1999, the IOC, whose byzantine rules and procedures determine which competitions are worthy of medals, relented and finally recognized chess as an official sport.

But the IOC is unwilling to include chess in the Games themselves, even though it is surprisingly physically demanding. Top competitors such as Magnus Carlsen enlist nutritionists and personal trainers to maintain their stamina.

However, my gold-medal choice for a new, more modern Olympic event would test endurance, agility, strategy and ingenuity as well as the ability to withstand pressure and heat: cooking. After all, food unifies people even more than sports. And the rise of cooking shows — "Chopped," "Hell's Kitchen," "The Great British Baking Show" and so on — over the past 20 years demonstrates that watching someone whip up jollof rice or sear Wagyu beef is as compelling as watching someone dive from a 10-meter platform or cross the finish line of a 100-meter race. The culinary world already offers its own elite competitions, such as the Bocuse d'Or. But Olympic cooking would be higher-profile and for the masses, with more varied challenges and a wider representation of nations.

Imagine a tournament in which countries sent their three best chefs to compete against the three best from other nations. Tough challenges. A ticking clock. Imperious judges. Single elimination. It would be television gold: Eurovision meets "Top Chef" meets March Madness. (NBC executives, please send royalty checks to whynot@danielpink.com.) And those added viewers might even stick around for the modern pentathlon.

2. New teams

Think again about those first modern Olympics in 1896. Life expectancy in the United States, for both men and women, was under 50.

Since then, despite a few disturbing recent trends, average life spans have soared. People are remaining physically and mentally active longer than at any time in history. Olympic teams could better reflect these spectacular improvements in longevity and health. For example, some of the most exciting Olympic events are track and swimming relays, so much so that in 2021 at the Tokyo Games, officials introduced mixed-gender relays. What if the Olympics fielded *intergenerational* relay teams?

The IOC could select a few events — say, the 4x200-meter freestyle swim relay and the 4x400-meter track relay — and give fans a chance to see athletes of all ages. The four participants in these relays would each come from a distinct age bracket: one competitor no older than 20, another between ages 20 and 39, a third who's between 40 and 59, and a fourth who's 60 or older.

The literal passing of the baton would become the metaphorical passing of the torch, dismantling age-based stereotypes, bonding athletes across generations and inspiring spectators young and old.

3. New participants

At the turn of the 20th century, when the modern Olympics began, only 8 percent of American households had electricity. Today, more than 7 billion people across the globe own a smartphone — a battery-powered supercomputer capable of communicating with anyone on the planet that fits in a pocket. The Olympics still haven't realized the potential of that massive transformation.

Imagine if the next Olympics invited all those smartphone-toting people to compete in the Games and represent their countries.

The IOC could create a "Citizen Participation" app and make it available to everyone in the world. Individuals could register — entering their name, age and country, for example — and agree to share their location for the duration of the Olympics. Then from the torch lighting to the Closing Ceremonies, the app would count their steps. Those steps would count toward their country's *total* steps. And the nations whose citizens accumulated the most steps would win gold, silver and bronze medals in a worldwide competition. (Steps have become a key measure of movement for many of us. But that's not to say there isn't a better way to do it, particularly to include people with disabilities.)

Of course, to be fair, we'd have to adjust this event for population. Otherwise, the countries with the most people would pile up the most steps. One possibility is to calculate steps per capita. Another would be to group countries into divisions — large, medium and small — so that Liechtenstein (population: about 40,000) wouldn't have to compete with India (population: about 1.4 billion).

Whatever the arrangement, the potential is extraordinary. During the Olympic Games, billions of people around the world could be motivated to start exercising, a habit they might then maintain, thereby having a lasting impact on global public health. In neighborhoods and villages, people might form walking groups to help the national team, building community and enlisting fellow citizens in a common cause. Allowing anyone to become an Olympian would turn the Games into a truly global event — unprecedented in sports history and unimaginable when the Olympics began.

And if your country won the Olympic step competition and you became a gold medalist, you might even start breakdancing.

LEANA S. WEN

Asthma treatments have improved. Prescribing them hasn't.

For many years, the standard treatment for asthma was an inhaler with a medication called albuterol. Only if that wasn't enough would additional medicines be added. If symptoms became especially bad, patients would receive oral steroids.

There are several problems with this approach. To start, it hasn't been working well. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2019 shows that more than 60 percent of asthmatic adults had uncontrolled asthma, frequently sending them to the emergency department or forcing them to miss work. Severe asthma can also be fatal; an average of 10 Americans die every day because of it, and in nearly every case, the death is preventable with the right treatment.

Albuterol also does not address the actual problem. Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disease of the lungs. During exacerbations, which can be triggered by external stimuli such as allergens or infections, airways become narrower, blocking air flow and causing difficulty breathing, wheezing and coughing. Albuterol relaxes the airways and relieves symptoms temporarily, but it does not resolve the underlying inflammation.

Here is where steroids come in. Oral steroids are extremely effective at decreasing inflammation, but they have a wide range of side effects, including bone loss, cataracts, weight gain, mood changes and immunosuppression, and therefore should be used only if necessary. Inhaled steroids, however, are much safer. The dose is many times lower, and the steroids go directly to the lungs, with very little ending up in the rest of the body. Multiple studies have shown that steroid inhalers prevent exacerbations and the need for oral steroids.

Thanks to emerging research, guidelines for asthma treatment have been shifting away from albuterol-only and toward steroid-containing inhalers. In 2022, the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) — a collaboration between the World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health — issued landmark recommendations to change the paradigm of asthma care.

These new guidelines no longer endorse treating asthma with albuterol, a short-acting medication. Instead, they recommend that all adults, adolescents and most children with asthma receive inhalers containing steroids and a long-acting medicine to relax lung muscles. Patients with moderate-to-severe asthma should use the inhaler every day. Those with mild asthma should use it on an as-needed basis.

That means even people with an occasional need for an inhaler should switch from albuterol alone to a combination inhaler containing a steroid. This not only is better treatment but, as GINA explains, also helps patients avoid the "false sense of security" that can develop from the quick symptom relief albuterol brings. Albuterol does not treat patients' underlying lung disease. In fact, using it regularly *increases* airway inflammation and is associated with a higher risk of severe exacerbations and even death.

Because the guideline change is relatively recent, many clinicians likely have not yet altered their practices. Many patients are not aware of the change or that other treatments exist. For instance, for patients with uncontrolled severe asthma, GINA recommends a class of medicines called muscarinic antagonists, which have been the mainstay of treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Certain patients might also be candidates for immunological therapy with monoclonal antibodies.

With such a wealth of therapeutic options, people with asthma should not be experiencing impediments in their lives because of their disease. Neil S. Skolnik, a professor of family and community medicine at Thomas Jefferson University and an expert on primary-care treatment of respiratory illnesses, told me that non-asthma sufferers might not appreciate how much the condition impedes quality of life.

"Just imagine how it would feel if you were walking around having trouble getting air," he said. A lot of people have symptoms every day, ranging from "a very annoying, embarrassing cough" to feeling out of breath doing basic chores.

Skolnik sees many patients who made lifestyle changes because they didn't know about their treatment options. One of his patients, a lacrosse coach in her 30s, told him she stayed on the sidelines instead of on the field so that she wouldn't get out of breath. She thought that was what she had to do to cope with her asthma.

"You don't have to accommodate those limitations, because there are really good treatments available," he said. He changed her therapy, and when he saw her six weeks later, she was back to coaching from the field.

Asthma is an incredibly common condition, affecting about 4.5 million children and 22 million adults in the United States. Each one of them should know that asthma doesn't have to limit their lives.

OPINION

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Mr. Austin scuttles the best chance to close Guantánamo

EDITORIAL

THE UNITED STATES had an opportunity to close a chapter on a sad, decades-long saga when the government reached a plea deal with three men accused of plotting the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Then, within days, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin squandered that chance.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Walid bin Attash and Mustafa al-Hawsawi all agreed last week to admit their guilt before the military commission tasked with determining their fates, surrendering any chance to appeal, in exchange for the removal of the death penalty as a possible punishment. Getting to that point took 16 years. That's counting from the initial hearing in the case (the men were in custody for five years before that), when the defendants also wanted to plead guilty but with execution still *on* the table. What happened instead, after they withdrew those pleas, looked worse for the United States: Justice remained unserved, and Guantánamo Bay remained open, letting the whole world look for a while longer at a symbol of this country's hypocrisy on human rights.

Mr. Austin's decision to revoke the plea deal is, on a gut level, understandable. The prisoners are accused of engineering the deaths of 2,977 people at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa. — some of whose families have said the terrorists deserve "no mercy." Obviously, offenders in the United States have been and still are executed for far less. The United States killed Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri outright when the U.S. military found them. Yet, on closer examination, the choice is mystifying: How could the secretary of defense himself not have known about an agreement so painstakingly negotiated, over so long a period, by an official whom *he* tasked with overseeing the process? And how can President Joe Biden's administration fulfill its stated objective of shutting down the prison if it can't close cases?

It's unlikely the government will manage to secure the death penalty for these accused terrorists — if it manages to secure any sentence at all without a plea deal. The delays that have characterized the case so far will continue to define it, largely because the military commissions created under President George W. Bush exist outside established military or civilian legal process. (That was, after all, the whole point of detaining and trying accused terrorists as unlawful combatants at Guantánamo Bay.) There was some legitimate rationale for trying unlawful combatants in unique forums. But there are few clear rules for their operation, and every question about how to conduct a trial has required extensive consideration — and *expensive* consideration, considering lawyers, judges and more have to fly to the naval base for each hearing. The cost, according to the New York Times, has totaled around $13 million per prisoner throughout the facility's existence.

Imagine that a trial does start, against the odds. The testimony would probably feature extensive descriptions of the torture to which these men were subjected at CIA black sites, including confinement in coffin-size boxes and, for ringleader Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, as many as 183 instances of waterboarding. That would both remind the world of disgraceful U.S. conduct — and, crucially, render much of the evidence tainted for the purposes of securing a harsh sentence. The only way out was a plea deal. Now, the United States is right back where it started.

How can the Biden administration fulfill its stated objective of shutting down the detention center if it can't close cases such as last week's scuttled plea deal?

Only 30 inmates remain at Guantánamo Bay — the rest of the 780 brought to the base are gone, nine of them having died at the prison. The goal should be to turn 30 into zero. But that's complicated. Nineteen prisoners sit in "law-of-war" detention, still uncharged. Sixteen of those are recommended for transfer to the custody of countries willing to accept them, a process that the administration should prioritize. Yet three are deemed too dangerous for that move. Then there are the four inmates who've been convicted and the seven who have been charged with their cases pending. Gitmo can't go until these inmates, too, are gone — and getting them gone will require a law from Congress permitting their transfer to U.S. soil.

But truly concluding this era in our national life will require more: finally bringing these men to justice, and justice to these men. Plea deals like the one that collapsed last week are an orderly pathway to a procedurally legitimate outcome. Pursuing them is the correct course from a practical standpoint — just not a political one. The administration didn't manage to do the right thing last week. But the president still has a chance to correct course after November's vote, unencumbered by electoral considerations. In doing so, he would leave as his legacy the end, finally, of a grim time for his country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Walz is 'too liberal,' a 'safe choice' and young voters' best hope

The Aug. 7 editorial, "Ms. Harris chose left. Now she needs to look center." expresses concerns that the Harris-Walz ticket might be too liberal. First, define "liberal." Food for hungry children is liberal? Sign me up. Giving women control over their own bodies is liberal? Sign me up. A child tax credit that brings several million children out of poverty is liberal? Sign me up.

Juxtapose that too-liberal platform with the too-conservative MAGA platform. Just look at Project 2025. Which of these two platforms is in keeping with Thomas Jefferson's "inalienable rights," Abraham Lincoln's "better angels" and Lady Liberty's welcoming inscription to the "huddled masses"?

Perhaps we could tax corporations and billionaires at the same rate we tax schoolteachers to pay for feeding our schoolchildren. Former president Donald Trump wants to take us back to the Gilded Age. His running mate, Sen. JD Vance (Ohio), wants to take us back to the 1950s with June Cleaver. I will take Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz's version of the "city on a hill" any day of the week.

Tom Marberger, *Asheville, N.C.*

Regarding the Aug. 7 front-page article "With Walz pick, Democrats' ticket is set":

Vice President Kamala Harris's selection of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz Tim Walz as her running mate was a safe choice, but not a bold one. The article seemed to rationalize her selection and omitted an analysis of what was lost by not selecting one of the other rising stars. Tim Walz is a Midwestern version of Ms. Harris. His beliefs will unify the more liberal parts of the party while steering clear of some of the hot-button issues that other candidates might have brought to the race, such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's unwavering support for Israel. Mr. Walz's folksy Midwestern style combined with his skills as a hunter won't change his fundamental beliefs. However, the election will not be won by appealing to the liberal Democrats or even the centrist Democrats who are already going to vote for Ms. Harris. She needs to court the swing voters — many of whom struggle with voting for a liberal California candidate.

Mr. Shapiro would have brought a diversity of thought to the ticket in his more centrist approach. He hasn't been afraid to compromise with Republicans to get things done. Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona would have given Ms. Harris's campaign significant credibility on one of the salient issues on people's minds — illegal immigration.

I wonder whether there was wisdom in choosing a candidate whose beliefs closely mirror hers. Let's not forget that diversity also means a diversity of thought and policy.

Steven Lutzer, *Los Angeles*

Vice President Kamala Harris's selection of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz is an affirmation to the many Americans distraught and heartbroken by the current administration's approach to the Israel-Gaza war. These Americans include millions of American Jews like me — a proud grandson of Holocaust survivor Joel Darmstadter.

Mr. Walz's and Ms. Harris's uniquely empathetic approach to both Palestinians in Gaza and the "uncommitted" movement by student protesters is a refreshing, necessary change of pace. In particular, Ms. Harris's proclamation that "I will not be silent" toward those suffering in Gaza and Mr. Walz's plea to listen to those protesting an "intolerable" situation are an outlook desperately needed for a crisis that, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, has killed about 40,000 people — a majority women and children — many of them with American bombs.

This contrasts with the Republicans, who, unsurprisingly, yet also truly upsettingly, accuse Democrats of antisemitism. Former president Donald Trump said, "If you're Jewish and you vote for a Democrat, you are a fool."

Consider me proud to be labeled a fool for standing with a presidential ticket that prioritizes the millions of Gazans seeking to live safely and protect the ones they love.

Ari Neugeboren, *Washington*

Sen. JD Vance's comment that Vice President Kamala Harris bowed to her party's left wing when choosing Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz is laughable. He suggested she chose Mr. Walz over Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro supposedly because of antisemitism. Overlooking the fact that Ms. Harris's husband is Jewish, Mr. Vance's comment shows that his recall of personal history is very selective.

To whom did he bow when agreeing to be Donald Trump's running mate? Playing a supporting role to the man he once speculated could be "America's Hitler" doesn't make him or the GOP pro-Jewish. Serving a man he formerly considered "reprehensible" and a "moral disaster" shows that he bowed to the GOP's hard right. It wasn't a Democratic president who declared protesters in Charlottesville who chanted "Jews will not replace us" to be "very fine people." Like Mr. Trump, Mr. Vance is simply a mendacious individual who plays to his party's inattentive, exclusionary base.

Stewart Speck, *Ardmore, Pa.*

ANN TELNAES

It's time

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz is without a doubt the best thing that could have happened to Democrats as they seek the support of young people like me.

For years, Mr. Walz has championed the progressive causes that drive us to the polls: workers' rights, access to abortion and affordable education, among others. He fights the big fights and delivers results — if the 2022 midterm elections taught us anything, it's that young people appreciate that kind of spirit and conviction in their politicians.

Yet, for all his legislative victories, Mr. Walz's greatest appeal to my generation is his relatability. His use of social media to showcase moments with his children demonstrates a sense of authenticity that far too many politicians lack. Last month, his candidness in an MSNBC interview sparked the Democratic strategy of labeling Donald Trump, JD Vance and their Republican allies as "weird" — which has, to say the least, been quite effective.

My generation needs a ticket committed to fighting for our rights. For our freedom. For our future. In Mr. Walz, we finally have that.

Ravin Bhatia, *Brookline, Mass.*

Regarding the July 31 article "More than 350 prominent advocates of climate endorse Harris's candidacy.":

Many youths feel as if their votes do not matter, causing some of the lowest voter turnout rates out of all the age groups. With Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz composing the Democratic ticket, I sincerely hope younger constituents feel excited to express their opinions.

Some of the most pressing issues to young voters, including climate change, would be addressed by Ms. Harris as shown by her past record. These discussions are often pushed to the back burner, but they might affect future generations the most.

As a young climate advocate myself, I may not be able to cast a vote, but I can still raise my voice and encourage others to vote for someone who prioritizes the environment and the well-being of future generations. I implore anyone reading to please vote; it does make a difference.

Anagha Iyer, *Miramar, Fla.*

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz brought my vote to the Harris-Walz ticket. Of course, he looks older than his 60 years (just as I look so much older than my 81 years); both of us taught high school and were assigned cafeteria duty — he for 20 years and me for 34. He said managing a high school cafeteria trained him for "the craziness that can overtake Washington, D.C." but that, in the process, he lost his "full head of hair." I, too, learned to cope with life in Washington, but I now have to wear hearing aids to understand anything below fully amplified speech. So, on behalf of former teachers everywhere, how can I not vote for this man who knows about life in the educational trenches, who personifies "Minnesota nice," and who has governed my home state with grace, integrity and commitment? Thank you, Kamala Harris, for choosing this gem!

Kathy A. Megyeri, *Washington*

Regarding the Aug. 7 online article "'Bringing back the joy': Walz's first day keeps Democrats' buzz going":

Despite my enormous enthusiasm over the selection of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate, I have serious reservations about "the politics of joy" as a central campaign theme.

In 1968 — a year with eerie similarities to 2024 — Hubert Humphrey, also a Minnesotan, proclaimed that his campaign was based on "the politics of joy." Robert F. Kennedy, for whom I worked, reacted with disdain over the disconnect between that theme and the critical issues then affecting the nation: poverty, war, hatred, extremism and violence. RFK thought that Humphrey's losing theme minimized the deep divisions that plagued the United States then, as they do now. It is one thing for the Harris-Walz ticket to inject some much-needed fun into the campaign, and to offer a much more uplifting alternative to the Trumpian vision of doom and gloom. It is quite something else, however, to run the risk of embracing a theme that might confirm the populist charge that the Democratic Party's leadership is out of touch with the severe concerns of working-class voters, who are the key to winning in November.

As a lifelong Democrat, I respectfully urge the Harris-Walz campaign to ditch "the politics of joy" theme in favor of a more somber approach.

William J. Arnone, *New York City*

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OPINION

MARC FISHER

Nothing to celebrate over a drug lord's return to D.C.

In 1987, two years before Rayful Edmond III was convicted of running D.C.'s biggest cocaine distribution network, I spent an afternoon at Moten Elementary School in Southeast, talking to the kids about heroes.

Their hero, many sixth-graders told me, was the local legend who scared other bad guys, eluded the cops and took care of kids on the street. They knew about Edmond's Jaguar convertible with gold-inlaid hubcaps, his $45,000 Rolex watch and his generous contributions of footballs, sneakers and food to kids and moms. A few youngsters mentioned Marion Barry, then the mayor, as a hero, but most looked up to the man who played a powerful role in condemning the nation's capital to decades of street shootings, addictions and crushed hopes.

Those kids are nearing 50 now, if they're alive. Kids back then at schools like Moten often spoke openly about their expectation that they'd be lucky to make it to 20.

Edmond has made it to 59, courtesy of the relatively safe accommodations provided by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. The dealer who introduced crack to much of the city, bringing 1,700 pounds of cocaine into the District every month, was released to a Nashville halfway house last week after 35 years behind bars. Although he was sentenced to life in prison without any chance of parole, he is now scheduled to go free in November of next year.

The people who think that's a good idea include some D.C. residents who so admire Edmond that when video of him announcing "I'm back, better than ever" flashed across the city last week, they posted memories of Edmond paying off their mother's mortgage or handing out turkeys at Thanksgiving.

Some prosecutors — and, crucially, a federal judge — think Edmond deserves freedom because, while in prison, he helped investigators with information that his lawyers say led to 111 indictments against 340 defendants.

"Rayful is a wonderful person and I have no doubt he will make tremendous contributions to our community," one of his lawyers, Tiffani Collins, told The Post. "He's a voice the youth needs to hear."

Edmond might be a lot of things — remorseful, as he now claims; bright, as friends and foes alike always agreed; crafty, as his record demonstrates. But he is not the voice youths need to hear. A man who controlled about one-third of Washington's cocaine market and whose drug enterprise was linked to 30 homicides is not a voice of hope.

The District was no paradise before Edmond came along, and as he pointed out in a Post interview after he was convicted, the scourge of crack would not (and did not) go away when he and his henchmen were removed from the streets.

But let's recall that in his first six years in prison, Edmond spent "all day long" on the phone, making drug deals with his suppliers in Colombia, as he later told investigators. And let's listen to the voices of people who remained behind while Edmond was away.

In 1988, Cynthia Harris's only child, Lionel, was shot and killed by a stranger in a Georgetown parking lot. The shooter was under the influence of PCP. Lionel was three weeks short of his 18th birthday. I got to know Cynthia a couple of weeks later, as she channeled her grief into a campaign to "Stop the Madness," pushing back against the drug-fueled gun violence Edmond so efficiently promoted.

This week, I connected with Harris again to ask what the system should do with Edmond.

"To me, this is like someone taking a hatchet to the scale of justice," she told me. Edmond "wreaked chaos, confusion, murder and misdeeds on our town. He was rightfully tried, convicted and sentenced. There's no second chance for his victims. Lionel would be 54 now. There's not a day that goes by that I don't miss him."

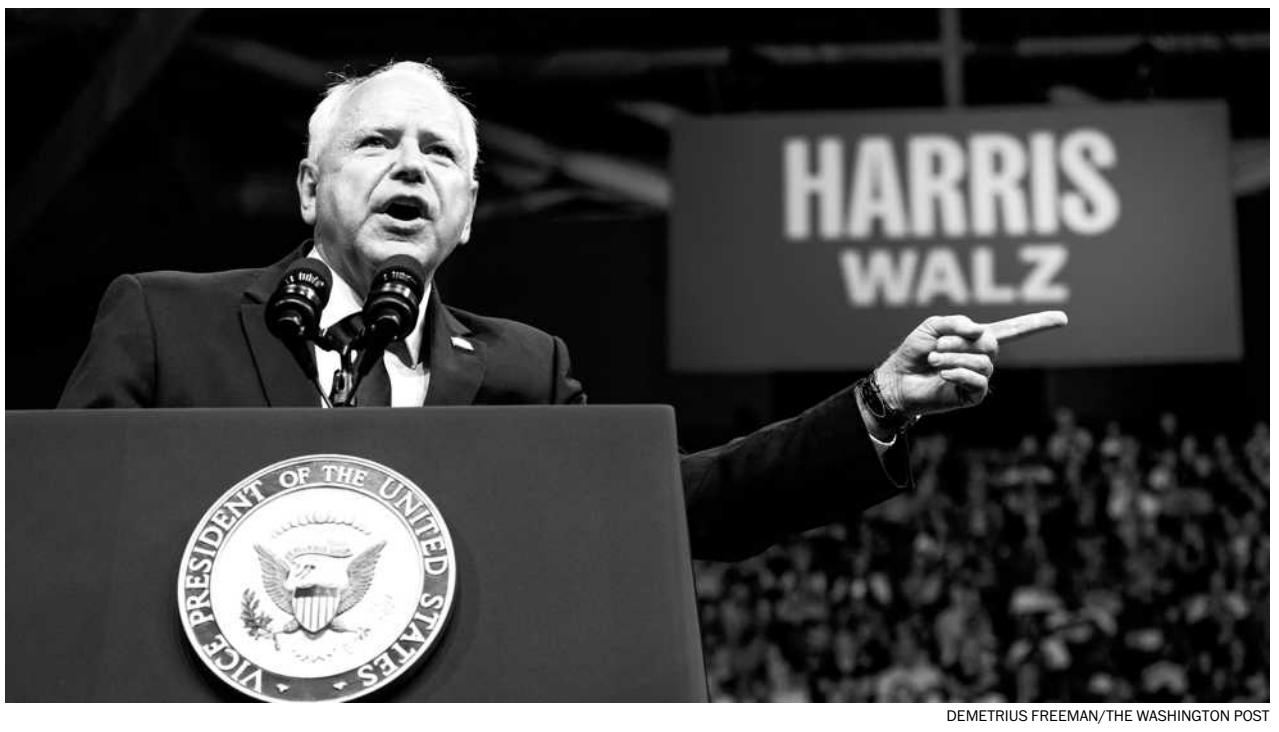
In 2019, when the D.C. attorney general surveyed residents on whether Edmond's sentence should be reduced, a slight majority opposed giving the dealer a break — but it was close. One resident said, "Crack destroyed families, kids were abandoned, sold, left in dirty filthy apartments. … Rayful will answer for all of his wrongdoing. God don't like ugly."

Another resident warned that Edmond's cooperation with prosecutors wasn't necessarily selfless. By naming other dealers, Edmond "significantly reduced his competition on the street," leaving "the temptation for him to again make millions."

Even assuming Edmond is a changed man, what does the system owe children who lost parents and parents who lost children? Many of those who survived think life without parole ought to mean just that.

The D.C. of today is in some ways a product of Edmond's mayhem. The city lost its Black majority to flight from lousy schools, the lure of safer suburbs and gentrification that filled the resulting holes — all factors jet-propelled by Edmond's crimes.

In many ways, the city is better off than it was four decades ago. But not for the people Edmond helped destroy. For all those broken hearts and shattered families, he deserved to serve out his original sentence.



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Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

MARC A. THIESSEN

Walz pick is a gift for Trump

In choosing Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate, Vice President Kamala Harris made her first unforced error as the Democratic nominee, giving Donald Trump a huge opening with swing voters. The question is: Will he seize it?

Harris is the most radically left-wing presidential nominee in modern times, so many expected her to try to balance her ticket by choosing a centrist such as Pennsylvania's Josh Shapiro — a popular governor with 61 percent approval in a must-win swing state. If she had done so, she could have put Trump on his heels in the Keystone State and sent a message to the country that she would govern from the center, not the far left.

Instead, she doubled down by choosing a fellow leftist from a deep-blue state. You could hear Republicans exhale in relief. On the economy, she picked a running mate who declared last week (on a video call for something called "White Dudes for Harris") that "one person's socialism is another person's neighborliness." On the border, she chose a running mate who signed legislation giving illegal immigrants taxpayer-funded health care, driver's licenses and free college tuition. On crime, she chose a running mate on whose watch violent crime in Minnesota increased for three straight years. On education, she went with a running mate who oversaw student reading and math scores on national tests plummet to their lowest in more than 20 years, even as spending on schools soared.

When CNN's Jake Tapper asked the Minnesota governor how he responded to charges that he was a "big-government liberal," Walz replied that he is "more than happy to take the label." His record is so far left, it won the early endorsement of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who lobbied Harris to pick Walz over moderate candidates.

In doing as Sanders urged, Harris made the same mistake Trump did in picking Sen. JD Vance of Ohio: choosing a running mate who appeals almost exclusively to the base rather than to skeptical swing voters in key battleground states who will decide the election.

The difference is that most Americans are more comfortable with the MAGA agenda than they are with the democratic socialism of the Harris-Walz ticket. A new Harvard CAPS-Harris poll finds that a majority of voters support all the key elements of the GOP platform, and a 54 percent majority approve of the job Trump did as president — including majorities of every age and almost every demographic group.

The poll also shows that most voters believe Harris supports left-wing policies they disagree with, such as open borders and electric vehicle mandates — an impression she has now underscored with her vice-presidential pick. By selecting Walz, Harris has clearly signaled that she cares more about placating her restive left-wing base than about appealing to swing voters by moving to the center.

That creates an opportunity for Trump. He can tell those swing voters: *Democrats have now fielded the most left-wing presidential ticket in modern history. You may not love me or my behavior, but you love the job I did as president. The choice in this election is clear: Do you want socialism or common sense?*

That is a winning message. But to take advantage of this opportunity, Trump needs to spend all his time hammering it home rather than focusing on energizing his base. In the wake of Trump's attempted assassination, MAGA voters will walk over lava to cast their ballots for him. There is no need for him to pour fuel on that already-raging fire.

Rather, he needs to spend the next three months appealing to the swing voters in a handful of critical states who will decide this election — voters who don't like Harris but are unsure about putting him back in the Oval Office. His every word, action and decision between now and Election Day should be focused on assuaging their concerns about him while raising their concerns about a Harris-Walz administration.

That means he needs to stop questioning Harris's race and ethnicity and focus on questioning her judgment and ideology. He needs to contrast her record with his and present himself as the candidate who can return our country to safety, prosperity and normalcy. And to do that, he needs to stop doing things that undermine that message — such as getting into fights with fellow Republicans, as he did at a recent campaign rally in Georgia, where he attacked the state's popular GOP governor, Brian Kemp, whose get-out-the-vote operation he needs if he's going to win the presidency.

Can Trump do this? For months, he showed incredible discipline and even magnanimity — endorsing "Never Trump" GOP Senate candidates such as former Maryland governor Larry Hogan while staying out of the spotlight as Democrats writhed in the agony of pushing President Joe Biden out of the race. But since Biden dropped out, Trump has started to go off the rails again. If he does not correct course soon, he will blow one of the most winnable presidential elections in history.

With her selection of Walz, Harris has given Trump an opening. The fundamentals of the election are still in his favor. Harris faces a huge challenge to win the presidency. But Trump can easily lose it.

KEITH B. RICHBURG

How the U.S. could lose Kenya

What in the world happened to Kenya?

This started out as a stellar year for the country. In May, President William Ruto was feted with a star-studded state dinner at the White House, the first in 16 years for an African head of state. President Joe Biden named Kenya "a major non-NATO ally." The World Bank and International Monetary Fund were bullish on its prospects. The country was stepping onto the global stage by leading an international security mission to Haiti.

Ruto had emerged as America's favorite African leader — as South Africa pursued an increasingly anti-Western, pro-Russian foreign policy, Niger's democratically elected president was put under house arrest after a coup, and other countries were passing draconian anti-gay laws. Kenya seemed an island of stability in a volatile region.

Now — poof. The mirage of the Kenyan Miracle has dissipated in a choking cloud of tear gas, a blast from a water cannon and a hail of gunfire.

In June, young Kenyans fed up with grinding poverty, widespread unemployment and pervasive government corruption took to the streets to denounce a proposed finance bill that would have raised taxes to a level that few could afford. The protesters attacked the Parliament building and partially burned it, in scenes reminiscent of what happened in Hong Kong in 2019. The protesters also besieged some lawmakers' homes.

Security forces responded with ferocity rarely seen in Nairobi, killing dozens and abducting many others from the streets and from their homes.

On June 26, Ruto relented, withdrawing the unpopular tax bill and then dismissing almost his entire cabinet. But this shake-up, which included bringing in Ruto's defeated presidential election rival, Raila Odinga, and hiring back some sacked ministers, failed to mollify the young protesters — again as in Hong Kong in 2019, when Chief Executive Carrie Lam's eventual withdrawal of a controversial China extradition bill was too little, too late to assuage angry demonstrators.

"Ruto must go" is the new rallying cry. And the protests show no sign of abating.

This turn of events might seem a shock. But it might also have been foretold. During a too-brief stop in Nairobi in March, I caught hints of trouble brewing beneath the surface.

Western economists and diplomats I spoke with talked about Kenya as "a sleeping giant waiting to emerge" and a country of "amazing potential," and about Ruto as the change agent who "broke the tradition of the dynasties and elite politics."

"If you want a stable, democratic Western society that can counter China, this is your address," one diplomat told me.

But most Kenyans I spoke with saw the country differently: beset by joblessness, poverty and bad infrastructure. They described the political system as deeply corrupt and the president as a silver-tongued hustler who knows what to say to appeal to his Western backers, including the United States.

"He's a bona fide thug," Boniface Mwangi, a prominent social activist, said of Ruto. "He's a smooth talker. … He just lies." But he said the Gen Zers of the TikTok generation "give me hope. They speak their minds. They have no respect for power and authority."

After the protests ignited, I reached out to some longtime Kenyan contacts to get their assessments, including John Githongo, a journalist and veteran anti-corruption crusader. He told me the protests represented "an uprising against our entire political culture." Today's young people, he said, "are exasperated with the entire political class." He said a "similar vibe" prevails in West Africa and the Sahel, which have seen several military coups in recent years backed by popular opinion.

As for the president, Githongo said, "there's a sense of Ruto as a Western stooge. … He was always more popular in the West than here at home."

Kenya's youth-led protests are already showing a propensity to spread elsewhere on the continent. Nigeria is bracing for its own anti-corruption demonstrations. And late last month, young people in neighboring Uganda, inspired by the Kenyan uprising, staged an anti-government protest in Kampala that security forces swiftly put down. More than 100 people were arrested.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, in power since 1986, warned that the protesters were "playing with fire." Some people sympathetic to the protesters agreed. "I know a fire does not burn one homestead," wrote Yusuf Sserunkuma, a columnist for the Observer newspaper and researcher at Uganda's Makerere University. "It normally spreads to the entire neighborhood. I am hopeful this fire will reach the neighboring homesteads in Kampala."

Rather than an island of stability, Kenya suddenly looks like a contagion, whose youthquake might roil other countries on the continent.

The world had better pay attention. Many of those young protesters have turned their anger on the World Bank, the IMF — and the United States. Well over half of Kenya's population — and 60 percent of the continent — is under 25 years old. These people are the future. Instead of feting African leaders at the White House, U.S. leaders need to mind America's long-term interests by listening to the hopes and grievances of the young people on the streets.

GEORGE F. WILL

What happens in Vegas … could decide Senate control

LAS VEGAS

Nevada, whose flag proclaims it "Battle Born," galloped like Paul Revere into statehood eight days before the 1864 presidential election, its constitution having been sped to Congress by what was then history's most costly telegraph transmission. This was done to provide President Abraham Lincoln with three electoral votes he might need: On Aug. 23, he had written a two-sentence letter saying "it seems exceedingly probable that this Administration will not be re-elected." Eleven days later, Gen. William T. Sherman telegraphed, "Atlanta is ours." Lincoln, and the Union, would prevail.

Forty presidential elections later, Nevada might matter less for its six electoral votes, which Donald Trump has narrowly lost twice, than for its Senate choice, which could decide control of that chamber. It is one of five swing states (including Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania) with more-or-less competitive Senate contests. The incumbent, Democrat Jacky Rosen, 67, is seeking a second term. Her Republican opponent is Sam Brown, 40, a retired Army captain severely scarred by third-degree burns over a third of his body, including his face, from an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. Their race epitomizes the uncertainties created by Joe Biden's withdrawal, and the difficulty of taking Nevada's political temperature.

The pandemic pancaked this state, which depends on people flying in to congregate in casinos and entertainment venues. This is a strange state, and not just because its biggest industry is what locals call "gaming" and what, until relatively recently, most Americans considered sinful. Las Vegas's Clark County contains 70 percent of Nevadans. More than 80 percent of the state's land is owned by the federal government.

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Las Vegas is a 24-hour town, and voters can be difficult for public opinion pollsters to reach by phone. This is a booming city of transients, with many people moving in and a substantial number moving on. The muscular Culinary Workers Union provides cohesion for 60,000 members and their families. In 2022, half of Nevada voters had registered since 2016; newcomers do not know Rosen well. The Democrats' registration advantage was 6 points in 2016, 4.8 points in 2020 and 1.5 points this summer.

Nevada's other U.S. senator, Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto, won reelection in the closest race of the 2022 cycle by 0.77 points. Rosen, energetic and talented at retail politics, was leading Brown by more than the margin of polling error — at least 4 points — before the Biden albatross was removed. Barack Obama carried Nevada by 12.5 points in 2008 but just 6.7 points in 2012. In 2016, Hillary Clinton won here with just 47.9 percent; in 2020, Biden won with just over 50 percent. As a voter-turnout measure, there is a ballot initiative to give state constitution protection to abortion rights, up to 24 weeks, which state law already protects.

Trump's consistent leads in Nevada polls this year suggested that Nevada might be the only state he lost twice that he might win. This, however, was before Kamala Harris energized young and minority Nevadans.

Dan McLaughlin, a National Review Institute fellow, notes that in the past two presidential cycles (2016, 2020), 68 of 69 Senate elections were won by the candidates whose party carried the state's electoral votes. And that Senate races tend "to shift after mid September in the direction of the national trend," although presidential coattails are inconstant: Since World War II, beginning in 1948, the party winning the presidency has gained Senate seats 10 times, lost them six times and three times played to a draw. But as tribalism has increased, ticket-splitting has declined: In the most recent five cycles (2004-2020), the party winning the presidential popular vote has gained seats.

If Rosen were still running with Biden on the ballot, she would have had to count on ticket-splitting. The Democratic Party ruthlessly terminated Biden's candidacy because the party feared down-ballot carnage. If in November Trump loses to Harris, the seeds of his swoon were sown in Milwaukee. His convention speech reprised his act that has grown stale to all but his most besotted supporters. They are the political equivalents of Deadheads who travel hither and yon to hear the Grateful Dead. (Recently in North Carolina, the Wall Street Journal's Barton Swaim encountered a fellow attending his 85th Trump rally.) Trump's logorrhea is now making Harris seem comparatively presidential.

But, then, after more than 50,000 shows and counting, Wayne Newton, 82, is still touring, and when he is not, he is singing "Danke Schoen" to delighted Vegas visitors. America's entertainment culture, which includes presidential politics, is inscrutable.

HARRIS FROM A1

Harris was 'last person in the room' on Afghanistan withdrawal decision

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The scene at the Kabul airport on Aug. 16, 2021, the day after the Taliban seized control of the Afghan capital. Vice President Kamala Harris raised important questions about the U.S. military withdrawal but did not push for any policy alternatives, according to officials.

When the withdrawal turned chaotic and deadly in August 2021, with the Taliban taking over and women quickly losing many of their rights, Nadery and others wondered if Harris ever counseled the president to take a different course. "I hoped that President Biden listened to her and other voices who advocated for Afghan women," said Nadery, who served as an adviser to then-Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

Harris's role behind the scenes in one of the most consequential and controversial episodes of Biden's presidency shows how she has sought to position herself as a vice president deeply involved in key moments — even agreeing with an interviewer that she was the "last person in the room" with Biden as he cemented his plans to pull out the troops and evacuate allies.

But it also suggests the limits of her ability — or willingness — to meaningfully alter Biden's course on historic choices. She raised important questions about the Afghanistan withdrawal before the calamitous, 17-day evacuation from Kabul but did not push for any alternative policy, according to officials who attended meetings that included her and who provided new details about the matter to The Washington Post.

One former senior military official involved in the deliberations said that Harris asked sharp questions "like a district attorney" during interagency meetings early in 2021 but revealed little about what she was thinking on the issue.

"She never gave a sense for where she was on it," the senior military official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Another former military official involved at the time said he does not recall Harris "playing any role of significance" during policy deliberations in 2021, but said it is possible she sought out Biden outside National Security Council meetings that he led.

Harris declined to comment. A Harris aide said in an emailed statement that the vice president was fully involved in briefings in which she asked "probing questions." The aide said Harris "strongly supported President Biden's decision to end America's longest war," adding, "We're not going to get into the Vice President's private counsel to the President."

Republicans have hammered the Biden administration in congressional hearings about the deadly aftermath of the withdrawal, including an Islamic State suicide bombing that killed 13 U.S. troops and an estimated 170 Afghans. Former president Donald Trump also had made it a centerpiece of his campaign against Biden — but Harris's role in the decision-making, thus far, has been little scrutinized.

Harris allies stressed that a vice president's job is to privately give advice to the president and then march in lockstep after a decision is announced by the chief executive. Ron Klain, who was Biden's chief of staff when the Afghanistan policy was decided and also worked for Biden and Al Gore when they were vice presidents, said he has often seen the second-in-command stuck within a "box" that precludes revealing any split from the boss.

"Al Gore found himself in that box. Joe Biden found himself in that box. And she [Harris] has found herself in that box," Klain said. "You have to just be part of a team. You don't get to argue your own brief" publicly.

There was precedent for a vice president splitting from a president on Afghanistan policy, though — one set by Biden years earlier when he served under President Barack Obama.

'Boxed in'

As Obama prepared in 2009 to send tens of thousands more troops to Afghanistan, Biden's view on the military intervention darkened amid the possibility that his son Beau, who had served in Iraq, might have to deploy there.

Biden sent a classified fax to Obama, arguing that the president's plans were a mistake, and then wrote in his personal notebook that he was "thinking I should resign in protest over what will bring his administration down," according to a special counsel's report released this year on Biden's handling of classified material.

But Biden also wrote that he felt "boxed in by knowing or at least feeling that my resignation would only harden his position and leave him with less voice."

In private, Biden made clear his view that protecting Afghan women from the Taliban was not a cause worth U.S. military involvement. In a 2010 meeting with Richard Holbrooke, the Obama administration's special envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, Biden said, according to Holbrooke's diary: "I am not sending my boy back there to risk his life on behalf of women's rights! It just won't work, that's not what they're there for."

Obama rejected Biden's view and approved an increase in troops in December 2009 by more than 30,000, to more than 100,000 the following summer — although by the end of his time in office, he ultimately reduced the number of troops in Afghanistan to about 8,400. Trump as president then deliberated for months on how to handle Afghanistan after taking office in January 2017, approving a Pentagon request to increase troop numbers to about 14,000 that fall before souring on the conflict and changing course.

Meanwhile, Harris, who had been elected to the Senate in 2016, flew to Afghanistan in December 2018 as part of a bipartisan delegation that met with the top U.S. commander at the time, Gen. Austin "Scott" Miller, and stopped in Kabul, Kandahar and Mazar-e Sharif. The trip was low-profile, with no press engagements. Harris, in a statement after her visit, said she was "eager" to find a political solution that would allow American personnel to come home.

But she also made a point of emphasizing the risks for women in Afghanistan if the United States left. In August 2019, as she sought the Democratic presidential nomination, she laid out her vision for pulling troops from the country in a questionnaire from the Council on Foreign Relations, saying she would bring together military, national security and diplomatic officials to coordinate a plan that would ensure the country was stable and that "we protect the gains that have been made for Afghan women and others, and that it never again becomes a safe haven for terrorists."

While the Democratic candidates in the 2020 primary all wanted to pull troops out, they diverged on the details of how that could be done without Afghanistan falling into chaos and again become a breeding ground for terrorists. Biden said that he would leave behind a small number of Special Forces "to be able to deal with the potential threat unless we got a real good negotiation accomplished to deal with terrorism." Harris, before withdrawing from the race in December 2019, told the New York Times "the question is the type of presence," saying she would give support to the Afghan government "in a way that they keep their country secure."

The Trump administration in February 2020 signed a deal with the Taliban, promising to get all U.S. troops out of Afghanistan by May 2021 — a pledge Biden and Harris would be left to ponder after taking office.

'The last person in the room'

In early 2021, Harris began meeting regularly with Biden about the details of pulling out troops from Afghanistan, according to Klain.

"She advised the president on that. She advised the president on the evacuation," Klain said. He declined to disclose details of that advice.

Biden announced in April 2021 that U.S. troops would be withdrawn within months. Shortly after the decision, Harris was asked on CNN whether she was "the last person in the room" to express a view before Biden made his decision.

"Yes," Harris responded.

"And you feel comfortable?" the CNN reporter asked.

"I do," Harris responded.

A senior military official and a second former official familiar with the discussions said Biden's views on the matter by that time appeared so deeply entrenched that they did not believe Harris was influential in his thinking.

Biden's decision had gone against the advice of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and senior military officers, including Gen. Mark A. Milley, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They had recommended leaving a small force of about 2,500 troops to prop up the Afghan government, carry out counterterrorism operations and allow the U.S. intelligence community to keep a foothold in a country where numerous terrorist groups were based.

Adela Raz, who had been Afghanistan's ambassador to the United Nations since 2019, moved in July 2021 to become Kabul's representative in Washington. From that perch, Raz said in an interview, she watched as the Biden policy unfolded, and she feared for its impact on her homeland. But she said that she had no illusions that Harris could influence Biden to alter his decision because his mind was made up — and she also didn't believe Afghanistan was a significant matter for the vice president.

"I'm not questioning her ability and capacity, not at all," the former ambassador said. "Because I strongly believe in strong women, and I think she is one of those. But I felt, when I started to have conversation with the larger diplomatic community in Washington, that she was dealing was a challenging portfolio, and the issue of Afghanistan was not really brought into her file."

As the withdrawal neared its conclusion in August, Afghanistan descended into chaos. Taliban militants launched a bloody, successful offensive against U.S.-backed Afghan forces, and security across the country crumbled. The Taliban seized control of Kabul on Aug. 15, forcing the Biden administration to scramble thousands of U.S. troops back to Afghanistan in what would become an exhausting, deadly effort to evacuate allies and officials.

More than 124,000 people were successfully airlifted to safety as the Taliban took power, but the operation was marked by scenes of desperate Afghans pleading for help — and then the deadly bombing at the edge of Kabul's airport and an errant U.S. drone strike that killed an aid worker and nine other people, including seven children.

Nadery, who worked on peace negotiations with the Taliban, was traveling to Qatar to talk to Taliban officials about what he hoped would be a political settlement with that group and the Afghan government as the chaos broke out. He was never able to return to his homeland and now resides in the United States.

Fawzia Koofi, who had been the first female deputy speaker of Afghanistan's parliament and who also was a government peace negotiator, said she, too, had hoped Harris would persuade Biden to keep enough troops in the country to enable a peace deal to be made.

"We had hoped she would be able to at least influence the policies of President Biden," she said, but has been left to wonder whether "the Biden policy influenced her." Koofi, who was in Kabul when the Taliban took over, left shortly thereafter and now heads a group called Women for Afghanistan.

Harris, meanwhile, during the evacuation embarked on a previously scheduled trip to Singapore and Vietnam, where she was confronted with pointed questions about the violence thousands of miles away — and in particular the likely fate of women left behind.

"The Taliban claims it will respect women's rights within Islamic law. How will the U.S. hold the Taliban accountable on this?" one reporter asked at an Aug. 26, 2021, news conference in Hanoi.

Harris responded: "I have worked almost my entire career on a number of issues but with a particular emphasis on the protection of women and children. And there's no question that any of us who are paying attention are concerned about that issue in Afghanistan." She pledged that the United States would work with allies to protect women and children in the region.

With the Taliban grabbing power, a coalition of women's groups signed a letter in late August 2021 to Biden and Harris saying that "the very lives and futures of Afghan women and girls" were in "grave danger." It said that "Vice President Kamala Harris has worked over many years for women's rights, especially women of color" and appealed to her and Biden to protect their rights.

Asked what Harris did in the aftermath of the pullout to protect women and children, the Harris aide cited calls that she made to world leaders thanking them for their assistance in the evacuation.

"The Vice President has been a strong champion for the rights of women and girls around the world, and before and after the withdrawal she has always been focused on doing whatever we can to support the women of Afghanistan," the aide in a statement.

A dramatic loss

Within weeks of the last U.S. plane leaving Kabul, the Taliban cracked down on women's rights: enacting a ban on secondary female education, banning women from many jobs and requiring strict dress codes with coverings from head to toe. Afghan women abruptly lost much of what they had gained during the 20 years that American troops were in the country.

Harris lamented that dramatic loss, posting on March 23, 2023, on social media: "I am deeply saddened by the first anniversary of the ban on girls' secondary school attendance in Afghanistan, and by the prohibition on university education for Afghan women. We will never stop championing the rights of women and girls around the world."

Such pronouncements left Afghans such as Nadery wondering if she had been able to similarly champion women's rights with Biden as he plotted the American exit. Nadery said that while Harris supported humanitarian aid for Afghan women, he believes "she was less public about it" because of what he called Biden's lack of interest in the issue and his strict control of information about the decision.

Sima Samar, chairwoman of the nongovernmental Afghanistan Human Rights Center, said in an interview that she, like Nadery, had hoped Harris would have been able to do more. Samar, an Afghan who was visiting family in the United States when the Kabul government collapsed, said the aftermath of the withdrawal and Taliban takeover is that "Afghanistan has turned out to be a prison for women without the boundary walls around it. It is the only country that has put an official ban on girl's education and women's education beyond the sixth grade."

When Biden was the presumptive Democratic nominee for president, Republicans sought to keep the chaos in Afghanistan in the spotlight, signaling they believed it was a key vulnerability in his reelection effort. At the Republican National Convention last month, representatives from six of the families of U.S. troops killed in the airport bombing took the stage, a visceral reminder of the tragedy. Christy Shamblin, the mother-in-law of Sgt. Nicole Gee, one of the Marines killed, told the crowd that Biden had "refused to recognize their sacrifice." Rep. Michael Waltz (R.-Fla.) said that everyone remembers "Biden's disgraceful withdrawal from Afghanistan."

With Harris now supplanting Biden atop the Democratic ticket, it remains to be seen if she will face similar conservative blowback over her nebulous role in the decision to pull the military from Afghanistan.

Now that she is the nominee, Harris can articulate her own policy on Afghanistan — though she has yet to speak in depth about how she would handle the Taliban if elected. Harris will be able to "go with her own instincts and not have to worry what someone down the hall thinks," Klain said.

Shawn VanDiver, a Navy veteran who founded #AfghanEvac, a coalition of organizations helping Afghans who collaborated with Americans during the war, said that Harris's advisers assured him recently that she is committed to Afghan relocation efforts and looking for new ways to assist.

Khalid Payenda, who was acting finance minister from January to August 2021, said he hopes Harris recognizes that many of the same issues that led to American involvement remain, including the nation being a base for terrorists. Whoever is elected president, Payenda said, "those threats [are] still very much relevant."

The Harris aide said in the emailed statement that the White House is "vigilant against any terrorist threats directed at the United States," adding that the "Biden-Harris Administration continues to press the Taliban to respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Afghans, especially women and girls."

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President Joe Biden and Harris discuss Afghanistan on Aug. 31, 2021, at the White House. An aide to Harris said she "strongly supported President Biden's decision to end America's longest war."

Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

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VIRGINIA
A Winchester man was charged with threatening to kill Vice President Kamala Harris. **B3**

OBITUARIES
Barbara Howar, 89, was a defiantly unorthodox D.C. socialite who became a writer and broadcaster. **B4**

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Trial in Karon Blake death opens

D.C. man claims self-defense in killing of boy, 13, who allegedly had been breaking into cars

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER

Federal prosecutors opened the trial in Karon Desean Blake's killing with the last words the 13-year-old uttered as a man who fatally shot him walked up and opened fire:

"I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm just a kid. I was just playing, man."

An image of Karon lying on the ground dying, his eyes half open, flashed across a screen Wednesday in D.C. Superior Court, causing a juror on the front row to close her eyes and turn her head.

Nearly 19 months after the shooting in the predawn dark sparked outrage in the District, drawing comparisons to the 2012 shooting of Trayvon Martin as he walked through a Florida neighborhood, and the more recent shooting of Ralph Yarl as he went to the wrong house to pick up his siblings in Kansas City, Mo., the trial of Jason Lewis had begun.

Lewis, 42, then a D.C. Parks and Recreation employee who worked with the city's youth, was charged with second-degree murder following the fatal encounter with Karon on Jan. 7, 2023.

Lewis told investigators he was worried when a group of people outside of his home attracted his attention about 4 a.m. He had seen people break into vehicles along Quincy Street in his Northeast Washington neighborhood of Brookland leading up to the encounter. Prosecutors have said repeatedly that Lewis should have taken his concerns to police.

"He got out of his bed, put on his shoes, picked up his gun, walked out of his bedroom, down the stairs and out of his home, then lined up his gun and began firing as the kids were running away," prosecutor Jeffrey Wojcik told the jury this week.

"You can't kill someone for breaking into a car," Wojcik said in Judge Anthony C. Epstein's courtroom, after reciting Karon's last words.

A lawyer for Lewis argued he fired in self-defense when he saw someone dressed in black running toward him.

"Mr. Lewis thought he was going to die," Julie Swaney said in court. "He was protecting his wife and his children when he was confronted by a group of young men."

Swaney described the police investigation as "careless and shoddy" and presented details she said officers had not un-

SEE **SHOOTING** ON **B2**

Jason Lewis, right, leaves the Moultrie Courthouse in D.C. with his lawyer Wednesday. Lewis is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Karon Desean Blake, 13, in January 2023. Lewis said he had seen Blake breaking into cars.

Metro worker fatigue probed

RECENT INCIDENTS CONCERN WATCHDOG

Safety commission says close calls are on the rise

BY RACHEL WEINER

The after-action report from Metro's safety watchdog describes a train acting a lot like its operator — drunk, tired, confused. Early on the morning of Sept. 10, an Orange Line train staggered east from Eastern Market, skipping some stations and lingering halfway into others, turning its lights on and off, on a two-hour jaunt that ended with an intervention at Vienna by Metro Transit Police.

The driver, according to the report, had come off work the night before, drank some alcohol, then slept an hour or two before reporting back to work for a 5:45 a.m. overtime shift for which he thought — mistakenly — he would not be running a train. The Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, citing that incident and others, is exploring whether it has the power to force Metro to change its rules related to employee fatigue, a subject of contention between workers and the agency for years.

"There's nothing in place to keep a train operator from working as many consecutive days as he wants," Robert Lauby, a member of the safety board, said at a meeting Tuesday. Until that's resolved, he said, "we still have the risk of a collision."

Metro has not suffered a fatal crash since 2009, but the watchdog said close calls are on the rise. Last year, nine trains overran red lights meant to prevent collisions, according to the safety commission; so far this year, 11 have.

According to the Federal Transit Administration, public transit is the only mode of transportation that has no standard for how much rest workers must get between shifts. That may change with rules proposed last year.

Lauby and other members of the safety commission agreed that they could not wait for the

SEE **METRO** ON **B6**

Longtime expert on funding for D.C. schools dies

Mary Levy, 82, could unravel complicated budgets for the public

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

When Mary Levy came to D.C. Council budget hearings, she often started her testimony with the same words.

"I'm Mary Levy," she said while appearing on video at an April meeting, introducing herself even though many watching already knew her. "And I've studied the D.C. budget for almost 45 years."

Levy, a former civil rights lawyer and longtime school budget analyst, had been a fixture at these hearings for years — one of few minds that could unravel complicated budgets that education advocates have described as opaque and confusing. She died at her Northwest Washington home on July 31 from complications of uterine cancer that had metastasized, said her youngest

SEE **LEVY** ON **B2**

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School finance expert Mary Levy speaks at a news conference in March 2013 after the filing of a lawsuit against the D.C. government seeking an injunction against the closure of 15 public schools.

Recall efforts against 2 council members fizzling

Deadlines loom, hurdles remain in campaigns against D.C. officials

BY MEAGAN FLYNN AND MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

He needed little introduction.

In Capitol Hill, few can go for an evening stroll without encountering D.C. Council member Charles Allen's name. Hundreds of yard signs either call for Allen's ouster or herald his record. Mailers and fliers either blame him for last year's crime spike or credit his work to keep Ward 6 safe. The D.C. Police Union even set up a mobile billboard: "Upset about rampant crime on the Hill? Thank Charles Allen & the D.C. Council," it said.

"I see your name everywhere," Amy Buice told Allen (D-Ward 6) as he knocked on doors on Duncan Street NE recently.

That was why he was here, Allen said. "There's a small but loud group trying to overturn your most recent election here in Ward 6. It's a very misguided effort," Allen said — but "we don't want to take anything for granted."

"Please don't sign a petition if you see one," he added.

It was Allen's closing message as a petition effort to recall him from office entered its final weeks — one of two simultaneously targeting Allen and council member Brianne K. Nadeau (D-Ward 1) over crime, pointing to various council policies they led or supported.

In an otherwise slow election year, the dual recall efforts arguably became D.C.'s spiciest political campaigns — one of the more unusual phenomena to grip D.C. politics in recent years. In D.C., while recall campaigns have had some success against advisory neighborhood commissioners, no council member or higher-office holder has ever been recalled.

But with deadlines coming into focus, it's become clearer

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D.C. man claims self-defense in fatal shooting of boy, 13

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earthed about the moments leading up to the shooting. Lewis heard a gunshot outside his window in the back of his house, she said, which caused him to leave his bedroom and investigate. After the shooting, a gun holster was found near where Karon and his friends had been gathered, Swaney told the jury.

Prosecutors dispute her account.

Londen Blake, Karon's mother, in an interview last year described her son as an enthusiastic kid who played running back for a youth football team, cheered for the Washington Commanders and faithfully listened to New Orleans rapper NBA YoungBoy. But after the coronavirus pandemic upended his normal social routine, he began sneaking out of the house, prompting Blake to call police or youth services officials on him half a dozen times, she said.

Lewis, a graduate of DeMatha Catholic High School, dedicated his professional life to trying to support young people like Karon, according to those who know him. He helped create late-night and summer programs for city youths, hoping to offer them positive outlets for entertainment and get them off the streets.

Karon was the oldest of Blake's four children; his own father, Sean Perry, was fatally shot before he was born, Blake said. Blake said she raised Karon with the help of Karon's grandfather and the father of her three younger children.

In 2020, Karon was a fifth-grade student at Raymond Elementary in Northwest who wore the No. 4 jersey as a running back on the youth football team, the Black Panthers. Then the coronavirus pandemic hit. Karon saw his friends only occasionally, his mom said. The neighborhood recreation center he frequented after school was closed, and there was no longer after-school football. Blake said she noticed that her son, isolated from his friends and classmates for more than a year, was becoming more withdrawn and agitated.

"His entire attitude was changing. He wasn't the joyful little boy that I knew," his mother said in the earlier interview.

When Karon and other D.C. students returned to the classrooms, it was at Brookland Middle School. Blake said she noticed her son began spending time with teens about three or four years older whom she did not know, often at the Brookland recreation center. Karon, she said, seemed to be doing everything he could not to return to the house where he had spent so much time during the pandemic.

"I went down to that recreation center several times and told him to get home," Blake said.

In June 2022, according to juvenile records reviewed by The Washington Post, Karon was arrested for refusing to return a classmate's iPhone after borrowing it to go "live" on Instagram, and assaulting the same classmate after he refused to type in a passcode to unlock the phone. It was Karon's only criminal case, according to District juvenile records, and it was later dismissed after Karon agreed to adhere to various conditions as part of a court-ordered four-month deferment program.

Karon was put on home detention and could leave the house only to attend school. Officials also put him on GPS monitoring via an ankle bracelet. But Karon often let the battery die on the monitor or managed to remove the device from his ankle so he could leave the house, his mother said.

Brian McDaniel, Blake's attorney, said his client was "doing the best she could with a young man who was becoming more of a young man than he was ready to become."

"He was moving quickly into young adulthood, and she was doing the best she could to keep him safe," McDaniel said.

Police photos shown at trial of Lewis's vehicle, a gray Audi, displayed damage to its windows that prosecutors attributed to Karon and two of his friends, who authorities said fled when Lewis began firing at the group. Karon was struck twice, they said.

In an interview before the trial began, Blake said she contended with questions about why her son was out allegedly breaking into cars at 4 a.m.

That did not justify his shooting, she said, adding, "I tried my best."

Lewis is the son of two retired Washington police officers: Roosevelt Lewis Jr., a former sergeant who retired in 1995, and Carolyn Lewis, who retired as an officer in 1989, a D.C. police spokesman said. Karon, Lewis's friends and co-workers say, was the type of teen Lewis spent his life trying to help with his programs.

"He dedicated his life to working with young people," said longtime District youth advocate Ron Moten. "That's what he did at the neighborhood rec center. Creating programs to keep our youth safe and off the streets."

From 2006 through 2010, while working for the Department of Parks and Recreation, Lewis volunteered at the Metro Teen AIDS program, teaching people between the ages of 13 and 25 about the importance of HIV testing. In 2009, he was awarded the "Community Hero of the Year" award from the organization, according to a biography on LinkedIn. Adam Tenner, former executive director of Metro Teen Aids, which is now part of Whitman-Walker Health, said Lewis facilitated HIV education via District recreation centers and was a "good partner," connecting HIV education to District youth.

For the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, Lewis helped create a program called Late Night Hype — a series of carnivals for young people with live performances by go-go bands, bounce houses and video game stations at recreation centers across the city, according to a former co-worker. He also helped create a summer program called Late Night Drip held at outdoor city pools, the person said. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) recently expanded the program and praised its success.

In 2018, Lewis formed the agency's inaugural law program for youth called Law & Order Teen Conference, his attorney said. The program was meant to teach about the criminal justice system and how to keep their neighborhoods safe from crime, according to a 2018 Department of Parks and Recreation press release.

It is unclear if Karon or Lewis knew each other or had ever come into contact with each other previously.

Blake said she went to bed the night of Jan. 6 believing that her son was asleep in his room. Around 11:30 the next morning, D.C. police called to tell her he was gone.

"He was a good boy," she said. "He was just trying to spread his wings faster than he should have."

Magda Jean-Louis contributed to this report.

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Jason Lewis, right, dedicated his professional life to trying to support youths like Karon Blake, according to those who know Lewis.

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A still image from Jason Lewis's home security camera shows him outside his house shortly before Karon Blake was killed.

D.C. POLICE

The poster released by D.C. police in 2021, when Karon Blake was reported missing.

Levy worked to make school budget process easier for families to understand

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daughter, Rachel Levy.

The 82-year-old was known in D.C. education circles as a trusted source to parent-teacher organizations, city council members, and leaders in traditional public and charter schools alike.

"Mary arguably understood [D.C. Public Schools] better than anyone else in this city," Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) wrote in a recent social media post. "A respected leader in the fight for better schools, for decades she held the trust of Councilmembers. She will be missed."

But long before Levy compiled spreadsheets that told parents if their child's school was shedding teachers, she studied Semitic languages. She earned a PhD in linguistics from the University of Michigan in 1971.

"She wasn't just gifted with statistics or with numbers, she was very gifted with language. But a lot of people didn't know that," Rachel Levy said. "She relaxed by reading literature in the original language."

Levy moved to D.C. with her husband, Ed, in 1967, but couldn't immediately find a job, Rachel Levy said. She enrolled in law school at George Washington University — embarking on a decades-long career that would help usher in a new level of accountability for the public schools. As a civil rights attorney, Levy worked on cases related to unequal funding in schools, including lawsuits in New York and Maryland to get more money allocated in urban and rural districts.

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Mary Levy, seen in the 1990s, was a trusted source to parent-teacher organizations, politicians and school leaders in D.C.

"She's just such an intellectual force," said Dina Levy, Mary's oldest daughter. "She registered for law school when I was 2 years old and she was pregnant with my sister and graduated" near the top of her class. She recalled conversations with her mom about literature and the matriarch's tradition of gifting everyone a book for Christmas.

By 1980, Rachel and Dina were students at what was then Hyde Elementary School. At the time, D.C.'s public education system was facing staff quality issues, poor performance and funding problems, said Rod Boggs, the executive director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs from 1971 to 2016.

Then-Mayor Marion Barry called for drastic cuts that would slash millions of dollars from the public school system, a move that coalesced parents across the city, Boggs said. Along with the Washington Lawyers' Committee — which had already been providing legal assistance to low-income parents in Southeast Washington — the concerned families formed an advocacy group called Parents United, Boggs said.

Levy, already active in her daughters' PTA and working as a lawyer in private practice, took on the job of analyzing school budgets, Boggs said. She wrote dozens of high-profile reports that showed D.C. teachers and principals were underpaid compared with their peers in the Maryland suburbs, detailed inadequate school funding and exposed thousands of fire code violations in public schools — the last of which led to litigation and repairs.

"Those problems have been greatly alleviated because of, bottom line, work that Mary Levy did before," Boggs said. "In many ways, Mary was an unsung hero in the education reform movement."

In a 2022 interview with Boggs, Levy recalled how diverse families across the city rallied together at the time. It gave parents a sense of agency, she said.

Rachel Levy said the lesson rubbed off: "My mom taught me you don't just advocate for your kid, you look at the system and you look at the structures."

Levy was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 2020, Dina Levy said. She underwent treatment in 2023 — nevertheless, she couldn't sit still.

Levy had always passed the time with crossword puzzles and sudoku and continued to do so for as long as she could, said Rachel Levy. When Levy was unable to read, she listened to podcasts. This was a woman who, on top of working full time and raising two girls, knitted, sewed and taught herself recipes from India and Mexico.

Dina Levy said her mom's health seemed to decline around the holidays but, by January, she was on the mend. Rachel Levy recalled her mom saying she was better "just in time for budget season."

In April, Mary Levy appeared on-screen during a council hearing to share her findings on teacher cuts, rising costs for schools and the size of the district's central office. "Despite the council's central office [full-time employee] cuts last year, the bureaucracy this year is bigger than ever," she said. "Eight hundred sixty-two full-time employee positions for people who do not provide direct services to schools or otherwise for students."

D.C. Public Schools' central office houses services including human resources and curriculum development but also some school-based services such as providing substitute teachers.

Levy often worked with Betsy Wolf, a D.C. public school parent and education researcher. They combed through budget data this spring and shared their findings on Wolf's blog, offering answers to parents' most urgent questions: Is my child's school getting enough money? Why is my neighborhood school losing teachers? How are schools actually being funded?

Wolf praised Levy's work to help make the budget process easier to understand for families.

"What you want to know is how many staff are being cut, and that's not what DCPS gives you. It takes a ton of work and data cleaning and data manipulation to get the questions that you want to answer," Wolf said. "We won't know as much as we did without her."

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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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With recall efforts falling short, organizers see silver lining

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that major hurdles remain for both recall efforts: While organizers remain hopeful, Recall Allen is hundreds of petition signatures shy of the threshold to qualify for the ballot, as signature gatherers go into overdrive with just days to go before the Aug. 12 deadline. Recall Nadeau organizers, meanwhile, acknowledged serious challenges ahead of their Oct. 1 deadline. And two anti-recall counter-campaigns have significantly outraised the recallers, according to July 31 campaign finance filings.

Still, leaders of the recall effort say their campaigns have had the intended impact, regardless of the final outcome — creating a space for neighbors with concerns about crime while upping the pressure on city lawmakers.

"Even if it's big or small, we know we did have an impact, especially in the community," said Diana Alvarez, leader of the Ward 1 recall effort in a recent interview.

Allen and Nadeau said in interviews that while residents' concerns around crime are legitimate, they stand by their legislative actions and pushes for police reform in recent years — rejecting any notion they are anti-police.

But still, Allen spent his time door-knocking, not wanting to take a chance. And Nadeau acknowledged that pushback from some Ward 1 residents in recent years on her rhetoric around public safety has caused her to think more critically about how to best communicate with them.

"Some people need me to say, 'I also support the police and work with them every day to keep our community safe,' while also recognizing they can't solve all our issues," Nadeau said. "And also, no one council member can solve this issue. I wish I could — I would have by now."

A reflection of crime

The recall efforts, which launched in January and February, leaned into fears about violent crime, which escalated in 2023 as homicides reached a quarter-century high.

In the 2022 Democratic primary, violent crime was a core issue for Ward 1, which includes the U Street nightlife corridor that some neighbors point to as attracting or contributing to crime. Nadeau's two challengers attacked her record on public safety and policing, frequently accusing her of not supporting the police, an attack Nadeau calls misinformation. She won with about 48 percent of the vote.

Recall supporters have railed against Allen's role in the 2020 $15 million police budget cut while pointing to several policies he led as chairman of the judiciary committee and that Nadeau voted for. Those policies include the criminal code overhaul blocked by Congress; amending the Youth Rehabilitation Act to allow people up to age 24 to be eligible for lenient sentencing (Allen has pointed to data showing the policy is associated with reduced recidivism); and expanding the Second Look Act to allow certain prisoners to petition for reduced sentences.

Allen has defended his work on the committee and budgeting decisions in 2020 as evidence-driven, and both lawmakers point to recent efforts to boost police recruitment while funding the police budget at over a half-billion dollars per year.

If the policies were an issue, Allen questioned why no one challenged him over them in the 2022 election, which he won with 94 percent of the vote after running unopposed in the primary. "If somebody in this group wants to run for the job, if they think they can do it better, do it different, have the courage to put your name on a ballot," Allen said.

Still, for some residents in Ward 6, the recall arguments have been compelling. Just north of Lincoln Park, neighbors on 12 and 13th streets NE said they have been shaken over the past couple of years by numerous carjackings — one attempted in broad daylight — and a homicide on Tennessee Avenue.

Cindy Von Kannon had lived on the Hill for more than 40 years — through the crack epidemic and the "murder capital" days — but only in recent years had she started to feel unsafe. "It's almost surreal, the way crime has escalated," she said.

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Ward 6 resident Angelique Dorazio and D.C. Council member Charles Allen (D) speak last month about the recall campaign against Allen.

CRAIG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A recall campaign against council member Brianne K. Nadeau so far does not have the required number of petition signatures.

Losing steam

Organizers of the Nadeau recall were clear-eyed about their prospects for success: With less than 70 days until the deadline, they had just 2,000 out of the 5,400 signatures they needed.

"We may have underestimated how tough it was going to be," Diana Alvarez, the recall organizer, acknowledged in mid-July. "But it was done from a very honest place in our heart, which is that we wanted things to get better."

Alvarez said it wasn't easy to manage the effort with full-time work and other responsibilities. And the group wasn't always equipped to handle certain questions from residents, like who should replace Nadeau. "It was a question that I really didn't have an answer to," Alvarez said.

While the decrease in crime has not softened the Recall Allen campaign's belief that Allen and the council need to respond more forcefully to crime — "it's a little bit like saying it snowed in Texas so climate change is okay," said Rich Masters, a Recall Allen organizer — they also admit: Petition signatures slowed down. They collected 5,289 out of the required roughly 6,200 as of Aug 1.

To Tommy Wells, the former Ward 6 council member and Allen's chief recall defender, the drop in crime underscored how "silly" the recall attempt has been. "We have not taken credit for the decrease in crime, because that's as silly as taking credit for the increase in crime," said Wells, who has repeatedly framed the recall as an antidemocratic attempt by MAGA extremists to overturn an election — infuriating the recall's Democratic organizers.

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Rich Masters,
a Recall Allen organizer

Still, the recall organizers see a silver lining, believing that they forced intense conversations about public safety policy in D.C. and put public officials on notice.

"The recall effort at the end of the day — whether we get there or not — has already succeeded in sending a loud signal to the Wilson building," Masters said, "that you better get serious about this, that you can't just pass policies that provide leniency for criminals and at the same time decimate the police force."

Asked how or if the recall had affected his thinking on criminal justice reform, Allen said it had not — he argued his approach had been "very consistent" in all the policy decisions he had made. "When violence happens, I want to see accountability for that. And I also want to see a fair system of justice. Those things are not at odds with one another."

He admitted the attacks stung at first. But as he finished an hour of door-knocking Saturday, in which he encountered no recall supporters, the council member appeared buoyed by the conviction that he had far more support than opposition.

Returning to his bike, Allen asked a council staffer who was volunteering on his personal time to take down an address: The last woman he spoke to asked for a yard sign.

VIRGINIA

DOJ: Man threatened to kill Harris

Frank Carillo, 66, faces charges involving posts targeting vice president

BY DANIEL WU

A Virginia man was arrested Monday and charged with making threats against Vice President Kamala Harris, the Justice Department announced in a news release.

Frank Carillo, 66, of Winchester, wrote thousands of posts and replies over the past year on the conservative social media platform Gettr, targeting several public officials such as Harris, President Joe Biden and FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, according to a criminal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Carillo allegedly made numerous violent comments and graphic death threats directed at Harris on Gettr after she had started running for president.

Carillo allegedly wrote in July that "Harris is going to regret ever trying to become president" and "Just for being a Democrat you're going to die."

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Frank Carillo of Winchester is accused of making violent comments and graphic threats directed at Vice President Kamala Harris.

Carillo also made numerous posts about firearms and shooting people, including immigrants and Muslims, the complaint alleged, and wrote that he had an "AR-15 locked and loaded."

His posts were first identified in July by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office in Arizona, which alerted the FBI to threats made on Gettr against that county's recorder, the complaint states.

The office has faced numerous violent threats after Donald Trump made false claims that his loss in the county during the 2020 election was fraudulent.

Investigators linked phone numbers and email addresses associated with the Gettr account that made the threatening posts to Carillo in Virginia, the complaint alleged.

FBI agents searched Carillo's residence last week and seized a handgun and an assault-style rifle, according to the complaint.

Carillo, who was present during the search, allegedly said, "This is ridiculous, for a comment. I guess I'm gonna need a lawyer."

If convicted of threatening to kill the vice president, Carillo could face up to five years in prison.

An attorney for Carillo declined to comment.

Carillo made an initial court appearance Monday and is scheduled to appear in court Thursday.

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BARBARA HOWAR, 89

Socialite dished on Washington society in hit memoir

BY HARRISON SMITH

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Barbara Howar, a popular but defiantly unorthodox Washington hostess, had ambitions that extended far beyond socializing. In her 30s, she reinvented herself as a writer and broadcaster.

Back when Lyndon B. Johnson was president and the latest dance craze was the Frug, Washington high society was transfixed by Barbara Howar, a sparkling socialite from North Carolina who helped the first lady do her hair, mingled with a visiting Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon and turned her Georgetown home into a center of Swinging Sixties entertainment.

"The only time I have boring people come to my house is when they're married and come in a package," she told Life magazine in 1965, for an article that hailed her as "Washington's most discussed, outspoken and photogenic society matron in decades."

Ms. Howar (her last name rhymed with "flower") declared that she had little interest in being seen as Washington's "No. 1 hostess" — not least because the label meant that "clever, fun people avoid you."

Defiantly unorthodox, she wore pajamas to an embassy gala, drove an orange motorcycle through a Georgetown park and had a barbed wit that brought her a reputation as the enfant terrible of the capital's social scene. Reflecting on the private life of Henry Kissinger, one of many diplomats and politicians who frequented her parties over the years, she quipped, "Henry's idea of sex is to slow the car down to 30 miles an hour when he drops you off at the door."

Ms. Howar also had ambitions that extended far beyond the socializing that made her famous. After she and her husband, a wealthy real estate developer, divorced in 1967, she reinvented herself, launching twin careers as a writer and broadcaster in her early 30s.

She wrote essays and book reviews for The Washington Post and New York Times; recounted her years in the capital in a best-selling memoir, "Laughing All the Way" (1973); and later worked as a correspondent for "Entertainment Tonight," interviewing celebrities including Elton John, Paul McCartney and Liza Minnelli.

"If I thought my epitaph would read 'hostess,'" her friend Sally Quinn recalled her saying, "I'd refuse to die."

Ms. Howar was 89 when she died Aug. 2 at a care center in Los Angeles, where she had lived for the past two decades. The cause was complications from dementia, said her daughter, Bader Howar.

Propelled by the success of her tell-all memoir, Ms. Howar became a television mainstay in the 1970s, appearing on talk shows to chat about Washington politics with Johnny Carson or Jack Paar.

Those chats recalled her earlier reputation as a White House insider, a close friend of the Johnson family — she was sometimes described as their unofficial fashion consultant — who had grown close to the president's wife and children while campaigning for Johnson in 1964, including on the first lady's whistle-stop tour through the South. The night of the inauguration, she danced the foxtrot with the president himself.

But within a year, the Johnsons soured on Ms. Howar and stopped inviting her to the White House. According to Life magazine, she had alienated the family by gossiping about a $6,000 engagement party she was planning for the president's daughter Luci, before the event was formally approved. Ms. Howar later blamed the acrimony on jealous White House staffers; others said the cause was rooted in rumors of her private love affairs.

Ms. Howar used the episode to launch her writing career, publishing a 1968 article in Ladies' Home Journal, "Why LBJ Dropped Me," in which she shared stories about the family, including details about the daughters' Secret Service code names (Venus and Velvet). The story helped her land a job doing political commentary for Washington's Channel 5 (WTTG), which hired her as a co-host for the daytime talk show "Panorama," alongside John Willis and a young Maury Povich.

"With Barbara, there was no filter," Povich told Garden & Gun magazine for a 2021 profile. "She was irrepressible. She would say things like, 'You know, I have such a smart dog that he only pees on the New York Times.' And I would reply, 'I guess that's a form of yellow journalism.' We had a great repartee. And she would also ask congressmen and senators questions they wouldn't get from anybody else."

By 1971, Ms. Howar had quit the show — angry, according to her daughter, that her salary was dwarfed by that of her male co-stars. She went on to host a syndicated interview show, "For Adults Only," with Joyce Susskind, before finding greater fame through her memoir, a gossipy account of Washington society that drew praise for its candor as well as its writing.

"The naughty party girl has a telling eye for detail, the ability to keep herself in perspective at least some of the time, a graceful way with a story and enough bigname trivia to keep her laughing all the way to the bank," Times reviewer Charlotte Curtis wrote.

Novelist Erica Jong, writing in the same newspaper, would later call it "a blast of clean air — a book about politics that only a woman could have written, a book about power seen from the excellent vantage point of the boudoir, a book about deception and self deception at the top."

Ms. Howar followed the memoir with a novel, "Making Ends Meet" (1976), about a Howaresque divorced woman from the South, raising two children while working at a D.C. television station. In real life, Ms. Howar's broadcasting career took her to CBS, where she was a correspondent for the short-lived "60 Minutes" spinoff "Who's Who," alongside Dan Rather and Charles Kuralt, and to PBS, where she was a panelist for the cheeky quiz show "We Interrupt This Week."

Some of her on-air appearances offered her a chance to discuss or explore her own political views, including what her daughter described as an abiding commitment to civil rights and the women's movement. Interviewing Anita Bryant for "Who's Who" in 1977, she was polite but firm while questioning the singer about her campaign against homosexuality.

"Where," she asked in her sweet Southern drawl, "is your human sense of decency and fairness to people who are different than you?"

The second of three sisters, Barbara Stephanye Dearing was born in Nashville on Sept. 27, 1934, and grew up in Raleigh, N.C. Her mother managed the family, and her father was an engineer.

During World War II, Ms. Howar dressed in a Women's Army Corps uniform provided by her mother and stood along the highway, watching for military trucks headed to Quantico or Fort Bragg.

"A photographer took my picture in full uniform saluting a convoy," she wrote in her memoir. "The day it ran in the Raleigh Times was one of my proudest moments and probably the beginning of a deep and abiding love for personal recognition."

Ms. Howar first came to Washington for finishing school at Holton-Arms, now a day school in Bethesda. After returning to North Carolina to become a debutante and work for the Raleigh Times, writing society articles and performing menial tasks, she settled in the capital in 1957.

As she later wrote in her memoir, her talents and assets were limited to "a vague but cosmetically encouraged resemblance to Grace Kelly and six years of elocution lessons at Miss Bootsie MacDonald's School of Tap and Toe." But before long, she had a secretarial job on Capitol Hill and a husband. She had woken up one morning, she said, "disposed to do the only thing I had not tried: marriage."

Her husband, Edmond N. Howar, was an Arab American, the son of a prominent Washington builder who had emigrated from the Middle East. Back in North Carolina, their wedding in 1958 stunned family friends who "almost expected him to come around on camelback," she recalled.

Ms. Howar faced repeated money troubles, and by 1980 she had relocated to New York, where she found a new opportunity on "Entertainment Tonight." But she came to despise the show's gushy format and the constant travel the job required, and quit after five years. "I hated every minute of it," she said.

She also came to hate New York. "Walking a dog in even a relatively secure neighborhood demands vigilance, lest the animal get bits of broken crack vials in his paws," she wrote in 1990, announcing her departure from the city in a farewell essay for the Times.

After a brief stint back in North Carolina, she settled in West Hollywood around 1993, moving to California to be closer to her children. For a time, she found work scouting television projects for writer and producer Norman Lear.

In addition to her daughter, survivors include a son, Edmond Howar; her younger sister, veteran horse racing broadcaster Charlsie Cantey; and four grandchildren.

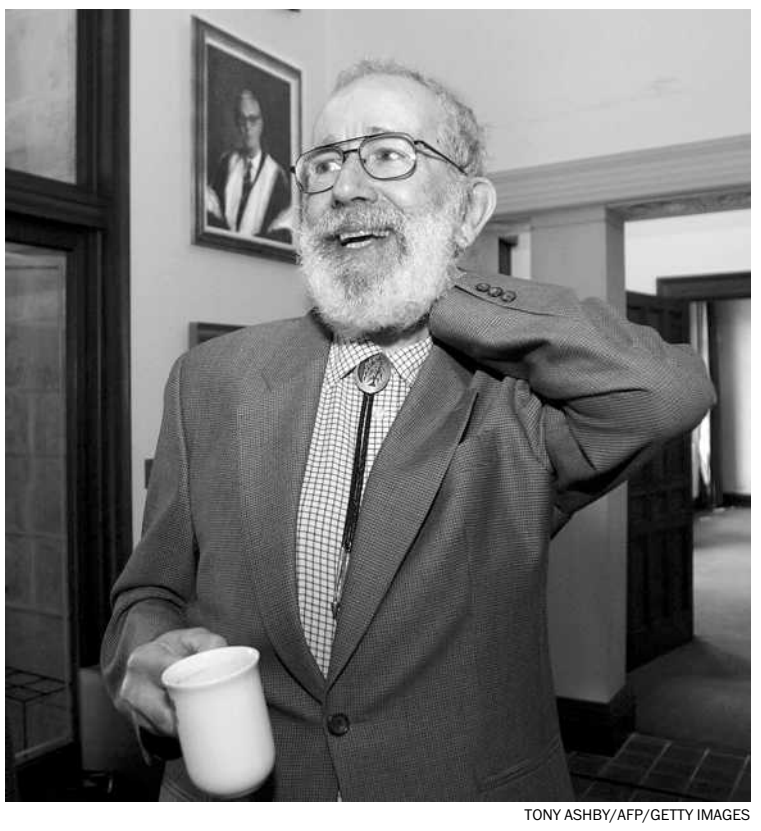
Although she never remarried, Ms. Howar was romantically involved with writer Willie Morris, a former Harper's magazine editor whose novel "The Last of the Southern Girls" was published in 1973, at the same time as her memoir. The novel, about an Arkansas debutante who "seemed touched with gold," was widely believed to have been inspired by Ms. Howar. (Morris died in 1999.)

Asked about the novel upon its release, Ms. Howar offered the Los Angeles Times a smile, along with a flash of her usual wit: "I make absolutely no statement about Willie's book. It was Margaret Mitchell" — the author of "Gone With the Wind" — "who wrote the book about me."

ROBIN WARREN, 87

Gut feeling about ulcers led pathologist to Nobel

BY BRIAN MURPHY



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Robin Warren in 2005 after receiving the Nobel Prize for medicine, which he shared with Barry Marshall. The pair found a bacteria that caused ulcers, upending a focus on stress and diet.

Robin Warren, an Australian pathologist who shared a Nobel Prize for rewriting medical views on gut health with research that included his partner drinking a bacteria-laced brew to show how microbes can cause ulcers, died July 23 in Perth, Australia. He was 87.

The death was announced by the University of Western Australia, where Dr. Warren was a professor emeritus. The statement gave no other details.

The discoveries by Dr. Warren and Barry Marshall at Royal Perth Hospital completely upended long-standing medical assumptions that the stomach's gastric fluids would kill any invasive bacteria. Yet, for more than a decade, the two researchers confronted a medical community slow to accept their theories and acknowledge their findings.

As Marshall once put it, "To gastroenterologists, the concept of a germ causing ulcers was like saying that the Earth is flat."

For patients, there are now antibiotic treatments for peptic ulcers — once considered a chronic condition — as well as a noninvasive breath test to diagnose ulcers and avoid possible biopsies. In wider medical research, the work by Dr. Warren and Marshall also introduced theories about possible bacterial factors in ailments caused by inflammation, such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and as potential triggers for cancers.

Until the studies by Dr. Warren and Marshall, the medical consensus was that ulcers and other gastric troubles were often attributed to stress or lifestyle choices such as eating spicy foods or drinking alcohol.

"With tenacity and a prepared mind [they] challenged prevailing dogmas," said a statement from the Nobel committee when Dr. Warren and Marshall received the prize for medicine in 2005.

The journey began with a glance in 1979 at a biopsy sample at the Royal Perth Hospital, where Dr. Warren was a chief pathologist. He noticed bacteria on tissue from a patient with ulcers. Dr. Warren had long mulled over an alternative "germ theory" for ulcers, but he had scant evidence to bolster his ideas and almost no supporters.

"Bacteria had been seen before, but these findings had been disregarded as some odd curiosities or just contaminations," said Swedish microbiologist Staffan Normark at the Nobel Prize announcement in Stockholm.

Marshall, as a young clinical researcher, watched the eyerolls at Dr. Warren during medical conferences. "He would mention these bacteria and the surgeons would be saying 'ha ha ha, Robin's talking about his bacteria again,'" recalled Marshall in an interview with the Medical Republic, an Australian health and science site.

The biopsy sample spotted by Dr. Warren gave him a tangible lead. He recruited Marshall, and they began studying tissue from patients with ulcers and other digestive problems. Nearly all the samples showed the presence of the same bacteria. They dubbed it Helicobacter pylori, or H. pylori: "helico," as in helicopter, for its spiral shape, and "pylori" for the pylorus valve at the bottom of the stomach.

They announced their findings in a series of papers, including in the British journal the Lancet, in the early 1980s. The medical community remained skeptical.

"For about 100 years, or 1,000 years, the standard teaching in medicine was that the stomach was sterile and nothing grew there because of corrosive gastric juices," Dr. Warren said. "So everybody believed there were no bacteria in the stomach. When I said they were there, no one believed it."

In July 1984, Marshall turned himself into a lab subject. He swilled down a bacterial broth in an attempt to draw conclusive links between H. pylori and ulcers. Test animals such as pigs and rats were immune to the bacteria. Dr. Warren already had an H. pylori infection, and they feared he could have built an immunity.

"So, Barry, I think it has to be you," Marshall recalled Dr. Warren telling him.

After about three days, Marshall became sick. "I started vomiting. I was waking up in the middle of the night, I couldn't eat well, I was having night sweats," he told the Australian, a newspaper based near Sydney, in 2005. "I had the endoscopy after a week and it showed the bacteria had taken hold."

The test revealed H. pylori around an inflamed part of his stomach. He was better after a course of antibiotics, further advancing their findings toward a cure.

About two-thirds of the world population has been infected with H. pylori, often during childhood, but the bacteria leads to health problems in a relatively small number of people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Infections can also bring an increased risk of gastric cancers or a lymphoma known as mucosal associated-lymphoid-type, or MALT, the CDC says.

The precise reason H. pylori becomes aggressive in some people is not fully understood. But when it happens, the bacteria can cause ulcers by damaging the stomach lining and making it more vulnerable to digestive fluids. H. pylori causes more than 90 percent of duodenal stomach ulcers and 80 percent of upper-intestinal ulcers, the Nobel committee said. Other causes are overuse of some drugs that can compromise the stomach lining.

"The idea of stress and things like that was just so entrenched nobody could really believe that it was bacteria," Dr. Warren once said. "It had to come from some weird place like Perth, Western Australia, because I think nobody else would have even considered it."

'10,000 unusual things'

John Robin Warren was born on June 11, 1937, in Adelaide, Australia. His father was a winemaker. His mother was a nurse.

"I cannot remember my mother ever pressuring me to study medicine, but somehow this always seemed to be my aim," Dr. Warren wrote in his biographical essay for the Nobel committee.

Months after receiving a university scholarship to study medicine, he had his first grand mal seizure and was diagnosed with epilepsy. He was prescribed drugs that helped control the seizures, but he could not receive a driver's license and used his bicycle for appointments and classes. His family had discussions — without Robin's knowledge — about whether to demand that he pass up medical school because of his condition.

"It was only years later that I came to appreciate just how much my mother had gone through to support my independence. … Apparently, mother was worried sick, but she never said a word about it," he wrote.

After receiving a degree in medicine from the University of Adelaide in 1961, he trained in clinical pathology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Dr. Warren sought a position in Papua New Guinea, then under Australian control, in hopes of studying more "exotic and usual diseases."

Instead, he was recruited by the Royal Perth Hospital in 1968 as a staff specialist in pathology, which included an affiliation with the University of Western Australia. He retired from the hospital in 1999 and was named a professor emeritus at the university in 2005.

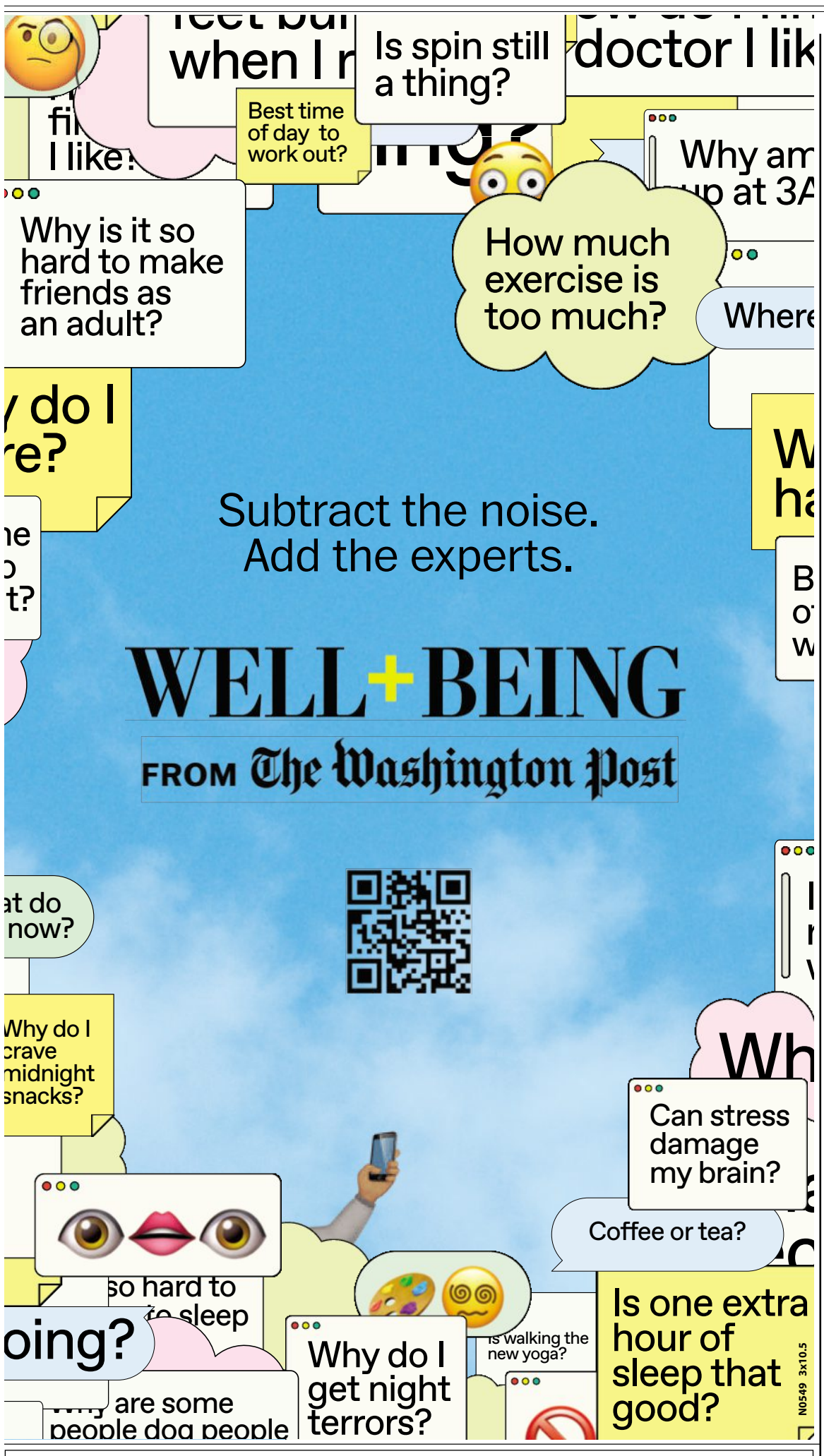
In 2007, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia, the country's highest civilian honor.

During the early 1980s, Dr. Warren said, he and Marshall felt almost like outcasts with their bacteria research. "Otherwise," Dr. Warren said, "it seemed that only our wives stood beside us."

He married the former Winifred Theresa Williams in 1962, and they had five children. She died in 1997. Complete information on survivors was not immediately available.

In an interview with the Australian Academy of Science, Dr. Warren said that pathologists often encounter oddities in research. The challenge, he noted, is to decide which enigma holds a mystery worth cracking.

"When you look down the microscope at pieces of tissue … it's not unusual to find something unexpected, because there are so many unusual things," he said. "And if there are 10,000 unusual things, you find one of them every now and again."



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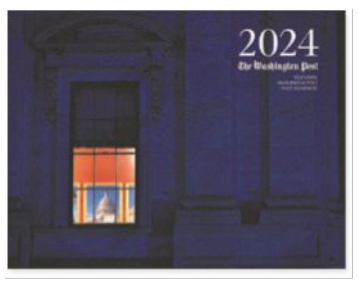

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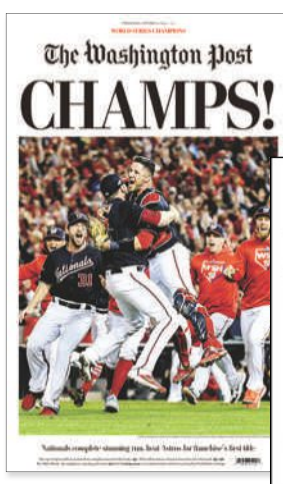

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DEATH NOTICE

BERNIER

GEORGE M. BERNIER III (Age 59)
George M. Bernier, III formerly of Arlington, VA and loving son, lost his 4 ½ year courageous battle with pancreatic cancer on August 6, 2024 at the age of 59 in Newton, MA. George is predeceased by his father, George M. Bernier, Jr, MD and survived by mother, Mary Jane (Marron) Bernier, sister Elizabeth Lamont, MD, nephews Robinson and Duncan Lamont, uncle Thomas (Katherine) Marron and numerous loving cousins. George graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He had a distinguished 30 year career in Washington, DC working in government and related entities. He served as senior legislative assistant to US Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania as well as posts with the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, and the Consulting Firm of Van Scoyoc Associates as Director of Government Affairs. George had a memory for all things sports related and had a marvelous sense of humor. He was blessed with many wonderful relationships during his career and always sought the best in people and in turn, was well respected by his peers. The family is deeply indebted to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the doctors, nurses, and staff who cared for George over the long course of his illness. The family will celebrate a private service and burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to DFCI in George's name with special recognition to Dr. Matthew Yurgelun and Nurse Practitioner, Molly Nestor.

LEVY

MARY M. LEVY
Mary M. Levy, a longtime D.C. resident and D.C. public schools advocate, died suddenly at home on July 31, 2024, from complications of uterine cancer. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 57 years, Edward P. Levy, who had been caring for her during this difficult period; siblings Roger, Laura, and Paul Mansnerus; daughters Dina S. Levy and Rachel A. Levy; son-in-law Cedar Reilly Riener; and grandchildren Caleb, Liam, and Amelie Riener, and Nora and Seth Levy.
Mary, born on December 16, 1941, in Chicago, held a B.A. in linguistics from the University of Wisconsin, a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from George Washington University Law School. She studied D.C. public education for over 40 years, analyzing staffing, budgets and expenditures, and monitoring D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) for parent advocacy and school support organizations. As Director of the Public Education Reform Project at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs from 1990 to 2009, she played a significant role in developing the District of Columbia's public school funding system, formulating many major reform plans, as well as working with the D.C. State Education Office. She was a frequent source of information on DCPS for the media, government officials, educators, parents, and non-profit, business, and civic groups. Previously, in private practice with Rauh, Lichtman, Levy & Turner, her work consisted principally of litigation in school finance, labor law, civil rights, and civil liberties.
Mary loved her children and grandchildren deeply. In her spare time, she was a voracious reader (in several different languages) and puzzle aficionado; a world traveler; a devotee of classical music, opera, and the Washington Nationals; and a skilled cook, seamstress, knitter, and gardener.
The family will hold a memorial service sometime after Labor Day, details of which will be provided at a later time.

MARKS

WILLIAM B. MARKS "Bill"
With grief and gratitude we mark the passing of William Byron Marks (July 30, 1933, Montgomery, Alabama to June 9, 2024, Washington, DC), a scientist, spiritual seeker, and musician who loved and was beloved of many people. Bill was the second son of Ellen Norwood Allison Marks and Episcopal preacher John Scott Marks, Sr. His older brother, John Scott Marks, Jr., and younger brother, Charles Lewis Marks, both predeceased him.
Bill completed his Bachelor's Degree in Physics in 1956 at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, followed by his Ph.D. in Biophysics in 1964 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. There he published ground-breaking research on color receptors in the eye, and went on to research emergent neuronal patterns in the brain. Bill's career continued at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Maryland, with work on neurophysiology of locomotion and computer modeling of the growth of neurons in three dimensions. After retirement Bill volunteered for many years at Washington's Jackson-Reed (formerly Wilson) High School, substitute teaching, tutoring science and supporting the robotics club.
Bill met his first wife, fellow neuroscientist Anne Foerster, at MIT, and they married in 1957. They raised their children, Matthew, Michael, and Laura, in Baltimore, divorcing in 1973. After years of devoted friendship, Bill married Sally Montague in 2006.
As a devotee of spiritual figure Meher Baba, Bill joined Sufism Reoriented, a spiritual school dedicated to him, in 1974. He was treasured by his companions there.
Bill befriended strangers at the drop of a hat and considered everybody "my people." He was vigorous, strong, and energetic. He loved to dance and would electrify a dance floor with his unique moves. He played trombone and cello; his children fondly remember him playing Saint-Saens' "The Swan." With his warm tenor voice, he loved to sing in small groups, such as the subtle harmonies of Duke Ellington's "Mood Indigo." At the old family house in Perdido Beach, Alabama, Bill would canoe in the creeks and sail the bay in a small Sunfish with his children, daughters-in-law Paula and Caryl, son-in-law Rick, and grandchildren Helena, Bryan, Regina, and Peter. He loved to cook the foods of his Southern childhood like Hoppin' John and cornbread, as well as startling culinary inventions. Walks with his spouse in Washington's Rock Creek Park were a special joy.
In his later years Bill developed a theory that synthesized theoretical physics and mysticism, seeing the universe as a single evolving consciousness. He referred to that consciousness as "Not just a word, a felt dazzle of living process. Truth breathes close, closes in."
Memorials will be private.

HOROWITZ

SYLVIA TROY HOROWITZ (Age 88)
Sylvia Troy Horowitz, a pioneering attorney and cherished family member, passed away unexpectedly on May 19, 2024, at the age of 88, in Rockville, Maryland.
Born on September 23, 1935, in Richmond, Virginia, Sylvia was a formidable presence in the legal field and a loving figure in her family.
Sylvia's academic journey began at Boston University and culminated with her graduating from George Washington University's School of Law in the 1950s, where she was among a handful of women in her class. Her career started at the Department of Labor (DOL), but she soon transitioned to teaching after marrying Austin Horowitz, her colleague. (At that time DOL had a rule against married couples working in the department.) The couple's professional paths led Sylvia back to the Department of Labor's Solicitor's Office once Austin joined the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1979, Sylvia made history as the first Counsel in the Office of the Inspector General at the DOL, a role she held with distinction until her retirement in 2003. Throughout her tenure there, she mentored numerous young attorneys, navigated significant legal challenges, and led efforts that defined the independence and jurisdiction of the Inspector General's office. Her leadership extended beyond her office as she served as the chair of the Council of Counsels to the Inspector General from 1991 to 1993. In retirement, she was a substitute teacher at the high school level in Montgomery County, MD Public Schools for several years.
Beyond her professional life, Sylvia was a global traveler and an avid enthusiast of jigsaw puzzles, activities she pursued with passion and joy. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Horowitz, grandsons, Austin and Troy Coley, and her great niece Rachel Robinson. Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Austin Horowitz and her sister, Leah Robinson.
A Celebration of Sylvia's life will be held at 2 p.m. on September 22, 2024 at her residence. For further details, please email Austin Coley at Austin51556@gmail.com. Sylvia's legacy as a trailblazer, mentor, and devoted family member will be remembered by all who knew her. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.
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DE LOVE

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Officers and members of IBEW Local 26 are hereby notified of the death of Brother John Q. De Love. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

O'MALLEY-ALLEN

MARY JEANNE O'MALLEY-ALLEN
On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, Mary Jeanne O'Malley-Allen of Bethesda, MD, passed into eternal life. She was the beloved wife of predeceased husband, Richard Jerome Allen, Sr., and loving mother of Patricia Jeanne Allen Rothgeb, the late Richard Jerome Allen, Jr. (Lily), and John Michael Allen, as well as cherished grandmother to Gregory Taylor Rothgeb, Richard Jerome Allen III, and Cindy Marie Allen. Mass of Christian burial will be offered at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 7500 Pearl Street, Bethesda, MD, 20814, on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 10 a.m. Private interment will be held in Montgomery, AL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Benedictine Sisters, 916 Convent Road, Cullman, AL, 35055 (shmon.org) or Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Road Coconut Creek, FL, 33073 (foodforthepoor.org). Please sign the family guestbook at:
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DEATH NOTICE

PILOT

MARYANN (BALISH) PILOT (Age 83)
MaryAnn (Balish) Pilot died on August 6, 2024. She was born in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. She graduated from St. Francis College in Loretto, PA in 1963. She met her husband Mike at St. Francis and they were married in August, 1963.

She has been a resident of Springfield, Virginia since 1971 and a member of Church of the Nativity Parish in Burke, VA. She also lived in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Mrs. Pilot taught high school in Levittown, PA from 1963-1965. She stayed home and raised her family from 1966-1977. She reentered the work force in 1977 in the field of human resources. In 2003, she retired from Bank of America as a Senior Vice President in human resources.

She is preceded in death by her husband Mike (2009) and by her parents John and Leona Balish of Natrona Heights, PA. Survivors include her three sons Michael of Richmond, VA; David of Louisville, CO and Brian (Rebecca) of Chevy Chase, MD. She had nine grandchildren, Michael John Pilot II (Jessie), Joshua (Eliza), David, Katie, Sara, Aiden, Oscar, Ava and Eleanor and one great-granddaughter Lily.

She is also survived by her sister Barbara Thorne of Mount Dora, FL and is an adored aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at The Church of the Nativity, 6400 Nativity Ln. Burke, VA on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 10 a.m. Private family interment will be at Fairfax Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the charity of your choice or St. Francis University, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940.

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Debby is on the way

Clouds, plus an east wind off the ocean, should ensure that we stay somewhat cooler Thursday, with highs in the mid-80s or so. Occasional showers at least are a good bet, with Debby moving this way from the south. Rain associated with the tropical storm's circulation center probably mainly holds off until after dark and into Friday. Thursday night, temperatures should be in the low to mid-70s.

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
T-storms	T-storms, wind	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, nice	Showers
80° 76°	**81°** 71°	**85°** 68°	**85°** 66°	**83°** 67°	**79°** 64°
FEELS*: **88°**	FEELS: **87°**	FEELS: **87°**	FEELS: **85°**	FEELS: **87°**	FEELS: **86°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **100%**	P: **100%**	P: **15%**	P: **20%**	P: **15%**	P: **60%**
WIND: **ENE 6–12 mph**	W: **ESE 12–25 mph**	W: **W 8–16 mph**	W: **W 6–12 mph**	W: **W 6–12 mph**	W: **E 4–8 mph**
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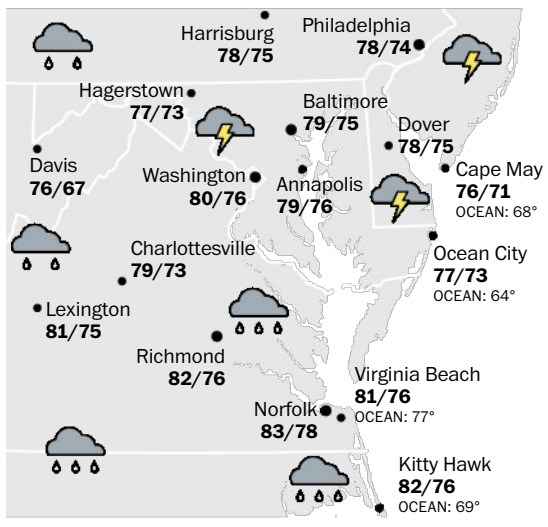

Pollen: High

Grass	Moderate
Trees	Low
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	High

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Particulates

UV: Low
2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, cloudy, cooler, a shower, thunderstorm; humid. High 65 to 72. Winds east–southeast 7–14 mph. Tonight, tropical Rainstorm Debby; humid. Low 64 to 69. Winds east–southeast 15–25 mph. Friday, tropical Rainstorm Debby; humid.

Atlantic beaches: Today, cloudy, humid; rain from Tropical Storm Debby, except a couple of showers in the north. High 76 to 83. Winds east–southeast 7–14 mph. Tonight, humid, windy, a thunderstorm; dangerous rough surf, rip currents and coastal flooding.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, a thick cloud cover, a couple of showers, a thunderstorm. Wind east 6–12 knots. Waves 1–3 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, rain from Tropical Storm Debby. Wind east 6–12 knots. Waves 1–3 feet on the Lower Potomac; 2–4 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.70 feet today, with no change of 2.70 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	5:58 a.m.	**11:22 a.m.**	6:14 p.m.	**11:49 p.m.**
Annapolis	2:13 a.m.	**8:19 a.m.**	2:49 p.m.	**9:03 p.m.**
Ocean City	4:44 a.m.	**10:47 a.m.**	4:54 p.m.	**11:05 p.m.**
Norfolk	**12:24 a.m.**	6:34 a.m.	**12:55 p.m.**	6:58 p.m.
Point Lookout	**4:22 a.m.**	11:02 a.m.	**5:06 p.m.**	11:17 p.m.

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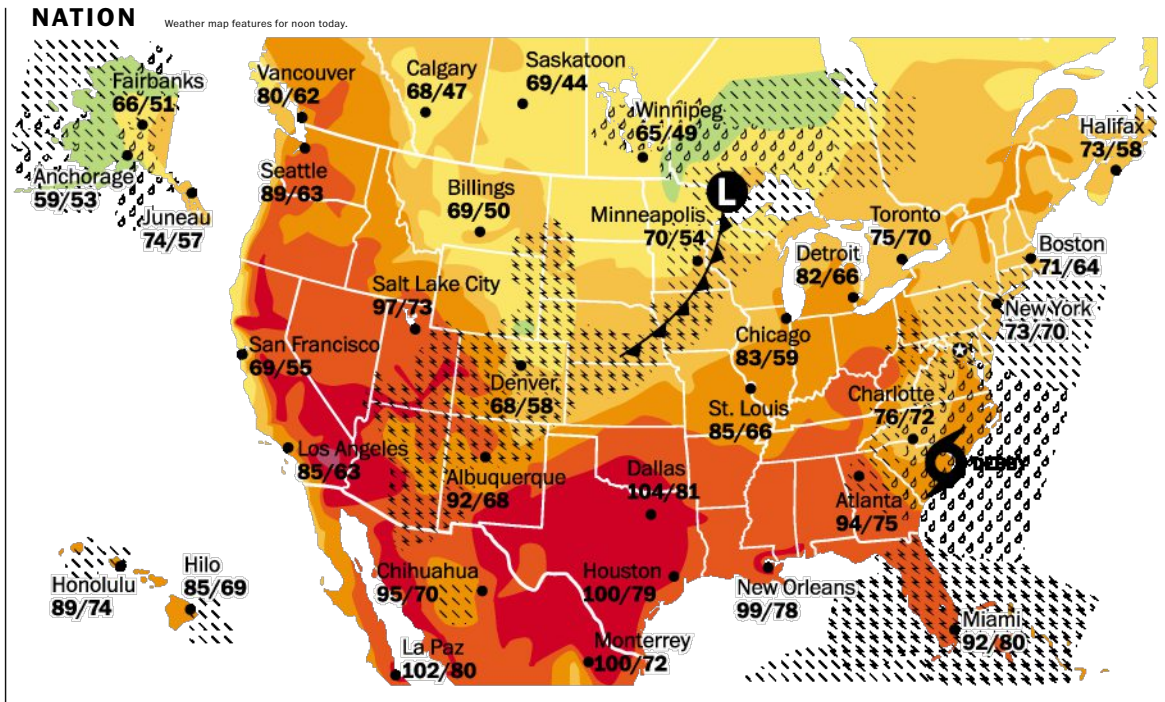

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Yesterday's National
High: Sweetwater, TX **109°**
Low: Amasa, MI **38°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Tabas, Iran **118°**
Low: Rio Gallegos, Argentina **18°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	78/67/pc	78/74/t
Albuquerque	92/68/pc	93/68/pc
Anchorage	59/53/r	62/52/c
Atlanta	94/75/pc	95/72/pc
Austin	102/75/pc	102/73/t
Baltimore	79/75/t	81/72/t
Billings, MT	69/50/c	74/51/c
Birmingham	93/75/s	93/70/pc
Bismarck, ND	67/48/pc	69/48/pc
Boise	96/69/pc	98/68/s
Boston	71/64/pc	78/72/r
Buffalo	81/72/t	76/62/r
Burlington, VT	85/64/pc	75/71/t
Charleston, SC	82/76/r	89/79/pc
Charleston, WV	91/72/c	89/62/r
Charlotte	76/72/r	92/74/pc
Cheyenne, WY	59/51/t	66/52/c
Chicago	83/59/pc	76/58/pc
Cincinnati	90/70/pc	83/58/s
Cleveland	86/70/pc	81/60/c
Dallas	104/81/s	100/80/t
Denver	68/58/t	74/58/pc
Des Moines	75/54/t	74/53/pc
Detroit	82/66/pc	79/57/pc
El Paso	100/77/pc	100/77/s
Fairbanks, AK	66/51/sh	61/46/sh
Fargo, ND	66/51/pc	70/50/pc
Hartford, CT	77/66/sh	79/74/r
Honolulu	89/74/pc	89/74/pc
Houston	100/79/s	102/79/s
Indianapolis	84/65/pc	78/56/s
Jackson, MS	92/74/s	97/71/s
Jacksonville, FL	97/78/t	93/76/t
Kansas City, MO	80/58/c	73/59/c
Las Vegas	107/86/pc	105/88/pc
Little Rock	94/75/s	91/68/s
Los Angeles	85/63/s	86/64/s
Louisville	90/72/s	86/62/s
Memphis	91/73/s	88/68/s
Miami	92/80/t	91/81/t
Milwaukee	80/58/pc	75/57/pc
Minneapolis	70/54/pc	69/54/pc
Nashville	93/74/s	89/65/pc
New Orleans	99/78/s	99/83/s
New York City	73/70/sh	79/71/t
Norfolk	83/78/r	86/77/t
Oklahoma City	101/71/t	86/65/pc
Omaha	74/53/t	75/56/pc
Orlando	95/78/t	94/77/t
Philadelphia	78/74/sh	83/73/t
Phoenix	105/88/pc	110/91/pc
Pittsburgh	86/73/t	82/56/r
Portland, ME	75/62/c	72/66/t
Portland, OR	98/66/pc	93/63/pc
Providence, RI	73/65/sh	79/72/r
Raleigh, NC	79/75/r	84/73/t
Reno, NV	99/66/pc	100/62/s
Richmond	82/76/r	82/73/t
Sacramento	96/60/s	96/60/s
St. Louis	85/66/pc	78/59/s
St. Thomas, VI	91/81/s	90/81/sh
Salt Lake City	97/73/pc	96/74/pc
San Diego	76/67/pc	77/68/pc
San Francisco	69/55/s	69/55/pc
San Juan, PR	90/80/pc	90/80/t
Seattle	89/63/s	89/58/s
Spokane, WA	88/63/s	87/61/s
Syracuse	77/69/pc	79/67/r
Tampa	93/80/t	91/82/t
Wichita	87/65/pc	79/64/c

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	71/56/r	70/56/r
Amsterdam	73/66/s	73/61/sh
Athens	93/76/s	96/77/s
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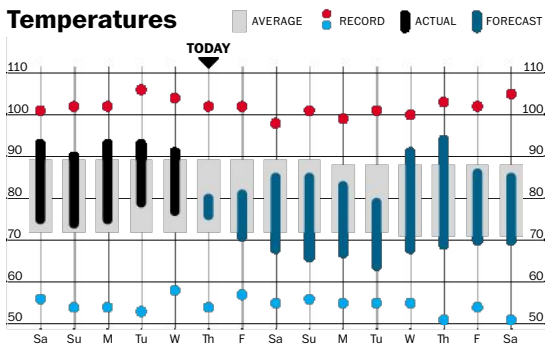

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High	**91°** 12:43 p.m.	**91°** 2:44 p.m.	**88°** 12:13 p.m.
Low	**77°** 2:00 a.m.	**76°** 2:00 a.m.	**73°** 12:01 a.m.
Normal	89°/72°	87°/66°	87°/67°
Record high	104° 1918	97° 2007	105° 1918
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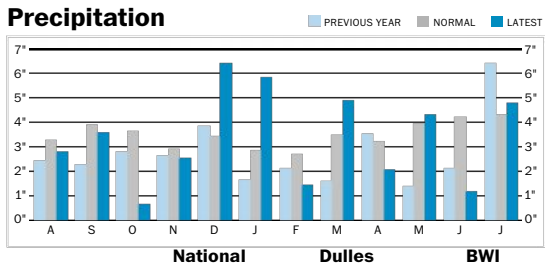

	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.34"
Total this month	0.14"	0.33"	3.31"
Normal	0.79"	0.84"	1.01"
Total this year	24.65"	20.98"	26.41"
Normal	25.55"	26.63"	26.81"

Moon Phases

Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	Sep 2
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:16 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Moon	10:08 a.m.	10:14 p.m.
Venus	7:45 a.m.	9:05 p.m.
Mars	1:24 a.m.	4:02 p.m.
Jupiter	1:37 a.m.	4:16 p.m.
Saturn	9:37 p.m.	9:00 a.m.

Watchdog raises concerns about Metro worker fatigue

METRO FROM **B1**

federal government to act. "Rules take forever," Lauby said at the meeting, and "can be changed very quickly" depending on who controls the White House.

Several recent close calls involved trains that stopped less than 400 feet apart — the length of a six-car train. One of those incidents was just a couple weeks ago and involved two trains on the same track at Dupont Circle. In one incident in November, two trains came within 150 feet of colliding at Huntington because of a misaligned switch; the operator of the moving train stopped only because he saw headlights in front of him.

The supervisor who put the switch in the wrong direction was working his 11th consecutive day, a mix of day and overnight shifts, according to the safety report. One incident investigated by the group involved a train operator working his 18th consecutive day.

Metro mandates that workers get eight hours off every 16 hours; for controllers, it is every 12 hours. But that break is meant to cover all out-of-work activity, including commuting, leaving many transit employees with only a few hours of sleep between shifts. Metro tried to implement longer breaks in 2014 but ended up losing a court battle over those changes with the union that represents most transit workers.

The union and Metro are in contract negotiations again. A Metro spokesperson said that the agency is "in full support" of federal standards after "several arbitration and court decisions limiting our ability to be prescriptive about the number of hours front-line employees can work."

But board members also criticized Metro for failing to follow rules that would screen out overtired or intoxicated workers, for allowing operators who failed to meet safety requirements to keep working and for not including familiarity with the station landscape in training. In at least two incidents, the commission said, the train operators had never before seen the station where a collision almost occurred. Metro is piloting a terrain familiarization program.

AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A passenger boards a Silver Line train at the Ashburn station in Virginia in February 2023. Metro's safety watchdog has criticized the transit agency for, among other things, failing to follow rules that would screen out overtired or intoxicated workers and for allowing operators who failed to meet safety requirements to keep working.

"The safety of riders and workers are among our highest priorities," a union spokesperson said, adding that they are "thoughtfully reviewing the concerns raised" and will review them at their next safety meeting with Metro management.

The driver of the Orange Line train involved in the September incident, after refusing a sobriety test and fighting with police, chose early retirement, according to the oversight report. The safety commission recently subpoenaed Metro for drug and alcohol testing data systemwide; Metro says that that information is audited by federal authorities.

Metro stopped using automatic train control after the 2009 crash. The agency aims to switch back this year but needs approval from the safety committee, which has raised concerns about maintenance of automated systems as well. Automatic train control would have made it possible to stop the rogue Orange Line train remotely, the safety board said.

Tuesday's board meeting also covered a review of a derailment near Reagan National Airport in September. The cause was a railcar brake disc that had fallen off one of the oldest trains in the system, according to the investigation; Metro had not been properly checking the tightness of those discs.

Several recent close calls involved trains that stopped less than 400 feet apart — the length of a six-car train.

Meanwhile, Metro is now allowing trains to go 35 mph through work zones, up from 15 mph. An audit from the safety commission released last week said there have also been several concerning close calls involving repair workers on train tracks in recent months.

"This sounds like a step backward," Commission Chairman Chris Hart said. "This is making life more dangerous rather than less dangerous for the roadway workers."

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A hip way to walk the walk

Race walkers hear the jokes. But their grueling sport is no laughing matter.

BY DAN ZAK IN PARIS

The Olympics are still going. So is the race walk, it feels like.

Walkers are soaked in sweat, hoofing it on a tight loop between the Trocadéro and a brasserie half a kilometer away, over the some 200-year-old Pont d'Iéna, with a dog leg at the Eiffel Tower and hairpin turns at either end.

"These men are getting very, very tired," an announcer says, unhelpfully, at minute 51, as judges with clipboards scrutinize knees and feet for infractions. "They're doing everything they can to walk within the rules. … They've walked for months, for years, for a chance at the Olympic podium, … but they have to keep themselves under control."

There are two rules for the race walk: Always have one foot touching the ground, and keep the front leg straight until the body passes over it. Above, the 20-kilometer men's race walking final in Paris last week.

Sixteen kilometers in, with four to go, the lead pack is getting away from Canadian Evan Dunfee, the 2020 Olympic bronze medalist who is currently back in 14th place. His body wants out, but by 17 kilometers he is clawing his way to 11th place, counting the athletes that separate him from a medal, and passing them one by one, into 10th place, then ninth, seventh, sixth, keeping strict form while loosing (and losing) energy.

Dunfee, 33, is within inches of spectators, repeatedly — a type of Olympic intimacy that is not really possible in any other event. The popular ones cost hundreds of euros for the privilege of sitting hundreds of feet away from

SEE RACE WALK ON C2

DAUGHTERS ★★★½

A touching look at a prison program

Documentary follows inmates' dances with their children

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

"Daughters" is not your standard prison documentary. An intimate and deeply moving look at the program Date With Dad, which since 2008 has united incarcerated fathers with their daughters for a weekend dance party, it relies less on talking-head interviews with social workers about the importance of human touch and the paternal connection than on the play of light across the faces of its titular subjects.

One such young girl, an adorably precocious pixie named Aubrey, is the film's star. Five years old when the film picks up, she's a source of luminous and radiant joy as she prepares to attend the party with her father, Keith, who has been imprisoned in D.C. as he awaits final sentencing for an unspecified crime. With the exception

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CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

Rip Van Winkle and the AI fever dream

An inn's curious name sent me down a ChatGPT rabbit hole

BY PHILIP KENNICOTT

One of the weirdest paintings in the National Gallery of Art — and one of my favorites — is John Quidor's 1849 "The Return of Rip Van Winkle," which shows Washington Irving's title character confronting his incredulous and perhaps hostile neighbors after a 20-year slumber in the Catskill Mountains. His hair is gray; his beard shaggy, white and wild; and his right hand — which he holds out in a threatening gesture — has been reduced to a skeletal claw, no doubt the result of two decades of aging and minimal or no nutrition.

Twice a week, my commute takes me past the Rip Van Winkle Motel in Warrenton, Va., which of course makes me think of Quidor's painting. And twice a week, I ponder the oddity of naming a motel for a man who got wildly drunk and fell asleep for two decades.

Journalism, and the world at large, is on the edge of a revolution that scientists believe may be as profound as the American Revolution, which Van Winkle missed when he blacked out on the eve of the country's independence. I've been testing artificial intelligence as an alternative to traditional search engines, feeding random questions into free AI sites to see what they deliver.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

John Quidor's "The Return of Rip Van Winkle" is one of critic Philip Kennicott's favorite paintings at the National Gallery of Art, which comes to mind every time he passes the Rip Van Winkle Motel.

I recommend doing this only for its entertainment value. As I quickly discovered when I used sites such as Perplexity and ChatGPT to try to make some sense of Rip Van Winkle, many of the "facts" AI unearthed could not be trusted.

First up, how many Rip Van Winkle motels or hotels are there

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Harris-Walz camo hats blend right in

Newly released viral caps riff on red-state style, draw ire of NRA

BY SHANE O'NEILL AND TAYLOR LORENZ

On Tuesday night, following his first public appearance as Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz posted a photo of himself wearing the just-released "Harris-Walz Camo Hat."

The official campaign merch was modeled after the cap Walz wore in a video circulated by the Harris campaign, in which he accepted Harris's offer to be her running mate. According to the campaign, it sold out of its initial inventory of 3,000 hats within 30 minutes — with camo-hat sales totaling nearly $1 million Tuesday via its online store.

With its camouflage print and orange embroidery, the hat was meant to evoke hunting gear. It also conveniently resembled a hat sold by the pop sensation Chappell Roan.

"Is this real," Roan wrote on

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RACE WALK FROM C1

competitors.

"We have other free events — triathlon, marathon, road cycling — but the spectacle is more in that you see these amazing athletes come by once, maybe a few times," Dunfee says later, after finishing fifth. "Whereas with the race walk in the 1-kilometer loop, you can park yourself and watch an entire race unfold from start to finish, be spitting distance away, be so close you're getting the athlete's sweat on you. I think that's a really powerful thing."

Race walk is a sport that moves fast but can seem slow, that is mocked and misunderstood and yet is the only Olympic event that every ambulatory human is sort of training for every day, whether you know it or not. Late for work? You're race walking — not to the technical specifications of the sport, sure, but the point remains:

"Walking is by far the most universal of physical activities," says Elliott Denman, on the phone at 90 years old, who in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne placed 11th in the 50-kilometer race walk, in just over five hours. "And yet we've always been far down the pecking order, in terms of interest."

Of all the things at the Olympics, race walking is '*fun* weird'

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Olympic competitors race walk on a 1-kilometer course at the Paris Games. "With the race walk in the 1-kilometer loop, you can park yourself and watch an entire race unfold from start to finish," says Canadian Evan Dunfee.

The gold medalists in last week's 20-kilometer individual race walk got nowhere near the hype or heed as American sprinter Noah Lyles, who on Sunday ran 0.5 percent of that race-walk distance in 9.784 seconds, which is more aligned with the American attention span.

But also: There *are* no Americans in the race walk here, for the first time in Olympic history, according to sports journalist Alan Abrahamson. Not in last week's individual 20-kilometer, and not in the brand-new race-walk event Wednesday: a mixed relay, with 25 teams of one man and one woman, each walking two legs of a marathon (42.195 kilometers). The Olympics got rid of the 50-kilometer race walk — the longest footrace in the Games — to the chagrin of purists who prize its grueling chess game of attrition, and to the suspicion of some who think that the new event is an experiment designed to fail, and further sideline the sport.

So, for these Paris Games, we have shorter walks, which mean faster walks, which mean the line between walking and running seems even blurrier — which matters in race walking because of those fedora-capped judges, who make sure walkers don't become runners. Athletes must have one foot touching the ground at all times (as judged by the human eye), and the knee of the forward leg must not bend until the body passes over it — or else walkers accumulate red cards and flirt with penalties and disqualification.

Hence the sport's unconventional look: the wiggly waddle of the athletes' gait, a pendulous glide that melds hustle with form — which is also the reason for the casual hazing from people who don't know or appreciate the sport.

Texted one friend, when I posted video of last week's race walk to my Instagram: "It's just inherently ridiculous, particularly against the background of Paris."

Texted a family member: "Looks like they are badly in need of a toilet!"

Senior race walkers have not forgotten Bob Costas's on-air jab from many Games ago: The race walk is like a competition to see who can whisper the loudest.

"Okay, race walking is weird — but it is *fun* weird," says Abrahamson, who is covering his 13th Olympiad. "And one of the things about the Olympics that people have to embrace is fun weird. *Dull* weird is boring, and dull weird needs to get out of the Olympics." (What's an example of a dull-weird event? Says Abrahamson: "I am not going there on the record.")

Here's the thing about the Olympics: Many of these sports are weird, if you stop and think. Synchronized diving: Why? Why not! And the pole vault: What on Earth? More like what *off* Earth, right? (Do not email me; I respect all sports; I'm proving a point.) So the race walk is not weirder than any other Olympic sport.

But then you ask: "Why walk when you can run?"

Flawed question!

"Sometimes I liken it to swimming: You can go faster freestyle, but we have the breaststroke, the backstroke. It's just a different way," says Maryanne Daniel, a former member of the race-walking committee of track and field's international governing body. "But if it's not exposed to enough people, then it looks funny."

So let's expose ourselves to it.

In the 1870s and '80s, competitive walking was the most popular spectator sport in the United States, according to Matthew Algeo's book "Pedestrianism." The Industrial Revolution democratized leisure time, and hordes of people packed large exhibition halls to watch walkers walk in a loop for hundreds of miles. Algeo's book begins on March 12, 1879, three *days* into the Astley Belt race at Madison Square Garden, with a competitive walker named Dan O'Leary, an athlete who was as famous then as LeBron James is now.

"A human machine who knew no fatigue," wrote the Associated Press upon his death in 1933, whose "heels were his fame while the rest of the world took to wheels."

Race walking was first included in the Olympics in 1904 at the St. Louis Games, as part of the forerunner to the decathlon, and became a separate medal event at the 1908 Games in London. The 50-kilometer debuted at the 1932 Los Angeles Games, and the 20-kilometer in Melbourne in 1956. Larry Young, still the only American to medal in the Olympic race walk, took the 50-kilometer bronze in the 1968 and '72 Olympics, crossing the latter's finish line in 4 hours 46 seconds.

While popular and respected in many other countries (China and Mexico, for example), the race walk in the United States has been lapped continuously by marquee track-and-field events — the sprints and relays that involve blasts of energy rather than hips of precision. Those are the disciplines that attract most of the money and talent and airtime and coaching, which then yield medal winners.

"And once you have the best athletes in the world, others from your country try to be just as good as the best," emails American Sam Allen, 22, who's taking a year off from race walking because regular high-level competition is taxing mentally, physically and financially. "That's why you start seeing all these young athletes you never heard of competing neck and neck with a Noah Lyles or Simone Biles. Race walking has none of that in the USA. … No NCAA programs. No sponsored training groups. No super-star athlete for young athletes to aspire to. No large pool of potentially great talent being refined through the U.S. sports structure."

And then, for the Paris Olympics, World Athletics — the international governing body of track and field — decided to reduce the quota of race walkers from 60 to 48, and no Americans made that slimmer cut.

Nick Christie, the fastest male U.S. race walker for six years now, missed this Olympics' qualifying time by 4 minutes 46 seconds. He's now aiming for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, and plans to join the Air Force to supplement his prize-money income. (He gets no funding or sponsorship for race walking.)

"You have a sprinter's turnover with an endurance athlete's aerobic capacity," Christie, 32, says by email, describing why he loves the sport. "It's an event that is often difficult to try for the first time, but if you put in the hours almost anyone can be successful. And I think that's reflected heavily by the diversity in our podiums at major competitions, and the breadth of countries who have some of their only Olympic/world medals in the race walk. It is an event that is truly accessible to everyone."

The men's winner in last week's individual race walk was Brian Pintado of Ecuador, the country's first gold medal in track and field in 28 years. That's "a pretty good indication of how universal" track and field is, World Athletics President Sebastian Coe said a couple hours after that medal ceremony, at a news conference in the Palais des Congrès. Coe added that the race walk has a "safe home" in his organization's world championships, but declined to speculate about the sport's future in the Olympics.

That might come down to how the new mixed relay is received.

Jeff Salvage became a fan of the mixed relay after first seeing it four months ago at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships in Antalya, Turkey. "The Olympic committees want shorter, faster, more exciting events," says Salvage, president of the USA Race Walking Foundation. "If we don't change, we're going to be dinosaurs and disappear."

The relay "feels like it's a gimmick," says Erin Talcott, the first woman to compete in a men's Olympic trials for a track and field event (the 50-kilometer race walk in 2012). "If people watch it and they love it, I will gladly eat my words, and be ecstatic about it."

That tight 1-kilometer loop by the Eiffel Tower is both long and small enough for teams to slide and stagger in the standings, and lap each other multiple times, as men hand off to women and vice versa, and spectators flail their arms and flags inches away.

Will the relay capture new audiences, or will it yield more armchair color commentary like this: "They are just running, every single one of them," said one TikTok user, whose slow-motion replay of last week's individual race walk has been viewed more than 12.5 million times. "None of these people have both feet on the ground. So can we just get rid of this? Just replace it with a better event. It makes no sense."

But, again: What Olympic event makes perfect sense? Do we need the discus *and* the hammer throw? Sure! Why hitch and stutter through the triple jump when you can just simply long jump? Why *not*. Let the race walkers walk their race, even if they sometimes race their walk. (The elite athletes can do it without the human eye catching it.)

"I *love* this sport," says Talcott, who worries about its future even while investing in it, through coaching high school girls in central New York state. "I love this sport because there's something for everyone. If you just want to do local road races and you can't run the whole thing, race walk 'em. If you want to do masters-level championships? Totally. It's a tight-knit community, and we've got each other's backs. It's not an expensive sport. Archery — I can't imagine how much those bows cost. Triathlon has that expensive gear. The race walk: You just need a pair of shoes and some clothes."

Evan Dunfee, the Canadian who came in fifth in the individual race walk last week, was back on the loop Wednesday morning in Paris for the new relay. Dunfee motored to the lead position and held it for the first three kilometers — trying to string out the pack, entice his opponents into penalties, and give a buffer to his young teammate, whom he has also coaching: 21-year-old Olivia Lundman. He started race walking two years before she was born.

"I was a very competitive child, but I was the shortest kid in the class: I had these big Coke-bottle rim glasses and red curly hair — the quintessential picked-on kid," says Dunfee, who lives in Vancouver. "And I wanted to be the best at something. Maybe ironically, choosing race walking — not the best way to rid yourself of criticism and bullies."

But turns out: Walking was the way to get ahead.

"Not many kids race walked," Dunfee says, "so I won my first race. That's kind of it."

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LEFT: Italy's Massimo Stano cheers on his teammate as Ecuador's Glenda Morejón, right, passes to teammate Brian Daniel Pintado in the mixed marathon race walk relay on Wednesday at the Paris Games. RIGHT: Fans cheer on Pintado on Aug. 1 during the 20-kilometer men's race walking final. Pintado, ahem, walked away with the gold medal in that event.

I would like to offer my friends money, but I'm afraid of 'offending their pride'

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: I grew up in a degree of poverty. Most of my friends have done "okay" financially.

All of us but one are now retired, and she is hoping to retire soon, at age 73. She has continued to work, as she has worried about not having sufficient funds during retirement. The other two have to pinch pennies a bit, and many decisions are made based upon cost.

I made different choices than the others and have been fortunate financially. As a result, I'm significantly better off than the others and have excess income and assets.

I'd like to make their lives easier by helping them out financially. Even $10,000 would allow the still-working one to pay off her car loan and thereby retire with a higher level of security and allow another to reduce her mortgage. I've been trying to figure out a way to help them without offending their pride and making them feel the financial chasm between us. I've been unable to come up with a winning method.

Do you have any suggestions, or should I just let each of them figure out things on their own?

— Wanting to Be Generous

Generous: First of all, would you like to be my friend, as well? My pride can certainly withstand a $10,000 gift.

Your friends' pride can, too. They've already shared enough of their financial realities with you that you're aware of some of the worries and the needs. This indicates that they see you as someone safe and trustworthy. And they already know that you are in a more secure financial position. Speaking to the reality of the financial chasm isn't going to make it any more real.

So, ask them directly: "I would like to pay off your car loan. Would you allow me to do that?" Or: "Is there an amount of money that would make your life easier? I don't want to offend you, but I want to show you love as a friend."

Often, we avoid discussing money with friends out of politeness or pride. But the truths of our financial situations still affect every part of our friendships, from what we can do socially to how safe we feel in the world. Acknowledging reality and possibility with your friends may be awkward at first, but it can make everything else easier.

Dear Eric: My daughter recently gave birth in California to her second child one month earlier than expected. We have a good relationship and get along very well.

She notified me via text that she was in labor and on the way to the hospital. In that same text, she informed me that her mother-in-law was flying out to California that same day from New York. I also live in New York and was not asked whether I could come out the day she went into labor. I am guessing that my son-in-law contacted his mother first.

My husband and I had previously made plans to go out to California two weeks before my daughter's due date, as per her request. We never expected the baby to come a month early. I am very hurt that the mother-in-law was notified instead of me. Several friends seemed surprised and said, "She is out there, not you?"

I have not asked my daughter about this, because I do not want to upset her since she is overly emotional right now with possible postpartum depression. My immediate family thinks I am being overly sensitive.

— Slighted Mother

Mother: You're talking about a matter of minutes between texts, if that. I feel like I'm staring at a conspiracy board covered in screenshots of text messages and flight maps. But what I don't see — respectfully — is a slight.

Here's my theory: Your daughter went into labor unexpectedly; this is surprising, scary even. Her husband texted his mother. Maybe he's dashing down the hall for the go bag while he does it. Maybe there's chaos. Meanwhile, your daughter is trying to do a lot of things at once, including texting you and being in labor. His mother wrote back that she was going to come. Your daughter gave you this information so you wouldn't feel slighted or surprised to find out that — hours later — the mother-in-law was taxiing up to the gate.

There's lots of hurt, past and present, in "Daughters," as well as a huge measure of healing and forgiveness. Those feelings are palpable and contagious; they jump off the screen. During the film's climax, its subjects — dads in ill-fitting, borrowed suits and daughters in princess dresses — bid each other a poignant adieu after the dance. "See you later," two of them tell each other, because "good bye" is just too final.

If you aren't in tears by then, you should probably check your pulse.

PG-13. At Landmark's E Street Cinema; available Aug. 16 on Netflix. Contains mature thematic material and strong language. 108 minutes.

You were perfectly capable of booking a same-day flight at that moment. It's fine that you didn't, but stop placing the blame on your daughter. Let go of the hurt you've been nursing. Now. Your daughter needs you. She has two children and is experiencing postpartum depression. This is not the moment to be caught up in one-upmanship with an in-law.

You'll regret it if your feelings about these texts get in the way of offering her love, support and understanding as she navigates this emotionally complicated time.

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'Daughters': A poignant peek at a prison program that's suffused with hope

DAUGHTERS FROM **C1**

of one father — whose nickname "Murdock," he tells us, derives from the word murder — directors Angela Patton and Natalie Rae do not dwell on, or even seem to care about, the specifics of criminal records. Rather, "Daughters" sees its subjects, both the often-neglected girls and the troubled men participating in the program, as people, not categories.

To, paraphrase Chad Morris, the persuasive and insightful fatherhood life coach who leads the 10-week course all fathers must attend as a prerequisite for the father-daughter dance, the film does not let what these men have done define them. In other words, it grants them their full, messy humanity. That's a rare thing, in or out of prison.

Patton, the CEO of Dance With Dad's parent nonprofit, the Richmond-based Girls for a Change, and her co-director Rae bring a sensitive, almost poetic touch to their film, focusing on close-ups of hands and occasional long silences. In so doing, they unpeel their subjects' stories — revealing deep feelings of loss, regret and longing — without always resorting to words.

For instance: There's only one statistic in the film, near the end, citing the low rate of recidivism (just 5 percent) after release for the men who have completed the Date With Dad group sessions. "Daughters" doesn't fall back on numbers, like so many sociological documentaries do. The strength of the Date With Dad program — and of the film itself — shines in the faces during and after the dance: tear-streaked, smiling and etched with unfeigned emotion.

Around the outer edges of the documentary, certain larger, uncomfortable facts do creep in. Facts about how girls' expectations of their eventual boyfriends, partners or husbands can be determined or damaged by fathers, even (or maybe especially) absent ones. The pitfalls of early, unplanned parenthood — children having children — also emerges, in the backstory told by Murdock, who shares with his life coaching group that he was 15 when he started "messing around" with the 13-year-old who gave birth to his daughter at 14. Other painfully familiar touchstones arise in the periphery of the film's central narrative: allusions to the systemic perpetuation of poverty; less than adequate nutrition and education; violence in the streets.

Some mothers confess to difficulty letting go of anger and resentment. Some of the daughters do, too. Addressing a group of women in the buildup to the approaching dance date, Patton says, "Moms, thank you for getting out of the way."

Though clear-eyed about how one dance will never solve a world of problems, "Daughters" is nevertheless suffused with hope. As more and more prisons replace "touch visits," in which family members sit in the same room with their incarcerated loved ones, with virtual video check-ins, the power of a simple dance — moving in sync, toe to toe, hand on hand, cheek by cheek, heart to heart — is magnified.

NETFLIX

Aubrey hugs her father, Keith, in "Daughters," which focuses on the Date With Dad program that unites incarcerated fathers with their daughters for a weekend dance party. Directors Angela Patton and Natalie Rae bring a sensitive, almost poetic touch to their film,

There's lots of hurt, past and present, in "Daughters," as well as a huge measure of healing and forgiveness. Those feelings are palpable and contagious; they jump off the screen. During the film's climax, its subjects — dads in ill-fitting, borrowed suits and daughters in princess dresses — bid each other a poignant adieu after the dance. "See you later," two of them tell each other, because "good bye" is just too final.

If you aren't in tears by then, you should probably check your pulse.

PG-13. At Landmark's E Street Cinema; available Aug. 16 on Netflix. Contains mature thematic material and strong language. 108 minutes.

I'm upset that my husband's relatives didn't inform us directly about a death

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: My husband's close relative died. We found out by chance because an announcement appeared on our social media feeds. We did not receive a private message, a text or a phone call. We don't use social media very often; if we hadn't seen the announcement, we wouldn't have known.

My husband's relative loved him very much, and I thought it was insensitive for the family not to notify him personally. After the wake, which was also online, I messaged them privately and said so. They responded that I was rude and selfish. They said that they, the (more) bereaved party who organized the funeral and wake, were entitled to manage it in a way that made their grief easier to bear. Then they blocked me on social media, which is fine with me.

It's my feeling that when someone dies, there is no "easy." There's only politeness, and the polite thing to do is to inform people personally that someone they care about has died. That shows consideration for those who will mourn the loss of the deceased, and gives them a chance to show respect and support for the bereaved.

Social media announcements that close relatives may see by chance are not polite, in my view. I'll concede that I probably shouldn't have mentioned it, especially since they're my in-laws, but isn't it fundamentally rude not to inform family members directly (by email, text or phone) that someone has died?

One is likely to stumble when claiming the moral high ground too soon after committing the almost unpardonably rude act of scolding the chief mourners for their handling of the death announcements.

But yes, a personal call would have been preferable — which Miss Manners would certainly not have said about a text, and probably not about an email.

Dear Miss Manners: I admit to messing up my financial life, and therefore it will be at least three or four years before I am eligible to even apply for credit. This is my responsibility to bear; I blame no one else.

I also understand that retail employees are under pressure to offer their store's credit card to customers, and do their best to have the customer fill out an application right there, often in front of other customers. I have known of employees being disciplined if they do not succeed at this secondary sale (separate from the merchandise). Such punishment may mean that their hours are drastically cut or that they are placed on undesirable shifts.

I have no desire to cause the employee unhappiness, loss of wages or even the loss of their job, but I have to protect my own financials. One of the ways I can repair my credit is by not applying for any cards for the foreseeable future. How do I politely say no without humiliating myself or getting the employee in trouble?

By remembering that one may refuse a new credit card for reasons other than bad credit. Who knows? Perhaps you have so many credit cards that it would simply be a burden to keep track of yet another.

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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How do I overcome the hurt of a mom who never wants to get in touch?

Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared June 11, 2010, and has been lightly edited.

Dear Carolyn: I appreciate your guiding principle, that none of us can make others do anything they don't want to do. I'm in that situation now. I know there's nothing I can do to make my mother call me more, email more, text every now and again. I have accepted that any requests just make her defensive.

What I need help with now is getting over my hurt, that in the competition between TV shows and calling me to catch up, chat, what have you, TV wins. I'm a nice person, with good friends, a loving and fantastic husband, and my family is distant from me. (Dad never calls at all, but that's a separate issue.)

— Anywhere

Anywhere: I appreciate your appreciation, but at the risk of sounding ungracious: It's guiding principles, plural.

Accepting that you can't control others' behavior is an avenue to frustration and hurt feelings unless you pair it with a companion principle: You can't project your way of thinking onto others.

You've projected your mother's non-communication into a conscious choice, a moment where she thinks: "Hmm, should I watch TV, or call my kid? Ha ha, just kidding, hand me that remote."

Maybe you're mindful that way, and before you grab the remote, you weigh other options, better choices, even boxes you feel duty-bound to check. Maybe you don't even get to the point of conscious thought, and feel an impulse toward personal connections vs. passive media consumption the moment the pressure of daily obligations is off.

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Not everyone is wired to do these things. For every extrovert who thrives on connections, there's an introvert looking to withdraw, shut down, regroup. These end-of-day readers/watchers/putterers don't necessarily love their friends and families less; they just don't reach for the phone the way their more outgoing brethren do.

And that's just the most obvious bit of line-drawing. There's also chemistry, the way two personalities mix — and that, too, is more wiring than conscious choice. From parent to child, sib to sib, grandparent to grandchild, and so on, there are going to be connections that root instantly and grow like weeds, and there are going to be some that languish without meticulous care and feeding. If your connection to Mom is the latter, then you're blaming her, and yourself, for something beyond you both.

Who knows — maybe generations of your mother's family have been hands-off with each other, and that's her comfort zone?

You'd like her to try harder, fair enough. But maybe she'd like you to accept her as she is. Isn't that fair, too?

Your alienation from Mom is worth exploring as long as it doesn't consume you. Understanding her terms may help you feel better about them, but it's not necessary to *accepting* them.

Besides, the more productive line of inquiry will be into your own mind — to see why, as a well-established adult, you're still agitating on the maternal hand you were dealt.

Not everything people do is a personal reflection on you. Take away the element of personal rejection and what you have are some concrete choices: Keep pressuring Mom for something she'll never give; detach from her completely; or make do with the access to her that's available (i.e., you call her when you feel like it). Which one sounds right to you?

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PARIS OLYMPICS

Muffin man, pommel horse guy and more: The 2024 Games' viral moments

BY KIMBERLY AGUIRRE

What did American gymnasts Simone Biles and Suni Lee do first after leading Team USA to gold in the team all-around final? Discuss what TikTok sounds to use, naturally.

Biles, the eventual individual all-around winner, chose a crunching sound as she and her teammates mimed biting their gold medals in a TikTok video that has since amassed 125 million views. Lee, the Tokyo Olympics all-around winner, chose to lip-dub Ye's "I guess we'll never know" Grammys speech, drawing some 45 million views.

The pair's social media usage mirrors the larger trend of Olympic athletes meme-ing and becoming memes themselves. Compared with the quieter 2020 Tokyo Games, postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic and the least-watched Olympics ever for NBC, this iteration has no shortage of viral moments.

Here are some of the most popular Paris Olympics memes.

The muffin man

Olympians have turned to social media to share their experiences from the Olympic Village, including of the cardboard beds and the dining hall food. One athlete took the internet by storm with his love of one specific food item: the dining hall's chocolate muffins.

Now nicknamed the "muffin man" by social media users, Henrik Christiansen is beloved online. The Norwegian swimmer, who has more than 400,000 TikTok followers, went viral for his love of the chocolate pastry. He has posted multiple videos about the baked good to popular sounds with captions that include "when bae is looking like a snack" and "muffin reigns supreme."

"The way I saw the muffin and knew whose account I just scrolled onto," a TikTok user commented.

Chef Gordon Ramsay even joined in on the fun, commenting, "I think I need to try one now..."

Christiansen has inspired his fellow Olympians, including American sprinter Gabby Thomas and swimmer Abbey Weitzeil, to review the muffin.

Pommel horse guy

At the Paris Olympics, the U.S. men's gymnastics team broke a 16-year dry spell and earned bronze, thanks in part to pommel horse specialist Stephen Nedoroscik.

The glasses-wearing, Rubik's Cube-solving gymnast spent almost 2.5 hours on the bench waiting for his turn on the pommel horse. The NBC broadcast even included a countdown clock to his routine. During the hours of waiting, Nedoroscik won over the internet.

After the routine, social media conversation exploded, and the gymnast was dubbed "Clark Kent" for his superheroic athletic abilities and calm demeanor.

"Obsessed with this guy on the US men's gymnastics team who's only job is pommel horse, so he just sits there until he's activated like a sleeper agent, whips off his glasses like Clark Kent and does a pommel horse routine that helps deliver the team its first medal in 16 years," one X user wrote.

One gym owner even told The Washington Post that Nedoroscik has increased boys' interest in gymnastics. Nedoroscik also took home the bronze in the individual pommel horse event. No other male American gymnast earned an individual medal.

Turkey's shooter

While most Olympic sharpshooters use futuristic-looking goggles and ear coverings, one shooter didn't need any gear to get the job done.

The 51-year-old Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikeç rocked a regular pair of eyeglasses and a hand in his pocket. Dikeç stood out next to the decked-out athletes from competing nations. Nonchalant as can be, he ended up nabbing silver in the mixed team 10-meter air pistol event, earning the country its first medal in shooting.

ABBIE PARR/AP

Since then, internet users have used juxtaposing images of Dikeç next to his competitors.

One X user captioned a split photo of Dikeç and a South Korean shooter wearing specialized lenses with, "Girls packing for a trip vs guys packing for a trip."

Others have turned the moment into a generation meme, with the shooters with fancy gadgets representing Gen Z and the relaxed Turkish shooter embodying Gen X.

The bulge that cost a medal

While Sweden's Armand Duplantis clinched gold in the pole vault, France's Anthony Ammirati was left medal-less after his crotch caught on the crossbar.

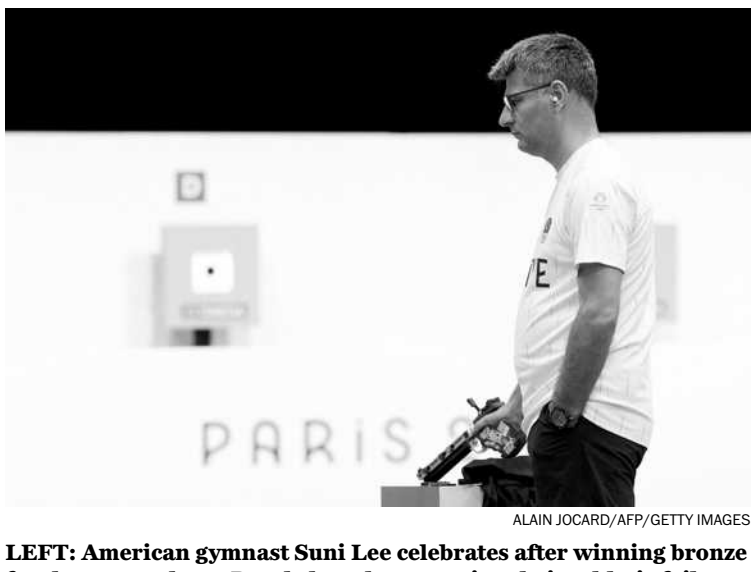
Of course, social media immediately went to work discussing and meme-ing the situation.

"A french pole vaulter knocked the crossbar off with his pole...whoops," one X user quipped.

Many described it as the best way to lose.

"Some consolation prize having your weapon cause you to lose the pole vault. Like a platinum medal, that," an X user wrote.

The loss of the medal opened up new opportunities for Ammirati. Adult entertainment company CamSoda offered the athlete $250,000 for a 60-minute show.



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LEFT: American gymnast Suni Lee celebrates after winning bronze for the uneven bars. People have been posting their athletic fails online with some variation of the caption "Unfortunately, I was not chosen for the team." Lee parodied that, showing her balance beam fall from Monday and writing: "Unfortunately i was selected for the olympics." ABOVE: Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikeç has gone viral for appearing so nonchalant compared with his competitors.

Bob the Cap Catcher

When a swimmer's cap fell into the pool, Paris sent a Speedo-clad worker to collect the headpiece. Viewers immediately grew obsessed with "Bob the Cap Catcher." Many social media posts refer to Bob as a "legend."

"Ok maybe i do have a dream job," one user wrote.

"My man Bob the Cap Catcher is the GOAT and I will die on this hill," another declared.

Bob even gained a fan in Snoop Dogg. "That's my guy," the rapper, a special correspondent for NBC, said during the network's broadcast.

'Unfortunately, I was not chosen'

The memes don't end with the Olympians. Athletes are revisiting their biggest fails on social media.

Along with some variation of the caption "Unfortunately, I was not chosen for the team," users can be seen falling off diving boards or flying off the uneven bars.

American gymnast Lee even got in on the action, parodying the popular videos.

"Unfortunately i was selected for the olympics," she wrote below a video of her balance beam fall on Monday.

Lady Parmesan

Olympic athletes can earn a lot of sponsorships. They often go the classic route: modeling sportswear brands. Italian gymnast Giorgia Villa had a more unconventional approach: eating cheese.

Villa, a part of the women's team that took home silver, had an old sponsorship deal with parmesan cheesemaker Parmigiano Reggiano.

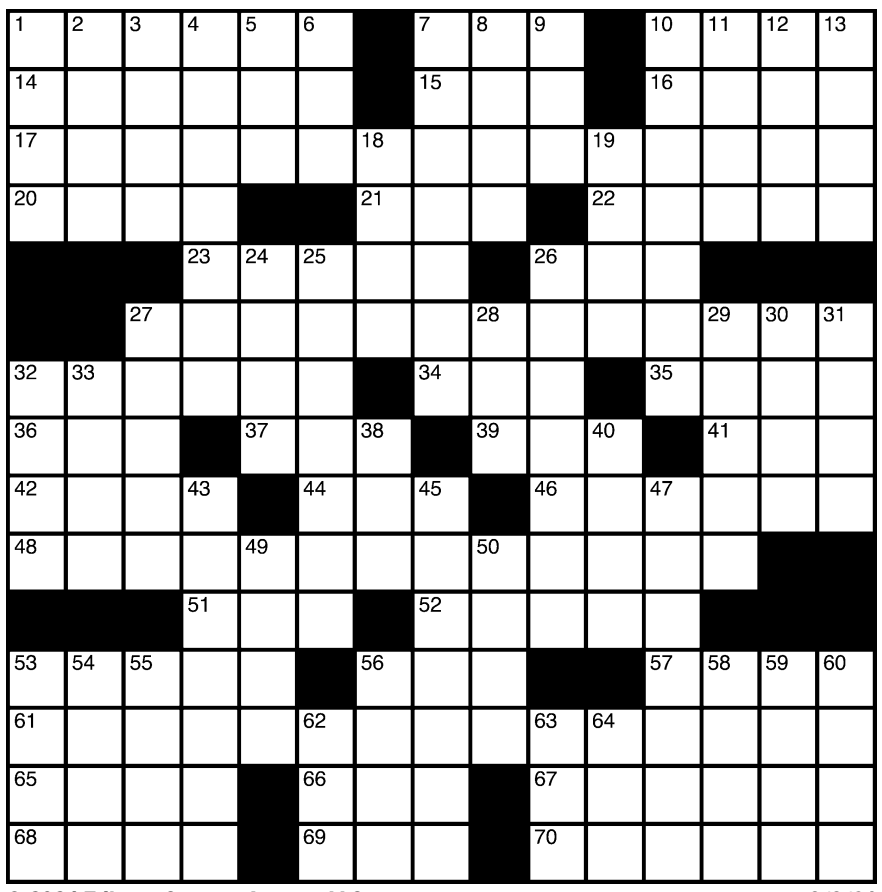
"I need the people to know that olympic silver medalist giorgia villa is sponsored by parmesan cheese and regularly posts pics of herself with giant wheels of cheese," one X user posted alongside pictures of the athlete with wheels of cheese.

"It hurts to see people living your dream (being sponsored by parmesan cheese) (not an olympic silver medal)," another user responded.

— Los Angeles Times

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Rebecca Goldstein



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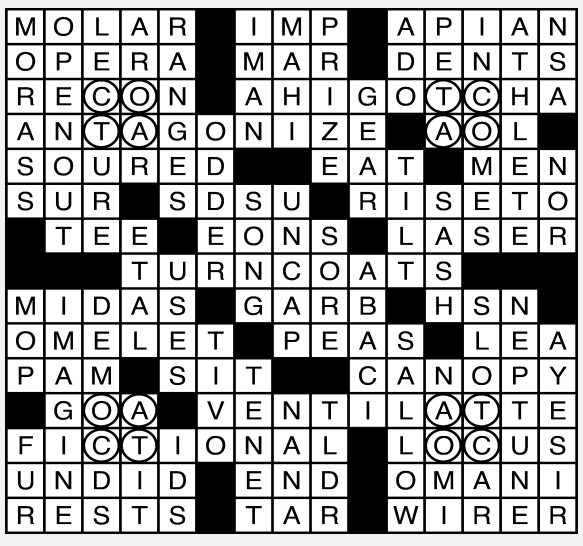

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14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **Rosa**		♦ **Golpe de suerte**		♦ **Marea de pasiones**		♦ **Ellas soy yo**		♦ Noticias
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AMC	(6:00) Movie: Unstoppable (2010)		Movie: The Expendables ★★ (2010) Mercenaries embark on a mission to overthrow a dictator.					Movie: Expendables 2 (2012)	
Animal Planet	River Monsters		Mythical Beasts		Mythical Beasts		Mythical Beasts		My.Beasts
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Movie: The Fate of the Furious ★★ (2017) (P)				
Bravo	The Real Housewives of Orange County		The Real Housewives of Orange County		**The Real Housewives of Orange County**			The Real Housewives of Orange County	
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CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source** (Live)		**CNN** (Live)		**Laura**
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Office	Office	Office	**DailyShow**
Discovery	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	**Caught!**	**Caught!**	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!
Disney	(6:00) Movie: Ratatoui...		Movie: Descendants 3 (2019)				ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	Jessie
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ESPN	**Little League Baseball** New England Regional: Maine vs. TBA (Live)				**Little League Baseball** Northwest Regional, Idaho vs. TBA (Live)				**SportCtr** (Live)
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Hallmark M&M	Movie: A Godwink Christmas (2018)				Movie: Long Lost Christmas (2022)				Murder ...
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Nickelodeon	Movie: Hotel Transylvania: Transformania (2022)				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: John Wick ★★★ (2014) An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life.					(:25) Movie: John Wick: Chapter 2 (2017)	
Paramount+Sho	(6:45) Movie: Erin Brockovich ★★★ (2000)				Movie: Irena's Vow (2023)				Movie: Resista...
Syfy	Movie: Old ★★ (2021) A family visits a beach that causes them to age rapidly. (P)					Movie: Deepwater Horizon ★★★ (2016)			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**Jokers**	**Jokes**	Movie
TCM	(6:15) Movie: Honolulu ★★ (1939)		Movie: Broadway Melody of 1936 ★★★ (1935)				Movie: Broadway Melody of 1938 ★★★ (1937)		
TLC	Gypsy Sisters		Breaking Amish		Breaking Amish		Breaking Amish		Breaking
TNT	(6:00) Movie: Ace Ventura: When Natur...		Movie: My Cousin Vinny ★★★ (1992) An inept lawyer tries to free his cousin from a Dixie jail.					Movie: Dumb & Dumber ★★★ (1994)	
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Police: Man stole thousands of rare 'Bluey' coins

Pieces are legal tender in Australia and are worth almost $400,000

BY ADELA SULIMAN

Australian police have arrested a man accused of stealing over $393,000 worth of unreleased limited-edition coins featuring Bluey, the character from the popular animated children's show.

The Australian-dollar coins were stolen from the back of a truck in a warehouse in Sydney in June, New South Wales police said in a statement Wednesday following the arrest.

The show "Bluey," which follows the adventures of its title character, a 6-year-old blue dog, and her family, premiered in Australia in 2018 but is now firmly a global phenomenon.

Its celebration of imaginative play and its humorous and warm depiction of modern parenting have made it a hit with children and adults alike, and it was the second-most-streamed show in the United States last year, according to media ratings company Nielsen, racking up more viewing minutes than "Friends," "Gilmore Girls" or "Grey's Anatomy." Bluey's character even appeared at last year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Australian police said they were informed in July about the theft of 63,000 unreleased commemorative Bluey coins produced by the Royal Australian Mint. A police investigation led to the recovery of 189 coins last month and the arrest of a 47-year-old man on Wednesday.

The police investigation unit was named "Strike Force Bandit," in what appears to be a nod to the show. (Bluey's father is called Bandit.)

"The majority of the coins remain outstanding," Detective Superintendent Joseph Doueihi told reporters at a news conference. ". . . We believe the coins are in general circulation."

The suspect was an employee at the warehouse, the police statement said, adding that the thief may have "sold the coins online hours after he stole them. They are now being sold online for ten times their face value."

Doueihi told reporters that the theft "deprived a lot of young children and members of the community from having access to these coins, so we're doing our absolute best to try to recover these coins and put them back into circulation," Reuters reported.

The commemorative coins were first announced by the Royal Australian Mint in June and are legal tender.

"Everyone's favourite blue heeler, Bluey, is about to feature on her own set of Dollarbucks coins," the mint said in a statement titled "Bluey coins — for real life." Dollarbucks is a term Bluey, her 4-year-old sister Bingo, and their friends use to describe money, while "for real life" is another frequently used phrase on the show.

"These colourful coins encapsulate the playful essence of the beloved TV series and are perfect for collectors and fans alike," the mint added.

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MOVIE DIRECTORY

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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:45-2:05-4:20-6:40-9:00
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:20AM
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:15-1:50-4:25-7:20
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-8:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:10-2:35-4:55
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25
Trap (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:10-3:10-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:10-9:10-10:10-10:35
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:30-2:05-4:35-10:40
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 5:30
Didi (R) CC: 11:50-2:15-4:35-8:05-9:45
Kneecap (R) CC: 5:35
Sing Sing (R) CC: 11:35-2:10-4:45
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 1:00-7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:00-6:15-9:15
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 11:05AM
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 12:30
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:00-10:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 3:15-7:20
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-7:00-9:35

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 11:30AM
Cuckoo (R) 8:00-10:55
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:10-3:35-7:00-10:25
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:00AM
Twisters (PG-13) 11:45-3:00-6:15-9:30
Trap (PG-13) 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:45-10:45
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:35-6:00-6:45-9:25
Borderlands (PG-13) 4:35-7:30-10:30
Longlegs (R) 1:00-3:45-10:05
Didi (R) 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Sing Sing (R) 4:15-5:00-7:15-10:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:45-1:15-1:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Porco Rosso (Kurenai no buta) (PG) 11:00AM
Twisters (PG-13) 1:35-4:30-7:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:30-1:00-4:00-7:00
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:30-6:45

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
Cuckoo (R) 7:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 3:30-5:00-6:15-7:00
Twisters (PG-13) 4:30-7:30
Trap (PG-13) 4:45-7:40
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:10-7:20

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 3:30-4:30-6:00-7:00-8:00
Twisters (PG-13) 3:15-7:45
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-4:45-7:55
Longlegs (R) 3:45
Didi (R) 3:00-5:15-7:30
Sing Sing (R) 3:25-7:15
Kneecap (R) 4:15-7:25

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Cuckoo (R) 7:40-10:20
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:00-1:20-3:50-6:20-8:50
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:10-1:40-4:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:50-11:50-12:50-1:50-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-7:50-8:20-9:40
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Longlegs (R) 1:00-3:45
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-6:00-9:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:10
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Twisters (PG-13) 12:10-1:10-3:30-4:20-10:25
Inside Out 2 (PG) 3:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:20-2:20-5:30-9:05

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Topper (1937) 2:40
1776 (G) 12:10
The Thin Man (1934) (PG) 6:20
Thelma (PG-13) 1:10
A Night at the Opera (1935) (NR) 12:30
Funny Face (1957) (NR) 4:45
California Split (R) 7:00
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: 2:20-4:40
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 2:50-5:10-7:10-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
Trap (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:15-7:40-10:20
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:55-7:50-9:00-10:45
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:10-10:40
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 8:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:10-1:45-4:15-9:30
Cuckoo (R) CC: 9:15-11:00
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 10:40AM
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:00-11:40-2:00-4:25-6:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:45-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:50-1:20-3:45
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:45-10:35
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-6:30-7:00-8:00-10:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:20-5:15
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:40-8:15-10:45
Kneecap (R) CC: 10:25
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 10:00-1:00-4:00-10:00
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 12:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:15-12:05-2:15-3:00-6:00-7:00-9:00

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 1:00-3:30-6:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:30-2:00-4:30-6:30-9:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:00-1:30-3:00-6:00-7:30-9:00
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:15-2:45-6:00-8:30
Trap (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:15-5:45-8:45
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:15-9:15
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:45-9:15
Longlegs (R) CC: 12:45-8:15
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 4:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 1:45
The Fabulous Four (R) OC: 4:15
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 11:00AM
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:00-6:30
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:15-1:40-4:05-6:30-9:00
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:45AM
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
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:50-2:25-5:00-7:40-10:00
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:05-3:05-6:05-9:05
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:20-1:45-4:20-6:10-9:05
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:00-8:00
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 4:00-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:30
Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 1:50-7:05
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 12:15-3:15-9:00
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:20AM
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 6:15
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:00-12:45-2:00-3:45-5:00-8:00

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 6:00-9:00
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:45
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:30-2:15-4:45-9:45
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:00-4:00-6:30-9:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:00-11:15-11:45-12:15-1:15-3:15-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:15
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:15-4:15-9:15
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 10:15-12:15-1:15-3:15-4:15-6:20-9:30
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:45-7:30-10:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:15-8:00-10:15
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 4:45
Longlegs (R) CC: 10:35-11:20-1:15-4:05-7:50-10:30
Coup! 10:15AM
Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 11:30-7:15
Kneecap (R) CC: 9:45
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 12:45-3:45-9:45
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 2:45-5:45-8:45
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 3:30
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 4:15-7:00-9:30
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 1:45-6:45
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Successor 10:15-1:00-4:40-6:15
Shivam Bhaje 12:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 10:45-1:45-7:30-10:30
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 1:30
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:45-8:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:40
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:35-2:00-4:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:45-2:10-4:45-7:15-9:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:00-2:00-3:00-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:20AM
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-2:45-5:00-5:45-8:00-8:45
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:40-8:15
Longlegs (R) CC: 12:25
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 11:30-2:30-5:30-8:30
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 1:40-10:00
The Firing Squad (PG-13) OC: 4:30
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:00AM
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:40-7:15
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) OC: 6:45-9:10
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 11:40-12:15-2:05

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:45
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:30-1:45-4:15-6:15
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:45-9:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15; 11:15-2:30-5:45-9:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:00
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 11:30-1:00-4:00-6:45-10:00
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:30-10:00
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-3:15-5:00-6:30-8:00-9:45
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:45-8:30-10:15
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:15AM
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 12:00
Successor 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 2:15-4:30-7:00-9:20
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 12:30
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-9:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:15-3:30-4:30-7:45-9:30-10:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:15-6:15-10:30
Trap (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-8:00-10:45
Longlegs (R) CC: 12:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-6:45-9:45
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:45-8:15-10:45
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:30-6:30

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 9:35-12:05
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) XD: 10:10-1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50; 11:50AM; 9:10-9:40-9:50-10:00-10:20-10:30-12:10-12:20-12:30-12:50-1:00-1:10-1:30-1:40-3:20-3:50-4:00-4:10-4:40-4:50-7:10-7:20-7:30-7:50
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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 9:00-9:30-12:40-4:20-6:30-7:00-9:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 8:00-10:10-10:20-10:30-10:40-11:00-11:10
Hotel Transylvania (PG) 10:00AM
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 10:00-12:55-3:50-10:15
Cuckoo (R) 7:00-9:35
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 9:05-11:35-2:05-4:35
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 9:15-11:55
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 9:00-9:15-11:30-11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) 9:25-10:15-10:45-12:55-1:20-3:55-6:30-9:05-11:40
Trap (PG-13) 7:10-9:55
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-2:35-3:10-3:50-5:10-5:45-6:20-7:00-8:20-8:55-9:30-10:10-11:30
Borderlands (PG-13) XD: 3:00-6:00-9:00
Longlegs (R) 12:00-2:40-5:20-11:35
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
A Place Called Silence 12:50
Successor 9:40-3:45

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 2:00-4:45
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) 2:45
Trap (PG-13) 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 6:00-9:30
Borderlands (PG-13) 7:30-10:30

Greenbelt Cinema
129 Centerway
Laura 8:00
Twisters (PG-13) 7:45
Turning Red (2022) - Pixar Special Theatrical Engagement (PG) 1:00
Touch (R) 5:15
Widow Clicquot (R) 5:30

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:15-2:20-4:35-6:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:45-2:15-3:45-5:00-7:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 2:45-4:50-7:15
Twisters (PG-13) 1:15-4:15-7:05
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-4:45-7:35-8:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:30

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 1:40-3:50-7:05
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:30-1:15-1:55-3:30-4:45-7:00-8:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:35-3:40-6:50
Twisters (PG-13) 12:45-4:00-7:45
Trap (PG-13) 1:50-4:30-7:35
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-4:50-7:10
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:20-7:15

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) 10:40-1:30-4:25-7:10-10:00
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Trap (PG-13) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Borderlands (PG-13) 4:00-6:30-9:00

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 9:25
Cuckoo (R) 7:15-10:10
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:30-2:10-4:50
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 12:45-3:35-6:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:45-2:25-4:55-7:35-10:25
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Twisters (PG-13) 11:35-12:40-3:45-6:50-10:00
Trap (PG-13) 10:20-1:10-7:20-10:30
Peak Season 11:25-1:45-4:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-3:05-4:05-5:20-6:00-7:40-8:50
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-4:00-5:55-6:55-8:55-9:55
Longlegs (R) 12:10-2:55-10:15
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 3:20
Kneecap (R) 10:40-6:40-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 12:20-7:05-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50
The Last Front 7:10-10:05
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) 3:40
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Trap (PG-13) 12:05

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:45-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:00-1:40-4:20-6:50-9:20
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RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
A Place Called Silence 10:50-9:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:35-11:15-11:50-12:50-1:15-1:50-2:25-4:00-4:30-5:00-5:35-7:10-7:40-8:10-8:40-10:30
Trap (PG-13) 2:10

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Boulevard
Cuckoo (R) 7:00-9:50
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:50-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:30
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 10:40-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:50
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Trap (PG-13) 1:50

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:00-4:20-7:10
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 11:20-2:10-4:50
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:10-1:40-6:15-8:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:00-12:30-1:00-3:20-3:40-6:30-7:40-9:50
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:15-1:20-4:10-8:20
Twisters (PG-13) 11:50-1:10-6:50-9:55
Trap (PG-13) 11:40-2:20-5:10-7:50
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:40-7:30-9:40
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:10-6:00-9:00-10:00
Longlegs (R) 10:10
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 4:30
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:30-1:50-5:45-8:50

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 12:40
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:50-2:40-5:15-8:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) 11:30-12:30-3:30-6:20-8:50
Twisters (PG-13) 1:00-1:50-3:50-5:00-6:45-7:45-9:50
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Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 1:20
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
A Place Called Silence 12:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:10-12:50-2:20-3:20-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30

Regal Waugh Chapel
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:00-1:30-3:50-6:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 10:45-1:15-2:10-4:50-9:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:50AM; 11:30-12:50-1:20-2:40-4:10-4:40-6:00-7:30-8:00-9:20
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Borderlands (PG-13) 5:00-7:20-7:50-8:50-10:30
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 12:20-7:05-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 1:50-5:10-8:30
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) 3:40
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00

Regal Westview
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Cuckoo (R) 7:05-9:45
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:10-1:45-4:15
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:40-2:10-4:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 9:45-10:00-1:10-4:40-8:00
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It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-5:15-6:45-8:20
Longlegs (R) 11:15-10:15
Kneecap (R) 10:50-1:30-4:20
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 9:15-3:40-7:00-10:10
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:20-2:40-6:00-9:20
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:15-1:25-4:30-7:45
Twisters (PG-13) 9:30-12:30-3:45-7:20-9:00
Trap (PG-13) 4:25
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:00-2:20-5:40
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:45-8:40
Twisters (PG-13) 10:40-1:40-4:35-7:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:30-11:50-1:50-3:10-5:10-6:30-8:30-9:50
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) 12:20

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) 12:35-3:15-6:25-9:05
Abominable (2019) (PG) 9:30AM
Cuckoo (R) 7:00-9:20
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:15-10:55-12:25-1:05-2:45-3:25-5:05-7:15
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:45-12:45-3:05-5:25-7:45
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Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:20-11:50-2:10-5:10-8:10
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:30-7:50; 3:40-6:10-8:40

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) (!) 11:15-6:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:00-11:30-12:15-1:15-2:30-3:15-6:45-9:30-10:30
Twisters (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-7:15-10:45
Trap (PG-13) (!) 1:00-4:30-8:00-11:00
Inside Out 2: The IMAX Experience (PG) 11:45-2:45-4:45-6:00-9:00
It Ends With Us (PG-13) (!) 3:00-6:30-10:00
Borderlands (PG-13) (!) 3:45-7:00-10:15
The Instigators (R) (!) 7:45-11:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:45-4:25-6:40
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:30-2:05-10:05
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-10:00-11:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:50-2:15-4:40
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 11:40-1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-11:25
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:30-7:10-8:30-9:00-10:10
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:40-8:10-10:40
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:10AM
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:00-1:30-3:05-4:00-4:30-6:20-7:30-9:30-10:00-10:30
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00-10:45
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 11:45-2:15-4:35-10:00
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 4:15-10:00
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:10
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:15-9:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:30-9:00
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:15-9:45
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:30-9:00
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Twisters (PG-13) CC: 10:45-12:00-1:30-3:00-4:25-6:00-7:15-9:00-10:15
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It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:00-10:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:45-7:25-10:00
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:15
Coup! 11:30AM
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 12:45
Kneecap (R) CC: 12:15
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 10:45-1:45-7:15
Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 4:25-6:45
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 11:30-1:00-2:30-5:30-7:00-8:30-11:30
Oddity (R) CC: 1:45
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:15AM
Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot (PG-13) CC: 4:00
The Last Front 7:00
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 11:00-4:00-6:30
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:45-10:15
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
A Place Called Silence 12:45
Successor 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:40
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:00-1:20-3:40-6:00-8:20-9:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:00-10:45
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:40-4:20-7:20-10:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:00-12:30-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:15
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 10:50-11:20-1:45-4:10-6:40-9:10
MaXXXine (R) CC: 4:50
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Trap (PG-13) CC: 10:10-11:40-12:45-2:20-3:20-5:00-7:40-10:20
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-3:00-5:00-6:00-7:30-8:00-9:00-9:45-10:30
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:40-7:10-10:40
Coup! 11:20-1:50
Kneecap (R) CC: 11:10AM
Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:45
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 11:00-7:30
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 10:30-1:30-4:30
The Last Front 7:00
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 10:40-1:15
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) CC: 2:00
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 5:00-10:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:15-10:15
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:45-7:20-9:30-10:00
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 10:00-12:30-4:30

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 12:05-2:25-4:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 11:10-1:05
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 11:05-1:10-4:05-7:00-9:50
Trap (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:50
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:10-8:00-9:00-11:00
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 10:10
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 12:30-3:30
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 6:30

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
The Firing Squad (PG-13) 10:30AM
Bad Boys Ride or Die (R) CC: 12:10
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) CC: 4:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 10:55-4:10-6:40
Cuckoo (R) CC: 7:00-9:40
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 11:25-1:45-4:05-6:00-9:30
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 2:10-7:25-9:55
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 10:40-2:05-5:10-8:30
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:25-7:30-10:35
Longlegs (R) CC: 11:15-1:55-4:40-8:20-10:55
Trap (PG-13) CC: 11:35-2:20-5:05-8:00-10:25
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 4:00-5:20-6:25-7:10-8:25-9:50-10:45
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:40-8:20-11:00
Despicable Me 4 3D (PG) CC: 1:30-9:10
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) CC: 12:00-3:35-10:00
Didi (R) CC: 10:35-1:25-4:15-6:55-9:25
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 10:00-1:20-4:30-7:40
Kneecap (R) CC: 1:35
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13) CC: 10:05AM
The Fabulous Four (R) CC: 11:00AM
Inside Out 2 3D (PG) CC: 11:45-4:35
Borderlands: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 7:05
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 11:20-12:40-2:50-6:10-9:20-10:50
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) CC: 1:45-4:00-6:15-8:30
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 2:15-4:30-7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00-10:00
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:30-2:00-7:00
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-9:30
Trap (PG-13) CC: 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:00-9:00
Longlegs (R) CC: 9:30
Borderlands (PG-13) CC: 4:45-7:15-9:45
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) CC: 1:00-7:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 11:30AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:15-1:50-4:35-7:10
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 10:30-10:45-1:30-4:20-5:30-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:25
Twisters (PG-13) 12:00-3:25-7:10-10:15
Trap (PG-13) 10:40-1:30-6:30-10:15
Borderlands (PG-13) 4:00-7:00-10:05
Didi (R) 2:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:00-11:35-1:25-3:05-4:50-8:00-9:50
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:30-6:00-6:45-8:25-9:30

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
The Seven Samurai (Shichinin no samurai) 10:30-2:45
Porco Rosso (Kurenai no buta) (PG) 12:00
National Theatre Live: Present Laughter 7:00
Cuckoo (R) 7:05-9:30-10:35
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 10:30-12:45-2:55-5:15-7:30
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:35-8:00-10:25
Didi (R) 12:30-2:25
Widow Clicquot (R) 10:20AM
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 10:15-11:00-12:00-1:45-2:45-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10:00
Twisters (PG-13) 2:20-5:05-7:50-10:30
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-4:50-7:45-10:30
Kneecap (R) 11:55-4:45-9:45

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Cuckoo (R) 7:50
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-5:10-8:10
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:30-8:00

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Twisters (PG-13) 9:55-12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:00
Trap (PG-13) 9:50-12:05-2:25-4:45-7:15-9:25
Thelma (PG-13) 9:45-12:15-7:00-9:20
Made in England 10:10-1:00-4:00-9:40
Widow Clicquot (R) 10:00-2:35-4:30-9:00
The Fabulous Four (R) 12:10-2:20-4:35-7:20

Cinemark Centreville
6201 Multiplex Drive
Hotel Transylvania (PG) 9:00AM
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 9:25-11:35-2:05-4:40-6:50
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 9:40-12:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 4:10-6:40-9:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 9:30-3:50-7:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 10:50-1:25
Inside Out 2 (PG) 1:35; 10:40-3:55-6:30-9:05
Trap (PG-13) 10:45AM
Twisters (PG-13) 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:40-10:40
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Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-5:40-8:25-11:05
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 12:40-10:10
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It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-3:05-5:10-6:10-8:20-9:15
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 10:30AM
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Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
Cuckoo (R) 7:00-9:40
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 9:20-11:50
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 9:30AM
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 9:25-11:55-2:25-4:55-7:35-10:05
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 9:20-9:50-10:10-12:30-1:00-1:20-3:30-3:40-5:25-7:40-8:30-10:50
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It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-3:40-4:20-5:10-6:50-7:30-8:20-10:00-10:40
Borderlands (PG-13) 4:45-7:25-10:05
Longlegs (R) 9:25-12:05-2:45
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 12:10
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 9:10-12:20-4:30-10:30
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) XD: 12:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) XD: 8:50-9:30-11:55-3:50-7:00-10:10
Borderlands (PG-13) XD: 3:00-5:40-8:20-11:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:10-1:50-4:30
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:00-2:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:20-11:40-12:10-12:40-2:50-3:20-3:50-6:10-6:40-7:10-8:10-9:30-10:00-10:30
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Borderlands (PG-13) 3:10-6:00-9:00-10:45
Longlegs (R) 10:50-1:35-4:15
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 10:45-2:10-5:20-8:40
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:10-5:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:00-12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
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Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-6:00-7:30-10:15
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 10:50-2:00-10:00
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 6:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:20-1:00-2:40-6:10-9:20

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:30-12:30-4:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:20-1:50-4:30-7:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:40-3:50-6:10-9:30
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Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-6:00-8:50-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:10-5:20
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 1:10-3:00-7:30-10:30
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 2:10
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Regal Fox
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 10:30-12:00-1:10-3:50-6:30
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 10:05-12:40-3:20-6:10-8:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 9:40
Inside Out 2 (PG) 10:20-1:05-3:45-7:10
Trap (PG-13) 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:40
Kalki 2898 AD 9:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 7:00-9:50
Longlegs (R) 9:45
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 12:00
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 12:20-6:50-10:10
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 10:00-1:20-4:40-8:00-11:10
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Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX 3D Experience (R) 3:40
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:20-11:50-12:50-2:40-4:10-7:30-10:40; 10:30-1:50-5:20-8:40
Inside Out 2 (PG) 5:10
Twisters (PG-13) 3:00-6:20-9:30
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-3:50-6:10-7:40-8:20-9:15-10:20
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-4:25-7:10-10:00
Raayan 12:15-6:15
Twisters (PG-13) 10:15-10:50-1:20-5:00
Borderlands (PG-13) 10:45

Regal Kingstowne
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center
Cuckoo (R) 7:20-10:00
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:30-2:10-4:50
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 10:40-1:10-4:00-6:50-9:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:20-7:00-10:20
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:00-2:50-5:30-8:10
Twisters (PG-13) 12:10-1:30-3:20-6:40-8:30-9:40
Trap (PG-13) 10:50-4:20-7:30-10:10
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 2:00-3:50-5:20-7:10-8:40-10:30
Borderlands (PG-13) 3:00-6:10-7:40-9:10-10:40
Longlegs (R) 11:10-11:00
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 11:40AM
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 3:40
The Last Front 7:50-10:50
Trap (PG-13) 1:35
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 11:00AM
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Regal Manassas
11380 Bulloch Drive
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:10
A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 12:20
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:05-1:40-4:10
Inside Out 2 (PG) 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40
Twisters (PG-13) 12:40
Trap (PG-13) 11:10-4:25-6:50
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 4:40-7:45
Borderlands (PG-13) 4:20-7:15
Longlegs (R) 7:20
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha 12:50-3:50
Kneecap (R) 3:20-6:20-8:50
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 12:30-6:30
The Last Front 7:50
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Trap (PG-13) 1:50

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6859 Springfield Mall
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RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:00

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The Fabulous Four (R) 9:55AM
RiffTrax Live: Point Break 7:05
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 3:40-7:00-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (R) 12:20

Reston, VA - LOOK Dine-in Cinema
11940 Market Street
Sing 2 (PG) 12:00
Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 1:45-4:15-6:45
Despicable Me 4 (PG) 1:20-3:40-6:00-8:20
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Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space 10:20-3:00-5:05
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:40
Deep Sky: The IMAX Experience 10:55-1:20-3:40
Deadpool & Wolverine: The IMAX Experience (R) 6:00
To Fly!4:30
The Dream is Alive 2:10
Blue Planet (1990) (NR) 11:45AM

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road
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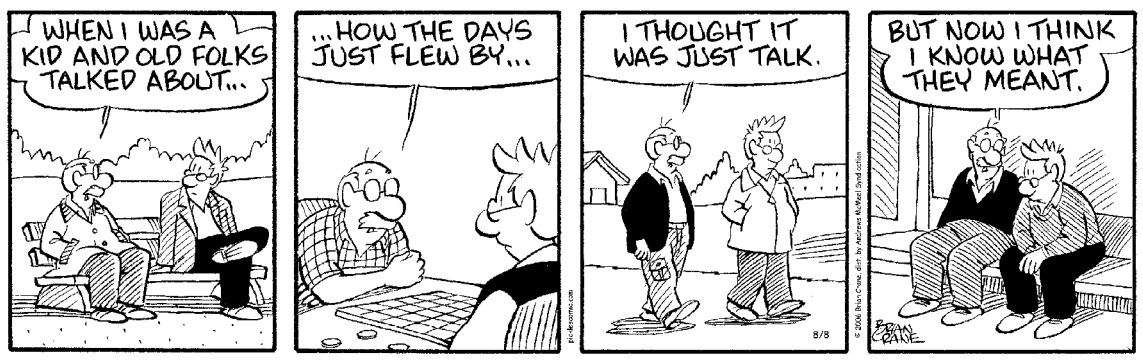
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ A 7 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 5
♥ K J 10 5
♦ A 9 7 3
♣ K Q J 8

EAST
♠ K J 10 9 8
♥ Q 8 4
♦ K 5
♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ A Q 7 6 3
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead — Choose it

Most experts agree that opening leads are the toughest part of the game. To find a good lead, you must analyze the bidding, visualize dummy's strengths and anticipate the play. But in a few situations, your lead will be automatic.

Today's West doubled South's one spade for takeout, and East passed for penalty. West led ... the king of clubs.

South took dummy's ace, ruffed a club, cashed the ace of hearts and conceded a heart. West won and shifted to a trump: deuce, king, ace. South ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump, ruffed a club for his sixth trick and still had the queen of trumps.

When your partner converts a low-level double for penalty, he will have a solid trump holding plus a good hand. Your goal should be to stop declarer from scoring ruffs with low trumps.

West should have led a trump (borrowing one from another deck if he had to). That makes a two-trick difference. South gets neither a heart ruff in dummy nor a second club ruff in his hand.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:

♠ 5 ♥ K J 10 5
♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ K Q J 8

Your partner opens one heart. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: If partner has A 7 6, A Q 7 6 2, 4 2, A 6 5, you can make a grand slam. If he has "wasted" spade honors — K Q 4, A Q 7 5 2, K 2, 6 5 4 — game may be your limit. A 2NT response as a conventional forcing raise would suggest balanced pattern. Your best bid is three spades, a "splinter" to show spade shortness and slam interest. Partner can evaluate.

— Frank Stewart

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RED AND ROVER

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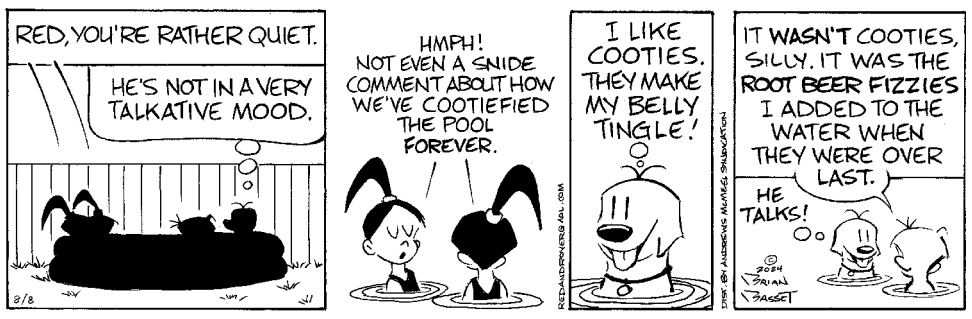

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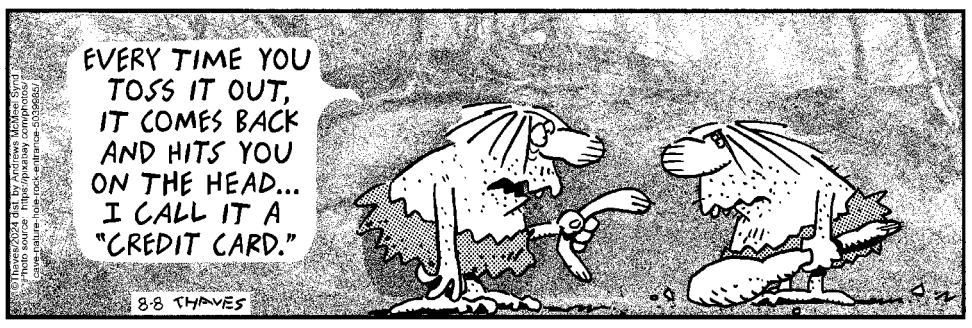

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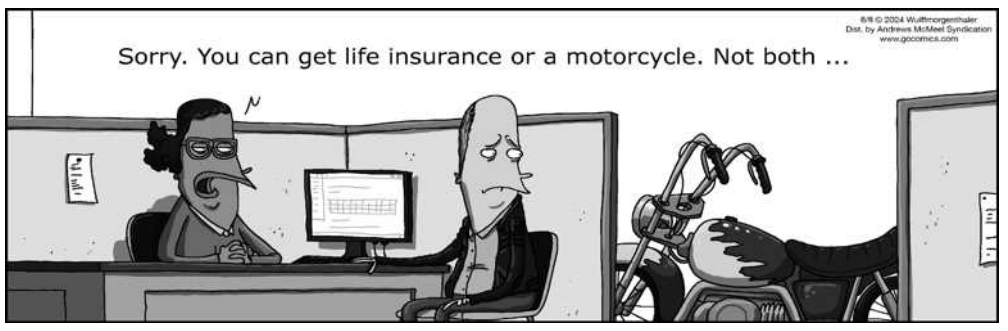

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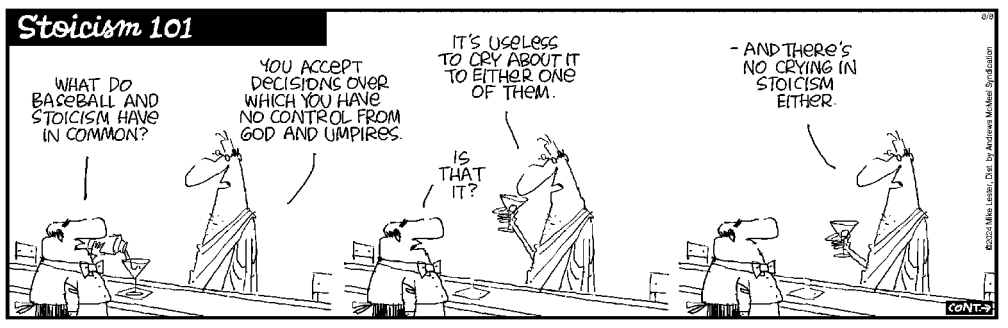

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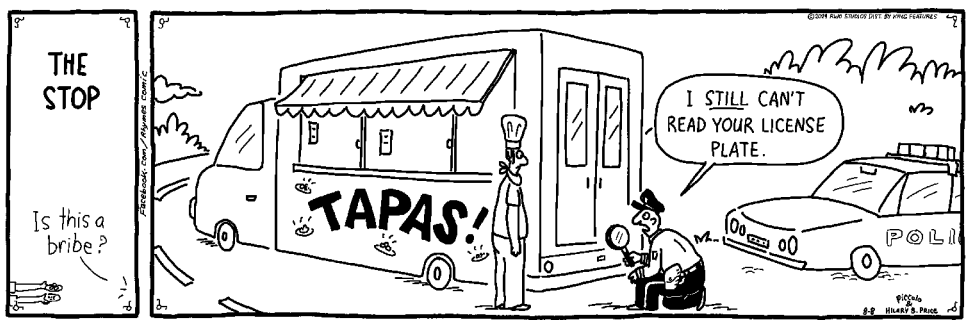

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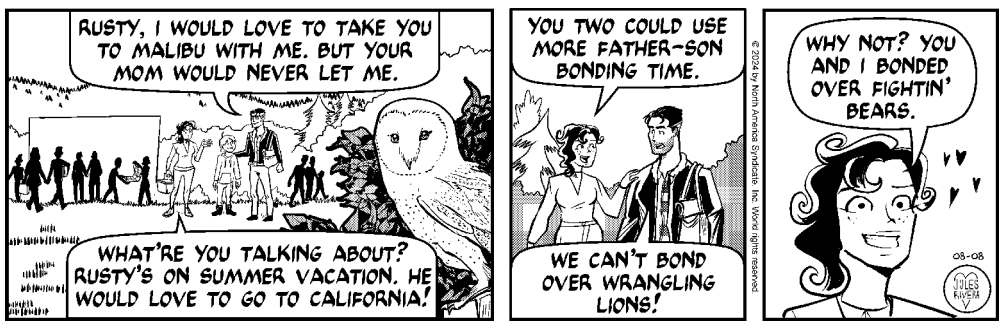

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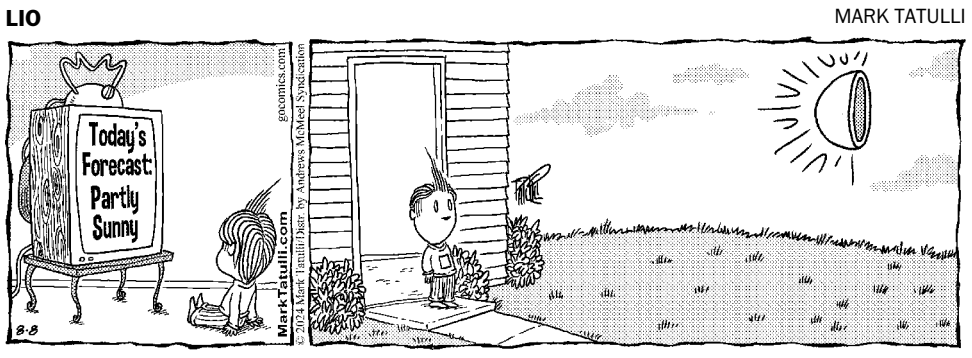

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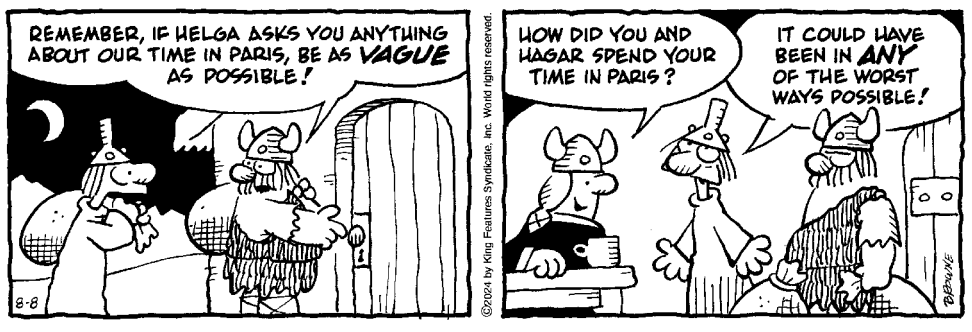

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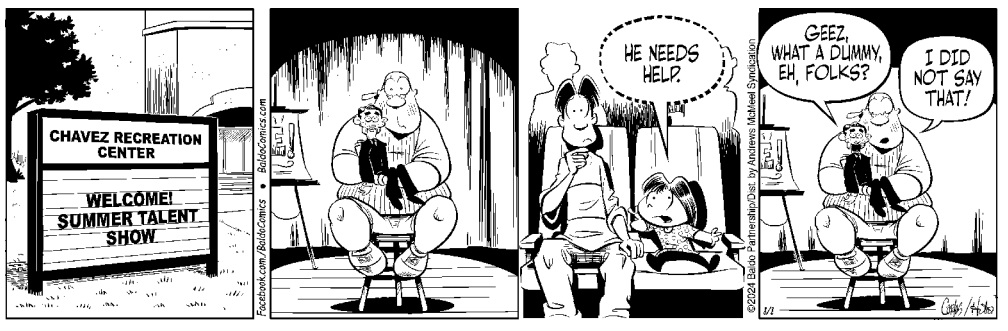

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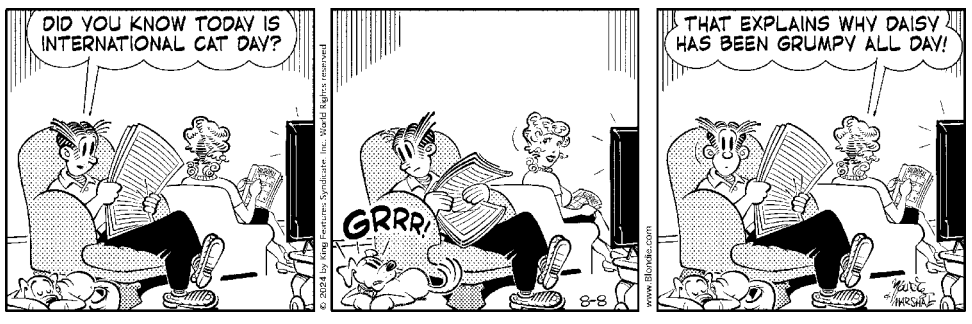

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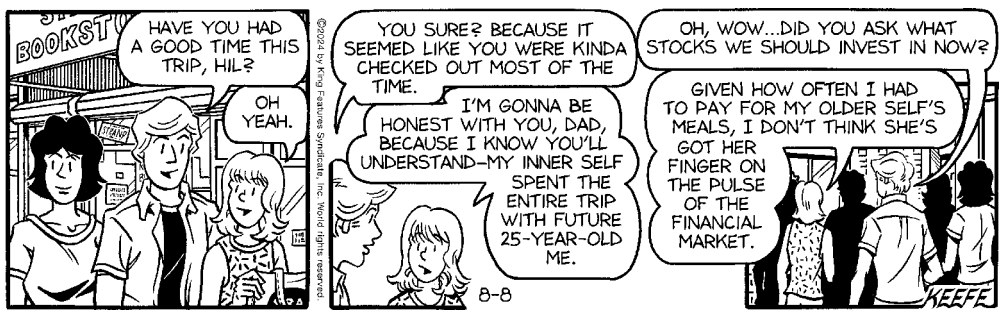

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

5					7	1	2	
				1				
				4		6		9
	5	8		3	4	9		2
	9			2			5	
3		2	5	6		8	4	
4		9		5				
				8				
	2	1	9					4

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A1	E1	I1	H4	G2	M3	T1	Double Word Score	RACK 1
E1	E1	U1	R1	N1	C3	S1		RACK 2
E1	I1	U1	L1	G2	D2	M3	1st Letter Triple	RACK 3
E1	O1	O1	Y4	G2	L1	C3		RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 214

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
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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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

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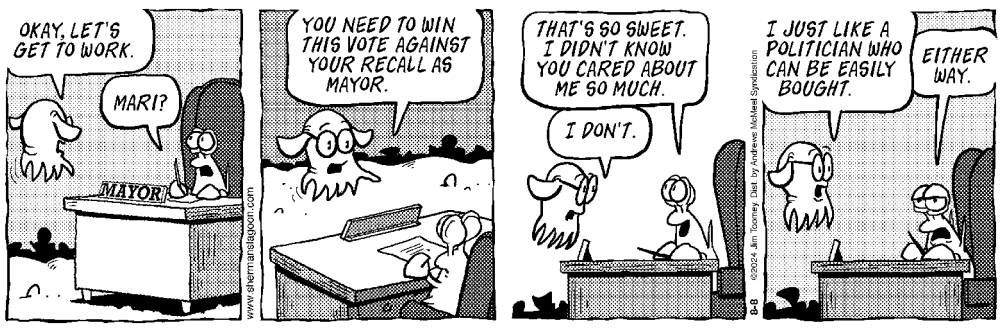

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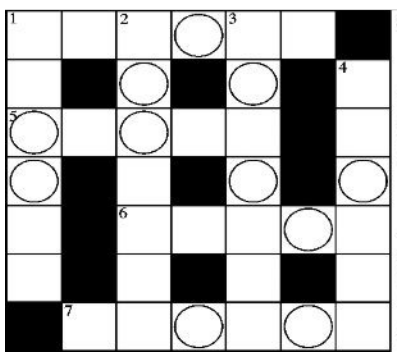

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ down	KCDUDE
5. ____ appearance	EMOAC
6. Combine	UITEN
7. Reclined	NDELEA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Moored	DOEDKC
2. Travel to work	UMTCEOM
3. Wind ____	NOSEORI
4. Be present at	DNTETA

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: Japan's ____ ____ is the second-largest in the world (behind the U.S.).

ANSWERS: 1A-Docked 5A-Cameo 6A-Units 7A-Leaned 1D-Docked 2D-Commute 3D-Erosion 4D-Attend B-Stock market

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BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

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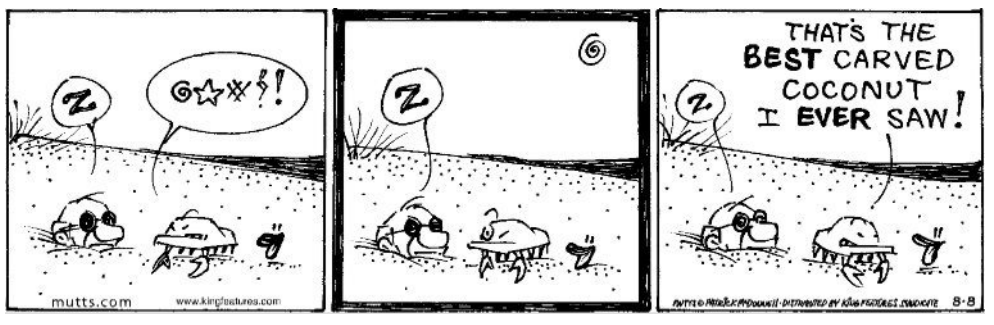

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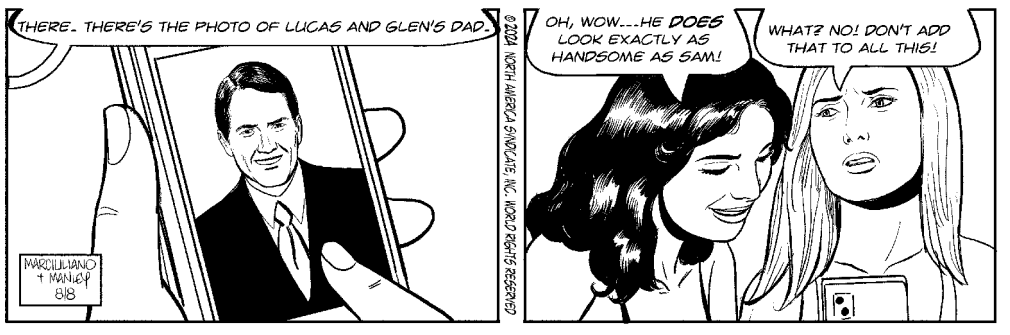

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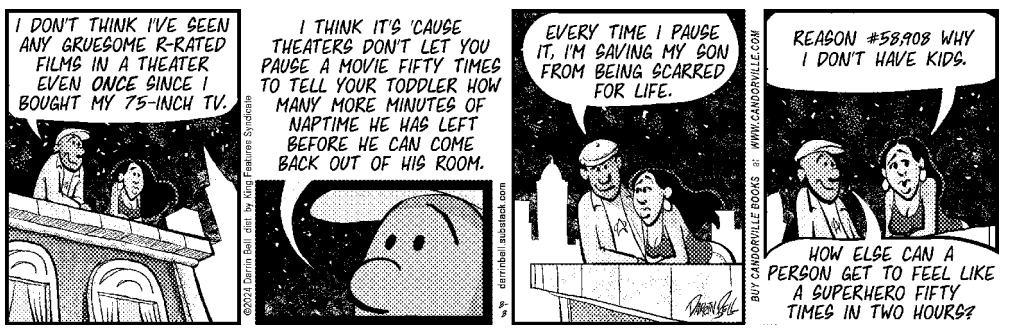

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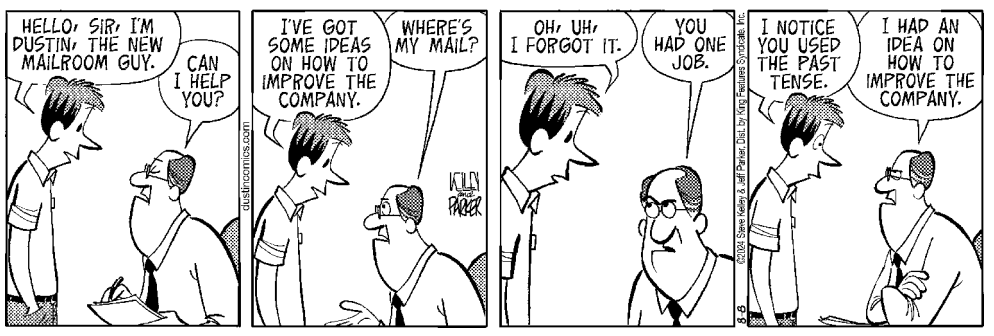

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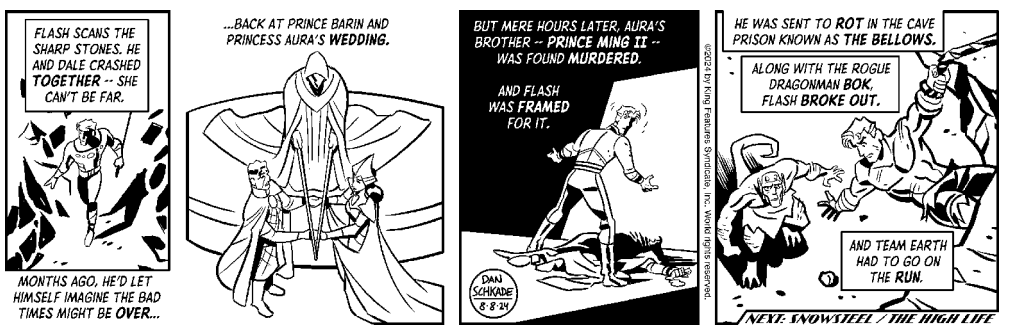

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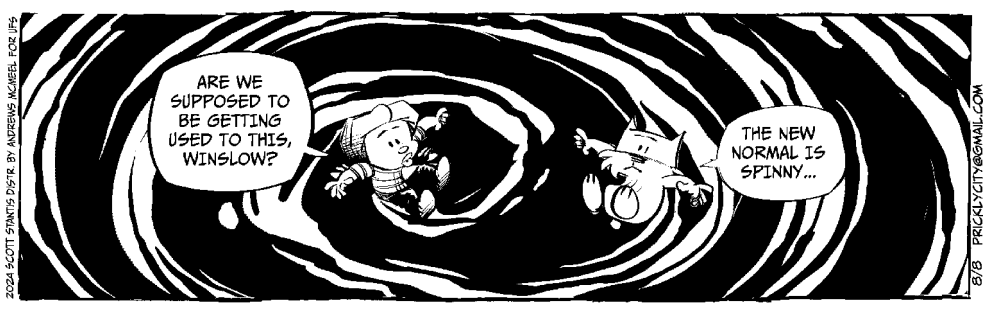

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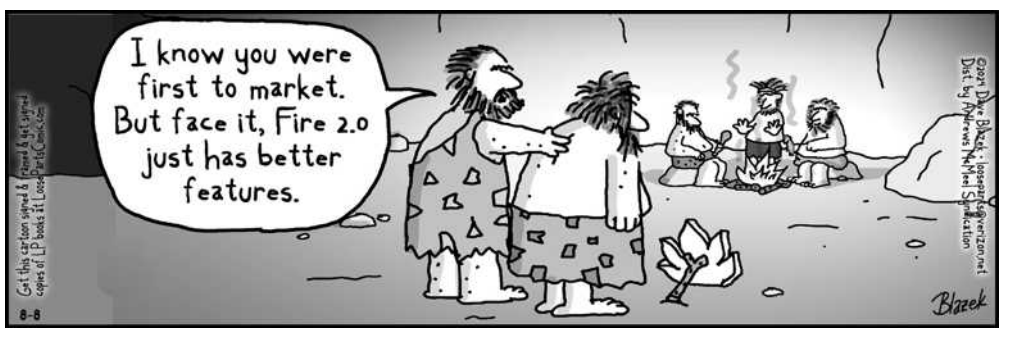

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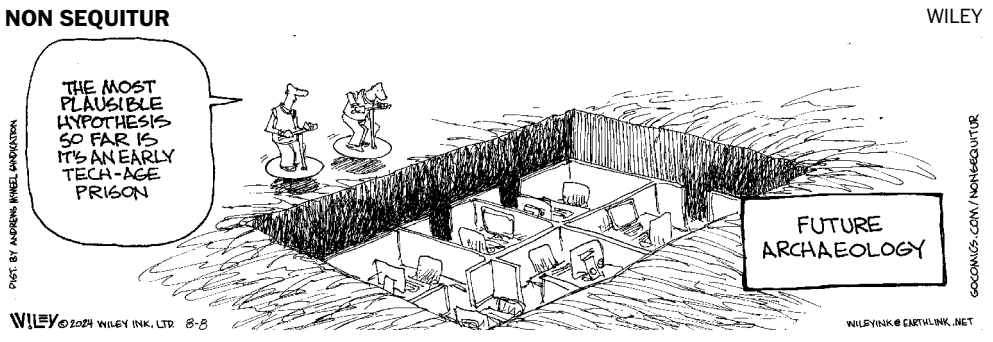

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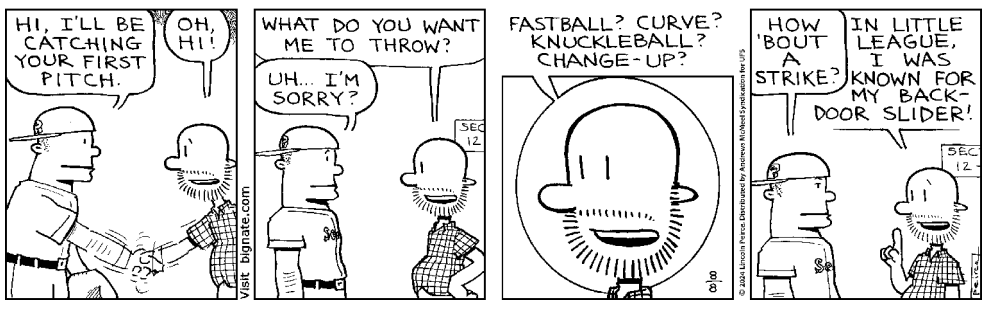

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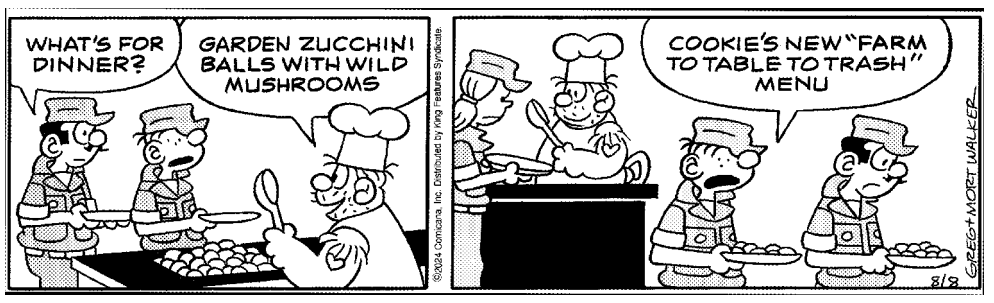

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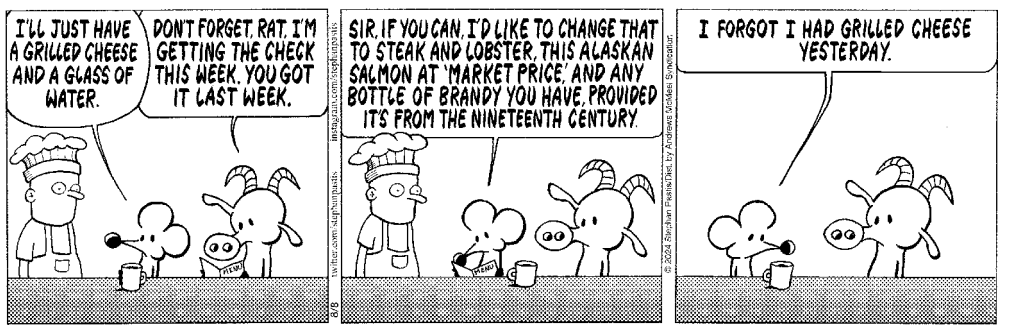

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4	5	2	7	3	1	8	6	9
8	1	7	6	9	5	4	3	2
3	9	6	2	8	4	1	7	5
5	2	1	8	4	7	3	9	6
9	7	4	3	2	6	5	8	1
6	8	3	1	5	9	2	4	7

PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

A1	R1	D2	U1	O1	U1	S1	R5ACK 1 = 60
B3	E1	F4	O1	U1	L1		RACK 2 = 11
E1	N1	C3	H4	A1	N1	T1	RACK 3 = 86
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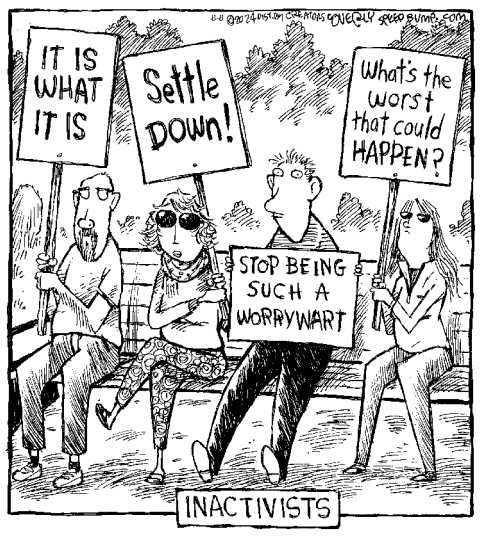

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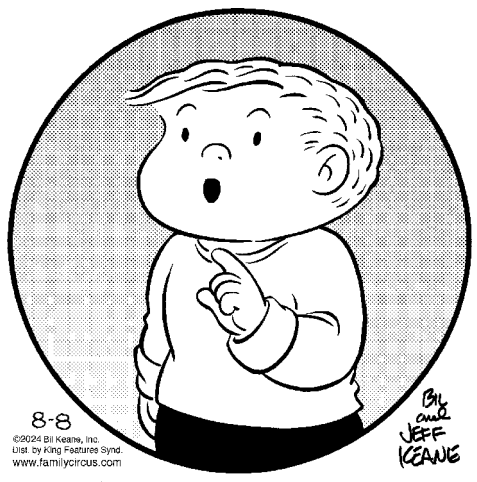

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS

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BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 8

You have a strong work ethic. You are naturally good at everything, plus you want to make things better for yourself and others. This is a year of service to others, primarily to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be effective. Is it time for a makeover?

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping and important decisions from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
Delays and goofy mistakes plus equipment breakdowns, computer glitches and confused communications are frustrating at work. These challenges might even impact your health or your dealings with a pet.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Home and family are your focus. Social events are promising; however, old flames might be in the picture again. If attempting to make health improvements or to introduce reforms or better ways of doing things at work, be patient.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
You're busy with short trips, errands and time spent with siblings and relatives. Partly, this is due to dealing with family members and situations from the past demanding your attention. Fortunately, with Mars in your sign, you can do it all. Be patient with your kids.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Delays and confused communications are frustrating, which is why you might be emotional when with family members. Cope as best you can, because Mercury retrograde affects everyone. Meanwhile, keep your eyes open; someone might not have your best interests at heart.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
This is a strong time for you, which is one reason why you have strong opinions today. Resist the urge to be bossy. (Although tempting.) Focus on delayed financial matters.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Even though Mercury is retrograde in your sign – attracting people from the past back into your world, while at the same time creating glitches like misplaced items, late appointments and confused communications, to name a few – you can finish old business.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Today the Moon is in your sign, which might make you a bit more emotional than usual. However, when the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month, it improves your good luck!

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Old friends and contacts with people you knew before in organizations or clubs are back in your world. This could help you in some way. Plus, it's good to have history with others.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Right now you have strong opinions about travel issues or something to do with medicine, the law or higher education. Because of this, you might have a heated discussion with a friend or a member of a group.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Today others will know personal details about your private life because, for various reasons, you are high-viz. This might be due to dealing with other cultures, or travel delays might trigger this.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Do something different today to shake things up a bit. You're hungry for adventure and some stimulation. You need to break free from your routine! Be a tourist in your own town.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
You can accomplish a lot; you're motivated to work efficiently right now. Furthermore, you're inspired to make improvements at home, in part because increased activity and chaos where you live will demand this.

— Georgia Nicols

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I had questions about Rip Van Winkle. Could AI help?

NOTEBOOK FROM **C1**

in America? AI tells me that there is at least one other Rip Van Winkle accommodation, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., closer to the source of Washington Irving's inspiration. There is also a Wine and Cheese Festival every May in Greene County New York, a more appropriate way to honor a man famous mainly for an extraordinarily long hangover.

Naming a motel, or hotel, for Van Winkle seems a bit different. Travelers want rest and sleep, not a 20-year alcohol-induced coma. And what sort of hotel allows this? Sure, people sometimes check in to a hotel to go on a bender, but does no one check on the poor man? No one thinks to maybe change the sheets or air out the room?

"How's Van Winkle in 703?"

"Still sleeping."

The bill, of course, will be astronomical. Again, using AI, I asked how much a room would cost per night in 1775, which is around the time of Irving's tale, at an American inn or tavern, and it answered: about six pence in British currency. (Comparing British pence to American pennies and estimating the purchasing power in today's currency is fraught with problems, but that's about $9 today.) It also added, unnecessarily but intriguingly, that "the low cost of lodging was due to several factors: You were not guaranteed a private room, you have had to share a bed with other travelers and the linens were not washed daily."

So, not only were the hotel staff unperturbed by a guest who got riotously drunk and slipped into an apparent coma, but said guest also cohabited with dozens or hundreds of strangers and no one noticed his nearly lifeless body, unkempt, unshorn, lying in befouled clothing on dirty linens? I had more questions, so back I went to AI.

What would the bill have been for 20 years of accommodation in the late 18th century? Using AI's six-pence-per-night answer, multiplying that out and adjusting for inflation (very complicated and imprecise), Van Winkle would owe approximately $25,000 in today's currency. I was also curious about how many people might notice Van Winkle sleeping during his 20-year stay: AI estimated that it could be as many as 87,000 travelers based on a typical American tavern or inn being able to accommodate six to 12 people an evening. It doesn't speak well of American empathy in the late 18th century.

I decided to put some of these questions to an actual human being, Cathleene B. Hellier, senior historian at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and she kindly emailed back. First, it's hard to generalize about prices and customs for inns and taverns from across the original colonies, but using information and historical research about Virginia, which included rates of about 7½ pence, Hellier concluded: "The Virginia rate for lodging wasn't far off from the rate AI found."

As for the conditions of a typical inn, she sent the following juicy detail from the account of an 18th-century traveler in America named George Grieve: "Throughout America, in private houses, as well as in the inns, several people are crowded together in the same room; and in the latter it very commonly happens, that after you have been some time in bed, a stranger of any condition (for there is little distinction), places himself, without ceremony, between your sheets."

Next question, this time to AI: How many Marriott Bonvoy points would you earn if you spent that kind of money at the hotel? Again, I don't recommend doing this for anything other than its entertainment value, and maybe not while sober. I got multiple answers on different days. But, AI tells us that there are maximums and minimums to be considered, factoring in whether you pay with a Marriott credit card. Let's go with the best-case maximums, which includes Van Winkle having super-elite status: 425,000 points.

AI tells me that would be enough to give Van Winkle "access to a vast array of luxurious and extended hotel stays across Marriott's global portfolio," including several nights at its elite St. Regis and Ritz-Carlton properties. These include the St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort, where Van Winkle could enjoy "the serene ambiance" of a modern villa built on stilts above the "turquoise blue waters of the Pacific Ocean." AI assures me that the St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort, where the view is actually of the Indian Ocean, "stands out as one of the best St. Regis resorts."

So, Rip Van Winkle wakes up disoriented and calls the front desk and asks, "What time is checkout?" AI tells me this is 11 a.m. at the Rip Van Winkle Motel, but Van Winkle's elite status would probably allow him to keep the room until at least noon. He may, however, want to see whether he can apply the cash value of his 425,000 points to cover at least some of the $25,000 bill. AI says this could be between $3,000 and $3,500, though these things should be negotiated up front, presumably before swilling hard liquor and falling into a deep slumber. "This highlights the importance of carefully reviewing the terms and conditions of any point redemption, especially for high-value stays," it tells me.

I decided to check in with someone at Marriott about all of this, and — though they very likely thought my questions supremely weird — John Wolf from the public affairs office emailed back. "The value of a point fluctuates depending on how you redeem to book a stay, purchase points, transfer points to miles, etc.," he wrote, then echoed the AI warning: "If you want to extend a paid stay using points, assuming availability, then you would need to book a separate redemption stay."

So, it doesn't look likely that Rip can use his status to cover his unexpectedly long stay, but the good news: He can use those points to go to the Maldives, if he can pay his motel bill.

Washington Irving assures us that Rip is unlikely to have the necessary cash to check out. "The great error in Rip's composition was an insuperable aversion to all kinds of profitable labor," he writes. Which makes it unlikely that he could simply grab his rusty musket and head out, unmolested, to the village green, which he seems to have done in John Quidor's picture.

So far, I had been using text-based AI to answer basic questions, feeding prompts into what seems to function as a sophisticated (and often unreliable) search engine. Next, I thought I might try generative AI image programs (free, of course) to see what all of this looks like. When I suggested an image of Rip Van Winkle waking up at a fine resort in the Maldives, I got mainly images of pirates. Tall, lean, mean men with shaggy beards dressed in shabby Colonial outfits, with guns, standing on beaches. In one instance, the pirate was painting a picture on an easel. When I added more information, including a request that it base the image on John Quidor's picture, then things got really weird. At one point, I generated some kind of strange, Paul Cadmus fantasy, with Quidor's bony character hooking his finger at two men in Speedos. (I wonder whether the AI program had access to my Instagram?)

I had been asking AI to help me think through questions that trouble me every time I pass the Rip Van Winkle Motel, but I asked them sequentially, and piecemeal, as they occurred to me, rather than simply asking outright the real question that troubles me every time I pass by the business.

So, I put it directly to AI: "How would John Quidor's depiction of Rip Van Winkle change if Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years at the Rip Van Winkle Motel in Warrenton, Virginia?"

The answer was disappointing. "If depicting Rip waking up inside the hotel, Quidor might show period-appropriate furnishings and decor of a Virginia inn, rather than the outdoor tavern scene in the original painting," read one of several AI bullet points focused on design, dress and decor. "Instead of the Catskill Mountains, the background would feature the rolling hills and pastoral scenery of Virginia's Piedmont region," it adds, in its blandly servile tone.

Nothing about the bill? Would there be no contretemps at checkout? No trips to the Maldives? It's almost as if AI has no imagination.

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OPEN ART; JOHN QUIDOR

ABOVE: The Rip Van Winkle Motel in Warrenton, Va., in June. LEFT: Using Open Art, an AI image generator, the author uploaded a copy of "The Return of Rip Van Winkle" (allowed because it is in the public domain) and asked the tool to change details so that the scene would be set in the Maldives. The results were … weird.

Harris-Walz hat plays up 'Midwestern sensibility'

CAMO HAT FROM **C1**

X over a reposted image of her "Midwest Princess" hat next to the new Harris-Walz camo hat.

Yes, it is real. Is it smart? Specifically, could a hat like this come close to the cultural juggernaut that is the red MAGA hat?

The hat fits nicely with Walz's political persona, which pairs folksy Midwest bona fides and dad-joke groaners with liberal policies.

"I thought it was a great campaign move to cash in on what Walz brings to the campaign, which is this Midwestern sensibility," said Emily L. Newman, a professor of art history and liberal studies at Texas A&M University at Commerce.

"He's talked about being a hunter, but then he's such a staunch advocate for gun control that it's a great thing to play up for the Democrats."

As governor of Minnesota, Walz has advocated for stricter gun-control laws and signed a bill that included universal background checks and a red-flag law. But he is also an avid hunter who has boasted about being a good shot.

"That's what JD Vance's shtick is, talking about guns," Walz told Anderson Cooper last month. "I guarantee you he can't shoot pheasants like I can."

Of course, not everyone is so enthusiastic about Democrats laying claim to the red-state-coded print.

Randy Kozuch, executive director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, wrote via email that "a camo hat can't camouflage the fact that Kamala Harris and Tim Walz are gun-grabbing radicals who support confiscating firearms from law-abiding hunters and gun owners."

Colby McNeil, 35, a construction worker and woodworker in Golden, Colo., who hasn't decided who he'll be voting for, also wasn't a fan of the hats. McNeil said he's a strong believer in climate change and conservation, but he said the Harris campaign appeared to be appropriating hunting culture without policies that match the merch.

"I find it very frustrating that people are very anti-hunting in the cities, especially liberal cities," he said. These types of people might wear these hats, but "they'll vote against the right to hunt when it comes down to it."

As vice president, Harris has advocated for gun-safety measures.

Cody Miller, 28, an arborist in Breckenridge, Colo., who has been hunting since he was 6, said the hat felt "gimmicky" and "like a meme."

"I could see the hat having sales in coastal cities," he said.

People in coastal cities have indeed been embracing camouflage and blue-collar workwear as of late. Just last week, the street fashion media outlet Highsnobiety published a story about the return of camo as a fashion trend.

The Harris-Walz camo hat looks an awful lot like a hat from the fashion label Praying, a favorite among the urban creative classes.

James Harris (no relation to Kamala), who co-hosts the shock-jock menswear-centric podcast "Throwing Fits," said he has also heard grumbling from fellow New Yorkers about Walz's camo hat appropriating *their* urban style. It's an idea he finds absurd.

"It's clear the egocentrism of Bushwick/Brat brain-rot is nearing full permeation of certain neighborhoods," Harris wrote in an email, referring to the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn and the "Brat" album released by Charli XCX earlier this year. "As if blaze orange on Realtree camo hasn't been a standard outdoors color scheme since JFK was … in the Oval Office."

Harris is referring to a style of camouflage made by the Realtree company. People frequently refer to realistic-looking camouflage designed for woods as "Realtree" camo, though the hat sold by the Harris campaign is not produced in collaboration with the Realtree company.

But Walz has been photographed sporting other popular brands associated with blue-collar work. Derek Guy, who writes the popular menswear blog Die, Workwear!, thinks Walz's wardrobe, which features L.L.Bean, Carhartt and Filson, works unusually well compared with those of other politicians.

"They're usually in business casual, and when they try to dress down further, as [Florida Gov.] Ron DeSantis did during the primaries when he wore a fishing shirt, it kind of looks contrived," Guy said. "Walz looks very, very natural."

Miller, the arborist from Colorado, is not convinced.

"It feels like a reach," he said of the Harris-Walz camo hat. "It would be like buying local produce from Walmart. It just doesn't feel right."

TOM WILLIAMS/CQ ROLL CALL/AP

Then-Rep. Tim Walz (D-Minn.) in 2016, wearing a cap with a camo print. The candidate for vice president is an avid hunter who, as governor of Minnesota, has advocated for stricter gun-control legislation.

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PARIS OLYMPICS

Seizing the moment

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Quincy Hall caught Britain's Matthew Hudson-Smith with five meters to go to complete a comeback in which he passed three runners over the final 100 meters of the race. "He's the better man," Hudson-Smith said.

Games have become a sensational, unserious, riveting VIP experience

Jerry Brewer

PARIS — Early Sunday evening, after a gripping men's tennis final ended with Novak Djokovic relishing his long-desired gold medal, there was a sighting that captured the odd splendor of the Paris Olympics: Flavor Flav walked down a street near Roland Garros with his arm around Billie Jean King. He talked loudly on his phone, and the speaker was on, allowing every passerby to eavesdrop. It sounded as though he was making dinner plans.

Unless a rap/tennis collaboration occurred in Olympia in 776 BC, I stumbled upon a historic pairing that day. No one asked for, or needed, the 65-year-old Public Enemy hype man turned Team USA super fan to befriend the 80-year-old tennis icon and social activist, but these Games are extra like that. They're sensational. They're unserious. They're bursting with celebrities, from A-list to Z-list, some of them planted by NBC, all of them lured by the promise of glamour and spectacle.

Put it all together, and the Olympics

SEE **BREWER** ON **D8**

TONI L. SANDYS/THE WASHINGTON POST

Algeria fans showed support for Imane Khelif during her semifinal bout Tuesday.

Algeria fans turned out to give Khelif a lift

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

PARIS — One bought a ticket and ventured to the grounds and walked through the gates even though, he said, "I don't know her, and I don't really like boxing." One traveled about 250 miles from Lyon to Paris because, she said, "I thought she needed us." Two brothers just starting their 20s rode the slow train 250 miles from Strasbourg on the German border for a one-night stay in Paris because, one began, "Algeria is in our hearts."

All joined a sudden throng of Algerians and Algerian French who have forged a cheering noise grand enough to join a distinctive category among noises, even sports noises: It's that ilk of din that seems to have journeyed from somewhere so deep in the gut that it has amassed consuming urgency and goose-bumping tenor.

As the small-town Algerian girl turned 25 and formidable in her second Olympics has faced a global firestorm about

SEE **ALGERIA** ON **D6**

In feverish 400 meters, Hall claims the gold after extraordinary rally

BY ADAM KILGORE

SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE — Quincy Hall sprinted around the final turn of the Paris Olympics 400 meters behind three men, his two gold chains and a grill of gold teeth sparkling under the Stade de France lights. The first 300 meters had been run at a blistering pace — "hell," one of the runners later called it. No one would have guessed Hall could catch them.

Hall did not *think* he could close the gap. The pain in his 26 years of life and the training he had put himself through had conditioned him otherwise: He *knew*.

"As soon as they shot that gun, I knew I had it," Hall said Wednesday night. "You can't get far enough."

A track and field outsider from Kansas City, Mo., whose path wound through a California junior college, Hall surged from fourth place over the final 100 meters and won the gold medal in one of the fastest, most feverish men's 400-meter races in Olympic history. Limbs flailing, jaw clenched, chin jutting, Hall caught and passed Britain's Matthew Hudson-Smith

SEE **TRACK** ON **D7**

Revenge of the nerds
Sally Jenkins on how academic geeks and athletic freaks have owned these Olympics. **A1**

Tune in before you drop in
What's on your playlist? For Olympic skateboarders, there's no wrong answer. **D5**

It's strictly business
The U.S. women's basketball team rolls past Nigeria and will face Australia in the semis. **D6**

Get ready for some magic
Today's action at Stade de France could bring a new pinnacle for American track and field. **D7**

Orioles' lesson for White Sox fans: Welcome your epic losers with love

Thomas Boswell

On Tuesday night, the Chicago White Sox finally ended their 21-game losing streak, a hideous 27-day skid that tied the American League record held by the 1988 Baltimore Orioles. Of course, I felt glad for the White Sox. But I also felt relief for the '88 "Woes," whom I covered many times. Misery loves company, and 36 years is long enough to go it alone.

Baseball agony in the form of daily public mortification is cruel and unusual punishment. "It's hard to win a major league game. Obviously we proved that," Chicago Manager Pedro Grifol said after the win, with the accidental humor of the utterly

SEE **BOSWELL** ON **D3**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The NCAA effectively bans former Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh until 2028. **D2**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Maryland's Taulia Tagovailoa era is over. His replacement is an open question. **D12**

PRO FOOTBALL

The chippy phase of training camp comes with a price for the Giants and Lions. **D12**

As Irvin struggles with his location, the Nationals lose their way again

GIANTS 7, NATIONALS 4

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

Jake Irvin didn't bother to watch Matt Chapman's home run sail into the visiting bullpen in the fifth inning Wednesday night at Nationals Park. All he needed to see was the trajectory of the baseball, then hear the cheers from the opposing dugout.

After all, it was the third homer he had allowed in the Nationals' 7-4 loss to the San Francisco Giants. He had gotten familiar with the sights and sounds of a

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Giants at Nationals
12:05 p.m., MASN

THE DAY IN SPORTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA hits Harbaugh with show-cause order

The NCAA announced a four-year show-cause order for former Michigan football coach **Jim Harbaugh** on Wednesday for impermissible contact with recruits and players during the coronavirus pandemic, effectively banning him from college athletics until August 2028.

The NCAA said Harbaugh, who left his alma mater to coach the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers after last season's undefeated run to the national championship, "failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance and violated head coach responsibility obligations."

"Harbaugh engaged in unethical conduct and failed to cooperate when he denied any involvement in impermissible recruiting contacts despite substantial information to the contrary," the NCAA said in a 48-page decision that several times suggested the coach was not truthful with investigators.

Harbaugh will face the punishment only if he makes an unexpected return to college football within the next four years.

The recruiting case is unrelated to the NCAA's investigation of impermissible in-person scouting and sign-stealing allegations that roiled Michigan's championship season and resulted in a three-game suspension of Harbaugh by the Big Ten.

Multiple infractions cases in such a short time period could prompt the NCAA to treat Michigan as a repeat offender, opening the school up to harsher penalties in the sign-stealing case.

New Michigan coach **Sherrone Moore** is facing allegations he violated NCAA rules related to the investigation of scouting and sign-stealing, three people briefed on a pending notice of allegations told the Associated Press over the weekend. All spoke on the condition of anonymity because the notice was confidential.

Two of the people said Moore was accused of deleting text message exchanges with **Connor Stalions** — the former low-level recruiting staffer who coordinated an off-campus, advance-scouting operation — around the time the investigation was opened.

One of the people said the NCAA has recommended a less serious Level 2 violation for Moore, adding that messages between Moore and Stalions were recovered and that the coach provided them to the NCAA.

The NCAA had already put Michigan on three years of probation along with a fine and recruiting limits after reaching a negotiated resolution in the case. Harbaugh did not go along with the agreement, contesting allegations he failed to cooperate with investigators, and his case was handled separately.

The Committee on Infractions noted that Harbaugh's "intentional disregard" for NCAA rules amplified the severity of the case and prompted the panel to classify Harbaugh's case as Level I-aggravated, leading to a one-year suspension as part of the show-cause order.

The order runs through Aug. 6, 2028. It requires any school wanting to hire Harbaugh over the next four years to suspend him for the first full season. After that, Harbaugh would still be barred from athletics-related activities, including team travel, practice, video study, recruiting and team meetings, until the order expires. ...

Texas running back **CJ Baxter** injured a knee in practice this week and will miss the upcoming season. Baxter will have surgery, but no other details about the injury were provided by the school.

PRO BASKETBALL

Jazz gives Markkanen a $238 million deal

Lauri Markkanen received a five-year, $238 million contract with Utah, according to his agent, ensuring the Jazz has a key element in its rebuilding plans.

Agent **Michael Lelchitski** of Sports International Group said the deal includes $220 million in new money, and his salary for next season increases by $24 million. Markkanen's deal had one year left at $18 million before the new agreement.

"I'm excited to get this extension done," Markkanen said in a video posted to social media. "I'm ready to get back to work and build with this franchise."

Utah locks up a player who has averaged 24.5 points since being acquired two years ago. Markkanen, a 7-footer who can extend the court with his three-point prowess, was named the NBA's Most Improved Player in his first Utah season and appeared on his first all-star team. He played his first five NBA seasons with the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Chicago Bulls. His highest scoring average was 18.7 points in the 2018-19 season with Chicago.

Dirk Nowitzki and **Channing Frye** are the only other 7-footers to make 1,000 three-pointers in NBA history, according to ESPN Stats & Information.

The Jazz acquired Markkanen in a September 2022 trade that sent **Donovan Mitchell** to Cleveland.

Utah is coming off a 31-51 record, its worst season in 10 years. The Jazz also has had consecutive losing seasons for the first time since 2016, but it answered that three-year losing streak by making the playoffs in the next six seasons.

TENNIS

Nadal withdraws from upcoming U.S. Open

Rafael Nadal pulled out of the U.S. Open, making it the third Grand Slam tournament he has missed this season and raising more questions about his future in tennis at 38.

Nadal wrote on social media that he will miss "those electric and special night sessions" in Arthur Ashe Stadium, "but I don't think I would be able to give my 100% this time."

He added that his next event will be the Laver Cup in Berlin from Sept. 20 to 22. Nadal teamed with **Roger Federer** in a doubles match at that event in 2022, when Federer played for the final time before his retirement.

Nadal's announcement was not much of a surprise. He was on the official entry list released last month for New York, but that was more of a formality than anything and did not preclude the 22-time major champion from withdrawing before competition begins Aug. 26.

Plus, Nadal telegraphed this news a week ago after his participation in the Paris Olympics for Spain ended with a quarterfinal loss in doubles alongside **Carlos Alcaraz**. That followed a second-round loss in singles to rival **Novak Djokovic**, who left the Games with the gold medal.

Nadal has not announced anything about a possible retirement, but given his age and a recent history of injuries — including hip surgery in 2023 and abdominal muscle issues in 2024 that limited his number of matches the past two seasons — it seems safe to say he probably does not have much left in him.

He is a four-time champion at the U.S. Open, taking the titles in 2010, 2013, 2017 and 2019. ...

Olympic doubles bronze medalists **Taylor Fritz** and **Tommy Paul** won their opening singles matches at the National Bank Open in Montreal.

The ninth-seeded Fritz beat **Mariano Navone** of Argentina, 6-4, 6-1, and the 10th-seeded Paul topped **Luciano Darderi** of Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

American **Sebastian Korda**, coming off his second ATP Tour title at the DC Open in Washington, led **Vasek Pospisil** 2-1 in a night match when the Canadian retired because of an injury. ...

Naomi Osaka beat another top player in her return from maternity leave, routing ninth-seeded **Ons Jabeur**, 6-3, 6-1, at the National Bank Open in Toronto.

Osaka, a former No. 1 player, beat a top-20 player for the fifth time in her return.

Paula Badosa, a former second-ranked player making a comeback from a back injury, followed her DC Open title with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over **Clara Tauson**.

MISC.

Debby will keep fans from PGA Tour event

The PGA Tour's final event of the regular season, the Wyndham Championship, will start Thursday without fans in Greensboro, N.C., because of the expected dangerous weather from Tropical Storm Debby.

The tournament announced that spectators won't be permitted on the grounds of Sedgefield Country Club for the first round.

Competitors are still scheduled to start play at 6:50 a.m. Organizers said play will continue as long as conditions allow.

Tournament director **Bobby Powell** said forecasts call for Debby to clear the area sometime Friday. ...

Agustin Canapino and Juncos Hollinger Racing parted ways, ending a relationship between the Argentine driver and the IndyCar Series team that turned controversial when he took a brief leave of absence in June following a third social media firestorm in a year.

Canapino stepped away from the team in June before a race at Road America in Wisconsin after disputing claims that rival driver **Théo Pourchaire** had received online death threats from Canapino fans over an on-track incident between the two. Arrow McLaren Racing wound up ending its technical and marketing relationship with JHR over the issue, with both parties decrying any form of abuse or discrimination. ...

A former college baseball player is suing the NCAA and the power conferences, accusing the leagues of wage fixing through scholarship limits.

The federal antitrust case was filed in Colorado by former TCU baseball player **Riley Cornelio** and seeks class action status for college baseball and hockey players.

The NCAA, along with the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC, has an agreement in place to settle three antitrust lawsuits that challenged compensation rules for $2.78 billion in damages to former and current college athletes.

The settlement, which still needs to be approved by a judge, also includes a plan to allow schools to implement a revenue-sharing system with athletes and increase the number of scholarships that schools would be permitted — though not required — to hand out in most Division I sports.

— From news services

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Break on through

Titans running back Tyjae Spears takes part in a drill at training camp Wednesday. Tennessee hosts San Francisco on Saturday.

SPOTLIGHT: FIGURE SKATING

Better late than never, Americans are golden

BY LES CARPENTER

PARIS — They stepped from the shadows of one of the Olympics' most embarrassing scandals and into the sun at a place called Champions Park late Wednesday afternoon. It had been 2½ years since the nine members of the U.S. figure skating team won medals at the Beijing Olympics and finally, after endless court appeals related to a Russian doping incident, they were about to get gold medals.

Vincent Zhou looked down from the Trocadéro at the stage, the Eiffel Tower across the Seine and the thousands of fans in the stands, probably there to see gymnasts get their medals, and all he could think was: "They must be wondering why there are winter athletes here."

The seemingly endless saga of Russian figure skating star Kamila Valieva's positive test for a banned substance before the 2022 Beijing Games came to a conclusion at 5:06 p.m. Paris time, when the first gold medal was draped around skater Karen Chen's neck. A few minutes later, "The Star-Spangled Banner" played. The silver medalists from Japan clapped, and the teams walked away to polite if confused applause, their Beijing medals on red ribbons contrasting with the subtle pink and lavender of the Paris Games.

Russia, the original winner of the team competition that dropped to bronze as a consequence of the Valieva scandal, was not there, undoubtedly confusing the crowd even more as to why just two teams were receiving medals.

"We grew up dreaming of winning an Olympic gold medal but not in 90-degree weather," ice dancer Evan Bates said, laughing.

But as much as Wednesday was about a ceremony many of the skaters never thought they would get, there was a bigger sense of accomplishment among them — not for what they did on the ice in China so much as for the sense that they stood up to Russia and to the doping they believe has damaged the sport.

"I think today is a victory for clean athletes everywhere," said Madison Chock, Bates's wife and ice dance partner. "You have to trust the process. It doesn't happen for everyone. Some athletes have to wait longer than 2½ years."

The Valieva saga started a day after the team competition, when Olympic officials were notified she had tested positive for trimetazidine, a heart medication, at the Russian championships in December 2021. Trimetazidine is usually prescribed to elderly patients with heart conditions but is used by athletes to aid recovery and increase stamina.

The notice came hours before the team event medals were to be handed out at a formal ceremony. IOC officials decided to cancel the ceremony and hold on to the medals until Valieva's case was resolved. At first, it seemed the delay might last a few days, but it soon got caught up in the bureaucracy of the anti-doping and appeals process.

A World Anti-Doping Agency appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to suspend Valieva immediately was dismissed, and the Russian Anti-Doping Agency took close to a year to investigate her case, finally ruling she had committed a violation but bore no fault because it was — in RUSADA's view — an accidental contamination.

WADA appealed that ruling to CAS, asking that Valieva be suspended for four years dating from her Dec. 25, 2021, test. In January of this year, CAS upheld WADA's suspension. The next morning, the International Skating Union recalculated the results of the competition, dropping Russia to third and promoting the United States to gold and Japan to silver. Valieva and Russia appealed the decision to CAS, which rejected the appeal last month, paving the way for Wednesday's ceremony.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

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NFL PRESEASON

7 p.m.	**Carolina at New England** » NFL Network

MLB

Noon	**San Francisco at Washington** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)
12:20 p.m.	**Milwaukee at Atlanta** » MLB Network
3:30 p.m.	**New York Mets at Colorado** » MLB Network (joined in progress)
7 p.m.	**Baltimore at Toronto** » MASN2, MLB Network, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees** » MLB Network
10 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Arizona** » MLB Network (joined in progress)

GOLF

3 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Wyndham Championship, first round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

9 p.m.	**Leagues Cup, round of 32: Tigres UANL vs. Pachuca** » Fox Sports 1
11 p.m.	**Leagues Cup, round of 32: Necaxa at San Jose** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: National Bank Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

5 p.m.	**Athletes Unlimited: Team Moreno vs. Team North** » ESPNU

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL — REGION TOURNAMENTS

1 p.m.	**Midwest, semifinal: Iowa vs. South Dakota** » ESPN2
3 p.m.	**Mid-Atlantic, semifinal: District of Columbia vs. Maryland** » ESPN
5 p.m.	**Mountain, semifinal: Nevada vs. Colorado** » ESPN2
7 p.m.	**New England, final: Maine vs. New Hampshire** » ESPN
9 p.m.	**Northwest, final: Idaho vs. Washington** » ESPN

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

1 p.m.	**Elimination game: New England vs. North Carolina** » ESPN
5 p.m.	**Elimination game: Central vs. Southwest** » ESPN

BASEBALL

White Sox avoid record losing streak and won't go down in history — just yet

BY CHELSEA JANES

When the 27th out of their 28th win settled into Andrew Benintendi's glove Tuesday night, the Chicago White Sox had not so much made history but avoided it.

Their 5-1 victory at the Oakland Athletics meant they would not suffer 22 straight defeats, an American League record — at least, not this month. It meant they would not have to worry about losing two more, which would have tied the modern-era major league record for consecutive losses at 23. And it meant they did not have to worry about what would have happened if the streak had still been intact when they play the Chicago Cubs this weekend, forcing them to fend off their crosstown rivals to stave off unprecedented ignominy.

Even at a mere 21 games, the streak was memorable. The last time they won, on July 10, the Democratic nominee for vice president was a San Francisco Giants fan, not a Minnesota Twins fan. Mike Trout still had a chance to return this season. Erick Fedde and Tommy Pham and Michael Kopech, all since traded to the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers, were still on the team. Starter Garrett Crochet, who was not traded at the deadline, seemed likely to depart.

"Any time you win, it's great. Any time you win when you lose 21 in a row, it feels even better," White Sox Manager Pedro Grifol told reporters after the game. "I'm proud of these guys. They just keep coming to the ballpark every day to play hard. They care."

If "coming to the ballpark every day" and "caring" feel like the bare minimum, rather than cause for praise, such is the reality of this White Sox season, which has been so abysmal that the facts read like insults.

Tuesday night's win meant the White Sox had a .241 winning percentage entering Wednesday afternoon's series finale in Oakland. (They lost that one.) Over 162 games, that projects to a 39-123 record. The record for losses belongs to the 1962 New York Mets, who lost 120 games in their inaugural season.

No position player on their roster had reached one full Win Above Replacement, according to FanGraphs. The player closest, at 0.9 WAR, is Paul DeJong, whom they traded to the Kansas City Royals last week.

Their offense had a collective WAR of minus-5.8, making them the only team in baseball to be statistically worse than what FanGraphs determines to be the average replacement-level player. Since 1962, only 22 teams have finished with a negative total WAR. Only two, the 1977 Atlanta Braves and the 1979 Athletics, finished the season with a WAR worse than minus-5.

The White Sox had scored 358 runs this season, fewest in baseball by 55 runs. Their .617 OPS would be the lowest by any team since 1981. Their .216 team batting average would be fourth worst for a team since 1962.

Chicago's pitching has been slightly better, thanks in large part to the soon-to-be-shut-down Crochet and the now-departed Fedde. Its 4.84 collective ERA was second only to the geographically challenged Colorado Rockies for MLB's worst. The White Sox are walking more than four batters per nine innings — a quarter of a batter more, per day, than the next-closest team.

"From the outside, it's ugly. That's the truth of it," Fedde said when he joined the Cardinals last week. "But we had a lot of young guys, a ton of potential. That was something I tried to pride myself in — helping as much as I could."

Fedde, a 31-year-old whose contract with the White Sox allowed him to revive his MLB career after a stint in South Korea, is prone to politeness. He is right that the White Sox are loaded with young players with potential; any team that has been rebuilding for much of the past decade should be. But from top to bottom, the organization has shown something between an inability and an unwillingness to hone it.

White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf remains one of the game's most towering ownership figures, an influential voice in MLB matters who has, at times in recent years, invested in his roster. For example, the White Sox finished the past two seasons with payrolls above $200 million. Even so, his push to get the White Sox a new stadium partially paid for by public funding as his team plunges toward a new nadir has felt poorly timed, at best.

He was slow to move on from beleaguered vice president Ken Williams and general manager Rick Hahn, whom he ultimately fired last season after a long rebuild resulted in two brief postseason appearances and was punctuated by failed decisions, including the hiring of manager Tony La Russa. Questions about organizational and clubhouse culture festered under Hahn and Williams, who passed them to Grifol last season before letting new general manager Chris Getz inherit them before this one. Those questions have not gone away, in part because of Grifol's emphasis on player accountability and seeming rigidity when it comes to daily expectations.

In fact, questions about Grifol's handling of his clubhouse this year have only gotten louder in recent weeks. A report from Chicago radio station 670 the Score suggested Grifol told his players they were the only ones to blame for the team's struggles and mandated practices such as pregame running that are usually left up to the players. Grifol denied the specifics of that message, but he did acknowledge delivering one.

"My mentality and the way I look at things is we're all in this thing together, and I'm the first one to take blame for anything that happens on this team," Grifol told reporters. "I'm the manager, right? And I've done that since Day 1. I did it last year. I'll do it again this year. I don't hide away from blame. Blame is what it is. I've got the position, the office. That's the chair. I would never blame our players for this season. That's not my makeup. However, I did have a meeting with the players. And I said, 'The one thing we don't want to do as an organization is to go down in history as the worst record in baseball.'"

Reports from ESPN and others suggest Grifol, whose managerial record has dropped to 100 games under .500 in less than two seasons, probably will be let go soon. He, of course, is not the only problem. Getz's handling of his top talent at the trade deadline also raised eyebrows, particularly when he traded Fedde, Kopech and Pham in a three-team deal that netted the White Sox three prospects — none of whom ranked in Baseball America's top 100.

The most major-league-ready of that bunch, former Dodgers infielder Miguel Vargas, was caught by television cameras sitting alone at the end of the dugout after consecutive loss No. 21 on Monday, looking shellshocked. Who could blame him? The juxtaposition of the well-oiled organization he left and the decrepit condition of the one he is joining certainly would be jarring.

If there is good news for the White Sox, it is that they have amassed plenty of young talent over their past few years of breaking down would-be contenders. The question, as it has been for years, is whether the people running the organization know what to do with that talent. Getz has not been in charge for long. Progress is possible. But as distant as their previous win felt before Tuesday, memories of true success on the South Side are even harder to recall. The last time the White Sox won a playoff series was nearly two decades ago. Ending one streak was hard enough.

THOMAS BOSWELL

Baltimore's agony of 1988 offers lesson in inspiration

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exhausted.

As the White Sox became daily national sports news, I recalled the '88 O's, whose story began as melancholy but turned into a scene of joy that no one expected. By 1989, the whole saga became an object lesson in rejecting easy cynicism while always allowing for the possibility of shocking optimism.

On a late April day in 1988, I walked into the visiting clubhouse in Minneapolis. The Orioles' record was 0-19. Each day, more national reporters joined the wait, or wake, to see the longest losing streak to start a season in U.S. pro sports history.

"Join the hostages," Cal Ripken Jr. said.

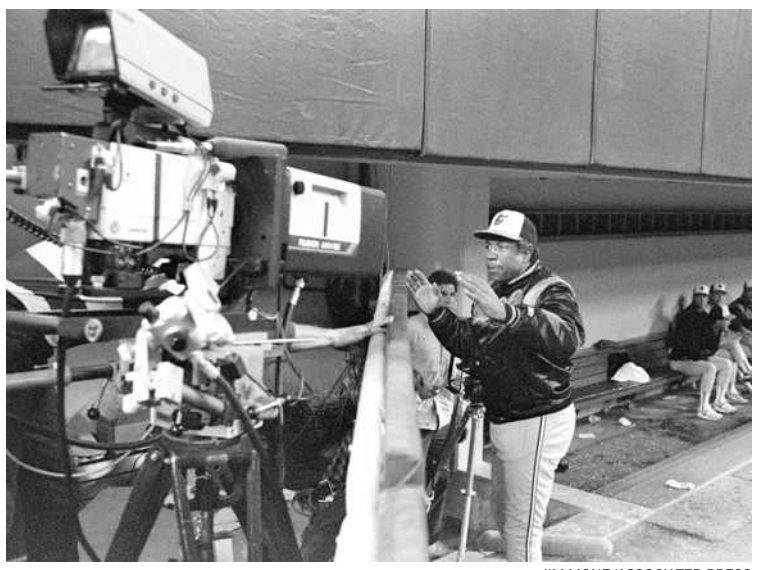
To Orioles Manager Frank Robinson, I said, cautiously, "I hope you take this the right way." And I gave him a lapel pin. Frank read the words on the pin, laughed and put it in his drawer for luck. The pin read, "It's been lovely, but I have to scream now."

Players on some teams from long ago hope their records will never be broken and celebrate when another season passes and their legacy is intact, such as the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins.

But other teams hope their records will be erased from the books — or at least shared. Granted, perhaps no pro team will ever again start 0-21. That mark may stand longer than Cal's streak of 2,632 consecutive games.

Orioles first base coach Terry Crowley summarized the '88 team's problem: "We got a bunch of old guys who are over the hill ... and a bunch of young guys who just can't play baseball."

But they tried so hard — often too hard — that they created an aura of such poignancy that even the president called to commiserate. How could a team with two future Hall of Famers in Ripken and Eddie Murray be so bad? I had never entered a clubhouse so quiet, filled with depression and guilt, just as



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Frank Robinson managed the Orioles for part of their 0-21 start to the 1988 season, a losing streak matched by this year's White Sox.

Chicago's clubhouse almost certainly had been for days.

"I admire these players," Robinson said. "I can't ask 'em to play any harder."

But they couldn't admire themselves, which compounded their misery. "Usually, in a losing streak, there are lessons to take out of it," third base coach John Hart said. "... There's not a positive thing about this. ... We just want it to end."

One Baltimore radio disc jockey vowed to stay on the air around the clock until the O's won.

"We're going to kill the poor guy," Robinson said. "You would think people would act worse, [but] the fans have been so great you start to feel sorry for them."

One Oriole received flowers from a secret admirer. Teammates draped his locker with them. "They're sending us roses," outfielder Jim Dwyer said, "like this was a funeral parlor."

As the Orioles lost No. 20 and 21, I kept my binoculars on players to see whether there was infield chatter, smiles or jokes — any sign of baseball's normal undercurrent of playfulness. Nothing.

"It's like World Series pressure," said Ripken, who, in the previous nine losses, plus the streak breaker, batted .515 with a 1.558 OPS.

After the Orioles finally won, they lost two more and came home to Memorial Stadium at 1-23. The team had lost 95 and 89 games in the previous two seasons.

The Oriole Way era was dross.

How would the team's fans react? The pregame ticket sale was 47,000. "I'm quite bewildered," Billy Ripken said. The actual attendance was 50,402. One sign in the bleachers read: 139-23. The team was greeted with roars and chants of "O-R-I-O-L-E-S!" much as it had been when it won the World Series five years earlier. The crowd suspended reality and turned back the clock for a night, so it could accept the present.

The O's beat the Rangers, 9-4. Cal Ripken homered. Murray drove in a run.

"Now I can understand why players have always been so proud to be Orioles and why so many move to Baltimore to live. But this is beyond anything I'd imagined," General Manager Roland Hemond said. "It's a display of the genuineness of these people. This is America at its best."

Before the next season, the Orioles cleaned out the old, except the Ripkens and a few others, and brought up a flood of youngsters. Some, such as me, predicted they might be the worst team in baseball history.

Instead, in one season, the Orioles improved from 54-107 to 87-75. On the last weekend of the 1989 season, they went to Toronto with a chance to reach the playoffs. Memorial Stadium went nuts for them all summer. I've never totally been able to explain, in strict baseball terms, how such a turnaround happened, since most of the youngsters of 1989 never turned out to be exceptional players. But I've never doubted the power of chemistry, within a team or between team and fans, since then.

Without 0-21, without the 50,402 who welcomed them home and roared all night, without the buxom stripper who ran on the field to give one Oriole a kiss, it never happens.

Memo to the South Side: Your 28-89 team really may be the worst in MLB history. Condemn the organization if you want, but don't blame the players. They're tryin' and dyin' out there in public.

When the White Sox get back home from the road Friday to play the crosstown rival Cubs, maybe give 'em a hug.

Giants take advantage of Irvin's struggles with location to defeat the Nationals

NATIONALS FROM D1

long ball. In fact, he had seen the same reaction from the Giants' dugout just two hitters prior, when Heliot Ramos had taken him deep to center.

Irvin struggled with his location throughout his start.

"Have to be more fine," he said. "Not perfect, but better."

The Nationals and Giants were knotted at 3 before Irvin ran into trouble in the fifth. The right-hander got out of the inning without any further damage, but his night was done. He left after allowing eight hits and five runs, raising his ERA to 3.76. The Giants added two more runs in the sixth off Jose Ferrer, the key hit being Mike Yastrzemski's triple.

The Nationals nearly made things interesting, getting a run back in the seventh on CJ Abrams's single. But Juan Yepez struck out with the bases loaded to end the threat. They loaded the bases again with one out in the ninth with Alex Call representing the winning run at the plate, but he grounded into a double play.

"I was really proud of the way we battled," Call said. "We got the winning run to the plate and I was just trying to move the line, and it didn't work out."

Wednesday's outing was Irvin's 24th start, equaling the 27-year-old's major league total from a season ago. The Nationals have given ample opportunities to their young pitchers to develop at the big league level, and perhaps no one has taken better advantage of them more than Irvin, who had to earn his spot in the rotation this spring.

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The Nationals' Jake Irvin yielded eight hits and five runs over five innings in Wednesday's home loss.

Irvin's curveball has been more effective this season, but he had difficulty locating it against the Giants. He has become a proven strike-thrower with the ability to pitch deep into games. He came into Wednesday's start putting 55.7 percent of his pitches in the strike zone, well above the MLB average of 48.6. He's pitching deeper into ballgames, walking fewer hitters and allowing weaker contact than a season ago — but that contact resulted in runs against the Giants, a big reason for his short outing.

The Giants' third inning encapsulated Irvin's night. With two outs, he allowed a bloop single to Lamonte Wade Jr., a hit with an exit velocity of 59 mph. Ramos then hit a weak bouncer back to Irvin, who had it bounce off his glove for an infield single. The third and fourth hits were Michael Conforto's RBI single at 74 mph and Chapman's slow roller that he beat out to help the Giants grab a 2-0 lead.

The Nationals answered with three runs in the bottom half, with an RBI single by Call and a two-run homer by Yepez accounting for the output. And Irvin got some help defensively thanks to a second-inning sliding catch from Call, who later banged into the wall making another catch in the eighth. But Irvin's inability to keep the ball in the ballpark came back to bite him in the fourth and fifth.

"He didn't have great stuff, but he battled," Manager Dave Martinez said. "His breaking ball wasn't as sharp."

Last season, Irvin allowed 20 homers in 121 innings. He has allowed 20 in 139 innings this year. Yastrzemski took him 422 feet to right in the fourth, a blast that landed in the second deck. Then came Ramos's and Chapman's homers in the fifth, both coming on poorly located curveballs. After the game, Irvin called his execution "terrible."

The silver lining for the Nationals is the fact that Irvin has already thrown 139 innings. As the team continues its rebuild, having young pitchers who can pitch deep into games is crucial. And Irvin has made strides toward that end, even though he required 94 pitches (62 of them strikes) to get through five innings Wednesday.

"They have to learn," Martinez said. "This is a tough time of year for everybody. I know they're grinding; these guys are figuring some stuff out. All in all, I'm not going to be too hard on him, because he's been doing really well."

Note: Joey Gallo, who is rehabbing a hamstring strain, played first base in the first game of Class AAA Rochester's doubleheader. He finished 2 for 2 with a home run, a single and two walks. He was expected to play the first three games of the series, but a rainout altered the Nationals' plans. Gallo is slated to be the designated hitter for Rochester on Thursday.

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. San Francisco Giants

Thursday	12:05	MASN

vs. Los Angeles Angels

Friday	6:45	MASN
Saturday	6:45	MASN
Sunday	11:35 a.m.	Roku

at Baltimore Orioles

Tuesday	6:35	MASN, MASN2
Wednesday	6:35	MASN, MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Philadelphia	67	46	.593	—	3-7	W-1
x-Atlanta	60	52	.536	6½	6-4	L-3
x-New York	59	54	.522	8	4-6	L-1
Washington	52	63	.452	16	3-7	L-1
Miami	43	72	.374	25	4-6	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Milwaukee	63	49	.563	—	4-6	W-1
x-St. Louis	58	56	.509	6	5-5	W-1
x-Pittsburgh	56	56	.500	7	4-6	L-2
Chicago	57	60	.487	8½	6-4	W-2
Cincinnati	55	59	.482	9	5-5	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	66	48	.579	—	4-6	L-1
Arizona	63	52	.548	3½	8-2	W-4
x-San Diego	62	52	.544	4	8-2	W-3
San Francisco	58	58	.500	9	7-3	W-1
x-Colorado	42	72	.368	24	4-6	W-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-New York	68	46	.596	—	8-2	W-3
Baltimore	68	47	.591	½	6-4	W-1
x-Boston	61	51	.545	6	6-4	W-3
x-Tampa Bay	57	55	.509	10	6-4	L-1
Toronto	52	62	.456	16	4-6	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Cleveland	67	47	.588	—	5-5	L-5
Minnesota	63	50	.558	3½	6-4	L-2
x-Kansas City	63	52	.548	4½	6-4	L-2
x-Detroit	54	60	.474	13	3-7	W-1
Chicago	28	89	.239	40½	1-9	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	59	55	.518	—	4-6	W-2
x-Seattle	59	55	.518	—	6-4	L-2
Texas	54	61	.470	5½	3-7	L-2
x-Los Angeles	49	64	.434	9½	4-6	L-1
Oakland	48	68	.414	12	5-5	W-1

x-Late game

Giants 7, Nationals 4

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wade 1b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.290
Ramos cf	5	2	2	1	0	1	.289
Conforto lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.236
Chapman 3b	4	1	3	2	0	0	.248
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Fitzgerald ss	3	1	0	0	0	2	.311
Yastrzemski rf	4	2	2	2	0	0	.248
Encarnación dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.333
Wisely 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
TOTALS	36	7	10	7	1	4	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	4	0	1	1	1	1	.252
Call rf	5	1	2	1	0	2	.395
Yepez 1b	4	1	2	2	0	2	.330
Ramírez dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Blankenhorn ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.150
Vargas 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.269
Wood lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.261
Adams c	3	1	1	0	0	2	.236
Young cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.251
Lipscomb 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.207
García ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.288
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	3	10	—

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E: Snell (1). **LOB:** San Francisco 4, Washington 7. **2B:** Chapman (30). **3B:** Yastrzemski (9), Adams (1). **HR:** Yastrzemski (9), off Irvin; Ramos (17), off Irvin; Chapman (19), off Irvin; Yepez (3), off Snell. **RBI:** Conforto (47), Chapman 2 (56), Yastrzemski 2 (37), Ramos (55), Encarnación (3), Call (8), Yepez 2 (16), Abrams (58). **SB:** Yepez (2).

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Snell	6	4	3	3	1	8	93	4.31
Miller	⅔	2	1	1	1	0	18	3.49
Walker	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	7	2.28
Ty.Rogers	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.10
Doval	1	1	0	0	1	0	17	4.19

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin	5	8	5	5	1	4	94	3.76
Ferrer	⅔	2	2	2	0	0	12	10.8
Salazar	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.12
Rainey	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	6.00
Adon	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	6.75

WP: Snell (2-3); **LP:** Irvin (8-10); **S:** Doval (22). **Inherited runners-scored:** Walker 2-0, Salazar 1-0. **HBP:** Ferrer (Fitzgerald), Doval (Ruiz). **T:** 2:36. **A:** 13,310 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

GIANTS THIRD
Jerar Encarnacion grounds out. Brett Wisely pops out. LaMonte Wade singles. Heliot Ramos singles. LaMonte Wade to second. **Michael Conforto singles, Heliot Ramos to third, LaMonte Wade scores. Matt Chapman singles, Michael Conforto to second, Heliot Ramos scores.** Patrick Bailey flies out.
Giants 2, Nationals 0
NATIONALS THIRD
Jacob Young walks. Trey Lipscomb pops out. CJ Abrams grounds out. Jacob Young to third. **Alex Call singles, Jacob Young scores. Juan Yepez homers, Alex Call scores.** Harold Ramirez grounds out.
Nationals 3, Giants 2
GIANTS FOURTH
Tyler Fitzgerald strikes out swinging. **Mike Yastrzemski homers.** Jerar Encarnacion flies out. Brett Wisely strikes out swinging.
Giants 3, Nationals 3
GIANTS FIFTH
LaMonte Wade flies out. **Heliot Ramos homers.** Michael Conforto flies out. **Matt Chapman homers.** Patrick Bailey grounds out.
Giants 5, Nationals 3
GIANTS SIXTH
Tyler Fitzgerald hit by pitch. **Mike Yastrzemski triples, Tyler Fitzgerald scores. Jerar Encarnacion singles, Mike Yastrzemski scores.** Brett Wisely flies out. LaMonte Wade lines out. Heliot Ramos pops out.
Giants 7, Nationals 3
NATIONALS SEVENTH
James Wood grounds out. Riley Adams triples. Jacob Young flies out. Trey Lipscomb walks. **CJ Abrams singles, Trey Lipscomb to second, Riley Adams scores.** Alex Call singles. CJ Abrams to second. Trey Lipscomb to third. Juan Yepez strikes out swinging.
Giants 7, Nationals 4

NATIONALS' LEADERS
Entering Thursday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB	SB
Call	.395	17	5	1	8	9	3
Yepez	.330	36	12	3	16	9	2
García	.288	104	19	13	53	18	18
Vargas	.269	57	15	1	23	17	7
Wood	.261	31	3	3	23	16	5
Ramírez	.261	18	4	1	16	2	0
Winker	.257	81	18	11	45	53	14
Thomas	.253	76	16	8	40	32	28
Abrams	.252	108	23	17	58	34	20
Young	.251	82	16	1	23	22	26
Adams	.236	25	5	2	8	9	1
Meneses	.231	65	11	3	42	21	2
Ruiz	.228	70	12	9	37	10	1
Senzel	.209	43	10	7	18	27	1
Lipscomb	.207	38	3	1	10	16	11
Nuñez	.200	3	0	0	0	2	4
Rosario	.183	40	11	7	26	13	8
Millas	.167	5	1	1	1	2	2
Gallo	.164	23	7	5	11	21	1
Blankenhorn	.150	3	1	0	4	0	0
Robles	.120	3	0	0	2	5	4
Totals	.243	928	192	94	464	338	158

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	3.07	68	24	18	58
Salazar	0	0	3.12	11	3	4	8
Finnegan	2	5	3.30	37	17	14	45
Irvin	8	10	3.76	123	58	33	119
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	7	9	4.66	131	60	46	128
Rutledge	0	0	4.76	5	3	2	7
Garcia	2	3	4.91	39	22	14	53
Corbin	2	12	5.88	153	83	40	95
Rainey	0	0	6.00	34	22	22	25
Weems	1	1	6.59	49	30	20	34
M.Barnes	0	0	6.75	16	10	4	10
Adon	0	0	6.75	9	6	3	4
Ferrer	0	0	10.80	8	8	4	6
Gray	0	2	14.04	15	13	5	9
Willingham	0	0	18.00	2	2	0	1
Totals	52	63	4.40	1018	498	324	922

NL leaders
Entering Wednesday's games.

BATTING
Ohtani, LA .306
Arraez, SD .305
Profar, SD .302

HOME RUNS
Ohtani, LA 34
Ozuna, Atl 32
Marte, Ari 28

ERA
Sale, Atl 2.71
Wheeler, Phi 2.77
Greene, Cin 2.83

STRIKEOUTS
Cease, SD 176
Glasnow, LA 164
Sale, Atl 155

AL leaders
Entering Wednesday's games.

BATTING
Witt, KC .343
Kwan, Cle .334
Judge, NY .322

HOME RUNS
Judge, NY 41
Santander, Bal 32

ERA
Skubal, Det 2.58
Burnes, Bal 2.63
Lugo, KC 2.72

STRIKEOUTS
Crochet, Chi 162
Skubal, Det 162
Ragans, KC 159

GAME 1
Diamondbacks 7, Guardians 3

Ketel Marte, Geraldo Perdomo and Corbin Carroll each a hit two-run homer to lift Arizona over Cleveland in the first game of a doubleheader.

Josh Naylor had a solo homer for the Guardians, whose skid reached four.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	4	2	1	2	1	0	.215
Marte 2b	4	1	1	2	1	0	.300
Pederson dh	4	1	2	0	1	1	.288
Bell 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Newman 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Gurriel lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.229
A.Thomas cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.202
Grichuk ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.269
McCarthy cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.294
Perdomo ss	4	1	1	2	0	1	.275
Herrera c	2	1	0	0	2	0	.216
TOTALS	34	7	7	7	6	5	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.333
Martínez cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Ramírez dh	3	0	1	1	1	1	.282
J.Naylor 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.247
L.Thomas rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.107
Giménez 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.259
Schneemann 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Freeman ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Rocchio ss	3	0	1	1	1	0	.208
B.Naylor c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.202
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	2	6	—

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LOB: Arizona 6, Cleveland 6. **2B:** Suárez (19), Rocchio (15). **HR:** Perdomo (1), off Lively; Carroll (9), off Lively; Marte (29), off Gose; J.Naylor (25), off Pfaadt.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pfaadt	6⅓	4	2	2	1	6	3.92
Puk	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	1.80
Floro	⅔	3	1	1	0	0	3.38
Mantiply	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.89
Sewald	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.94

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lively	5	4	4	4	4	2	3.59
Morgan	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	1.56
Avila	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.14
Gose	1⅓	2	2	2	1	1	13.5

WP: Pfaadt (6-6); **LP:** Lively (10-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Mantiply 2-0, Gose 1-0. **T:** 2:35.

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Long toss

Diamondbacks first baseman Josh Bell flips the ball to pitcher Brandon Pfaadt, who stepped on the bag to retire the Guardians' Angel Martinez in the first game of their doubleheader. Arizona won both games.

GAME 2
Diamondbacks 5, Guardians 3

Josh Bell homered twice, Eduardo Rodriguez went 5⅔ innings to win his season debut, and Arizona beat Cleveland to sweep the doubleheader.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.215
Marte 2b	2	0	0	0	2	2	.298
Pederson dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.284
Bell 1b	4	2	2	3	0	0	.269
Perdomo ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.275
McCarthy cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.293
Suárez 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.229
Grichuk lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.274
Del Castillo c	3	0	1	1	1	2	.333
Newman ss-1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.273
TOTALS	32	5	8	5	4	10	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Freeman ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Schneemann ph-ss-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.230
L.Thomas cf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.152
Ramírez 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.282
Fry 1b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.275
Kwan ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.332
Rocchio ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.208
J.Naylor dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.246
Noel rf-1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.250
Martínez lf	2	0	0	1	1	1	.236
Giménez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Hedges c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.151
B.Naylor ph-c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.205
TOTALS	34	3	7	3	3	5	—

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E: Martinez (1), Hedges (2). **LOB:** Arizona 5, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Suárez (20), Del Castillo (1), Grichuk (14), B.Naylor (10). **HR:** Bell 2 (4), off Carrasco; Grichuk (4), off Sandlin; Fry (10), off Rodriguez; Ramírez (30), off Rodriguez.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	5⅔	4	3	3	2	1	4.76
Ginkel	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.08
Thompson	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	2.27
Mantiply	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.86
Martinez	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.97

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Carrasco	4⅓	5	4	4	2	5	5.64
Herrin	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.94
Sandlin	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	3.76
Smith	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.14
Gaddis	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.34
Barlow	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.77

WP: Rodriguez (1-0); **LP:** Carrasco (3-10); **S:** Martinez (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Mantiply 1-0, Herrin 2-0, Smith 1-0. **T:** 2:27. **A:** 26,739 (34,788).

Cubs 8, Twins 2

Ian Happ and Michael Busch homered and five Chicago pitchers combined for a six-hitter as the Cubs beat Minnesota. Chicago has won six of its past eight games.

Twins starter Joe Ryan left four pitches into the third inning with right triceps tightness.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Castro ss	5	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Larnach lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.245
Miranda 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.318
Wallner dh	3	0	1	1	0	2	.272
Jeffers c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Santana 1b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.244
Kepler rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.262
Martin cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Lee 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.253
TOTALS	33	2	6	2	2	7	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Happ lf	5	2	1	2	0	2	.226
Busch 1b	3	2	2	1	1	1	.261
Suzuki dh	3	0	0	1	1	0	.271
Paredes 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.152
Tauchman rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.247
Hoerner 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.254
Swanson ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.230
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.205
Bethancourt c	3	1	2	1	1	0	.429
TOTALS	31	8	8	7	5	8	—

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E: Paredes (2), J.López (1). **LOB:** Minnesota 8, Chicago 5. **2B:** Wallner (9), Miranda (24), Bethancourt 2 (3). **HR:** Busch (16), off Ryan; Happ (18), off Sands.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan	2	1	1	1	0	2	3.60
Richards	⅔	1	3	3	5	0	10.1
Sands	1⅓	2	2	2	0	1	3.27
Winder	3	1	0	0	0	3	5.40
Thielbar	1	3	2	2	0	2	5.76

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Assad	4	3	2	2	2	1	3.24
Smyly	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.56
J.López	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.54
Hodge	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.59
Merryweather	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.00

WP: J.López (1-0); **LP:** Richards (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Sands 3-0. **HBP:** Assad (Wallner), Merryweather (Martin). **WP:** Richards (2), Sands. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 35,059 (41,363).

Astros 6, Rangers 4

Yordan Alvarez hit a 117-mph home run for the Houston slugger's hardest blast of the season, Yusei Kikuchi struck out eight while pitching into the sixth inning, and the Astros beat Texas.

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	1	1	0	.303
Bregman 3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.252
Alvarez lf	3	1	1	1	2	0	.300
McCormick lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Diaz dh	5	0	3	0	0	1	.300
Peña ss	4	0	0	1	0	1	.268
Caratini c	4	1	2	1	1	0	.268
Meyers cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Dezenzo 1b	3	2	2	0	1	0	.286
Dubón rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.263
TOTALS	37	6	13	6	5	4	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Smith lf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	1	2	.274
Semien 2b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.245
Jung 3b	5	0	1	0	0	3	.283
Langford cf	2	2	1	0	2	0	.242
Lowe 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.263
García rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.208
Grossman dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Taveras ph-dh	1	0	0	1	0	1	.226
Heim c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.233
Kelly c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.222
TOTALS	35	4	9	4	4	11	—

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E: Caratini (2). **LOB:** Houston 10, Texas 9. **2B:** Dezenzo (1), Dubón (20), Langford (17). **3B:** Lowe (1). **HR:** Alvarez (22), off Ureña; Caratini (6), off Leclerc; Semien (17), off Kikuchi.

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi	5⅓	4	2	2	3	8	3.27
Scott	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	1.82
Abreu	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.54
Pressly	1	3	1	1	0	1	3.63
Hader	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.75

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ureña	4	6	2	2	3	0	3.74
Leclerc	1⅔	4	3	3	0	2	4.47
Chafin	⅔	0	0	0	1	2	5.40
Sborz	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.38
Burke	1	2	1	1	1	0	7.30
Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.94

WP: Kikuchi (1-0); **LP:** Ureña (3-7); **S:** Hader (24). **Inherited runners-scored:** Scott 1-1, Abreu 1-0, Chafin 1-0, Sborz 1-0. **HBP:** Robertson (Peña). **WP:** Sborz. **T:** 2:59. **A:** 33,181 (40,000).

Athletics 3, White Sox 2

Armando Alvarez and Zack Gelof each hit an RBI single and Lawrence Butler had a sacrifice fly — all in the seventh inning — as Oakland rallied to a win.

One day after ending their 21-game losing streak, the White Sox lost their 10th straight series.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vargas dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.100
Baldwin 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.207
Vaughn 1b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.236
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.210
Sosa 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.224
Sheets rf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.215
Fletcher pr-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Lopez ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.237
Robinson c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.167
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	0	8	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Butler rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.241
Andujar lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.295
Cameron lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Bleday cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Rooker dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.291
McCann c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.276
Toro 3b-1b	2	1	1	0	2	0	.250
Alvarez 1b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.269
Schuemann ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Gelof 2b	3	0	2	1	0	1	.196
Hernaiz ss-3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.171
TOTALS	28	3	6	3	3	5	—

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E: Butler (3), Hernaiz (3). **LOB:** Chicago 5, Oakland 6. **2B:** Vaughn (24), Lopez (11). **HR:** Benintendi (11), off Estes.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Martin	6	2	0	0	1	4	3.65
Toussaint	⅓	2	3	3	1	0	8.44
Leone	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	6.35
Brebbia	1	1	0	0	1	1	5.98

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Estes	5	6	2	2	0	4	4.70
Klein	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
McFarland	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.10
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.40
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.16

WP: McFarland (2-1); **LP:** Toussaint (0-2); **S:** Miller (16). **Inherited runners-scored:** Leone 2-2. **HBP:** Martin (Rooker). **T:** 2:14. **A:** 6,964 (46,847).

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 3

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Cowser cf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.248
Santander rf	5	2	2	3	0	1	.248
Henderson ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.287
O'Hearn lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Slater lf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.750
Rutschman c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.263
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.268
E.Jiménez dh	4	1	2	2	0	1	.500
Holliday 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.190
Mayo 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Urías 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.236
TOTALS	34	7	7	7	3	10	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.224
Clement 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.271
Guerrero 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.317
Kirk dh	3	0	2	0	1	0	.251
Horwitz 1b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.278
Schneider lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Varsho cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.203
L.Jiménez ss	4	1	3	0	0	1	.239
Serven c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.148
Barger ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.198
TOTALS	35	3	10	2	2	6	—

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E: Mayo (1), Guerrero 2 (11), Burr (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 4, Toronto 8. **2B:** Mountcastle (25), E.Jiménez (2), L.Jiménez 3 (6). **HR:** Santander (33), off Francis; Holliday (4), off Burr; Santander (34), off Yarbrough. **RBI:** Santander 3 (78), Holliday 2 (11), E.Jiménez 2 (4), Horwitz (19), Serven (3). **CS:** Clement (3). **SF:** Horwitz.

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rogers	5	7	3	2	2	2	6.75
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.31
Cano	1	2	0	0	0	0	2.64
Pérez	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.04
Domínguez	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.50

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Francis	5	3	2	2	1	7	5.44
Cabrera	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.50
Burr	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	5.65
Yarbrough	⅔	1	3	3	1	0	16.2
Swanson	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	6.98
Ye.Rodríguez	1	0	0	0	0	1	15.4

WP: Smith (1-0); **LP:** Burr (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Pérez 1-0, Swanson 2-2. **HBP:** Yarbrough (Rutschman). **T:** 2:45. **A:** 37,547 (39,150).

ORIOLES' BATTING LEADERS
Entering Wednesday's game.

	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
Slater	.750	3	1	0	1	1
Jiménez	.500	6	1	0	2	0
Henderson	.290	129	22	29	69	57

Holliday, Santander key an O's comeback

ORIOLES 7, BLUE JAYS 3

BY MATT WEYRICH

TORONTO — Jackson Holliday insists he isn't trying to hit home runs. He's running into them quite a bit anyway.

The Baltimore Orioles' 20-year-old rookie became the youngest player in American League history to hit a home run in three straight games with his latest blast Wednesday night, a 424-foot go-ahead shot in the seventh inning of a 7-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. It was the first time Baltimore had come back to win after trailing in the sixth inning or later since rallying past the Chicago White Sox on May 25.

The Orioles needed Holliday's long ball after losing the series opener Tuesday and falling behind early against Toronto. Anthony Santander gave Baltimore a quick 2-0 lead with a two-run homer in the first inning, but the offense stalled from there against Blue Jays starter Bowden Francis, who struck out seven over five strong innings. Home plate umpire Larry Vanover made several questionable strike calls, and he ejected Orioles Manager Brandon Hyde in the fifth inning for arguing a pair of calls against Colton Cowser.

But that provided the spark Baltimore was looking for: Holliday homered the following inning and Santander left the yard again with a solo shot in the eighth for his 34th long ball — a career high that tied the Los Angeles Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani for second in the majors. Santander also made his presence felt defensively, robbing Vladimir Guerrero Jr. of a would-be tying double in the seventh with a leaping catch at the wall in right. Guerrero recognized the play with a tip of the helmet.

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GAME 1
Yankees 5, Angels 2

Luis Gil battled command issues but threw five scoreless innings of two-hit ball, Aaron Judge hit an RBI single and reached base three times, and surging New York beat Los Angeles to open a doubleheader.

Gil walked five, but the Angels went 1 for 9 with runners on base against him.

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schanuel 1b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.249
Neto ss	4	1	1	2	1	1	.256
O'Hoppe c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.273
Calhoun dh	2	0	1	0	2	0	.251
Pillar lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.287
Rendon 3b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.237
Moniak cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Drury 2b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.152
Adell rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.197
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	7	10	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo lf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.235
Soto rf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.307
Judge dh	3	1	2	1	2	0	.324
Wells c	4	0	2	1	1	0	.249
Chisholm 3b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.265
Volpe ss	4	0	1	1	0	2	.261
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.191
Rice 1b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.197
LeMahieu 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.184
Cabrera 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.240
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	7	8	—

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LOB: Los Angeles 10, New York 11. **2B:** Rendon (7), Verdugo 2 (26), Volpe (22), Wells (11), Grisham (8). **HR:** Neto (15), off Cousins; Cabrera (7), off Daniel.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Daniel	3⅓	7	5	5	2	4	6.04
Marte	1⅔	2	0	0	2	2	2.33
Crouse	1	0	0	0	2	2	3.79
Moore	2	0	0	0	1	0	5.11

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gil	5	2	0	0	5	6	3.06
De Los Santos	1	1	1	1	2	0	2.70
Cousins	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.57
Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.81
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.70

WP: Gil (12-5); **LP:** Daniel (1-3); **S:** Holmes (24). **Inherited runners-scored:** Marte 1-1, Cousins 1-1. **IBB:** off Moore (Judge). **WP:** Gil(2), Cousins. **T:** 2:50.

Marlins 6, Reds 4

Derek Hill's grand slam capped a five-run first inning and Miami's Valente Bellozo carried a shutout into the sixth before the Marlins held off a late Cincinnati rally.

Hill drove a fastball from Reds starter Andrew Abbott 412 feet to center field.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.258
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	1	3	.265
Stephenson c	4	1	2	0	1	0	.247
Friedl cf	4	1	1	4	1	0	.218
France 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.231
Candelario dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Marte 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.183
Fraley rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.284
Espinal lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.244
TOTALS	37	4	10	4	4	8	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Edwards ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.374
Burger dh	4	2	2	2	0	1	.239
Bride 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.273
J.Sánchez rf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.238
Lopez 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.229
Hill lf	3	1	1	4	0	1	.250
Stowers ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.083
Rivera 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Pache cf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.182
A.Sánchez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.170
TOTALS	30	6	8	6	3	10	—

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LOB: Cincinnati 11, Miami 3. **2B:** Stephenson 2 (18), India (23). **HR:** Friedl (6), off Nardi; Burger 2 (19), off Abbott; Hill (1), off Abbott.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Abbott	5	6	6	6	3	7	3.70
Junis	1	2	0	0	0	0	13.5
Wilson	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.73
Díaz	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.28

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bellozo	5⅔	5	0	0	2	4	3.05
Cronin	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	4.17
Nardi	⅔	2	2	2	1	2	4.91
Tinoco	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Faucher	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.38

WP: Bellozo (1-1); **LP:** Abbott (9-9); **S:** Faucher (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cronin 1-0, Nardi 2-2. **HBP:** Faucher (France). **WP:** Abbott. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 8,657 (37,446).

White Sox 5, Athletics 1
Late Tuesday

Andrew Benintendi hit a two-run homer as Chicago halted its American League record-tying losing streak at 21 games by beating Oakland.

Jonathan Cannon gave up one run over six innings to help the White Sox earn their first victory since early July.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vargas 3b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.115
Baldwin 2b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.220
Robert cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.211
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.236
Benintendi lf	4	2	2	2	0	1	.210
Sosa dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.224
Sheets rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Fletcher rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.184
Lee c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.236
TOTALS	33	5	7	4	2	4	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Butler rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Andujar lf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.300
Bleday cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Rooker dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.290
Langeliers c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.207
Brown 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Toro 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Gelof 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.192
Schuemann ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.249
TOTALS	32	1	6	1	2	5	—

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LOB: Chicago 3, Oakland 7. **2B:** Benintendi (13). **HR:** Benintendi (10), off Stripling; Gelof (14), off Cannon.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cannon	6	6	1	1	2	5	3.91
Leone	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.61
Kuhl	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.53
Brebbia	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.12

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stripling	5⅓	5	4	4	1	2	5.72
Otanez	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.55
Alexander	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.88
Reyes	2	2	1	1	1	0	4.50

WP: Cannon (2-5); **LP:** Stripling (2-11). **Inherited runners-scored:** Otanez 2-1. **HBP:** Cannon (Andujar). **WP:** Otanez, Reyes. **T:** 2:18. **A:** 5,867 (46,847).

Padres 6, Pirates 0
Late Tuesday

Donovan Solano had four hits and four RBI, and San Diego used six pitchers to shut out Pittsburgh in a game delayed nearly three hours by rain.

Solano had four singles for his first four-hit game since Sept. 26.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Profar lf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.302
Solano dh	5	0	4	4	0	1	.314
Bogaerts 2b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.273
Machado 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Cronenworth 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Campusano c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.243
Merrill cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.282
Johnson rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.170
Peralta ph-rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.236
Wade ss	3	2	2	1	0	0	.245
TOTALS	38	6	14	6	0	3	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.229
Reynolds lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.286
Tellez 1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Joe ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Bart c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.265
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
De La Cruz rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.136
Hayes 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.239
Bae cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.184
Triolo 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.199
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	2	13	—

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LOB: San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 7. **2B:** Merrill (19), Profar (19), Tellez (12).

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cease	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.40
Hoeing	3⅔	1	0	0	1	3	0.00
Morejon	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.72
Adam	1	2	0	0	1	1	0.00
Scott	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	3.86
Estrada	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.12

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Falter	2	2	0	0	0	1	3.87
Woodford	2⅓	3	3	3	0	1	4.15
Nicolas	2⅔	5	1	1	0	1	3.12
Stratton	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.82
Santana	1	3	2	2	0	0	5.21

WP: Hoeing (1-0); **LP:** Woodford (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Adam 1-0, Scott 3-0, Nicolas 2-2. **HBP:** Woodford (Wade), Nicolas (Profar), Morejon (McCutchen). **WP:** Hoeing (2). **T:** 2:37. **A:** 17,814 (38,753).

Tigers 4, Mariners 2
Late Tuesday

Parker Meadows homered and drove in two runs, Keider Montero pitched six strong innings, and Detroit beat Seattle.

Montero, making the eighth start of his career, allowed just four hits, including Luke Raley's solo homer in the fifth.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vierling lf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.251
Keith 2b	4	0	1	1	0	3	.252
Pérez rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.246
Malloy dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.213
Madris 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.342
Meadows cf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.161
Dingler c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.231
McKinstry 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.182
Báez ss	3	1	1	0	1	1	.181
TOTALS	36	4	10	4	1	14	—

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Robles cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.348
Arozarena lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.265
Raleigh c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.212
Turner dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Marlowe ph	1	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Polanco 2b	4	0	1	1	0	3	.212
Raley 1b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.228
Garver ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.166
Haniger rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.209
Moore ss	3	0	1	0	0	2	.208
Rojas 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.241
TOTALS	29	2	5	2	2	14	—

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E: Moore (5). **LOB:** Detroit 6, Seattle 4. **2B:** Dingler (2). **HR:** Meadows (4), off Thornton; Raley (13), off Montero.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montero	6	4	1	1	1	8	5.62
Vest	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.84
Foley	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.76
Brieske	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	4.93
Holton	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.69

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo	6	8	3	3	0	9	3.48
Voth	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.15
Thornton	1	1	1	1	0	2	4.41
Hernández	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

WP: Montero (2-5); **LP:** Castillo (9-11); **S:** Holton (4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Holton 1-0. **HBP:** Montero (Robles), Vest (Turner). **T:** 2:30. **A:** 27,119 (47,929).

Phillies 6, Dodgers 2
Late Tuesday

Cristopher Sánchez pitched six strong innings, Edmundo Sosa and Kyle Schwarber homered back-to-back in the ninth, and Philadelphia beat Los Angeles in a matchup of the National League's top teams.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	5	1	2	2	0	2	.253
Turner ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.306
Harper 1b	5	0	2	0	0	0	.277
Bohm 3b	5	1	3	0	0	1	.298
Realmuto c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.250
Castellanos rf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.241
Hays lf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.270
Marsh cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.247
Sosa 2b	4	1	2	3	0	2	.274
TOTALS	38	6	14	6	2	6	—

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.306
T.Hernández lf	4	2	2	1	0	0	.269
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.287
Smith c	4	0	0	1	0	2	.246
Rosario 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Lux ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.244
K.Hernández 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.211
Pages rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.245
Ahmed ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.243
Heyward ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Barnes ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Outman cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.148
TOTALS	35	2	7	2	1	6	—

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E: Sosa (5). **LOB:** Philadelphia 9, Los Angeles 7. **2B:** Hays (2), Freeman (27), T.Hernández (23), Pages (19). **HR:** Sosa (6), off Honeywell; Schwarber (24), off Honeywell; T.Hernández (25), off Hoffman.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sánchez	6	5	1	1	1	2	3.27
Strahm	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.30
Hoffman	1	1	1	1	0	2	1.88
Estévez	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kershaw	4⅔	5	1	1	0	5	4.38
Kelly	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.12
Graterol	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	54.0
Honeywell	3⅔	8	3	3	1	1	2.20

WP: Sánchez (8-7); **LP:** Kershaw (0-2). **HBP:** Kershaw (Marsh), Honeywell (Realmuto). **T:** 2:52. **A:** 47,150 (56,000).

NOTES

BRAVES, REDS TO PLAY AT BRISTOL IN 2025

Bristol Motor Speedway is gearing up for baseball next season. A person with knowledge of the schedule told the Associated Press that the NASCAR track will host a game between the Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds on Aug. 2, 2025. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the game had not been announced.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Dodgers: Placed RHP Brusdar Graterol (right hamstring strain) on the 15-day injured list and activated RHP Michael Grove from the IL.

Orioles: Placed RHPs Grayson Rodriguez (right lat/teres discomfort) and Jacob Webb (right elbow inflammation) on the 15-day IL and recalled RHP Bryan Baker and LHP Keegan Akin from Class AAA Norfolk. Rodriguez, the team's No. 2 starter who was scratched from his outing Tuesday, will be shut down for an unspecified period, but the team is "optimistic" he'll return this season, Manager Brandon Hyde said.

Padres: All-star OF Jurickson Profar left San Diego's game at Pittsburgh shortly after getting hit just below his right knee by a pitch.

TODAY

NL games

GIANTS AT NATIONALS, 12:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Harrison (L)	6-5	4.09	12-7
Herz (L)	2-4	4.27	4-6
BREWERS AT BRAVES, 12:20			
Montas (R)	5-8	5.03	7-13
Morton (R)	6-6	3.94	9-11
PADRES AT PIRATES, 12:35			
Vásquez (R)	3-6	4.62	6-10
Ortiz (R)	5-2	3.21	3-3
METS AT ROCKIES, 3:10			
Peterson (L)	5-1	3.47	8-3
Gomber (L)	3-7	4.66	9-12
REDS AT MARLINS, 6:10			
Greene (R)	8-4	2.83	8-14
TBD	----	----	----
PHILLIES AT DIAMONDBACKS, 9:40			
TBD	----	----	----
Montgomery (L)	7-5	6.37	10-6

NL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 11, San Francisco 5
San Diego 6, at Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 8, at Miami 2
Milwaukee 10, at Atlanta 0
at Colorado 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Philadelphia 6, at L.A. Dodgers 2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 7, at Washington 4
at Miami 6, Cincinnati 4
San Diego at Pittsburgh, late
Milwaukee at Atlanta, late
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, late
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, late

AL games

ORIOLES AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Kremer (R)	4-8	4.39	6-9
Gausman (R)	9-8	4.56	12-10
ANGELS AT YANKEES, 7:05			
Anderson (L)	8-10	3.05	11-11
Cortes (L)	5-9	4.16	8-15
TIGERS AT MARINERS, 9:40			
TBD	----	----	----
Woo (R)	5-1	2.08	9-3

AL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
Houston 4, at Texas 2
Boston 6, at Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 5, at Oakland 1
at Detroit 4, Seattle 2
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 7, at Toronto 3
Houston 6, at Texas 4
at Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Game 1: at N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Angels 2
Game 2: L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, late
Boston at Kansas City, late
Detroit at Seattle, late

Interleague game

RAYS AT CARDINALS, 7:15	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Baz (R)	0-1	3.60	2-3
Gibson (R)	7-4	4.04	11-10

Interleague scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at St. Louis 4, Tampa Bay 3
at Chicago Cubs 7, Minnesota 3
Arizona at Cleveland, ppd.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: Arizona 7, at Cleveland 3
Game 2: Arizona 5, at Cleveland 3
at Chicago Cubs 8, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, late

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PARIS OLYMPICS

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Gold medalist Keegan Palmer of Australia is lifted by other skaters after his last run in the men's park final Wednesday. American Tom Schaar won silver after prepping with the music of Slayer and Chief Keef.

Need some good tunes? Get on board.

Long before the competition for medals wraps up, the Olympics' top skateboarders find their focus through metal and rap

BY DAVE SHEININ

PARIS — Brazilian skateboarder Pedro Barros was midway through his final run of men's park prelims Wednesday at Place de la Concorde when his ear buds suddenly and inexplicably disconnected. This can be a disconcerting feature of modern wireless technology when someone is walking down the sidewalk. Now imagine it happening at the Paris Olympics, somewhere between the takeoff and the landing of an alley-oop tail-grab 540, and you can see why this might have been a problem.

But there was nothing to fear: Barros, a 29-year-old from the beach city of Florianópolis who fronts a hard-rock band in his spare time, sang the missing lyrics of Joy Division's "Shadowplay" to himself.

"And then I landed the trick," said Barros, who advanced to the finals, only to finish fourth and narrowly miss a medal, "and the song came back on, and I was like, 'Yesssssssss!'"

If you thought Olympic athletes weren't allowed to listen to music through ear buds while competing, you probably haven't witnessed Olympic skateboarding. It's not something you would see at, for example, track and field (banned by rule) or swimming (an all-around bad idea in a pool).

But in an unscientific survey of park skateboard athletes competing Wednesday at a picturesque venue with views of the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower, about a quarter of them competed while listening via ear buds to the music of their choice — most of it extremely loud and fast.

"I'm kind of all over the map," said 24-year-old American Tom Schaar, who won silver Wednesday behind Australia's Keegan Palmer. In this case, all over the map meant a pivot from thrash metal to drill-style hip-hop. "Today it was Slayer into Chief Keef. Basically, whatever I'm into that day. It helps me stay in the moment."

"Aggro music, real fast-paced stuff," 17-year-old American Gavin Bottger said. "Like Dystopia."

"Mostly rap. Mostly Drake," said Spain's Alain Kortabitarte, who wouldn't bite on a question about Drake's gruesome knockout loss in this summer's diss-track battle with Kendrick Lamar. "I know, I know. Still Drake."

"I like the vibe of that kind of old punkish rock, kind of dark stuff," Barros said. "Stuff that expresses a lot of feelings. For me, skating is all about feeling, and to be able to have something that connects me with the feelings inside that sometimes words can't explain is really magical."

Ear buds firmly in place, Schaar skates a run. "I'm kind of all over the map," he said of his music choices. "… Basically, whatever I'm into that day. It helps me stay in the moment."

The ear-bud-wearing crowd has to deal with occasional technological challenges — the frequent disconnect-reconnect cycles that seem to come out of nowhere. And Kortabitarte had to do without his Drake on his final run because the battery in one of his ear buds died.

In those critical moments, and for the ear-bud-averse at all times, there is DJ Redbeard.

An ex-skater turned Amsterdam-based mix-master, Redbeard (real name: Ramoen Verbeet) is a musical polyglot who traverses the globe on the skateboarding circuit, commandeering the sound system at each stop and feeding the athletes, as well as the crowd, a steady diet of tunes, from classic skater rock to cutting-edge, underground releases.

"We all grow up watching skate videos. And in the '80s and '90s, there weren't that many, so you'd watch the same ones over and over," DJ Redbeard said. "And that became the soundtrack. 'Brave Captain' by Firehose was huge because it was in one video. And, obviously, everything by Black Sabbath. … But I tour around the world with [the skateboarders], and I'm always trying to learn about them. I want to dig deeper and deeper so I can understand what makes them tick."

From his perch in a booth above the course, he stood in front of his DJ rig with his start list of athletes at the ready.

Sweden's Hampus Winberg tends toward high-strung Swedish metal (Teddybear's "Powertrip") and Dirty South hip-hop (Outkast's "Bombs Over Baghdad").

Thomas Augusto, representing Puerto Rico, gets a steady diet of that island's favorite native son, Latin trap giant Bad Bunny. When Redbeard played that artist's "El Apagón," an homage to Puerto Rico, "Dude," Augusto said, "I got goose bumps."

Spain's Danny Leon, according to Redbeard, is "very smooth," so he gets California surf-rock or Catalan's Gipsy Kings. When Redbeard played the latter's frenzied, Spanish-language cover of "Hotel California," he got a finger-pointed thank you from Leon down below as he got ready to drop into the bowl.

Italy's Alex Sorgente, a 26-year-old who trains mostly in West Palm Beach, Fla., and considers himself an old soul, got pioneering punk band Big Boys.

"I didn't tell him to play anything. He knows what I like," Sorgente said. "Every now and then, before I drop in, he plays a song he knows I love, and it gets me hyped. Metal, old punk rock: Agent Orange, Adolescents, Dead Boys, Metallica, Black Sabbath. Grew up skating at a lot of bowls and ramps with a bunch of old heads, so that was my upbringing."

Most of the athletes said the music, whether via ear buds or from DJ Redbeard's library, matters only in the few seconds before they drop in.

"I listen to the music before I skate," Italy's Alessandro Mazzara said. "But when I'm skating, I don't think about anything. I don't hear the music. I don't hear the crowd. I'm locked in."

Redbeard doesn't get offended if skateboarders prefer their own in-ear soundtrack over his choices, but he plays athlete-specific tunes anyway. It's like a challenge to him. They might be listening to what they want to hear, but Redbeard has what they don't even know they need.

"Sometimes I'm watching down there," he said, "and if they like the song I put on right before they drop in, they'll take the ear buds out. That's when I know I've got them nailed."

United States

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
27	35	32	94

China

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
25	23	17	65

France

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
13	17	21	51

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Medal leaders through Wednesday.

PARIS OLYMPICS

BASKETBALL

Americans tweak starting lineup, then take out Nigerians

UNITED STATES 88, NIGERIA 74

BY BEN GOLLIVER

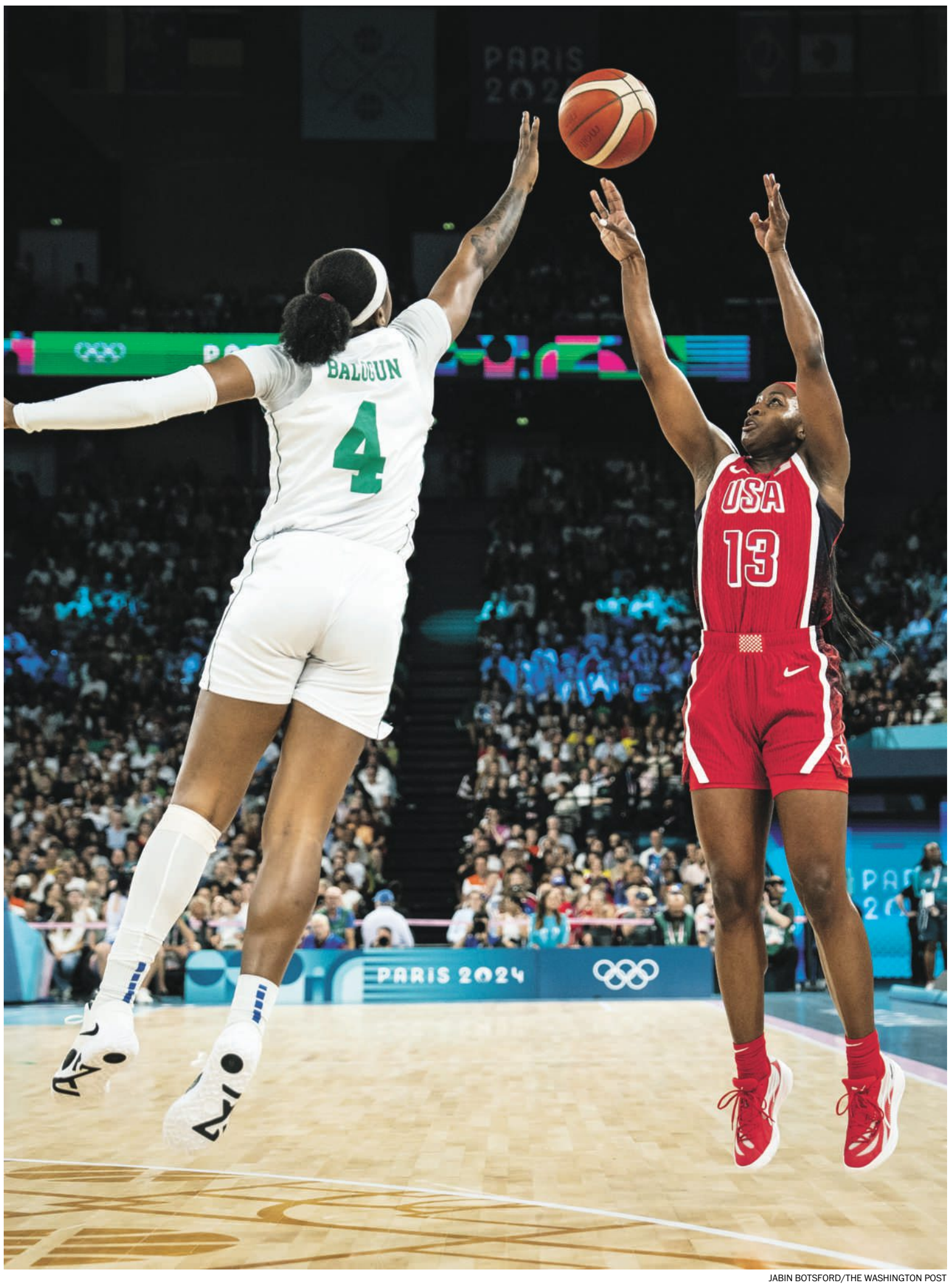
PARIS — With a row of megastars out to support them in their first knockout round game of the Paris Olympics, the U.S. women's basketball team took a strictly business approach to its quarterfinal matchup with Nigeria on Wednesday.

Despite her team's 54-point win over Nigeria in February and its dominant 3-0 showing in the group stage of the tournament, U.S. Coach Cheryl Reeve decided to inject extra offensive firepower into her starting lineup by replacing Diana Taurasi with Jackie Young. The move, which shifted the team's highly respected elder stateswoman to the bench for the first time in this tournament, reflected the Americans' commitment to capturing their eighth consecutive gold medal. Even as heavy favorites, Reeve was taking no chances in a do-or-die game.

As Young got straight to work in her new role and dependable stars A'ja Wilson and Breanna Stewart continued to pulverize the competition, Nigeria proved capable of keeping up with the United States for most of the first half. Still, the top-seeded Americans came away with an 88-74 victory, advancing to the semifinals thanks to a slow-boil style of dominance that spoiled the crowd's hope for a historic upset. The United States will face Australia on Friday for the right to play in Sunday's gold medal game; France and Belgium will square off in the other semifinal.

A gaggle of past and present Olympians — including LeBron James, Dirk Nowitzki, Michael Phelps and Katie Ledecky — took courtside seats at Bercy Arena across from the U.S. bench. They were treated to an early 13-8 lead before the Americans made their first substitution, with Young getting on the board early with a pair of quick buckets. Gradually, the Americans extended their lead to 26-17 after the first quarter and 52-33 at halftime. The new-look starting lineup then opened the second half with a 10-0 run that put the game away.

"We used the five games to accumulate information about our roster," Reeve said, referring to this summer's two exhibitions and the group stage games. "We gave opportunities in different places, and we said when we got to the medal round we would be locking in on a solid rotation. [Young] has been playing great. She's playing the way we want to play on both ends of the floor."



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"She's playing the way we want to play on both ends of the floor," Coach Cheryl Reeve said of Jackie Young, who had 15 points in the win.

Young, 26, is a natural scorer and a pesky on-ball defender who has won two WNBA championships alongside Wilson with the Las Vegas Aces. The three-time all-star is well-equipped to make the opponent pay for overloading on Stewart and Wilson, and she received praise from Reeve after scoring a team-high 19 points as a reserve in the United States' final game of the group stage against Germany. Young was in a groove again Wednesday, finishing with 15 points on 6-for-10 shooting.

Meanwhile, Taurasi had provided limited contributions during the opening round, compiling just two points and two assists in 35 minutes across three games. The 42-year-old legend, who will claim a record sixth Olympic gold medal if the United States can win its next two games, seemingly made a smooth transition to the bench by drilling her first shot: a three-pointer from the top of the key.

"There's a lot of great players on this team," said Young, who was a clear upgrade over Taurasi on both ends. "We don't know what our minutes are going to be like, but we have the mentality of eventually you're going to get in, make an impact and have an opportunity. When I was coming off the bench, I'd stay locked into the game so whenever I did come in, I was ready to go."

Wilson and Stewart continue to be too much for anyone to handle: The former added 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the latter posted 13 points and five rebounds. Together, they helped put the Americans up by enough that James and his wife, Savannah, hit the exits at the end of the third quarter. In defeat, Nigeria still made history as the first African nation to reach the quarterfinals of the Olympics in men's or women's basketball.

The rout was par for the course during Wednesday's quarterfinals, which saw all four favorites win by double digits. In the opener, Australia eliminated Serbia, 85-67. Then, Belgium defeated Spain, 79-66, and France beat Germany, 84-71.

There won't be any Cinderella stories in Friday's semifinals, which will feature four of the top seven teams in FIBA's rankings: No. 1 United States, No. 3 Australia, No. 6 Belgium and No. 7 France.

The Australians, who suffered a 75-62 loss to Nigeria in their Olympics opener, improved to 3-1 with their quarterfinal win.

Australia "is playing well," Reeve said. "Alanna Smith had a great game [Wednesday]. They went through a tough stretch in the pool, but they learned a lot about themselves. I think they're on the uptick. It's going to be a very difficult game for us."

'Daughter of the people' receives support at home

ALGERIA FROM D1

her gender, Algerians and Algerian French at the boxing venues and in Algerian newspapers have provided a lesson to outsiders: Any question about whether a country often viewed as rigid would support an athlete sometimes viewed as an outlier has been met with a demolition that all would view as emphatic.

With tennis dreamscape Roland Garros repurposed into a boxing joint Tuesday night, they poured through the stylish gates beforehand in defiance and down the stadium steps afterward in giddiness, Imane Khelif having won a unanimous decision over Janjaem Suwannapheng of Thailand to advance to the gold medal match.

"Actually, the story started when Imane faced injustice according to her gender," Dhikra Boukhavouba, a young woman who came to Paris as a student and also has studied in Washington, said just after the bout. "They're saying she was a man just because she's an African, Algerian woman, really strong. And actually, Algerian people are known for having the blood, which means we support each other, even though we're a really conservative country.

"But we respect women, we support each other, and especially when it's a champion like Imane, and when we saw this injustice accorded to her, we really wanted, actually, to support her and to say that all the Algerian people are with her, and we are here to support her until the end, even if she wins or if she loses. We are here for her. We are here to support her because she's an example of the resistance of Algerian women."

She concluded, "She's the daughter of the people."

It's the second time in Olympic history that Algeria, the North African land of 45 million that France stole from 1830 to 1962, has witnessed a crucial story about one of its female athletes. Most Algerians still regard as a legend Hassiba Boulmerka, the 1,500-meter runner who won Algeria's first gold medal at Barcelona in 1992 under death threats from religious fanatics in the country, who had to train in hiding in Berlin and who told the BBC in 2012: "As I crossed the line, I thrust a fist into the air. It was a symbol of victory, of defiance. It was to say: 'I did it! I won! And now, if you kill me, it'll be too late. I've made history!'"

This time, the trouble blared from outside the country, spawning a different dynamic. It has sprung from boxing politics and geopolitics. It has loudened the insinuations from the Russia-backed International Boxing Association during an Olympics that has banned both that association (for corruption) and Russia (save for a trickle of athletes). The words of the famous have spurred the actions of the everyday, fueling a sense they're needed.

"Yeah, of course, of course," said Ramy Siouala, 23, alongside his brother Hani Siouala, 21, carrying their Algerian flag and loaning it to another man for photos just before Khelif's fight. "Because the world was against her, like Donald Trump and Elon Musk [have been]. All those people were very bad to her and we are here to prove that she's not alone, and we are here for her."

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Algeria boxer Imane Khelif posed before her semifinal bout against Thailand's Janjaem Suwannapheng on Tuesday night in Paris.

That need to show support grabbed them enough to warrant a one-night trip from Strasbourg.

Inside the north edges of Paris, in the 18th arrondissement and the neighborhood of Barbes where many Algerians and Algerian French reside, the story does not shout as it has elsewhere. In an area working-class in energy while rich in African cultures both North and sub-Saharan, it's possible to walk for three hours on a Monday, past markets and hair salons and phone shops and phone shops and phone shops, without any indication of the story. At an old standby coffee shop Algerians frequent, a man behind the bar who declined to give his name wrote in a translation app, "There are several supporters [in the shop] who have said that" they support Khelif.

In Algeria, newspapers routinely deploy the word for "heroine" in reference to Khelif. One offered a video tour of her home. Others have drawn from her Olympic bio while noting how she sold bread and scrap metal and her mother sold couscous to help pay for her training. In the El Khabar newspaper, Mohamed Rabeh wrote that Khelif had "never burst into tears after any fight she had" before these Olympics and this pressure but that "our heroine showed everyone that she is determined to fulfill a promise she made before this important sporting date to raise the national flag and play the national anthem in the sky of Paris by winning the first gold medal of its kind in Arab, African and Algerian women's boxing at the Olympics, to put an end to all doubters and confirm that she is an example to be emulated."

The Minister of Youth and Sport, Abderrahmane Hammad, referred to the IBA when he wrote on social media: "Our great Imane Khelif is under attack from an organization that has no legitimacy with the [International Olympic Committee]. Incredible resources [will be] used to legally pursue and hold accountable anyone who dares to threaten or defame her. Our determination is limitless."

He addressed her: "You are our pride."

That pride has joined the soundtrack of these Olympics, both at the first boxing venue north of the city and here at the grander site. It gushed before the bout on the front steps, near the bust of Roland Garros, the aviator, and the sculpture of Roland Garros tennis ruler Rafael Nadal, where 49-year-old Algerian and Paris-based rapper Boumohrat Abdelkader Kaky spoke.

"In sports, even guys can be assessed to have elevated [testosterone]," he said. "So the case of Imane, I think it's politicized — it's more political than anything else. … It's more directed at Algeria than at Imane, but Imane has been the subject of all of this, that and the poor thing she does not deserve, because she's an athlete — she's not in politics. It is a shame — a great shame."

Further in stood two friends who had just finished getting photos, Yacine Harrachif, 31, and Nassim Sahnoune, 38. Sahnoune said he didn't know Khelif and didn't care for boxing but had to be there.

"For me, it's not only her; it's for every woman," he said. "I don't like discrimination in general, and in this case — we can't live in a world where people decide if you are a girl or a boy [by photo or video]. It's impacted me because we can't live in a world like this. Not only because she's Algerian, it's because she's a woman and …"

"We cannot make opinion and judgment about women's bodies today, in this society that we live in," Harrachif chimed in. "She's someone doing sports. She's professional. She's an athlete. … The situation is very sad because they came through her dad, they had to show the proof about her gender today [as the father did on video Tuesday], and to me, it's not comfortable. So that's why we came."

Inside, by 10:44 p.m. when the announcements of names for Khelif's bout began, the gales of noise began with them. "Imane! Imane! Imane!" they chanted. Flags bounced. Three women in hijabs on the front edge of an upper deck cheered and danced. When, at 10:59, the referee stood with the boxers and the announcer rumbled the identity of the winner beginning with, "In blue …", a moment of hesitation preceded a boom of noise.

Outside afterward, Hayate Soufyane and Sehil Boussafi wore T-shirts with a photo of Khelif, her name above and the words "Made In Algeria" below.

"We came to support Imane," Soufyane said, "and we are very pained by what she has suffered, the harassment she has experienced on the internet. And that's why we came here today to support her, and it's true that many Algerians came here today, they came out in force, and she really deserves it. We have goose bumps, and we are full of emotions — and really we are happy."

Across the walking area beneath the stadium, Khadidja Brahimi, a makeup artist from Lyon, sat in chic attire with her glasses tucked onto her forehead and hijab. She and a friend reveled in the evening. They searched through a translation app for a word to describe their hope as a role in society for Khelif and came up with "example."

"She needs that, and she deserves everything," Brahimi said. "I know the city where she's from because I have family next to her. They are poor, and so it's amazing to see someone from this city come here in Paris and do this."

PARIS OLYMPICS

Wild day for Hildebrandt wraps with wrestling gold

Candace Buckner

PARIS — As she typically does before a match, U.S. wrestler Sarah Hildebrandt spent Wednesday morning cutting weight. Nothing crazy — just a ride on a stationary bike and a good sweat in the sauna. The usual routine that she, or any other wrestler, would do to rapidly lose water weight ahead of a mandatory weigh-in.

Her morning — the hours before the gold medal match in the women's 50-kilogram freestyle competition — played out like any other normal match day. Then, things got weird.

"'Oh, my God! I just won the Olympics!'" Hildebrandt said, recounting her thoughts through the twists and turns of her day. "And then like an hour later, it was like: 'Psych! You did not win the Olympics!'"

The story of the wackiest day in Hildebrandt's wrestling life ended with her running around the mat inside Champs-de-Mars Arena. She wore the Stars and Stripes like a cape and looked like the newest Captain America after defeating Yusneylis Guzman Lopez of Cuba — not the woman she had expected to wrestle — for the gold medal.

Hildebrandt's breakthrough registered as the fourth Olympic gold in the history of the U.S. women's program but the second in as many nights, following Amit Elor's dominance in the 68-kilogram final. Though Hildebrandt celebrated by mimicking a superhero — and made a pointing gesture to the mat as though to inform the crowd that she owns a little piece of Paris now — her natural reaction was to smile widely through her mouthpiece. And gush "thank yous" to her coach. And melt into the group of friends and family members cheering from the front row, telling them, "I can't believe this!"

Psych again! You won the Olympics after all!

"I can't put words to it," said Hildebrandt, a 30-year-old who has wrestled ever since her parents gave her permission to take on the boys at Discovery Middle School in Granger, Ind. "I've dreamed of this moment for so long, and I feel like my mind and my body are just not computing everything. Especially with the chaotic morning I had with the change of opponents … it's just crazy."

Vinesh Phogat of India was supposed to meet Hildebrandt in the final. By defeating Guzman Lopez in the semifinals, Phogat was set to make history as the first Indian woman to compete in a wrestling final at the Olympics. Phogat also would have been the first woman in her country to earn a medal in wrestling.

She woke up Wednesday morning a hero. Then she couldn't make weight.

According to United World Wrestling, the sport's governing body, Phogat failed to meet the required 110-pound threshold. A wrestler not making weight at this level is rare. Hildebrandt has been so focused on her weight that, immediately following her three matches Tuesday, she covered herself in sweats and went jogging around the grounds near the Eiffel Tower for half an hour.

"This is the best place in the world to do it, in front of the freakin' Eiffel Tower. Are you kidding me?!" said Drew Hildebrandt, Sarah's brother and wrestling partner.

Drew, much like his sister, has one of those happy faces that compel strangers to smile. While helping her prepare for Paris, Drew revealed how the Hildebrandt strategy changed. Sarah Hildebrandt had earned a bronze at the joyless Tokyo Games in 2021, and though she wanted more in Paris, she would focus less on results so she could be more free to enjoy the experience.

"It's definitely a new approach we've taken," Drew said, explaining how his older sister could sway her hips and smile while waiting backstage just before she wrestled for a gold medal. "I feel like within the last year, just being grateful for the chance to wrestle, just experiencing these opportunities. Sometimes people are so tight on winning that it turns into a detriment. We just want to be loose."

Still, the disqualification of Phogat led to some confusion for Team Hildebrandt. Three years after Tokyo, with the "Games Wide Open," Hildebrandt's redemption medal seemed that it would be coming her way in the least dramatic way possible: from a scale.

"[Phogat] wasn't at weigh-in, so I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this could be a possibility,'" Hildebrandt said. "We get the news that she didn't make weight, and it was just, you know, is it a forfeit? Does somebody step in? We were under the impression that it was a forfeit, so there was a lot of celebrating. It was very strange!"

However, any thoughts of ditching the sauna and toasting with champagne and croissants soon vanished when Guzman Lopez was promoted to the final. Just another wild day on the wrestling mat — and Hildebrandt thought she had seen strange before, like that one time when a power outage delayed one of her championship matches.

"The weirdest final I've ever had, the power went out for, like, 30 minutes and we just stopped for 30 minutes and then we did the rest of the match," she remembered. "So this tops that."

Wrestling is overflowing with heartwarming scenes in victory and defeat — and also weirdness. Lots of weirdness. Early into the men's Greco-Roman 97-kilogram match, Rustam Assakalov of Uzbekistan could not continue because of a shoulder injury, then he bent down on the mat to unlace his shoes, the international gesture when wrestlers announce their retirement.

Then there was Artur Aleksanyan of Armenia, who walked away dejected from his defeat in the 97-kilogram bronze medal match and encountered a man who had left his seat in the stands, somehow got past security and jumped down to the floor. The man aggressively put his hands on Aleksanyan, who looked to be agitated by the surprise meeting, before security pulled him away and escorted him out of the arena.

Later on that mat, however, the end of a weird day turned into the happiest moment in a wrestler's life.

"Holy cow, guys!" Hildebrandt said as she greeted reporters, still wearing the smile that could light up the Eiffel Tower at night. "What the hell?!"

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"I can't put words to it," Sarah Hildebrandt said after a hectic day ended with a win over Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in the final.

TRACK AND FIELD

Americans have 'magical' night on tap

BY ADAM KILGORE

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Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone could break her own world record in the 400-meter hurdles Thursday.

SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE — In the span of 75 furious minutes Thursday night, over the course of three races lasting a total of 82 seconds or so, the long history of American track and field may reach a new pinnacle.

There are single performances (Michael Johnson, Atlanta, 1996) and full Olympic programs (Jesse Owens, Berlin, 1936; Wilma Rudolph, Rome, 1960; Carl Lewis, Los Angeles, 1984) that own darn-near untouchable places in the annals. But there probably has never been a constellation of American athletes to grace an Olympic track in back-to-back-to-back succession like the one Stade de France will witness Thursday night.

In an Olympic meet the United States has owned, the climax is about to arrive. At 8:30 p.m. local time, Noah Lyles will try to win the second of three — or could it be four? — Paris Olympics gold medals in the 200 meters, his signature event. At 9:25, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone will glide in the 400 hurdles, in which breaking her own world record has become a ritual. At 9:45, in the night's finale, Grant Holloway will attempt to win his first Olympic gold in the 110 hurdles, a race in which he has flirted with the world record for three dominant years.

It's a marquee USA Track & Field would dream up: three likely gold medals and two possible world records, wrapped in the showmanship of Lyles, the regality of McLaughlin-Levrone and the mastery of Holloway.

The sound check provided a surprise. Lyles finished second to Botswanan Letsile Tebogo on Wednesday in his 200-meter semifinal, his first loss at the distance since the Tokyo Olympics. Lyles never reached top gear and slowed in the final 20 meters, crossing in 20.08 seconds, content to conserve energy for the final rather than chase Tebogo. Lyles's coach, Lance Brauman, said Lyles was "fine" physically. Lyles proved in the 100 that he can win after a preliminary yawn. The result, though, will affect his lane position for the final.

NBC analyst Ato Boldon has been to nine Summer Olympics, four as a sprinter representing Trinidad and Tobago and five as a broadcaster. His standout night came on "Super Saturday" during London 2012, when Britain's Mo Farah (5,000), Greg Rutherford (long jump) and Jessica Ennis (heptathlon) won gold medals across 45 minutes, creating a sound that nearly knocked down Olympic Stadium.

"That's considered the greatest sports night in British history," Boldon said. "This is going to match it."

It starts with Lyles's historic pursuit. Coming off his exhilarating victory in the 100 and aiming for his second gold, he will be a massive favorite in a race he had won 27 consecutive times before Wednesday. The United States also will be a heavy favorite in the 4x100 relay Friday, when Lyles presumably will run the third leg, allowing him to accelerate around the curve.

Boldon, as savvy and plugged-in as anyone in track and field, does not believe Lyles's Olympics will end there.

"If Noah gets three golds, do you think USA Track & Field is going to sit him in the stands to watch the 4x400?" Boldon said. "Because I don't."

Lyles raised the idea of four golds last year, but most interpreted it as bluster given his lack of experience at 400 meters. Even he dismissed the idea last week. Given the possibility of a fourth gold, Lyles's decision to run a U.S. leg of the 4x400 relay at the world indoor championships in March carries fresh intrigue. The men's 4x400 will be run Saturday night, the penultimate event at Stade de France.

"If he leaves here with four gold medals, to me he goes into American history with Jesse, Carl and Michael," Boldon said. "How could he not?"

McLaughlin-Levrone, voted a captain by U.S. teammates, already owns a piece of that history. Like Swedish pole vault maestro Armand "Mondo" Duplantis, McLaughlin-Levrone hovers above her competition. She has broken the world record five times since 2021, at every national or global competition she has been healthy. She lowered it to 50.65 seconds at June's U.S. trials on a day she expected to run in the 50.80s.

"The world record is gone," Boldon said. "Sydney hasn't broken her pattern since 2021."

This time, McLaughlin-Levrone may have to. Last month, Dutchwoman Femke Bol destroyed a 400 hurdles field in 50.95 seconds, a time just 0.30 behind McLaughlin-Levrone's record that made Bol the second-fastest 400 hurdler ever. Bol has focused her training on a more aggressive first 200 meters, and she showcased her all-time kick with an epic anchor-leg comeback that gave the Netherlands gold in the 4x400 mixed relay.

"Bol is going to be a lot closer than people think," Boldon said.

She and McLaughlin-Levrone could cook up a replica of the men's 400 hurdles final in Tokyo, when American Rai Benjamin broke Norwegian Karsten Warholm's world record but finished second as Warholm shattered it by a greater margin in the lane next to him.

"We know it's going to take a world record," McLaughlin-Levrone said.

Holloway, too, knows about sour silver medals. In Tokyo, a month after he came within 0.01 seconds of the world record in a U.S. Olympic trials semifinal heat, Holloway stormed to a massive lead in the 110 hurdles final. He landed awkwardly over the seventh hurdle, lost the lead, watched Jamaican Hansle Parchment cross the line first and took silver.

Holloway has dominated since, winning the past two world championships to give him three in his career. Fellow U.S. athletes view Holloway as one of the best at what he does; they voted him team captain. He will launch another assault on Aries Merritt's world record of 12.80 seconds Thursday, a day after a blowout semifinal victory in 12.98. Holloway, as charismatic of a performer as there is at Stade de France, is thinking only about the one prize he does not have.

"You guys think about Tokyo a lot, but we're in Paris," Holloway said. "I'm looking forward to continuing to show the great form that I'm in. … Everybody is talking about a world record. If it comes, it comes. The first thing we have to take care of is winning."

Holloway will be the final American star on the track Thursday night. He may be riding a wave of noise from the races preceding him. If Stade de France roared during an opening morning of qualifiers, how will it sound after consecutive performances from three all-time athletes in their discipline?

"It's electric right now," said Jasmine Jones, who will run alongside McLaughlin-Levrone in the 400 hurdles final. "That night is going to be completely magical."

Hall claims 400-meter title with unforgettable surge

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"I don't give up, man," said Quincy Hall, who ran the fourth-fastest 400 meters (43.40 seconds) ever Wednesday. "I grit. I grind."

with five meters left and careened across the line in 43.40 seconds — the fourth-fastest time ever and 0.04 seconds ahead of Hudson-Smith.

Across the Channel, an unsettling déjà vu set in: One night after 1,500-meter champion Cole Hocker stunned British favorite Josh Kerr, Hall had done the same.

"He's the better man," Hudson-Smith said. "He did what he had to do. I've been saying if you're going to win, you got to take it from me. And he did."

The latest American track hero of the Paris Olympics was self-made. Hall attended College of the Sequoias out of high school. He trains without partners, often by himself while talking to the coach he met at junior college, Curtis Allen, on the phone. Hall switched full-time from the 400-meter hurdles to the 400 meters just two years ago. On Wednesday night, as he ran a victory lap in bare feet, he considered it the best decision of his life.

"I don't give up, man," Hall said. "I grit. I grind. I got determination. Anything I can think of that's going to get me to that line, I think of it. All the hurt. All the pain."

Hall brought it with him to the start line of a race of contrasting styles. Hudson-Smith knew Hall would close strong: He had watched Hall's wicked kick at the U.S. Olympic trials, and his coach had told him the race would be determined in the final 50 meters. Hall knew Hudson-Smith would attempt to bait him early.

"You knew it was going to be a [game of] cat and mouse," Hudson-Smith said.

The race began as promised: "I got the f--- out," Hudson-Smith said. Trinidadian Jereem Richards pushed the pace, too, creating a gap between him and the field on the backstretch. Hudson-Smith closed it first. Kirani James of Grenada came with him.

"It was more than fast," Zambia's Muzala Samukonga said. "It was hell on the track."

Hall waited, saving energy for the finish. He had developed his stamina back in Kansas City. He won a youth national championship at 800 meters. At Raytown South High, Hall ran cross-country in the fall, and in the spring he sometimes would enter the 200, 400, 800 and 1,500 in the same meet. In junior college, he would sometimes win a 400 hurdles race, then 20 minutes later run the 400.

So Hall stayed calm as Hudson-Smith took command and Richards and James also led him with 150 meters left. He still waited to make his move.

"Courage, naiveté — call it whatever you want," James said.

Out in Lane 8, Hall still trailed three men when he reached 100 meters. He had spotted Hudson-Smith about 15 meters. Hall accessed the full extent of his speed. He said he began to think about "the reasons I run hard and why I bring myself home." He thought about all the hurt and all the pain.

Hall thought about the people who doubted him. He thought about his two brothers who died young. He thought about the mother who raised him — "his heart," high school coach Caesar Morales said. He thought about his two daughters — Abri, 7, and A'lani, 2. He thought about the hot practices running by himself. He remembered how it felt when he worked two jobs to pay tuition at a junior college.

"You got to get your own food," Hall said. "No cafeteria, no study hall, none of that. You can find out how to be a dog by yourself."

As Hall kicked, the stadium roared. He still remained out of podium position, but his acceleration made his intentions clear. He gained on Richards with ferocity and passed him with 40 meters to go. He mowed down James a few meters later. Only Hudson-Smith, two lanes to his left, remained.

"I thought I had him," Hudson-Smith said.

Hall kept thinking about all that had brought him there. "Get home, son," he told himself.

His long, powerful stride devoured the purple track. The gap between him and Hudson-Smith shrank. Hall caught Hudson-Smith with 10 meters left. Hudson-Smith did not feel him before it was too late. Hall passed him and became a champion.

"I just won," Hall said. "It's over."

He held up his hands and shook his head, eyes wide. He lay down on his back and made a snow angel on the track.

In one staggering lap, Hall had become a new star, the first American man to win 400 meters since LaShawn Merritt in 2008. He has bigger plans: He said he plans to enter a new event soon and "cause chaos in that."

But that could wait. He thought late Wednesday night about Abri and A'lani. They had been watching at home.

A'lani may not have been old to understand what happened, but Hall had no plans to explain what he had done.

"I'm just going to tickle her to death," Hall said, and the biggest smile he had worn all night spread across his face.

PARIS OLYMPICS

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

Americans end skid by taking silver medal

A long dry spell for U.S. artistic swimming ended with a splash Wednesday night in Saint-Denis, France, when the Americans took silver, finishing behind a dominant Chinese team and just ahead of Spain.

The U.S. team hadn't qualified for the Games since 2008, and it last won a team medal — a bronze — at the 2004 Games.

Coached since 2019 by four-time Spanish Olympic artistic swimmer Andrea Fuentes, the Americans have soared in the international standings. Russia, which was not invited to these Olympics, had won every gold medal since 2000.

— Gretchen Reynolds

CYCLING

U.S. women are golden in the team pursuit

The United States won gold in women's team pursuit for the first time, defeating New Zealand by 0.621 seconds in the final race. The Americans' time of 4 minutes 4.306 seconds nearly eclipsed the world and Olympic record of 4:04.242 set by Germany in Tokyo in 2021. Britain outpaced Italy for bronze.

Australia won gold in men's team pursuit for the first time since 2004, beating Britain in the final race by more than two seconds after one of the British riders suffered a last-lap mishap and fell off the pace. Italy took the bronze, defeating Denmark.

— Matt Bonesteel

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Poland makes final after beating the U.S.

The U.S. team fell short of advancing to its first final since 2008 by losing the fifth set of a semifinal to Poland, 15-13.

Poland, the No. 6 seed, last advanced to the gold medal match in 1976. It will face No. 4 France on Saturday. No. 1 Italy will take on the United States for bronze.

Matt Anderson (24 points) and Aaron Russell (20) led the Americans. Cuban-born Wilfredo Leon had 26 for Poland.

— Steven Goff

MEN'S WATER POLO

Americans advance to semifinal vs. Serbia

In search of their first Olympic medal since 2008, the U.S. men defeated Australia, 11-10, in a shootout to advance to a semifinal matchup with Serbia on Friday. U.S. goalkeeper Adrian Weinberg stopped two Australian attempts in the shootout, and Marko Vavic sealed the win with a goal on the final attempt.

— Matt Bonesteel

Richardson's comeback

American sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson lined up on the Paris Olympics' purple track Saturday with a lot to prove — and a lot already proven. Take a look into Vidhya Nagarajan's sketchbook as she watched and illustrated the women's 100-meter final, which made Richardson an Olympic medalist at last.

VIDHYA NAGARAJAN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

ON TV TODAY

BASKETBALL
11:30 a.m. — Men's semifinal: Germany vs. France — USA Network
3 p.m. — Men's semifinal: United States vs. Serbia — USA Network

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
11 a.m. — Women's semifinal: Switzerland vs. Canada — E!
Noon — Men's semifinal: Germany vs. Norway — NBC
3 p.m. — Women's semifinal: Brazil vs. Australia — E!

CANOEING
7 a.m. — Sprint, finals — E!

DIVING
4 a.m. — Women's springboard, semifinals — E!
9 a.m. — Men's springboard, final — E!

GOLF
3 a.m. — Women's second round — Golf Channel

HANDBALL
4 p.m. — Women's semifinal: Norway vs. Denmark — E!

SPORT CLIMBING
5:45 a.m. — Men's speed, final — E!

TRACK AND FIELD
4:05 a.m. — Morning session — USA Network
1:35 p.m. — Women's long jump, men's javelin, men's 200 meters, women's 400 hurdles and men's 110 hurdles, finals; women's 1,500, semifinals; women's heptathlon 200 — NBC

VOLLEYBALL
10 a.m. — Women's semifinal: United States vs. Brazil — NBC

WATER POLO
8:35 a.m. — Women's semifinal: Spain vs. Netherlands — USA Network
1:35 p.m. — Women's semifinal: United States vs. Australia — USA Network

WRESTLING
5 a.m. — Qualifying rounds — Peacock
12:15 p.m. — Finals — Peacock

BOXING

Lin will fight for gold in 57-kg competition

Taiwan's Lin Yu Ting, the second boxer to compete at these Games after being disqualified from last year's world championships for allegedly failing an eligibility test, defeated Esra Yildiz Kahraman of Turkey to advance to Saturday's women's 57-kilogram gold medal bout. Imane Khelif of Algeria advanced to the women's 66-kilogram gold medal bout with a semifinal win Tuesday.

As Kahraman departed the ring, she appeared to protest the result by holding up her hands in an "X" sign. It was an apparent reference to XX chromosomes, and she is the second opponent to make the sign on her way out.

— Matt Bonesteel and Sally Jenkins

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

All four U.S. squads have been eliminated

For the first time, the United States won't go home with any medals. Andrew Benesh and Miles Partain fell in the men's quarterfinals to Qatar's Ahmed Tijan and Cherif Younousse, 21-14, 21-16. The other U.S. men's team lost in the round of 16; neither of the women's teams made it past the quarterfinals.

— Matt Bonesteel

WEIGHTLIFTING

Morris gets first medal for U.S. since 1984

American Hampton Morris, 20, who trains in his garage at home in Marietta, Ga., became the first U.S. men's weightlifter to take home an Olympic medal in four decades. Mario Martinez and Guy Carlton were the most recent U.S. medalists, in 1984.

"It's amazing that I'm able to leave that kind of mark in the sport," Morris said after winning bronze in the 61-kilogram event. "I'm just in disbelief."

Li Fabin of China defended his Olympic weightlifting title after going in as the overwhelming favorite to repeat. The 31-year-old set an Olympic snatch record by lifting 143 kilograms (315 pounds) on his third and final attempt, paving the way for gold when he got to 167 kilograms (368 pounds) in the clean and jerk for a score of 310.

Li became the first weightlifter with back-to-back Olympic titles since Naim Suleymanoglu of Turkey won three in a row from 1988 to 1996. Theerapong Silachai of Thailand got the silver medal at 303.

China defended another gold medal hours later when Hou Zhihui won the women's 49-kilogram division. Mihaela Cambei of Romania won silver; Thailand's Surodchana Khambao took bronze.

— From news services and staff reports

JERRY BREWER

By loosening up, these Games have better reflected society

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resonate in a way they haven't for several cycles. We anticipated a major effort to influence these Games, with stodgy organizers and television rights holders turning to social media mavens to try to increase the buzz. It was just the latest attempt to make the Olympics seem cooler than an ancient celebration of global sports diplomacy. While it's clear that social media has made a tremendous impact, it wouldn't be effective if things weren't happening that were worthy of amplification.

There's an energy and eccentricity to Paris 2024. Any given day can sway from ludicrous to legendary. The athletes have done their part, adding the spectacular flourishes that will long be remembered. We've seen superstars born and reborn. We've seen stunning upsets. We've encountered some inevitable controversies, but we've also seen competitors rise above the nonsense. But beyond whom and what we're watching, there is an extra dimension: Who's watching the action with us?

That's where the Paris Olympics have been a strange yet wonderful experience. At their worst, the Olympics can be so staid and self-important that they create an uninviting bubble. That's not their mission; organizers want to welcome the world. But we're asked to RSVP to the dream that sports can heal or conquer all, even when the leaders supposedly protecting this idyllic space are ineffectual or corrupt. Realists are banished to the margins of this world. The Olympics are inclusive to a blind faithful, and when officials inflate their importance, the movement stalls. But when they loosen up, the Olympics better reflect society.

This had the potential to become the Influencer Games. But authenticity has defined the past few weeks. NBC can hire Snoop Dogg as a correspondent, make the audience suffer through Peyton Manning and Kelly Clarkson during the Opening Ceremonies and try every celebrity gimmick from Martha Stewart to Kevin Hart to make more people care. It works for some. It's atrocious to some. To everyone else, it's exactly the opposite of cool because several of these big names peaked as entertainers years ago.

However, those NBC-driven attempts have created a hyper-awareness of celebrities and dignitaries who are here as fans. They've been everywhere, living the good Parisian life, reminding us just how special some of these Olympians are. When famously private actress Jessica Chastain brings her family to gymnastics, it adds to the atmosphere. Celebrities always have had a way of injecting gravitas to a sporting event. Think about how late Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss introduced "Showtime." It's a similar concept in Paris, only sometimes it can be far more absurd.

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Rapper and NBC commentator Snoop Dogg has been all over the Olympics, including at skateboarding.

These Olympics flash a "Yeah, boyeeeee!"-ish smile as Flav wanders from women's water polo (the team he sponsors) to venues throughout Paris. He started the Olympics having a good, playful time with first lady Jill Biden. Since then, he has been the most recognizable face of the U.S. fandom here. Snoop is more charismatic, but he's being paid to be Snoop at his Doggiest. Flav is mostly a hype man for the sake of being a hype man.

Before the action started, I asked Flav about his wild journey. Four years ago, you wouldn't have believed any hype about him supporting water polo. He has battled addiction. He has spent time in jail. But now he's lending his character to an Olympic cause.

JESSICA KOSCIELNIAK/THE WASHINGTON POST

"God has preserved me to still be a mouthpiece to the world," said Flavor Flav, rapper and hype man for the women's water polo team.

"God has preserved me to still be a mouthpiece to the world," he said. "My work ain't done yet. It's been a nice journey. Thank you for helping me get here."

As he shook hands with about a dozen reporters after the interview, I thanked Flav for his time. He dapped me up and said: "My guy! You already know what it is."

You're welcome, Flav.

The encounter was ridiculous. The encounter was genuine.

For the first time since the pandemic, the Olympics are open to spectators. We knew the Paris Games would try to go big. It wasn't certain that the world wanted that. Then Tom Cruise and the entire world came out to party — and the performances outshined the famous spectators.

"I'm happy to report that we're on track for more than half of the worldwide population to follow the Olympic Games Paris 2024," said Anne-Sophie Voumard, the International Olympic Committee's managing director of television and marketing services. "The numbers are very, very impressive."

The Paris Olympics are better than the last and weirder than the last. The VIPs and influencers can't take credit for how well the athletes have performed. But there's something about seeing Tom Brady here that makes you notice all the greatness around him.

SCOREBOARD

OLYMPICS

Paris Summer Games

MEDALS TABLE
THROUGH 216 OF 329 EVENTS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	27	35	32	94
China	25	23	17	65
France	13	17	21	51
Britain	12	17	20	49
Australia	18	12	11	41
Japan	12	6	13	31
South Korea	12	8	7	27
Italy	9	10	8	27
Netherlands	9	5	6	20
Canada	6	4	9	19
Germany	8	5	5	18
Brazil	2	5	7	14
Spain	2	3	6	11
New Zealand	3	6	1	10
Romania	3	4	1	8
Hungary	3	3	2	8
Sweden	3	3	2	8
Ukraine	3	2	3	8
Ireland	4	0	3	7
Kazakhstan	1	3	3	7
Switzerland	1	2	4	7
Greece	1	1	5	7
Croatia	2	1	3	6
Israel	1	4	1	6
Poland	1	1	4	6
Cuba	2	1	2	5
Belgium	2	0	3	5
Jamaica	1	3	1	5
Thailand	1	2	2	5
Kenya	1	1	3	5
Taiwan	1	0	4	5
North Korea	0	2	3	5
Hong Kong	2	0	2	4
Philippines	2	0	2	4
Georgia	1	2	1	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4
Kyrgyzstan	0	1	3	4
Turkey	0	1	3	4
Azerbaijan	2	1	0	3
Denmark	1	2	0	3
Iran	1	0	2	3
Uzbekistan	1	0	2	3
Armenia	0	2	1	3
Mexico	0	2	1	3
Lithuania	0	1	2	3
India	0	0	3	3
Tajikistan	0	0	3	3
Serbia	2	0	0	2
Chile	1	1	0	2
Ecuador	1	1	0	2
Saint Lucia	1	1	0	2
Uganda	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Guatemala	1	0	1	2
Norway	1	0	1	2
Ethiopia	0	2	0	2
Kosovo	0	1	1	2
Tunisia	0	1	1	2
Dominican Republic	0	0	2	2
Malaysia	0	0	2	2
Moldova	0	0	2	2
Algeria	1	0	0	1
Argentina	1	0	0	1
Bahrain	1	0	0	1
Dominica	1	0	0	1
Morocco	1	0	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Cyprus	0	1	0	1
Fiji	0	1	0	1
Mongolia	0	1	0	1
Austria	0	0	1	1
Cape Verde	0	0	1	1
Egypt	0	0	1	1
Grenada	0	0	1	1
Indonesia	0	0	1	1
Peru	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1
Zambia	0	0	1	1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

ATHLETICS
MEN
DECATHLON
HIGH JUMP
GROUP B
1. Heath Baldwin, United States, (2.17), 7-1 1-2.
2. Sander Skotheim, Norway, (2.11), 6-11.
3. Johannes Erm, Estonia, (2.08), 6-10.
4. Leo Neugebauer, Germany, (2.05), 6-8 3-4.
5. Ken Mullings, Bahamas, (2.02), 6-7 1-2.
5. Damian Warner, Canada, (2.02), 6-7 1-2.
7. Markus Rooth, Norway, (1.99), 6-6 1-4.
8. Makenson Gletty, France, (1.99), 6-6 1-4.
9. Zachery Ziemek, United States, (1.96), 6-5 1-4.
10. Till Steinforth, Germany, (1.96), 6-5 1-4.
11. Jose Fernando Ferreira Santana, Brazil, (1.93), 6-4.
12. Ashley Moloney, Australia, DNS.

HIGH JUMP
QUALIFICATION
GROUP A
1. Shelby McEwen, United States, (2.27), 7-5 1-4 (q).
2. Mutaz Essa Barshim, Qatar, (2.27), 7-5 1-4 (q).
2. Woo Sanghyeok, South Korea, (2.27), 7-5 1-4 (q).
4. Ryoichi Akamatsu, Japan, (2.27), 7-5 1-4 (q).
5. Stefano Sottile, Italy, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
6. Jan Stefela, Czech Republic, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
6. Brian Raats, South Africa, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
8. Luis Enrique Zayas, Cuba, (2.24), 7-4 1-4.
9. Edgar Rivera, Mexico, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
9. Luis Castro Rivera, Puerto Rico, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
11. Wang Zhen, China, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
12. Alperen Acet, Turkey, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
13. Vladyslav Lavskyy, Ukraine, (2.15), 7-0 3-4.
14. Vernon Turner, United States, (2.15), 7-0 3-4.
15. Donald Thomas, Bahamas, NM.

GROUP B
1. Hamish Kerr, New Zealand, (2.27), 7-5 1-4 (q).
2. Gianmarco Tamberi, Italy, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
3. Romaine Beckford, Jamaica, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
4. Oleh Doroshchuk, Ukraine, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
5. Tihomir Ivanov, Bulgaria, (2.24), 7-4 1-4 (q).
6. Brandon Starc, Australia, (2.24), 7-4 1-4.
7. Fernando Ferreira, Brazil, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
7. Erick Portillo, Mexico, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
9. Thomas Carmoy, Belgium, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
9. Juvaughn Harrison, United States, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
11. Yual Reath, Australia, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
11. Tomohiro Shinno, Japan, (2.20), 7-2 1-2.
13. Sarvesh Anil Kushare, India, (2.15), 7-0 3-4.
14. Joel Baden, Australia, (2.15), 7-0 3-4.
15. Tobias Potye, Germany, NM.
15. Andrii Protsenko, Ukraine, NM.

5000M
ROUND 1
HEAT 1
1. Narve Gilje Nordas, Norway, 14:08.16 (Q).
2. Hagos Gebrhiwet, Ethiopia, 14:08.18 (Q).
3. John Heymans, Belgium, 14:08.33 (Q).
4. Jacob Krop, Kenya, 14:08.73 (Q).
5. Edwin Kurgat, Kenya, 14:08.76 (Q).
6. Graham Blanks, United States, 14:09.06 (Q).
7. Hugo Hay, France, 14:09.22 (Q).
8. Thomas Fafard, Canada, 14:09.37 (Q).
9. Jimmy Gressier, France, 14:09.95.
10. Egide Ntakarutimana, Burundi, 14:11.29.
11. Abdi Waiss, Djibouti, 14:11.88.
12. Stewart McSweyn, Australia, 14:12.31 (qJ).
13. Patrick Dever, Britain, 14:13.48.
14. Elzan Bibic, Serbia, 14:14.46.
15. Dominic Lokinyomo Lobalu, Refugee Olympic Team, 14:15.49 (qR).
16. Mohammed Ahmed, Canada, 14:15.76.
17. Aron Kifle, Eritrea, 14:16.77.
18. George Mills, Britain, 14:37.08 (qR).
19. Mike Foppen, Netherlands, 14:37.34 (qR).
20. Thierry Ndikumwenayo, Spain, DNF (qR).
20. Andreas Almgren, Sweden, DNS.

HEAT 2
1. Jakob Ingebrigtsen, Norway, 13:51.59 (Q).
2. Biniam Mehary, Ethiopia, 13:51.82 (Q).
3. Isaac Kimeli, Belgium, 13:52.18 (Q).
4. Grant Fisher, United States, 13:52.44 (Q).
5. Oscar Chelimo, Uganda, 13:52.46 (Q).
6. Ronald Kwemoi, Kenya, 13:52.51 (Q).
7. Dawit Seare, Eritrea, 13:52.53 (Q).
8. Addisu Yihune, Ethiopia, 13:52.62 (Q).
9. Morgan McDonald, Australia, 13:52.67.
10. Birhanu Balew, Bahrain, 13:53.11.
11. Yann Schrub, France, 13:53.27 (qJ).
12. Jonas Raess, Switzerland, 13:55.04.
13. Brian Fay, Ireland, 13:55.35.
14. Santiago Catrofe, Uruguay, 13:56.40.
15. Mohamed Ismail, Djibouti, 13:57.47.
16. Luis Grijalva, Guatemala, 13:58.81.
17. Benjamin Flanagan, Canada, 13:59.23.
18. Sam Atkin, Britain, 14:02.46.
19. Abdihamid Nur, United States, 14:15.00.
20. Adel Mechaal, Spain, DNS.

800M
ROUND 1
HEAT 1
1. Eliott Crestan, Belgium, 1:45.51 (Q).
2. Marco Arop, Canada, 1:45.74 (Q).
3. Peyton Craig, Australia, 1:45.81 (Q).
4. Handal Roban, St Vincent and the Grenadines, 1:46.00.
5. Abdelati El Guesse, Morocco, 1:46.91.
6. Tumo Nkape, Botswana, 1:46.99.
7. Abubaker Haydar Abdalla, Qatar, 1:48.42.
8. James Preston, New Zealand, 1:48.50.
9. Abraham Guem, South Sudan, 1:48.74.

HEAT 2
1. Gabriel Tual, France, 1:45.13 (Q).
2. Mark English, Ireland, 1:45.15 (Q).
3. Tshepiso Masalela, Botswana, 1:45.58 (Q).
4. Jakub Dudycha, Czech Republic, 1:45.62.
5. Koitatoi Kidali, Kenya, 1:45.84.
6. Edose Ibadin, Nigeria, 1:46.56.
7. Mohamed Ali Gouaned, Algeria, 1:47.34.
8. Ali Idow Hassan, Somalia, 1:48.72.
9. Mohammed Dwedar, Palestine, 1:54.83.

HEAT 3
1. Emmanuel Wanyonyi, Kenya, 1:44.64 (Q).
2. Catalin Tecuceanu, Italy, 1:44.80 (Q).
3. Andreas Kramer, Sweden, 1:44.93 (Q).
4. Adrian Ben, Spain, 1:45.03.
5. Ryan Clarke, Netherlands, 1:45.56.
6. Joseph Deng, Australia, 1:45.87.
7. Tibo de Smet, Belgium, 1:46.03.
8. Brandon Miller, United States, 1:46.34.
9. Yervand Mkrtchyan, Armenia, 1:49.91.

HEAT 4
1. Djamel Sedjati, Algeria, 1:45.84 (Q).
2. Elliot Giles, Britain, 1:45.93 (Q).
3. Hobbs Kessler, United States, 1:46.15 (Q).
4. Simone Barontini, Italy, 1:46.33.
5. Elvin Josue Canales, Spain, 1:46.48.
6. Pieter Sisk, Belgium, 1:46.60.
7. Peter Bol, Australia, 1:47.50.
8. Dennick Luke, Dominica, 1:47.54.
9. Musa Suliman, Refugee Olympic Team, 1:49.61.

HEAT 5
1. Ben Pattison, Britain, 1:45.56 (Q).
2. Edmund du Plessis, South Africa, 1:45.73 (Q).
3. Wyclife Kinyamal, Kenya, 1:45.86 (Q).
4. Benjamin Robert, France, 1:45.92.
5. Navasky Anderson, Jamaica, 1:46.82.
6. Tobias Gronstad, Norway, 1:46.85.
7. Mateusz Borkowski, Poland, 1:47.50.
8. Jose Maita, Venezuela, 1:48.02.
9. Bunthorn Chhun, Cambodia, 1:53.31.

HEAT 6
1. Mohamed Attaoui, Spain, 1:44.81 (Q).
2. Bryce Hoppel, United States, 1:45.24 (Q).
3. Max Burgin, Britain, 1:45.36 (Q).
4. Corentin le Clezio, France, 1:45.42 (Re).
5. Jesus Tonatiu Lopez, Mexico, 1:45.82 (Re).
6. Tom Dradriga, Uganda, 1:46.05 (Re).
7. Kethobogile Haingura, Botswana, 1:46.46 (Re).
8. Slimane Moula, Algeria, 1:46.71 (Re).

110M HURDLES
SEMIFINAL
1
1. Grant Holloway, United States, 12.98 (Q).
2. Enrique Llopis, Spain, 13.17 (Q).
3. Hansle Parchment, Jamaica, 13.19 (q).
4. Rachid Muratake, Japan, 13.26 (q).
5. Michael Obasuyi, Belgium, 13.36.
6. Qin Weibo, China, 13.41.
7. Raphael Mohamed, France, 13.41.
8. Antoine Andrews, Bahamas, 13.43.

2
1. Rasheed Broadbell, Jamaica, 13.21 (Q).
2. Freddie Crittenden, United States, 13.23 (Q).
3. Sasha Zhoya, France, 13.34.
3. Louis Francois Mendy, Senegal, 13.34.
5. Lorenzo Ndele Simonelli, Italy, 13.38.
6. Jason Joseph, Switzerland, 13.43.
7. Tade Ojora, Britain, 13.47.
8. Rafael Pereira, Brazil, 13.87.

3
1. Orlando Bennett, Jamaica, 13.09 (Q).
2. Daniel Roberts, United States, 13.10 (Q).
3. Milan Trajkovic, Cyprus, 13.32.
3. Shunsuke Izumiya, Japan, 13.32.
5. Asier Martinez, Spain, 13.35.
6. Eduardo Rodrigues, Brazil, 13.44.
7. Xu Zhuoyi, China, 13.48.
8. Wilhem Belocian, France, 13.52.

TRIPLE JUMP
QUALIFICATION
GROUP A
1. Jordan Alejandro Diaz Fortun, Spain, (17.24), 56-6 3-4 (Q).
2. Hugues Fabrice Zango, Burkina Faso, (17.16), 56-3 1-2 (Q).
3. Almir dos Santos, Brazil, (17.06), 55-11 3-4 (q).
4. Yasser Mohammed Triki, Algeria, (16.85), 55-3 1-2 (q).
5. Andy Diaz Hernandez, Italy, (16.79), 55-1 (q).
6. Jean-Marc Pontvianne, France, (16.79), 55-1.
7. Donald Scott, United States, (16.77), 55-0 1-4.
8. Andy Hechavarria, Cuba, (16.70), 54-9 1-2.
9. Jordan Scott, Jamaica, (16.36), 53-8 1-4.
10. Tiago Pereira, Portugal, (16.36), 53-8 1-4.
11. Kim Jangwoo, South Korea, (16.31), 53-6 1-4.
12. Praveen Chithravel, India, (16.25), 53-3 3-4.
13. Jah-Nhai Perinchief, Bermuda, (16.23), 53-3.
14. Leodan Torrealba, Venezuela, (16.18), 53-1.
15. Ethan Olivier, New Zealand, (16.16), 53-0 1-4.
16. Fang Yaoqing, China, (15.85), 52-0.

GROUP B
1. Pedro Pichardo, Portugal, (17.44), 57-2 3-4 (Q).
2. Salif Mane, United States, (17.16), 56-3 1-2 (Q).
3. Jaydon Hibbert, Jamaica, (16.99), 55-9 (q).
4. Max Hess, Germany, (16.98), 55-8 1-2 (q).
5. Zhu Yaming, China, (16.91), 55-5 3-4 (q).
6. Connor Murphy, Australia, (16.80), 55-1 1-2 (q).
7. Lazaro Martinez, Cuba, (16.79), 55-1 (q).
8. Thomas Gogois, France, (16.77), 55-0 1-4.
9. Su Wen, China, (16.70), 54-9 1-2.
10. Cristian Napoles, Cuba, (16.67), 54-8 1-4.
11. Andrea Dallavalle, Italy, (16.65), 54-7 1-2.
12. Emmanuel Ihemeje, Italy, (16.50), 54-1 3-4.
13. Abdulla Narangolintevida, India, (16.49), 54-1 1-4.
14. Russell Robinson, United States, (16.47), 54-0 1-2.
15. Geiner Moreno, Colombia, (16.40), 53-9 3-4.
16. Necati Er, Turkey, (13.65), 44-9 1-2.

400M HURDLES
SEMIFINAL
1
1. Karsten Warholm, Norway, 47.67 (Q).
2. Clement Ducos, France, 47.85 (Q).
3. Alison dos Santos, Brazil, 47.95 (q).
4. Trevor Bassitt, United States, 48.29.
5. Ezekiel Nathaniel, Nigeria, 48.65.
6. Nick Smidt, Netherlands, 49.61.
7. Jaheel Hyde, Jamaica, 50.03.
8. Joshua Abuaku, Germany, 50.19.

2
1. Kyron McMaster, British Virgin Islands, 48.15 (Q).
2. Rasmus Magi, Estonia, 48.16 (Q).
3. Abderrahman Samba, Qatar, 48.20 (q).
4. CJ Allen, United States, 48.44.
5. Emil Agyekum, Germany, 48.78.
6. Alessandro Sibilio, Italy, 48.79.
7. Malik James-King, Jamaica, 48.85.
8. Berke Akcam, Turkey, 49.12.

3
1. Rai Benjamin, United States, 47.85 (Q).
2. Roshawn Clarke, Jamaica, 48.34 (Q).
3. Wilfried Happio, France, 48.66.
4. Matheus Lima, Brazil, 49.08.
5. Wiseman Were Mukhobe, Kenya, 49.22.
6. Carl Bengtstrom, Sweden, 49.56.
7. Gerald Drummond, Costa Rica, 49.68.
8. Alastair Chalmers, Britain, 56.52.

200M
SEMIFINAL
1
1. Kenneth Bednarek, United States, 20.00 (Q).
2. Alexander Ogando, Dominican Republic, 20.09 (Q).
3. Andre de Grasse, Canada, 20.41.
4. Shaun Maswanganyi, South Africa, 20.42.
5. Wanya McCoy, Bahamas, 20.61.
6. Tarsis Gracious Orogot, Uganda, 20.64.
7. Ryan Zeze, France, 20.81.
8. Bryan Levell, Jamaica, 20.93.

2
1. Letsile Tebogo, Botswana, 19.96 (Q).
2. Noah Lyles, United States, 20.08 (Q).
3. Makanakaishe Charamba, Zimbabwe, 20.31 (q).
4. Eseosa Fostine Desalu, Italy, 20.37.
5. Joshua Hartmann, Germany, 20.47.
6. Towa Uzawa, Japan, 20.54.
7. Aaron Brown, Canada, 20.57.
8. Erik Erlandsson, Sweden, 20.93.

3
1. Erriyon Knighton, United States, 20.09 (Q).
2. Joseph Fahnbulleh, Liberia, 20.12 (Q).
3. Tapiwanashe Makarawu, Zimbabwe, 20.16 (q).
4. Filippo Tortu, Italy, 20.54.
5. Brendon Rodney, Canada, 20.59.
6. Renan Correa, Brazil, 20.60.
7. Udodi Chudi Onwuzurike, Nigeria, 20.72.
7. Wayde van Niekerk, South Africa, 20.72.

DISCUS THROW
FINAL
1. Roje Stona, Jamaica, (70.00), 229-8.
2. Mykolas Alekna, Lithuania, (69.97), 229-6 3-4.
3. Matthew Denny, Australia, (69.31), 227-4 3-4.
4. Kristjan Ceh, Slovenia, (68.41), 224-5 1-2.
5. Lukas Weisshaidinger, Austria, (67.54), 221-7 1-4.
6. Clemens Pruefer, Germany, (67.41), 221-2.
7. Daniel Stahl, Sweden, (66.95), 219-8.
8. Andrius Gudzius, Lithuania, (66.55), 218-4 1-4.
9. Ralford Mullings, Jamaica, (65.61), 215-3 1-4.
10. Traves Smikle, Jamaica, (64.97), 213-2.
11. Alin Alexandru Firfirica, Romania, (64.45), 211-5 1-2.
12. Alex Rose, Samoa, (61.89), 203-0 3-4.

400M
FINAL
1. Quincy Hall, United States, 43.40.
2. Matthew Hudson-Smith, Britain, 43.44.
3. Muzala Samukonga, Zambia, 43.74.
4. Jereem Richards, Trinidad and Tobago, 43.78.
5. Kirani James, Grenada, 43.87.
6. Christopher Bailey, United States, 44.58.
7. Samuel Ogazi, Nigeria, 44.73.
8. Michael Norman, United States, 45.62.

3000M STEEPLECHASE
FINAL
1. Soufiane El Bakkali, Morocco, 8:06.05.
2. Kenneth Rooks, United States, 8:06.41.
3. Abraham Kibiwot, Kenya, 8:06.47.
4. Mohamed Amin Jhinaoui, Tunisia, 8:07.73.
5. Ahmed Jaziri, Tunisia, 8:08.02.
6. Samuel Firewu, Ethiopia, 8:08.87.
7. Simon Kiprop Koech, Kenya, 8:09.26.
8. Ryuji Miura, Japan, 8:11.72.
9. Getnet Wale, Ethiopia, 8:12.33.
10. Daniel Arce, Spain, 8:13.80.
11. Avinash Mukund Sable, India, 8:14.18.
12. Mohamed Tindouft, Morocco, 8:14.82.
13. Jean-Simon Desgagnes, Canada, 8:19.31.
14. Amos Serem, Kenya, 8:19.74.
15. Leonard Chemutai, Uganda, 8:20.03.
16. Lamecha Girma, Ethiopia, DNF.

WOMEN
100M HURDLES
ROUND 1
HEAT 1
1. Tobi Amusan, Nigeria, 12.49 (Q).
2. Alaysha Johnson, United States, 12.61 (Q).
3. Janeek Brown, Jamaica, 12.84 (Q).
4. Mako Fukube, Japan, 12.85 (q).
5. Sidonie Fiadanantsoa, Madagascar, 12.92 (Re).
6. Wu Yanni, China, 12.97 (Re).
7. Maayke Tjin-A-Lim, Netherlands, 12.98 (Re).
8. Maribel Vanessa Caicedo, Ecuador, 13.05 (Re).

HEAT 2
1. Jasmine Camacho-Quinn, Puerto Rico, 12.42 (Q).
2. Cindy Sember, Britain, 12.72 (Q).
3. Pia Skrzyszowska, Poland, 12.82 (Q).
4. Denisha Cartwright, Bahamas, 12.89.
5. Yumi Tanaka, Japan, 12.90.
6. Ebony Morrison, Liberia, 12.93.
7. Celeste Mucci, Australia, 13.05.
8. Emelia Chatfield, Haiti, 13.06.

HEAT 3
1. Nadine Visser, Netherlands, 12.53 (Q).
1. Masai Russell, United States, 12.53 (Q).
3. Cyrena Samba-Mayela, France, 12.56 (Q).
4. Charisma Taylor, Bahamas, 12.78 (q).
5. Mariam Abdul-Rashid, Canada, 12.80 (q).
6. Reetta Hurske, Finland, 12.96 (Re).
7. Greta Kerekes, Hungary, 13.50 (Re).
8. Michelle Jenneke, Australia, 20.85 (Re).

HEAT 4
1. Danielle Williams, Jamaica, 12.59 (Q).
2. Sarah Lavin, Ireland, 12.73 (Q).
3. Ditaji Kambundji, Switzerland, 12.81 (Q).
4. Marione Fourie, South Africa, 12.91.
5. Laeticia Bapte, France, 13.04.
6. Luca Kozak, Hungary, 13.11.
7. Jyothi Yarraji, India, 13.16.
8. Yoveinny Mota, Venezuela, DQ.

HEAT 5
1. Ackera Nugent, Jamaica, 12.65 (Q).
2. Devynne Charlton, Bahamas, 12.71 (Q).
3. Grace Stark, United States, 12.72 (Q).
4. Liz Clay, Australia, 12.94 (Re).
5. Lotta Harala, Finland, 12.97 (Re).
6. Viktoria Forster, Slovakia, 13.08 (Re).
7. Lin Yuwei, China, 13.24 (Re).
8. Michelle Harrison, Canada, 13.40 (Re).

JAVELIN THROW
QUALIFICATION
GROUP A
1. Jo-Ane van Dyk, South Africa, (64.22), 210-8 1-2 (Q).
2. Mackenzie Little, Australia, (62.82), 206-1 1-4 (Q).
3. Kathryn Mitchell, Australia, (62.40), 204-8 3-4 (Q).
4. N. Ogrodnikova, Czech Republic, (61.16), 200-8 (q).
5. Maria Lucelly Murillo, Colombia, (60.38), 198-1 1-4.
6. Lina Muze-Sirma, Latvia, (60.30), 197-10 1-4.
7. Christin Hussong, Germany, (59.99), 196-10.
8. Tori Peeters, New Zealand, (59.78), 196-1 3-4.
9. Victoria Hudson, Austria, (59.69), 195-10.
10. Marina Saito, Japan, (59.42), 194-11 1-2.
11. Dai Qianqian, China, (59.33), 194-8.
12. Maggie Malone-Hardin, United States, (58.76), 192-9 1-2.
13. Rhema Otabor, Bahamas, (57.67), 189-2 1-2.
14. Jucilene Sales de Lima, Brazil, (57.56), 188-10 1-4.
15. Annu Rani, India, (55.81), 183-1 1-4.
16. Dilhani Lekamge, Sri Lanka, (53.66), 176-0 3-4.

GROUP B
1. Maria Andrejczyk, Poland, (65.52), 214-11 3-4 (Q).
2. Sara Kolak, Croatia, (64.57), 211-10 1-4 (Q).
3. Flor Denis Ruiz Hurtado, Colombia, (64.40), 211-3 1-2 (Q).
4. Elina Tzengko, Greece, (63.22), 207-5 (Q).
5. Haruka Kitaguchi, Japan, (62.58), 205-4 (Q).
6. Yulenmis Aguilar, Spain, (61.95), 203-3 (q).
7. Marie-Therese Obst, Norway, (61.82), 202-10 (q).
8. Momone Ueda, Japan, (61.08), 200-4 3-4 (q).
9. Adriana Vilagos, Serbia, (60.49), 198-5 1-2.
10. Petra Sicakova, Czech Republic, (60.47), 198-4 3-4.
11. Anete Sietina, Latvia, (60.47), 198-4 3-4.
12. Lyu Huihui, China, (59.37), 194-9 1-2.
13. Liveta Jasiunaite, Lithuania, (58.35), 191-5 1-4.
14. Kelsey-Lee Barber, Australia, (57.73), 189-5.
15. Anni-Linnea Alanen, Finland, (55.30), 181-5 1-4.
16. Eda Tugsuz, Turkey, (55.30), 181-5 1-4.

1500M
REPECHAGE ROUND
HEAT 1
1. Birke Haylom, Ethiopia, 4:01.47 (Q).
2. Ludovica Cavalli, Italy, 4:02.46 (Q).
3. Esther Guerrero, Spain, 4:03.15 (Q).
4. Sophie O'Sullivan, Ireland, 4:03.73.
5. Lucia Stafford, Canada, 4:04.26.
6. Joselyn Daniely Brea, Venezuela, 4:05.93.
7. Federica del Buono, Italy, 4:06.00.
8. Winnie Nanyondo, Uganda, 4:06.35.
9. Nele Wessel, Germany, 4:07.22.
10. Kate Current, Canada, 4:08.91.
11. Yume Goto, Japan, 4:10.40.
12. Farida Abaroge, Refugee Olympic Team, 4:30.53.
13. Sara Lappalainen, Finland, DNS.

HEAT 2
1. Sintayehu Vissa, Italy, 4:06.71 (Q).
2. Revee Walcott-Nolan, Britain, 4:06.73 (Q).
3. Agueda Marques, Spain, 4:07.05 (Q).
4. Sarah Healy, Ireland, 4:07.60.
5. Kristiina Sasinek Maki, Czech Republic, 4:07.80.
6. Simone Plourde, Canada, 4:08.49.
7. Elise Vanderelst, Belgium, 4:08.86.
8. Linden Hall, Australia, 4:09.05.
9. Aleksandra Plocinska, Poland, 4:09.47.
10. Vera Hoffmann, Luxembourg, 4:11.28.
11. Adelle Tracey, Jamaica, 4:14.52.
12. Maria Pia Fernandez, Uruguay, 4:16.46.

POLE VAULT
FINAL
1. Nina Kennedy, Australia, (4.90), 16-1.
2. Katie Moon, United States, (4.85), 15-11.
3. Alysha Newman, Canada, (4.85), 15-11.
4. Angelica Moser, Switzerland, (4.80), 15-9.
5. Amalie Svabikova, Czech Republic, (4.80), 15-9.
6. Wilma Murto, Finland, (4.70), 15-5.
6. Elisa Molinarolo, Italy, (4.70), 15-5.
6. Eliza McCartney, New Zealand, (4.70), 15-5.
9. Aikaterini Stefanidi, Greece, (4.70), 15-5.
10. Robeilys Peinado, Venezuela, (4.60), 15-1.
11. Marie-Julie Bonnin, France, (4.60), 15-1.
12. Imogen Ayris, New Zealand, (4.60), 15-1.
13. Olivia McTaggart, New Zealand, (4.60), 15-1.
14. Elina Lampela, Finland, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
14. Ninon Chapelle, France, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
14. Anjuli Knaesche, Germany, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
14. Roberta Bruni, Italy, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
18. Lene Onsrud Retzius, Norway, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.
19. Tina Sutej, Slovenia, (4.40), 14-5 1-4.

400M
SEMIFINAL
1
1. Salwa Eid Naser, Bahrain, 49.08 (Q).
2. Rhasidat Adeleke, Ireland, 49.95 (Q).
3. Henriette Jaeger, Norway, 50.17 (q).
4. Lieke Klaver, Netherlands, 50.44.
5. Victoria Ohuruogu, Britain, 51.14.
6. Aaliyah Butler, United States, 51.18.
7. Gabby Scott, Puerto Rico, 51.22.
8. Junelle Bromfield, Jamaica, 51.93.

2
1. Marileidy Paulino, Dominican Republic, 49.21 (Q).
2. Alexis Holmes, United States, 50.00 (Q).
3. Laviai Nielsen, Britain, 50.69.
4. Nickisha Pryce, Jamaica, 50.77.
5. Andrea Miklos, Romania, 50.78.
6. Ella Onojuvwevwo, Nigeria, 51.05.
7. Susanne Gogl-Walli, Austria, 51.17.
8. Lurdes Gloria Manuel, Czech Republic, 51.42.

3
1. Natalia Kaczmarek, Poland, 49.45 (Q).
2. Amber Anning, Britain, 49.47 (Q).
3. Sada Williams, Barbados, 49.89 (q).
4. Kendall Ellis, United States, 50.40.
5. Roxana Gomez, Cuba, 50.48.
6. Paola Moran, Mexico, 50.73.
7. Stacey Ann Williams, Jamaica, 50.79.
8. Miranda Charlene Coetzee, South Africa, 51.60.

BASKETBALL
WOMEN
QUARTERFINALS
Australia 85, Serbia 67
Belgium 79, Spain 66
France 84, Germany 71
United States 88, Nigeria 74

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
MEN
QUARTERFINALS
Norway 2, Spain 0 (21-16, 21-17)
Qatar 2, United States 0 (21-14, 21-16)

WOMEN
QUARTERFINALS
Canada 2, Spain 0 (21-18, 21-18)
Brazil 2, Latvia 0 (21-16, 21-10)

BOXING
MEN
+92KG
SEMIFINALS
Bakhodir Jalolov, Uzbekistan, def. Nelvie Raman Tiafack, Germany, 5-0.
Ayoub Ghadfa Drissi El Aissaoui, Spain, def. Djamili-Dini Aboudou Moindze, France, 5-0.
63.5kg

FINAL
Erislandy Alvarez Borges, Cuba, def. Sofiane Oumiha, France, 3-2.

80KG
FINAL
Oleksandr Khyzhniak, Ukraine, def. Nurbek Oralbay, Kazakhstan, 3-2.

WOMEN
57KG
SEMIFINALS
Lin Yu Ting, Taiwan, def. Esra Yildiz Kahraman, Turkey, 5-0.
Julia Szeremeta, Poland, def. Nesthy Petecio, Philippines, 4-1.

CYCLING
MEN
SPRINT, 1/8 FINALS
HEAT 1
1. Harrie Lavreysen, Netherlands (Q1/4).
2. Yuta Obara, Japan (R).

HEAT 2
1. Matthew Richardson, Australia (Q1/4).
2. Mateusz Rudyk, Poland (R).

HEAT 3
1. Hamish Turnbull, Britain (Q1/4).
2. Mikhail Yakovlev, Israel (R).

HEAT 4
1. Kaiya Ota, Japan (Q1/4).
2. Leigh Hoffman, Australia (R).

HEAT 5
1. Jack Carlin, Britain (Q1/4).
2. Nicholas Paul, Trinidad and Tobago (R).

HEAT 6
1. Jeffrey Hoogland, Netherlands (Q1/4).
2. Mohd Azizulhasni Awang, Malaysia (R)

MEN'S TEAM
PURSUIT, FINALS
FOR PLACES 7-8
7. Canada (Dylan Bibic; Mathias Guillemette; Michael Foley; Carson Mattern), 3:54.517.
8. Belgium (Lindsay de Vylder; Fabio van den Bossche; Tuur Dens; Noah Vandenbranden), OVL.

FOR PLACES 5-6
5. New Zealand (Aaron Gate; Keegan Hornblow; Tom Sexton; Campbell Stewart), 3:44.741.
6. France (Thomas Boudat; Benjamin Thomas; Thomas Denis; Valentin Tabellion), 3:47.697.

FOR BRONZE
3. Italy (Simone Consonni; Filippo Ganna; Francesco Lamon; Jonathan Milan), 3:44.197.
4. Denmark (Tobias Aagaard Hansen; Niklas Larsen; Carl-Frederik Bevort; Rasmus Lund Pedersen), 3:46.138.

FOR GOLD
1. Australia (Oliver Bleddyn; Sam Welsford; Conor Leahy; Kelland O'Brien), 3:42.067.
2. Britain (Ethan Hayter; Daniel Bigham; Charlie Tanfield; Ethan Vernon; Oliver Wood), 3:44.394.

WOMEN
KEIRIN
FIRST ROUND
HEAT 1
1. Ellesse Andrews, New Zealand (Q1/4).
2. Mathilde Gros, France, +0.014 (Q1/4).
3. Katy Marchant, Britain, +0.021 (R).
4. Daniela Gaxiola Gonzalez, Mexico, +0.075 (R).
5. Urszula Los, Poland, +0.261 (R).
6. Ese Ukpeseraye, Nigeria, +2.129 (R).

HEAT 2
1. Hetty van de Wouw, Netherlands (Q1/4).
2. Yuan Liying, China, +0.108 (Q1/4).
3. Miriam Vece, Italy, +0.236 (R).
4. Lauriane Genest, Canada, +0.236 (R).
5. Riyu Ohta, Japan, +0.381 (R).
6. Yuli Verdugo Osuna, Mexico, +0.381 (R).

HEAT 3
1. Emma Hinze, Germany (Q1/4).
2. Guo Yufang, China, +0.087 (Q1/4).
3. Marlena Karwacka, Poland, +0.087 (R).
4. Kristina Clonan, Australia, +0.160 (R).
5. Julie Nicolaes, Belgium, +0.204 (R).
6. Martha Bayona Pineda, Colombia, +0.266 (R).

HEAT 4
1. Nicky Degrendele, Belgium (Q1/4).
2. Mina Sato, Japan, +0.005 (Q1/4).
3. Steffie van der Peet, Netherlands, +0.108 (R).
4. Kelsey Mitchell, Canada, +0.172 (R).
5. Rebecca Petch, New Zealand, +0.260 (R).
6. Chloe Moran, Australia, +1.065 (R).

HEAT 5
1. Emma Finucane, Britain (Q1/4).
2. Lea Friedrich, Germany, +0.032 (Q1/4).
3. Taky Marie Divine Kouame, France, +0.631 (R).
4. Nurul Izzah Izzati Mohd Asri, Malaysia, +0.729 (R).
5. Stefany Cuadrado Florez, Colombia, +0.862 (R).
6. Sara Fiorin, Italy, +0.960 (R).

WOMEN'S TEAM
PURSUIT, FINALS
FOR PLACES 7-8
7. Australia (Alexandra Manly; Sophie Edwards; Chloe Moran; Maeve Plouffe; Georgia Baker), 4:11.548.
8. Canada (Maggie Coles-Lyster; Sarah van Dam; Erin Attwell; Ariane Bonhomme), 4:12.097.

FOR PLACES 5-6
5. France (Clara Copponi; Valentine Fortin; Marion Borras; Marie le Net; Victoire Berteau), 4:06.987.
6. Germany (Franziska Brausse; Lisa Klein; Mieke Kroeger; Lena Reissner; Laura Suessemilch), 4:08.349.

FOR BRONZE
3. Britain (Elinor Barker; Josie Knight; Anna Morris; Jessica Roberts), 4:06.382.
4. Italy (Elisa Balsamo; Chiara Consonni; Martina Fidanza; Vittoria Guazzini; Letizia Paternoster), 4:08.961.

FOR GOLD
1. United States (Jennifer Valente; Lily Williams; Chloé Dygert; Kristen Faulkner), 4:04.306.
2. New Zealand (Ally Wollaston; Bryony Botha; Emily Shearman; Nicole Shields), 4:04.927.

DIVING
MEN
3M SPRINGBOARD
SEMIFINAL
1. Wang Zongyuan, China, 537.85 (Q).
2. Xie Siyi, China, 505.85 (Q).
3. Jack Laugher, Britain, 467.05 (Q).
4. Osmar Olvera Ibarra, Mexico, 463.75 (Q).
5. Jordan Christopher Houlden, Britain, 445.55 (Q).
6. Jules Bouyer, France, 438.30 (Q).
7. Carson Tyler, United States, 438.00 (Q).
8. Moritz Wesemann, Germany, 433.00 (Q).
9. Woo Haram, South Korea, 432.00 (Q).
10. Luis Felipe Uribe Bermudez, Colombia, 423.80 (Q).
11. Kurtis Mathews, Australia, 417.15 (Q).
12. Jonathan Ruvalcaba, Dominican Republic, 416.20 (Q).
13. Yona Knight-Wisdom, Jamaica, 412.40 (R).
14. Sho Sakai, Japan, 410.15 (R).
15. Andrew Capobianco, United States, 407.65.
16. Gwendal Bisch, France, 392.70.
17. Yi Jaegyeong, South Korea, 366.50.
18. Lorenzo Marsaglia, Italy, 354.05.

WOMEN
3M SPRINGBOARD
PRELIMINARY
1. Chen Yiwen, China, 356.40 (Q).
2. Maddison Keeney, Australia, 337.35 (Q).
3. Aranza Vazquez Montano, Mexico, 321.75 (Q).
4. Chang Yani, China, 308.75 (Q).
5. Grace Reid, Britain, 303.25 (Q).
6. Haruka Enomoto, Japan, 299.10 (Q).
7. Chiara Pellacani, Italy, 297.70 (Q).
7. Valeria Antolino, Spain, 297.70 (Q).
9. Yasmin Harper, Britain, 295.75 (Q).
10. Emilia Nilsson Garip, Sweden, 295.20 (Q).
11. Kim Suji, South Korea, 285.50 (Q).
12. Nur Dhabitah Sabri, Malaysia, 283.65 (Q).
13. Julia Vincent, South Africa, 283.50 (Q).
14. Elena Bertocchi, Italy, 282.30 (Q).
15. Saskia Oettinghaus, Germany, 279.35 (Q).
16. Alysha Koloi, Australia, 276.60 (Q).
17. Alejandra Estudillo Torres, Mexico, 276.45 (Q).
18. Anisley Garcia Navarro, Cuba, 272.40 (Q).
19. Sarah Bacon, United States, 264.40 (R).
20. Jette Muller, Germany, 262.85 (R).
21. Sayaka Mikami, Japan, 258.35.
22. Margo Erlam, Canada, 258.30.
23. Helle Tuxen, Norway, 257.10.
24. Maha Eissa, Egypt, 250.20.
25. Prisis Ruiz, Cuba, 239.85.
26. Lizzie Roussel, New Zealand, 233.70.
27. Viktoriya Kesar, Ukraine, 217.75.
28. Alison Gibson, United States, 198.30.

FIELD HOCKEY
WOMEN
SEMIFINALS
Netherlands 3, Argentina 0
China 1, Belgium 1, China wins 3-2 in shootout

GOLF
WOMEN
FIRST ROUND

Celine Boutier, France	33-32—65
Ashleigh Buhai, South Africa	34-34—68
Gaby Lopez, Mexico	36-34—70
Morgane Metraux, Switzerland	36-34—70
Mariajo Uribe, Colombia	35-35—70
Lilia Vu, United States	33-37—70
Celine Borge, Norway	33-38—71
Diksha Dagar, India	35-36—71
Minjee Lee, Australia	38-33—71
Xiyu Lin, China	36-35—71
Alena Sharp, Canada	38-33—71
Miyuu Yamashita, Japan	35-36—71
Aditi Ashok, India	35-37—72
Manon De Roey, Belgium	36-36—72
Esther Henseleit, Germany	38-34—72
Lydia Ko, New Zealand	35-37—72
Nelly Korda, United States	38-34—72
Ashley Lau, Malaysia	37-35—72
Bianca Pagdanganan, Philippines	39-33—72
Maja Stark, Sweden	38-34—72
Atthaya Thitikul, Thailand	36-36—72
Albane Valenzuela, Switzerland	35-37—72
Amy Yang, South Korea	39-33—72
Ruoning Yin, China	36-36—72
Rose Zhang, United States	36-36—72
Carlota Ciganda, Spain	39-34—73
Jin Young Ko, South Korea	39-34—73
Sara Kouskova, Czech Republic	36-37—73
Emily Pedersen, Denmark	39-34—73
Pia Babnik, Slovenia	37-37—74
Linn Grant, Sweden	38-36—74
Georgia Hall, England	39-35—74
Brooke Henderson, Canada	38-36—74
Wei-Ling Hsu, Chinese Taipei	35-39—74
Nanna Koerstz Madsen, Denmark	38-36—74
Alessandra Fanali, Italy	41-34—75
Sarah Schober, Austria	36-39—75
Emma Spitz, Austria	38-37—75
Anne Van Dam, Netherlands	37-38—75
Dottie Ardina, Philippines	38-38—76
Peiyun Chien, Chinese Taipei	37-39—76
Alexandra Forsterling, Germany	38-38—76
Hyo Joo Kim, South Korea	35-41—76
Madelene Stavnar, Norway	40-36—76
Patty Tavatanakit, Thailand	37-39—76
Ana Belac, Slovenia	37-40—77
Hannah Green, Australia	38-39—77
Yuka Saso, Japan	39-38—77
Klara Spilkova, Czech Republic	39-38—77
Maria Fassi, Mexico	36-42—78
Ines Laklalech, Morocco	40-38—78
Leona Maguire, Ireland	43-35—78
Stephanie Meadow, Northern Ireland	41-37—78
Azahara Munoz, Spain	39-39—78
Paula Reto, South Africa	37-41—78
Shannon Tan, Singapore	39-39—78
Perrine Delacour, France	38-41—79
Charley Hull, England	41-40—81
Ursula Wikstrom, Finland	40-42—82
Noora Komulainen, Finland	39-45—84

HANDBALL
MEN
QUARTERFINALS
Spain 29, Egypt 28 (OT)
Germany 35, France 34 (OT)
Denmark 32, Sweden 31
Slovenia 33, Norway 28

SKATEBOARDING
MEN
PARK
PRELIMS
1. Keegan Palmer, Australia, 93.78 (Q).
2. Tom Schaar, United States, 92.05 (Q).
3. Alex Sorgente, Italy, 91.14 (Q).
4. Tate Carew, United States, 90.42 (Q).
5. Keefer Wilson, Australia, 90.10 (Q).
6. Pedro Barros, Brazil, 89.24 (Q).
7. Luigi Cini, Brazil, 89.10 (Q).
8. Augusto Akio, Brazil, 88.98 (Q).
9. Hampus Winberg, Sweden, 88.29.
10. Gavin Bottger, United States, 86.95.
11. Alessandro Mazzara, Italy, 83.17.
12. Vincent Matheron, France, 82.02.
13. Thomas Augusto, Portugal, 81.75.
14. Steven Pineiro, Puerto Rico, 81.54.
15. Yuro Nagahara, Japan, 81.38.
16. Kieran Woolley, Australia, 80.04.
17. Tyler Edtmayer, Germany, 78.20.
18. Andrew Macdonald, Britain, 77.66.
19. Alain Kortabitarte, Spain, 75.46.
20. Danny Leon, Spain, 56.25.
21. Viktor Solmunde, Denmark, 42.95.
22. Dallas Oberholzer, South Africa, 33.83.

FINAL
1. Keegan Palmer, Australia, 93.11.
2. Tom Schaar, United States, 92.23.
3. Augusto Akio, Brazil, 91.85.
4. Pedro Barros, Brazil, 91.65.
5. Tate Carew, United States, 91.17.
6. Alex Sorgente, Italy, 84.26.
7. Luigi Cini, Brazil, 76.89.
8. Keefer Wilson, Australia, 58.36.

VOLLEYBALL
MEN
SEMIFINALS
Poland 3, United States 2 (23-25, 27-25, 25-14, 23-25, 13-15)
France 3, Italy 0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-21)

WATER POLO
MEN
QUARTERFINALS
Croatia 10, Spain 8
Serbia 12, Greece 11
United States 11, Australia 10, United States wins 4-3 in shootout
Hungary 12, Italy 10, Hungary wins 3-1 in shootout

WEIGHTLIFTING
MEN
61KG
1. Li Fabin, China (, 137-302; , 167-368; , 140-309; , 167-368; , 143-315; , 172-379; 1, 143-315; 4, 167-368), 310 kg.-683 pounds.
2. Theerapong Silachai, Thailand (, 127-280; , 167-368; , 130-287; , 169-373; , 132-291; , 171-377; 2, 132-291; 2, 171-377), 303-668.
3. Hampton Morris, United States (, 122-269; , 168-370; , 125-276; , 172-379; , 126-278; , 178-392; 4, 126-278; 1, 172-379), 298-657.
4. Mohamad Aniq Bin Kasdan, Malaysia (, 126-278; , 167-368; , 130-287; , 174-384; , 130-287; , 174-384; 3, 130-287; 3, 167-368), 297-655.
5. Morea Baru, Papua New Guinea (, 118-260; , 150-331; , 122-269; , 157-346; , 122-269; , 161-355; 6, 118-260; 5, 161-355), 279-615.
6. Shota Mishvelidze, Georgia (, 114-251; , 125-276; , 121-267; , 135-298; , 128-282; , 150-331; 5, 121-267; 6, 135-298), 256-564.
7. Kaimauri Erati, Kiribati (, 95-209; , 120-265; , 100-220; , 120-265; , 100-220; , 124-273; 7, 100-220; 7, 120-265), 220-485.
8. Ivan Petkov Dimov, Bulgaria, DNF.
8. Eko Irawan, Indonesia, DNF.
8. Sergio Massidda, Italy, DNF.
8. John Febuar Ceniza, Philippines, DNF.
8. van Vinh Trinh, Vietnam, DNF.

WOMEN
49KG
1. Hou Zhihui, China (, 89-196; , 110-243; , 89-196; , 117-258; , 93-205; , 117-258; 2, 89-196; 1, 117-258), 206 kg.-454 pounds.
2. Mihaela Valentina Cambei, Romania (, 89-196; , 106-234; , 91-201; , 110-243; , 93-205; , 112-247; 1, 93-205; 3, 112-247), 205-452.
3. Surodchana Khambao, Thailand (, 86-190; , 110-243; , 88-194; , 112-247; , 88-194; , 114-251; 4, 88-194; 2, 112-247), 200-441.
4. Mirabai Chanu Saikhom, India (, 85-187; , 111-245; , 88-194; , 111-245; , 88-194; , 114-251; 3, 88-194; 4, 111-245), 199-439.
5. Jourdan Delacruz, United States (, 84-185; , 105-231; , 87-192; , 110-243; , 88-194; , 111-245; 7, 84-185; 5, 111-245), 195-430.
6. Fang Wan-Ling, Taiwan (, 80-176; , 102-225; , 83-183; , 106-234; , 86-190; , 107-236; 5, 86-190; 8, 107-236), 193-425.
7. Beatriz Piron Candelario, Dominican Republic (, 85-187; , 102-225; , 88-194; , 107-236; , 88-194; , 110-243; 6, 85-187; 7, 107-236), 192-423.
8. Rira Suzuki, Japan (, 83-183; , 108-238; , 85-187; , 112-247; , 85-187; , 117-258; 8, 83-183; 6, 108-238), 191-421.
9. Katherin Echandia Zarate, Venezuela (, 83-183; , 105-231; , 86-190; , 107-236; , 86-190; , 109-240; 9, 83-183; 9, 105-231), 188-414.
10. Rosina Randafiarison, Madagascar (, 75-165; , 95-209; , 80-176; , 100-220; , 83-183; , 100-220; 10, 80-176; 10, 100-220), 180-397.
11. Nicola Velasco Lagatao, Guam (, 56-123; , 74-163; , 59-130; , 77-170; , 62-137; , 79-174; 11, 59-130; 11, 77-170), 136-300.
12. Nina Sterckx, Belgium, DNF.

WRESTLING
MEN
GRECO-ROMAN 97KG
REPECHAGE
Rustam Assakalov, Uzbekistan, def. Kim Seungjun, South Korea, 8-2, 0-0, Points.
Uzur Dzhuzupbekov, Kyrgyzstan, def. Josef Patrick Rau, United States, 5-0, 4-4, Points.

BRONZE MEDAL MATCHES
Gabriel Alejandro Rosillo Kindelan, Cuba, def. Rustam Assakalov, Uzbekistan, 2-0, Injury.
Uzur Dzhuzupbekov, Kyrgyzstan, def. Mohamed Gabr, Egypt, 0-1, 2-0, Points.

FINAL
Mohammadhadi Saravi, Iran, def. Artur Aleksanyan, Armenia, 0-1, 4-0, Points.

GRECO-ROMAN 77KG
REPECHAGE
Aram Vardanyan, Uzbekistan, def. Abd Elkrim Ouakali, Algeria, 7-0, 4-0, Technical Superiority.
Akzhol Makhmudov, Kyrgyzstan, def. Jair Alexis Cuero Munoz, Colombia, 4-0, 5-0, Technical Superiority.
Bronze Medal Matches
Malkhas Amoyan, Armenia, def. Aram Vardanyan, Uzbekistan, 6-0, 0-5, Points.
Akzhol Makhmudov, Kyrgyzstan, def. Sanan Suleymanov, Azerbaijan, 0-1, 6-4, Points.

FINAL
Nao Kusaka, Japan, def. Demeu Zhadrayev, Kazakhstan, 0-2, 5-0, Points.

GRECO-ROMAN 67KG
1/8 FINALS
Hasrat Jafarov, Azerbaijan, def. Mohamed Elsayed, Egypt, 5-0, 4-0, Technical Superiority.
Valentin Petic, Moldova, def. Nestor Evian Almanza Truyol, Chile, 1-0, 3-0, Points.
Amantur Ismailov, Kyrgyzstan, def. Ramaz Zoidze, Georgia, 12-1, Technical Superiority.
Parviz Nasibov, Ukraine, def. Mate Nemes, Serbia, 1-0, 2-2, Points.
Slavik Galstyan, Armenia, def. Andres Roberto Montano Arroyo, Ecuador, 3-1, 0-1, Points.
Mamadassa Sylla, France, def. Souleymen Nasr, Tunisia, 0-1, 1-0, Points.
Saeid Esmaeili Leivesi, Iran, def. Ishak Ghaiou, Algeria, 10-0, Technical Superiority.
Luis Alberto Orta Sanchez, Cuba, def. Kyotaro Sogabe, Japan, 8-0, Technical Superiority.

QUARTERFINALS
Hasrat Jafarov, Azerbaijan, def. Valentin Petic, Moldova, 1-0, 2-1, Points.
Parviz Nasibov, Ukraine, def. Amantur Ismailov, Kyrgyzstan, 2-6, 5-0, Points.
Slavik Galstyan, Armenia, def. Mamadassa Sylla, France, 2-0, 1-2, Points.
Saeid Esmaeili Leivesi, Iran, def. Luis Alberto Orta Sanchez, Cuba, 5-0, 4-0, Technical Superiority.

SEMIFINALS
Parviz Nasibov, Ukraine, def. Hasrat Jafarov, Azerbaijan, 2-3, 1-0, Points.
Saeid Esmaeili Leivesi, Iran, def. Slavik Galstyan, Armenia, 9-4, 1-0, Points.

GRECO-ROMAN 87KG
1/8 FINALS
Arkadiusz Marcin Kulynycz, Poland, def. Ali Cengiz, Turkey, 1-3, 4-0, Points.
Alireza Mohmadipiani, Iran, def. Carlos Andres Munoz Jaramillo, Colombia, 9-0, Technical Superiority.
Nursultan Tursynov, Kazakhstan, def. Mohamed Metwally, Egypt, 0-1, 10-0, Technical Superiority.
Zhan Beleniuk, Ukraine, def. Qian Haitao, China, 0-1, 7-0, Points.
Semen Sergeevich Novikov, Bulgaria, def. Turpal Ali Bisultanov, Denmark, 0-1, 5-0, Points.
Lasha Gobadze, Georgia, def. Bachir Sid Azara, Algeria, 0-1, 2-0, Points.
Aleksandr Andreevitch Komarov, Serbia, def. Payton Jon Jacobson, United States, 10-0, Technical Superiority.
David Losonczi, Hungary, def. Rafig Huseynov, Azerbaijan, 3-0, 2-2, Points.

QUARTERFINALS
Alireza Mohmadipiani, Iran, def. Arkadiusz Marcin Kulynycz, Poland, 7-1, 3-0, Technical Superiority.
Zhan Beleniuk, Ukraine, def. Nursultan Tursynov, Kazakhstan, 0-3, 7-0, Points.
Semen Sergeevich Novikov, Bulgaria, def. Lasha Gobadze, Georgia, 1-3, 7-0, Points.
David Losonczi, Hungary, def. Aleksandr Andreevitch Komarov, Serbia, 1-1, 1-1, Points.

SEMIFINALS
Alireza Mohmadipiani, Iran, def. Zhan Beleniuk, Ukraine, 0-3, 3-0, Points.
Semen Sergeevich Novikov, Bulgaria, def. David Losonczi, Hungary, 0-1, 3-0, Points.

WOMEN
FREESTYLE 50KG
REPECHAGE
Feng Ziqi, China, def. Ibtissem Doudou, Algeria, 10-0, Technical Superiority.
Bronze Medal Matches
Yui Susaki, Japan, def. Oksana Livach, Ukraine, 8-0, 2-0, Technical Superiority.
Feng Ziqi, China, def. Otgonjargal Dolgorjav, Mongolia, 6-2, 0-2, Points.

FINAL
Sarah Ann Hildebrandt, United States, def. Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, Cuba, 2-0, 1-0, Points.

FREESTYLE 53KG
QUARTERFINALS
Lucia Yamileth Yepez Guzman, Ecuador, def. Andreea Beatrice Ana, Romania, 5-0, 2-0, Pin.
Annika Wendle, Germany, def. Zeynep Yetgil, Turkey, 0-1, 2-4, Pin.
Akari Fujinami, Japan, def. Khulan Batkhuyag, Mongolia, 2-0, 6-2, Pin.
Pang Qianyu, China, def. Emma Jonna Malmgren, Sweden, 8-0, 2-2, Points.

SEMIFINALS
Lucia Yamileth Yepez Guzman, Ecuador, def. Annika Wendle, Germany, 5-0, 5-0, Technical Superiority.
Akari Fujinami, Japan, def. Pang Qianyu, China, 6-0, 4-0, Technical Superiority.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

United States 88, Nigeria 74

United States	26	26	24	12	—	88
Nigeria	17	16	15	26	—	74

UNITED STATES (88)
A. Thomas 1-1 1-4 3, A. Wilson 9-11 2-2 20, B. Griner 4-5 3-4 11, B. Stewart 5-7 1-2 13, K. Plum 2-3 0-0 6, J. Young 6-10 3-5 15, N. Collier 3-7 0-0 6, K. Copper 2-6 0-0 5, D. Taurasi 1-4 0-0 3, J. Loyd 1-6 1-1 3, S. Ionescu 0-0 2-2 2, C. Gray 0-3 1-2 1, TOTAL 34-63 14-22 88

NIGERIA (74)
M. Musa 3-5 0-0 7, E. Kalu 6-12 4-6 16, P. Amukamara 8-18 0-0 19, P. Kunaiyi-Akpanah 4-9 0-0 8, L. Ebo 1-3 0-0 2, A. Okonkwo 4-13 8-8 17, E. Balogun 2-9 0-0 5, N. Enabosi 0-0 0-0 0, B. Ejiofor 0-0 0-0 0, TOTAL 28-69 12-14 74
Halftime: United States 52, Nigeria 33. 3-Point Goals: United States 6-23 (K. Plum 2-3, B. Stewart 2-3, K. Copper 1-4, D. Taurasi 1-3, J. Young 0-4, J. Loyd 0-3, N. Collier 0-2, C. Gray 0-1), Nigeria 6-25 (P. Amukamara 3-7, A. Okonkwo 1-8, E. Balogun 1-6, M. Musa 1-1, L. Ebo 0-2, E. Kalu 0-1). Rebounds: United States 41 (A. Wilson 11), Nigeria 26 (P. Kunaiyi-Akpanah 8). Assists: United States 31 (A. Thomas 6), Nigeria 17 (E. Kalu 7). Total fouls: United States 16, Nigeria 19.

WATER POLO

United States 11, Australia 10

UNITED STATES WINS 4-3 IN SHOOTOUT

United States	1	2	2	2	4 —	11
Australia	3	2	0	2	3 —	10

First Quarter: None
Second Quarter: None
Third Quarter: None
Fourth Quarter: None
Penalty Shootout: 15, Australia, J. Mercep. 16, United States, H. Daube. 17, Australia, L. Pavillard. 18, United States, M. Irving. 19, United States, A. Bowen. 20, Australia, M. Byrnes. 21, United States, M. Vavic.
Exclusions: United States 9 (L. Cupido 1, M. Irving 1, D. Woodhead 1, A. Bowen 2, C. Dodd 2, B. Hallock 2); Australia 19 (M. Byrnes 1, M. Berehulak 2, L. Pavillard 2, C. Poot 2, L. Edwards 4, C. Negus 4, N. Power 4).
4 Minute Exclusions: United States 1 (J. Hooper 1); Australia None.
Penalty Fouls: United States 1 (A. Obert 1); Australia 1 (M. Maksimovic 1).
Ejections: United States None; Australia 3 (L. Edwards, C. Negus, N. Power).
Referees: Raffaele Colombo, Italy. Sebastien Dervieux, France. Milivoj Bebic, Croatia. Monica Brochero, Argentina.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL preseason

HALL OF FAME GAME
THURSDAY, AUG. 1
Chicago 21, Houston 17

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at New England, 7
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 7

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 7:30
Atlanta at Miami, 7
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Washington at N.Y. Jets, noon
Chicago at Buffalo, 1
Las Vegas at Minnesota, 4
Green Bay at Cleveland, 4:25
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 7
San Francisco at Tennessee, 7
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 7
Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 7:05
New Orleans at Arizona, 8

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Denver at Indianapolis, 1
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 4:30

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

THURSDAY, AUG. 15
Washington at Minnesota, 8
Phoenix at Chicago, 8
New York at Los Angeles, 9

FRIDAY, AUG. 16
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30
Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30
Connecticut at Dallas, 9:30

SATURDAY, AUG. 17
Minnesota at Washington, 2
New York as Las Vegas, 4
Chicago at Los Angeles, 5

TENNIS

ATP

NATIONAL BANK OPEN
At IGA Stadium; in Montreal
Purse: $6,795,955
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 64
Rinky Hijikata, Australia, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 6-1, 7-5; Jordan Thompson, Australia, def. Jack Draper, Britain, 7-5, 6-2; Tommy Paul (10), United States, def. Luciano Darderi, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2); Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, def. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Ben Shelton (11), United States, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Spain, def. Roman Safiullin, Russia, 6-2, 7-5; Ugo Humbert (12), France, def. Arthur Fils, France, 6-2, 6-2; Borna Coric, Croatia, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 6-4, 6-4; James Duckworth, Australia, def. Marcos Giron, United States, 6-4, 6-1; Brandon Nakashima, United States, def. Denis Shapovalov, Canada, 6-4, 7-5; Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. Tomas Machac, Czechia, 6-3, 6-4; Taylor Fritz (9), United States, def. Mariano Navone, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1; Arthur Rinderknech, France, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Sebastian Korda, United States, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 2-1, ret; Flavio Cobolli, Italy, def. Felix Auger-Aliassime (14), Canada, 6-3, 6-2.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Lloyd Glasspool (15), Britain, def. Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev, Russia, 6-3, 6-4; Casper Ruud, Norway, and Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, def. Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni (7), Argentina, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; Alejandro Tabilo, Chile, and Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Argentina, def. Jack Withrow and Nathaniel Lammons (13), United States, 1-6, 6-4, 10-4; Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zielinski (14), Poland, def. Nicolas Jarry, Chile, and Arthur Fils, France, 4-6, 6-3, 10-5; Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz (10), Germany, def. Benjamin Sigouin and Liam Draxl, Canada, 6-4, 6-3.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Jannik Sinner, Italy, and Jack Draper, Britain, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, and Ben Shelton, United States, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1.

WTA

NATIONAL BANK OPEN
At Sobeys Stadium; in Toronto
Purse: $3,211,715
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 64
Paula Badosa, Spain, def. Clara Tauson, Denmark, 6-1, 6-4; Elise Mertens, Belgium, def. Katie Volynets, United States, 6-3, 6-1; Peyton Stearns, United States, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-3; Beatriz Haddad Maia (13), Brazil, def. Marie Bouzkova, Czechia, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1); Diana Shnaider (14), Russia, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2); Marina Stakusic, Canada, def. Erika Andreeva, Russia, 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, 6-4; Amanda Anisimova, United States, def. Caroline Dolehide, United States, 6-1, 6-4; Magda Linette, Poland, def. Rebecca Marino, Canada, 6-3, 6-4; Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-3, 6-1; Ashlyn Krueger, United States, def. Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Italy, 6-3, 6-2; Yuan Yue, China, def. Cristina Bucsa, Spain, 6-3, 6-3; Katie Boulter, Britain, def. Bernarda Pera, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; Leylah Annie Fernandez (15), Canada, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Wang Yafan, China, and Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, def. Bibiane Schoofs, Netherlands, and Alycia Parks, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 10-5; Sloane Stephens and Taylor Townsend, United States, def. Olivia Nicholls, Britain, and Tereza Mihalikova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3; Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, and Marie Bouzkova, Czechia, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, 6-1, 7-5; Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Sofia Kenin (7), United States, def. Chloe Paquet, France, and Katie Volynets, United States, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Xinyu Jiang, China, and Fang-Hsien Wu, Taiwan, def. Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, and Jelena Ostapenko (2), Latvia, 7-6 (9-7), 4-6, 10-7.

815 Legal Notices

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED**

Montgomery County
Application for State Discharge Permit 23DP2754, NPDES Permit MD0064777:
The International Monetary Fund, Bretton Woods Recreation Center, 15700 River Rd., Germantown, MD 20874 applied for renewal of the permit to discharge an average of 15,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater from the Bretton Woods Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 15700 River Road, Germantown, MD 20874 to the Potomac River.
In accordance with HB 1200/Ch. 588 of 2022, the applicant provided an environmental justice (EJ) Score for the census tract in which the facility is located using the Maryland EJ mapping tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 22.17, which the Department has verified. This score considers three demographic indicators – minority population above 50%, poverty rate above 25% and limited English proficiency above 15%.
Copies of the application, the EJ mapping tool screening report (which includes the score), and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's Wastewater Permits Interactive Search Portal at http://mes-mde.mde.state.md.us/WastewaterPermitPortal/.
If a written request is received by **August 15, 2024**, an informational meeting can be held to discuss the application and permitting process. Requests should be forwarded to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn: Mr. Yen-Der Cheng, Chief, Municipal Permits Division**. Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter at the informational meeting by contacting Mr. Cheng at (410) 537-3363 or 1-800-633-6101, or at the above address, at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting.
Any person wishing to review the application should contact Mr. Cheng at the above telephone number to schedule an appointment. Copies may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**
KNOWN AS
**10278 Housely Place
White Plains, MD 20695**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MICHAEL L. RIDDLE, Trustee(s), dated December 23, 2002, and recorded among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 3869 , folio 330 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

AUGUST 26, 2024 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED TWENTY-FOUR (24), AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT FOUR, GREENHAVEN RUN, SECTION ONE, PHASE ONE", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK DGB 50 AT PLAT NO. 157 AND IN PLAT BOOK DGB 50 AT PLAT NO. 160, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND. BEING LOCATED IN THE 6TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID COUNTY.

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 $10,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (19-19510)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
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Aug 8,15,22 2024 0012466428

840 Trustees Sale - DC

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
836 - 840 18th Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002
(Lots 72, 73 & 74 (now known as Lot 150) in Square 4494**)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") in the original principal amount of $2,755,102.00 dated February 25, 2021 and recorded on March 10, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021031596 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia from 836-840 18th L.L.C., as Grantor, to John B. Connor, as Trustee, for the benefit of Dashco, Inc., as Beneficiary, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee appointing Jason A. Pardo as Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust ("Substitute Trustee"), and Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, at the request of the current noteholder, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

August 9, 2024 at 10:30 A.m.

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 836 - 840 18th Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002 (Lots 72, 73 & 74 (now known as Lot 150) in Square 4494), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are released by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $75,000.00 by cash or cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at 24% per annum. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining balance of the forfeited deposit shall be applied against the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Substitute Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

If the Substitute Trustee does not settle as required 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.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo, Substitute Trustee

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815 Legal Notices

"There is now pending before the District of Columbia Superior Court a civil action, case number 2023-CAB-007481 seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by the Defendant Muhannad F. Jweinat, located at 1117 10th St., NW, #905, Washington, DC 20001. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the 27th day of September 2024.";

"There is now pending before the **District of Columbia Superior Court** a civil action, **case number 2023-CAB-005534** seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by the **Defendant Malcolm Marshall**, located at **1311 Delaware Avenue, SW, Apt. S-642, Washington, DC 20024**. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the 11th day of October 2024.";

Legal Notice
Notification is hereby given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43240 has filed an application with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") on or about August 8, 2024, as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for permission to establish a domestic branch at the southwest corner of the intersection of Central Avenue (aka Route 214) and Highway 301 (aka Robert Crain Highway), Upper Marlboro, Prince Georges County, MD, 20774. If you have any additional comments, you can send them to the Director for Large Bank Licensing, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 7 Times Square, 10th Floor Mailroom, New York, New York 10036 or LicensingPublicComments@occ.treas.gov., within 30 days of the date of this publication. The public portion of the filing is available upon request from the OCC. The public may find information about the filing (including the closing date of the comment period) in the OCC's Weekly Bulletin available at www.occ.gov.

On August 7, 2024 NOAA Fisheries published a proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA) for public comment in the Federal Register (open until after August 22, 2024 (15 days)), pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The proposed IHA would authorize the "take" of marine mammals incidental to the Renewal of Attentive Energy, LLC's Site Characterization Surveys off New York and New Jersey in the New York Bight. You can find information related to this action at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-attentive-energy-llc-marine-site-characterization-surveys-0.

815 Legal Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2024 FEP 000087
02/04/2022
Date of Death

DAVID EUGENE RIVERS
Name of Decedent

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
FOREIGN PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Sandra T. Middleton, whose address is 110 Oak Knoll, Fayetteville, GA 30214 was appointed personal representative of the estate of David Eugene Rivers aka David E. Rivers, deseased, by the Probate Court for Charleston County, State of South Carolina, on June 2, 2022.
Service of process may be made upon Brenda K. Pennington, The Pennington Firm, 300 E. Lombard Street, Ste 840, Baltimore, MD 21202 whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.
The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: 1406 Carrollsburg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024
Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within 6 months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Sandra Middleton
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2024 FEP 000091
April 25, 2024
Date of Death

**Ann Frazier aka
Ann Ross Frazier aka
Harriett Ann Ross**
Name of Decedent

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
FOREIGN PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Carol F. Campbell, whose address is 3121 Beckenham Ct. Silver Spring, MD 20906 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Ann Frazier aka Ann Ross Frazier aka Harriett Ann Ross, deceased, by the Register of Wills, Orphans' Court/Circuit Court for Montgomery County, State of Maryland, on June 24, 2024.
Service of process may be made upon R. Loraine Wilson, 5415 Connecticut Ave, NW, Apt. 512, Washington, DC 20015 whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.
The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: Lot 0020, Square 2295/5532 30th Pl NW, DC 20015
Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within 6 months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Carol F. Campbell
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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815 Legal Notices

"There is now pending before the District of Columbia Superior Court a civil action, case number 2023-CAB-005942 seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by the Defendant Marvin Lester, Jr., located at 242 54th St., SE, Washington, DC 20019. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the 31st day of October 2024.";

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851 Prince Georges County

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**
KNOWN AS
**15583 PEACH WALKER DRIVE
Bowie, MD 20716**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PATRICK J. FLANAGAN, Trustee(s), dated July 7, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 29156 , folio 408 , 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 26, 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:

ALL THAT PROPERTY SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S, IN THE 7TH ELECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF MARYLAND, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT NUMBERED THREE (3), IN BLOCK NUMBERED FORTY-EIGHT (48) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "POINTER RIDGE AT BELAIR VILLAGE, SECTION 27", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE, IN PLAT BOOK WWW 75, AT PLAT 28; BEING IN THE7TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID COUNTY.

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 $17,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (23-18786)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
ROBERT OLIVERI, PAUL HEINMULLER,
Substitute Trustees

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
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815 Legal Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2024 FEP 000080
October 20, 2017
Date of Death

Charlotte Antonia Brown
Name of Decedent

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
FOREIGN PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Ronald D. Slaven, Jr., whose address is 308 George Washington Hwy N. Suite 1, Chesapeake, VA 23323 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Charlotte Antonia Brown, deseased, by the Circuit Court for Virginia Beach County, State of Virginia, on 4/2/24.
Service of process may be made upon T. Michael Jankowski 1772 Hobart Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-2908 whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.
The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property: 3717 Camden Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20020
Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within 6 months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Ronald D. Slaven, Jr.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

To: Divine Eke

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-24-000413. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on October 30, 2023, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Divine Oyinidiya Eke (DOB: December 12, 1996) and an unknown father (DOB: unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 7, 2024, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

To: The Unknown Father

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-24-000413. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on October 30, 2023 in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland to Divine Oyinidiya Eke (DOB: December 12, 1996) and an unknown father (DOB: unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Order may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 7, 2024, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

820 Official Notices

All medical records retained by R. Patrick Savage, Jr., Ph.D. will be destroyed after September 15, 2024. Clients can obtain their records, a treatment summary or have records transferred by contacting Dr. Savage at doctorpat@olneynorthbethesdapsychology.com or calling 301 587-2818 prior to September 15, 2024.

851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**KAREN A BEALE, et al,
Defendants.**

Case No. C-16-CV-24-002034

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **26 day of July, 2024**, that the sale of the property in this case, **8619 SEASONS WAY LANHAM, MD 20706**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confumed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$231,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Aug 1,8,15 2024 0012467493

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

**ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs, Substitute Trustees**

v.

**ESTATE OF JULIETTE MINER
Defendant(s)**

**Civil Action No.
C-16-CV-24-001371**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **30 day of July, 2024**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **4307 23rd Place, Temple Hills, MD 20748** will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30 day of August, 2024**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **30 day of August, 2024**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$310,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

SIWPC File# 82581

Aug 1,8,15 2024 0012467722

851 Prince Georges County

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**
KNOWN AS
**4311 BROKEN ARROW COURT
Clinton, MD 20735**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to SCOTT B. GOLDSCHEIN, Trustee(s), dated October 18, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 46613 , folio 495 , 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 26, 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:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 26 AS SHOWN ON PLAT THREE, INDIAN RIDGE, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, IN PLAT BOOK REP 197 AT PLAT 35. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 4311 BROKEN ARROW COURT, CLINTON, MARYLAND - 20735.

Property is subject to a prior mortgage.

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 $67,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.125 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (24-10683)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
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851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

**JEFFERY A. JOHNSON
(DECEASED)
1007 Quietview Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
Defendant(s).**

Case No.C-16-CV-24-001322

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26 day of July, 2024**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **1007 Quietview Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **26 day of August, 2024**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$256,000.00**.

Mashin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

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Aug 1,8,15 2024 0012467534

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
MARYLAND FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

**JORDAN M. SPIVOK and
PHILIP J. COLLINS
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff,**

V.

**CYNTHIA Y. STEVENS-
MORRISON
Defendant.**

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000721

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26 day of July, 2024**, by the Circuit Court of Maryland for Prince George's, that the sale of the property mentioned in this proceeding and known as: **1401 Whistling Duck Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774** and reported by Jordan M. Spivok, Trustee, WILL BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**, next, provided, a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three (3) successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said Prince George's County, Maryland before the **26 day of August, 2024**, next. For **1401 Whistling Duck Drive, Upper Marlboro Maryland 20774**, the report states, subject to a first Deed of Trust, the amount of sale to be **$155,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of Circuit Court of
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Aug 1,8,15 2024 0012467564

851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

**PHYLLIS ALEXIS (DECEASED)
10722 Castleton Way
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Defendant(s).**

Case No.C-16-CV-24-001395

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **5th day of August, 2024**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **10722 Castleton Way, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5th day of September, 2024**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5th day of September, 2024**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$300,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

BWW#MD-130227

Aug 8,15,22 2024 0012468158

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

**JOHN W. TAYLOR SR.
(DECEASED)
4908 Stan Haven Road
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s).**

Case No.C-16-CV-23-005611

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26 day of July, 2024**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale ofte property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **4908 Stan Haven Road, Temple Hills, MD 20748**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper print said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **26 day of August, 2024**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$405,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

BWW#MD-356800

Aug 1,8,15 2024 0012467538

855 Charles County

Drescher & Associates, P.A.
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Owings Mills, MD 21117
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED ON
4499 LEONARDTOWN ROAD
WALDORF, MD 20602**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated November 3, 2004, and recorded on November 9, 2004 among the Land Records of Charles County, Maryland in Book 4981 page 464 from Five South, LLC to Gregory C. Cockerham, Trustee for the benefit of Community Bank of Tri-County subsequently assigned to First Commerce, LLC ("Bank"), the Bank having subsequently substituted Ronald J. Drescher as Substitute Trustee for purposes of foreclosure, by instrument duly executed, acknowledged and recorded among the Land Records of the County aforesaid, default having occurred under the terms of said Deed of Trust and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction on the steps of the Circuit Court for Charles County Maryland, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court) on

AUGUST 27, 2024 AT 1:14 PM

The real property described in the Deed of Trust being the same land conveyed unto Five South, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company dated November 3, 2004 and recorded among the Land Records of Charles County in Book 4981, page 459.

The improvements thereon being known as 4499 Leonardtown Road Waldorf, MD 20602

Tax ID #08-049556

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00), payable in cash or certified check, will be required of the Purchaser(s) at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be due upon settlement, which shall occur within twenty (20) days following the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland; however, the Substitute Trustee reserves the right to extend the time for settlement. Time is of the essence. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Interest shall be paid by the Purchaser(s) on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement. In the event the Bank or an affiliate of the Bank is the successful bidder at the sale, the Bank or the affiliate of the Bank will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. In the event the settlement is delayed for any reason and the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder or an affiliate, there shall be no abatement of interest caused by the delay. Taxes (including, without limitation, any taxes due and owing as a result of any tax sale(s), personal property taxes or otherwise), water rent, and all municipal charges and liens owed against the Property shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser(s) and shall be paid by the Purchaser(s) at settlement. In addition, all other charges, expenses and liens owed against the Property including, but not limited to, all public charges and assessments owed against the Property and payable on an annual basis, such as sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if any, shall also be the responsibility of the Purchaser(s) and shall be paid by the Purchaser(s) at settlement. In the event taxes or other municipal charges owing on or with respect to the Property have been prepaid they shall be adjusted at settlement between the Holder and the purchaser(s) to the date of the foreclosure sale. The cost of all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, document preparation and transfer taxes shall also be paid by the Purchaser(s). Settlement shall be held at the office of Drescher & Associates, 10999 Red Run Blvd, Suite 205, Owings Mills, MD 21117, or at such other place as may be agreed upon by the Substitute Trustee.

The Property will be sold subject to all easements, conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any. The Subject Property will also be sold subject to all existing housing, building and zoning code violations, subject to all critical area and wetland violations, subject to all environmental problems or violations which may exist on or about the Property, subject to any other problems or violations which may exist on or about the Property, subject to all applicable rules, obligations, easements, equitable servitudes and regulations, subject to all matters and restrictions of record affecting the same, if any, and subject to all rights having priority over the Deed of Trust, if any. The Property will also be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the nature, condition or description of the land or the improvements. The Purchaser(s) at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the sale takes place.

In the event the Purchaser(s) fail to go to settlement as required, the aforementioned deposit shall be forfeited and the Property shall be re-sold at the Purchaser(s)' risk and expense.

If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey the Property as described above, the Purchaser(s)' sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. Upon refund of the deposit to the Purchaser(s), the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the Purchaser(s) shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee or the Bank.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Bank, and the Substitute Trustee do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information. For more information concerning the property or any inspection of the property please contact the Substitute Trustee.

Ronald J. Drescher
Substitute Trustee

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851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

**Brennan Ferguson, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,**

v.

**MIRIAM W. HARRIS,
Defendant.**

Case No. CAEF21-02728

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **5th day of August, 2024**, that the sale of the property in this case, **5603 Garden Drive, Clinton, Maryland 20735**, reported by Brennan Ferguson, Christine N. Johnson, Robert A. Oliveri, Melissa Alcocer, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **5th day of September, 2024**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **5th day of September, 2024**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$276,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Aug 8,15,22 2024 0012468157

851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JAMAL B. DICKERSON, et al,
Defendants.**

Case No. C-16-CV-24-001624

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **26 day of July, 2024**, that the sale of the property in this case, **1302 RIVER BIRCH PL ACCOKEEK, MD 20607**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **26 day of August, 2024**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$447,000.00**.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
12403 Newcastle Farm Way
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to , Trustee(s), dated December 31, 1969, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 28406 , folio 253 , 01/28/2016 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 26, 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 87, BLOCK A AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "CLUSTER SUBDIVISION - PLAT ONE, MARLBORO RIDING," AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK REP 209 AT PLAT 55 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 12403 NEWSCATLE FARM WAY, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 TAX ID #: 15-3720828

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 $45,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (23-20642)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
7107 DOWER HOUSE RD
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 14, 2008, and recorded in Liber 30372, folio 406, of the land records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $327,845.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees 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 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 15-1740638

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 $31,000.00 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 6.250% 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. (23-156295)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON,
BRYSON STEPHEN, THOMAS GARTNER,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
6921 Randolph Street
Hyattsville, MD 20784

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PRLAP INC, Trustee(s), dated February 1, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 24840 , folio 565, 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 26, 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 TWENTY-ONE (21) IN BLOCK LETTERED "H" IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "SECTION THREE (3), "RADIANT VALLEY" IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND. AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE SAID PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK 14 AT PLAT ELEVEN (11)

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 $18,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6.25 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (23-31549)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
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850 Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3527 Castle Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3527 Castle Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated February 19, 2008, and recorded in Liber 35634 at Page 538 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $281,250.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **August 21, 2024 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-02229777

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% 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.

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.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners 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. 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 the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-292661.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
594 Millshire Drive
Millersville, MD 21108

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to CHRIS MARKHAM, Trustee(s), dated May 22, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 34815, folio 461, 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 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

AUGUST 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED OF TRUST RECORDED ON JUNE 29, 2020 IN LIBER 34815, FOLIO 461.

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 3.375% 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. (81076)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
5526 Foxhall Court
Frederick, MD 21703

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOHN G. BEARD AND JOSILDE R. BEARD, dated December 19, 2016 and recorded in Liber 11588, folio 270 among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-10-CV-24-000207; Tax ID No.23-451115) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701, on

AUGUST 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK 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 $20,000.00 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 FREDERICK COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 24-002074)

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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ALAN J. HYATT, Trustee(s), dated June 17, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 6061 , folio 452, 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 CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

AUGUST 26, 2024 at 2:15 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 14-R, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED, "REPLOTTING OF RUDOLPH COURT AND LOTS 9 THRU 15, SECTION TWO, COVE POINT WOODS", WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND IN LIBER ABE 778, FOLIO 355.

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 $42,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.625 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (23-00849)

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR STAFFORD COUNTY
Case No.: CL24001589-00

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEES, LLC, Trustee
Petitioner,

V.

MERCY ANN RUIZ and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NELSON S. RUIZ
Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is to interplead surplus funds held in escrow following the sale of 19 Webb Court, Stafford, Virginia 22556, at foreclosure; and
IT APPEARING that Nelson S. Ruiz is deceased, and Petitioner has not been able to locate any evidence that an estate has been established or that a list of heirs has been filed; and
IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Respondent, Unknown Heirs of Nelson S. Ruiz, ("Ruiz Parties Unknown"); and
IT APPEARING that the last known address for Nelson S. Ruiz is 19 Webb Court, Stafford, Virginia 22556; and
IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Respondents be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Stafford, Virginia, and it is therefore,
ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in The Washington Post once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Respondent, Ruiz Parties Unknown; and it is further
ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Respondent be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of Stafford, Virginia, namely Commonwealth Trustees, LLC v. Mercy Ann Ruiz, to interplead surplus funds held in escrow following the sale of 19 Webb Court, Stafford, Virginia 22556, at foreclosure; and it is further
ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that Ruiz Parties Unknown must appear on or before the 16th day of September, 2024, before this Court and make known to this Court any objection they may have to the petition and to state their interests in and to the subject real property; to claim said surplus funds, and to claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Petitioner, and it is further
ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Respondent Unknown Heirs of Nelson S. Ruiz at the last known address of Nelson S. Ruiz, 19 Webb Court, Stafford, Virginia 22556; and it is further
ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that The Washington Post shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.
Dated this 18th day of July, 2024.

Kathy Sterne
Clerk of the City of
Stafford Circuit Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

JASON MURPHY, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

EVELYN L. TANNER, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-13-CV-22-000208

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **25th day of July 2024**, that the sale of the property in this case, **6145 CLEAR SMOKE COURT COLUMBIA, MD 21045**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **24th day of August, 2024**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in HOWARD County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **15th day of August 2024**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$386,000.00**.

Wayne A. Robey
Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Jesse Ardon
Sandra J. Ardon
9551 Woodblock Row
Columbia, MD 21045
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-13-CV-22-000242

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **24 day of July, 2024** by the Circuit Court for Howard County, Maryland, that the sale of **9551 Woodblock Row, Columbia, MD 21045**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23 day of August 2024**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **16, day of August, 2024**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$356,000.00**.

Wayne A. Robey
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Howard County, Maryland

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to BARRY FILDERMAN AND SHEILA M. ROBERTSON, Trustee(s), dated January 30, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 24468 , folio 81 , 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 26, 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 NUMBERED EIGHTY FOUR (84) AND EIGHTY FIVE (85) AND EIGHTY SIX (86) IN BLOCK NUMBERED NINE (9), IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "TOLSON HEIGHTS, ADDITION TO MARYLAND PARK" AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK BDS1 AT PLAT 7 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $14,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.02664% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020.
File No. (17-10388)

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881 Orange County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 28550 MOREL WAY, RHOADESVILLE, VA 22542

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 9, 2016, in the original principal amount of $172,320.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Orange County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160004026. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Orange County, 109 W. Main Street, Orange, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 10, 2024, at 2:45 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THERETO APPURTENANT, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE GORDON MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, SECTION ONE, BLACK WALNUT RUN ESTATES, CONTAINING 1.420 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1989, MADE BY HERNDON AND GRYMES, LAND SURVEYORS AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT CABINET C, PAGES 373 THROUGH 376.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-371169-1.

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Locksley will 'take some chances' in search for QB

With Tagovailoa gone, the Terps are left with an open competition

BY GENE WANG

JOHN MCDONNELL FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Maryland Coach Michael Locksley is spending a lot of time with the quarterbacks at preseason camp.

For the past four years, Maryland football coach Michael Locksley barely fretted about the most consequential position on the field. Record-setting quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa provided such stability that Locksley even afforded himself the freedom to teach other position groups, including the offensive line last season, while delegating extensively to his offensive assistants.

The departure of Tagovailoa in the offseason, however, compelled Locksley to reshape the program's coaching infrastructure. He is embedded in the quarterbacks room this year, overseeing that position as the competition for the starting job continues at preseason camp.

"Really important decision, but it also gives me a chance to have a front-seat view on what these guys know," Locksley said. "When 'Lia' was here, we met every night at 10 o'clock, anytime we had football, during the spring or during the fall — 10 o'clock at night until the work was done, and now I'll have a chance to be in that room on an everyday basis and see the development."

Locksley and offensive coordinator Josh Gattis have been engaged in exhaustive evaluation of the options at quarterback since Maryland's bowl game and the start of spring practice. At the time, Billy Edwards Jr., MJ Morris and Cameron Edge had separated themselves in the competition to succeed Tagovailoa, the Big Ten's all-time leading passer.

That trio continues to lead the pack with the season opener against Connecticut about three weeks away, although Locksley indicated several freshmen have made noticeable strides since the spring, specifically naming Champ Long, Khristian Martin and Roman Jensen.

Edwards remains a top contender for the starting job given his familiarity with the offense. The redshirt junior has appeared in 15 games over the past two years with three starts, including a 31-13 victory over Auburn in the Music City Bowl, for which Edwards was selected the most outstanding player.

Morris, a redshirt sophomore transfer, played in nine games with seven starts over two seasons for North Carolina State. The dual threat's touchdown pass to tight end Dylan Wade in the back corner of the end zone produced one of the highlights of Maryland's spring game.

"We're going to give everybody a chance to win the job," Locksley said. "I want the best guy. I'm not just taking the guy that I feel safest with, because you know what? You want to get over eight [wins], you can't just keep doing the same things. You've got to be willing to take some chances, so [I'm] excited about the room and excited about this competition."

Locksley's move to de facto quarterbacks coach has the former Alabama assistant retracing familiar steps.

In 2016 as an assistant with the Crimson Tide under Nick Saban, Locksley had a hand in developing Jalen Hurts when Hurts became the first true freshman to start in Tuscaloosa in 32 years. Hurts directed Alabama to the College Football Playoff championship game, where it lost to Clemson, 35-31.

Hurts finished the season with 2,780 passing yards, 23 touchdowns, nine interceptions and a 62.8 percent completion rate. He also led Alabama with 954 rushing yards, the most in school history by a quarterback, and 13 touchdowns on the way to being named SEC offensive player of the year and freshman of the year.

The following season, Locksley had ascended to co-offensive coordinator when Tua Tagovailoa, Taulia's older brother, entered in relief of Hurts in the College Football Playoff final with the Crimson Tide trailing Georgia 13-0 at halftime. Tua Tagovailoa, then a true freshman, engineered a comeback that yielded a 26-23 triumph in overtime when he completed a game-winning 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith.

"I've seen true freshmen come in and play in this offensive system," Locksley said. "Jalen Hurts was a true freshman right off the yellow school bus. … Anytime you have the opportunity to fail as a player, as a coach, you [can] take a lesson from it."

Locksley and Gattis have a trusted working relationship after they served as co-offensive coordinators at Alabama in 2018. Gattis left to become offensive coordinator at Michigan the following year and was offensive coordinator at Miami in 2022 before coming to College Park.

A decision on the starting quarterback, according to Locksley and Gattis, may not be revealed outside the locker room until the Terrapins step onto the field for their first snap of the season. Locksley said he plans to inform the team of the starter at least a week before the opener.

"Our time that we've spent together, I know what he wants," Gattis said of Locksley. "I know what he expects, and so it's my job … to create an identity for our team offensively as he envisions. So having him in the quarterbacks room I think also helps him with his relationship with that position because the head coach and the quarterback, they've got to be hip-to-hip. That's a very tight-knit relationship in college football."

NFL NOTES

Lions, Giants are fined for joint practice scrums

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL fined the New York Giants and the Detroit Lions $200,000 each for multiple fights that broke out at joint practices between the teams this week.

"All NFL clubs were reminded in a memo sent last month that fighting and unprofessional conduct at joint practices would not be tolerated," the league said in a statement Wednesday.

On Monday, 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. Two of those fights involved Lions all-pro wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown, one with safety Dane Belton and the other with rookie cornerback Dru Phillips.

Giants quarterback Daniel Jones rushed into one tussle with center Greg Van Roten down on the field and a Lions player on top of him. That came one play after Jones hit his hand on the equipment of a Lions defender while making a throw.

Lions defensive back Emmanuel Moseley is out indefinitely after being injured in one of the fights.

The teams will meet Thursday night in their preseason opener.

• **JETS:** New York activated wide receiver Mike Williams from the physically unable to perform list after he passed his physical.

Williams, who signed with the Jets in March, tore the ACL in his left knee in the third game last season while he was with the Los Angeles Chargers. He had a strong start before the injury, racking up 19 receptions for 249 yards and a touchdown.

He opened training camp on the PUP list, meaning he could start participating in practice when he was medically cleared. Coach Robert Saleh said Tuesday that Williams was "progressing" and had a few visits with doctors scheduled.

• **RAVENS:** Baltimore cornerback Arthur Maulet is having his knee scoped, Coach John Harbaugh said.

Harbaugh said Maulet's issue shouldn't be a long-term one and the team will revisit it as the start of the season gets closer. Maulet, 31, is entering his second season with the Ravens.

Maulet played in 14 games last season, starting three. He had one interception.

"A cleanup type of a situation," Harbaugh said. "It'll keep him out for a little while."

• **COLTS:** Indianapolis wide receiver Josh Downs was helped off the field after injuring his ankle at training camp, then left the practice field on a golf cart.

Coach Shane Steichen did not provide details of the injury immediately afterward.

The former North Carolina star was injured when he was tackled from behind by safety Nick Cross. Steichen scolded Cross after the play and later acknowledged the players need to do a better job of avoiding injuries in practice.

"We've got to be smart," Steichen said. "We're competing like crazy, but we've got to stay off the ground, and we can't go down. That's the bottom line."

• **FALCONS:** Wide receiver Rondale Moore was carted off the field with a leg injury during Atlanta's joint practice with the Miami Dolphins.

Athletic trainers placed an air cast on Moore's leg as both teams immediately rushed to be near the injured player. Falcons players knelt as Moore received attention. The practice, which was nearing its conclusion, ended as Moore was transported to a nearby facility for evaluation.

• **BROWNS:** The Browns appear poised to move out of their lakefront home. While they're considering a $1.1 billion plan from the city of Cleveland to renovate their 25-year-old downtown stadium, the franchise made it clear that its preference is to build a $2.4 billion dome in Brook Park.

In a letter to season ticket holders that included renderings, the Browns outlined plans for the a state-of-the-art facility that they believe will allow Cleveland to attract and host other major events, such as the Super Bowl and the Final Four.

The Browns' lease at their current stadium expires after the 2028 season.

LOCAL LIVING

Seeds of change

A lawyer went from enforcing local weed ordinances to helping native plant enthusiasts combat them PAGE 4

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HOW TO

My cast-iron skillet has stubborn rust stains. Is it salvageable?

BY JEANNE HUBER

ISTOCK

Because cast iron pans are made of the same material all the way through, you can clean the surface layers and restore its nonstick coating.

Q: I have a cast-iron skillet that I have been using for a few years. It has brown, rust-colored stains that don't come off, no matter what I do. I've tried kosher salt and a small chain, soap, a power washer. Nothing works. Is there a way to fix this?

A: Yes, you should be able to remove even stubborn rust from your cast-iron skillet.

Most nonstick pans have a coating that gradually wears or chips away. Once that happens, which might be in just a few years, there is no way to restore the coating. You need a new pan.

But a cast-iron skillet is the same material all the way through, other than a surface coating of what's called "seasoning" — multiple layers of baked-on oil, which you apply yourself and can reapply later as needed. So you can remove surface crud, whether it's rust or a bumpy layer of food left from inadequate cleaning after multiple meals, and get down to bare metal. Then you can start over to build up a few layers of oil, which will make the pan close to nonstick. Because a mistreated cast-iron pot can be made good as new, one you get today will last the rest of your life — and be worth passing on to the next generation.

Lodge Cast Iron, a fifth-generation family company that's been making this kind of cookware since 1896, shared some tips for removing the stains:

• Start by scrubbing aggressively to remove the rust. Use warm, soapy water and a metal scouring pad, or augment the pad by using the Lodge rust eraser ($9.99 at Ace Hardware). Made of silicon carbide (an abrasive often used in sandpaper) embedded in rubber, it takes off thick rust fairly quickly.

• You could even use sandpaper, as long as you sand by hand, said a Lodge customer service representative who identified herself as Kelly. She recommended against using anything in a machine — such as a wire brush in a grinder, featured in at least one YouTube video. Power sanding or grinding might get the metal too smooth. "If you get the pan too smooth, the seasoning won't stick to it," she said. "It will ruin the pan."

• Don't use heat. You may find advice online about using a propane torch or tossing a pan in a campfire to burn off rust or carbon deposits. Lodge doesn't recommend using heat, Kelly said, because it could warp or crack the metal if the heat is uneven or too hot.

• Instead try pouring some water into the pan and warming it on low to medium heat, which won't hurt the skillet and could make cleaning baked-on food easier. Use a spatula to scrape off the deposits as they heat and soften. Just don't walk away and let the water evaporate while the burner is on.

• Many websites suggest removing rust by soaking a skillet in white vinegar for 30 minutes to two hours. "We don't have written recommendations about that," Kelly said, "but people certainly do that." She didn't offer any warnings against it.

Whichever of these strategies you use, you might still see remnants of orange rust after you've scrubbed, rinsed and dried the pan. That sometimes happens when a pan is left hanging for years in a damp place where rust works deep into the metal, Kelly said. But that's not really a problem. You can just move on to the seasoning steps. The remnants of rust will become embedded in the first layer of oil, but they will be topped by additional layers of oil that are rust-free. "The molecules melt together and form a sea of baked-on oil over the raw pan," Kelly said.

To season the pan:

• Start by applying a thin layer of oil with a paper towel. The website of America's Test Kitchen recommends flaxseed oil, which it says oxidizes and polymerizes into a durable coating faster than other vegetable oils. But it says cheaper oils, such as sunflower, soybean, corn or canola, also work. Don't use olive oil or bacon fat.

• Bake on the oil in an oven set to 450 to 500 degrees. Lodge recommends placing the pan upside down on the top rack and lining the bottom rack with aluminum foil to catch drips. Bake for an hour, then let the pan cool.

• Repeat a few times to build up the oil layer. Even five or six coats would be good. When you're done, the seasoning should look black, without a trace of rust. Lodge says oven seasoning is the best method when you're restoring a pan that was heavily rusted.

• Or try doing it on the stovetop. America's Test Kitchen recommends the same time and temperature for baking the oil in an oven but also suggests a stovetop method. Heat the skillet over medium-high heat, then, using tongs and keeping the pan on the heat, rub with a paper towel moistened with 2 tablespoons of oil until the oil smokes and you don't see any oil in the pan. Let the pan cool. Repeat multiple times, making sure the oil smokes each time. The smoking stage is when the oil polymerizes, or turns into a film that resembles a plastic coating.

Then maintain the seasoning as you cook meals:

• Preheat the pan on a medium setting as you prepare to cook. Add a little oil and then butter, if you want to use butter, before you add food. Cook as you would with any nonstick pan.

• Let the pan cool before you wash it. But it's fine to wipe out oil and food with a paper towel while the pan is still warm.

• When the pan is cool, rinse it with water and use a plastic pan scraper to remove cooked-on deposits. Many people just use water, without using soap. But using a little hand dishwashing soap, such as Dawn, is also fine, Kelly said. "Back in the day, people didn't use soap because soap contained lye, which will strip the seasoning," she said. "But soap like Dawn is mild and gentle." If it did strip seasoning, people who run businesses devoted to restoring cast iron would just use soap to strip, she noted.

• Dry the skillet after you wash it, then warm it over medium-low heat. You will see the color change slightly as remnants of moisture evaporate.

• When the moisture is completely gone rub about a half teaspoon of oil over the pan with a paper towel. Rub until no oil residue remains. Rubbing on the oil is especially useful after cooking acidic food, which can eat into the seasoning, or using the skillet on especially high heat.

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This lawyer helps people fight local weed ordinances and grow native plants

BY CHRIS MOODY

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Val Weston and J. Brandon check on tall native grasses growing in their yard. Weston and Brandon bought a fixer-upper in Silver City, N.M., in 2021, with the intention of filling their yard with native grasses, flowers and trees.

Val Weston and J. Brandon knew the yard needed help. In 2021, the couple had bought a 1970s-era fixer-upper in Silver City, N.M., on a corner lot carpeted in weeds, including the invasive goathead, notorious for its spiky leaves. "The yard was completely abused," Weston says. "Neglected."

Weston, a certified naturalist, was eager to ditch the lawn altogether in favor of native grasses, flowers and trees.

She and Brandon thought they had done everything right: They sought landscaping advice and joined their local Native Plant Society chapter. Before buying seeds, they let the plants already in the ground grow to see what they had. A meadow began to take shape. Left unmown, the native prairie grasses grew as tall as four feet and attracted birds that nested in the safety of the new landscape.

But the following summer, when the grasses were near their seasonal height, a pair of Silver City code enforcement officers knocked on the couple's door.

The officers said that the yard violated a local nuisance code. It was, they said, full of overgrown "weeds" and would need to be mowed immediately. Weston and Brandon later learned that a neighbor had complained.

These codes, common in cities across the country, allow municipalities to regulate landscaping decisions on private property, in the interest of public safety and aesthetic sensibilities. The intentions are good: An overgrown hedge can block the view of a driver pulling onto a busy road; a nest of noxious weeds or debris can attract pests. But at a time when homeowners are increasingly favoring native plants over turf grass lawns, weed ordinances can conflict with the personal choices of residents.

At the time, their meadow blossomed with orange globe mallow, a drought-resistant perennial, alongside wild poppies and prairie coneflowers, which bloom deep red and thrive in bright sunlight. Native grass, such as cane bluestem, sideoats grama and blue grama, grew tall. Cues for care were evident on the property, with freshly mowed lines along the public sidewalk.

"We said, 'we don't have weeds,'" Brandon says. "We have native plants and grasses. We were insisting, 'what are the weeds?'"

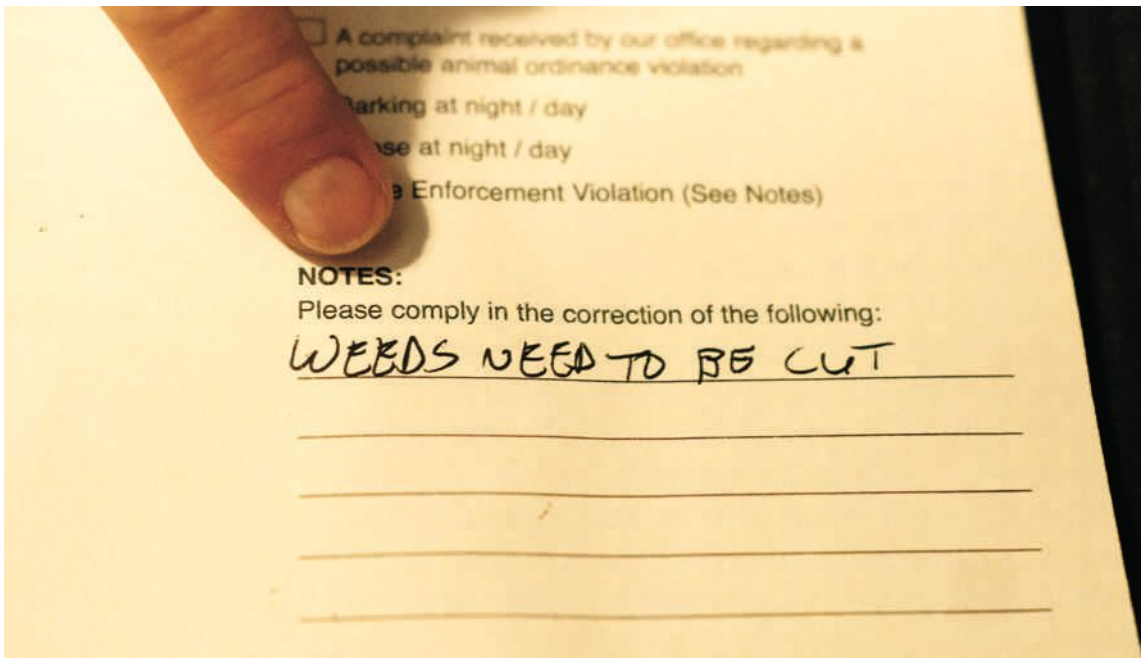
Brandon asked for specifics about the violations and to see the ordinance in question. The officers agreed to bring it to the house a few days later, then left the couple with a warning and handwritten instructions that read, "Weeds need to be cut."

The officers returned with the ordinance language. The city nuisance codes forbade "Noxious weeds or other rank vegetation which produce noxious odors" or anything that "provides harborage for rats, mice or other rodents, snakes or other vermin."

Pointing to the language, the officers said the yard was at risk of harboring vermin, which Brandon and Weston denied.

When the officers returned a third time to find that the plants were still not cut back, they issued a formal citation.

By then, the interaction had



A copy of the citation issued by Silver City code enforcement officers saying that Weston and Brandon's yard violated local ordinances. The citation came after a neighbor complained.

Globe mallow plants thrive at Weston and Brandon's home in New Mexico.

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Prairie cornflowers are just one of several native plants that Val Weston and J. Brandon cultivated.

grown tense. Brandon says that when he tried to explain his side, he was told that he could tell his complaints to the judge in court. (A representative for the Silver City Police Department, which enforces the city code, did not return a request for comment about the interaction.)

Feeling that they had done nothing wrong, but facing a showdown — one rife with potential legal consequences — with their new community, they went searching for professional advice.

They found it in an attorney from the prairie-lands of Iowa who specializes in weed ordinance law: the auspiciously named Rosanne Plante.

From plant prosecutor to plant defender

As an assistant city attorney for Sioux City from 2002 to 2008, Plante had made a career of defending her town's weed ordinances and prosecuting those who ran afoul of them. She oversaw a team she dubbed "the weed police" that drove around searching for infractions.

Since leaving her post with the city, Plante, a lifelong gardener, has used her intimate knowledge of municipal flora law to benefit the very types of offenders she once prosecuted. Attitudes about gardening have shifted over the last few decades, as people have become more tolerant of landscaping without turf grass and more aware of the benefits of native plants. She says the regulations need to improve so local governments take these changes into account, while still considering public safety.

These days she takes a balanced approach to weed ordinances, trying to bridge the divide between local governments and gardeners. The rules, she says, are necessary "to a certain extent," but she wants to see them written more precisely, to allow exceptions for homeowners growing native species that don't look "traditional."

"I'm able to help because I know what the other side is doing," Plante says. "And that's a real powerful tool."

Plante says she would approach her old job differently if she were doing it today. Instead of writing citations, she would focus on teaching people about native plants to guide them about what falls within regulations.

"People should have the freedom to have native plants and things that don't look like Barbieland," she says. "But we do need to have some parameters so people don't have a yard full of eight-foot plants."

For Plante, who was named a certified Iowa master gardener in 2004 and a master conservationist in 2019, this work felt like a natural pairing of her personal interests and her professional background. She also incorporates agriculture into her other personal passion: beauty pageants. In addition to her work with gardeners, Plante is known nationally as "the pageant lawyer" because she represents pageants around the country. She's also a contestant: In the Mrs. Iowa International pageant, she showcased gardening as part of her campaign. Plante reigns as the 2023-2024 Mrs. Agriculture America Elite.

Gardening, a hobby she learned from her grandmother, has always been a part of Plante's life. She and her husband, Chad, started a garden on an acre of land they own, where she retreats for stress relief while working on challenging cases. In 2016, Chad was severely injured when a public bus struck his car, an accident that left him in a coma for nearly two weeks with a traumatic brain injury. As part of his recovery, Plante guided him through a regimen of garden therapy, techniques she now teaches others.

'The Wild Lawyers'

These days, Plante chairs a group of attorneys known as "the Wild Lawyers," who provide guidance and advice for native plant gardeners charged with violating city codes or homeowners association rules. The lawyers are part of an organization called Wild Ones, with native plant activists working in chapters around the country. As part of her role, she leads seminars on combating and avoiding weed ordinance citations.

She also encourages governments to shape ordinance language in a way that protects public safety while still allowing native gardening and nontraditional landscaping. Plante has written a sample weed ordinance that she says can help jurisdictions manage that balance.

A well-written ordinance, she says, must strictly define what it means by a "weed." Many don't, allowing city enforcement agencies broad leeway to interpret the rule however they see fit.

"Usually the biggest problems are that they're vague and their definitional sections are very bad," Plante says. "The very first chapter of any good ordinance should be definitions."

As native plant landscaping grows in popularity, cities are starting to rethink their ordinances. The National Wildlife Federation has called on municipalities to update their weed ordinances to take native plants into account, and over the past few years, many cities have done so. Moves like that could reduce tension between gardeners and local governments, says Jim Poznak, a retired attorney who helped organize the Wild Lawyers in 2021.

"I would hope that as awareness grows, incidents would decline because people would not only know what the landscape is,

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LEFT: Attorney Rosanne Plante shows off her corn crop outside of Hinton, Iowa, in 2022. She helps residents work with their municipalities to keep their native plants. RIGHT: Plante incorporates agriculture into her other personal passion — beauty pageants.

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but appreciate it," Poznak says. "Even if you don't like how it looks, at least appreciate that it has ecological significance."

How to respond to a citation

When gardeners like Weston and Brandon call asking for help, Plante urges them to react calmly. A citation isn't a conviction, and those cited will have a chance to defend themselves. Even though a visit from an officer can feel intimidating, it doesn't mean you have to immediately pull out the lawn mower and tear everything down. Start by asking them to specify exactly what you've done wrong, she says, and to show you the exact wording of the ordinance in question.

She also recommends responding by showing officials that your landscaping approach is intentional. Knowing the benefits of cultivating plants native to the area can help you be more persuasive.

"Most communities are open to having you talk to them," Plante says.

Because most citations are complaint driven — as was the case for Weston and Brandon — gardeners can take steps to avoid a visit from the city in the first place. This starts with implementing what are known as "cues for care," or visible signs that your yard design is intentional. That includes mowing around the edges of the property and creating neat walking paths through taller grasses. Or putting up signs educating the public on the benefits of the native plants in the garden. You can even designate the land as a certified wildlife habitat with the National Wildlife Federation.

Benjamin Vogt, founder of the Nebraska-based landscape design firm Monarch Gardens, says that although awareness of the benefits of native plants is increasing, it's still important to make aesthetics a part of the calculus.

"Anything but a lawn will feel like a breach of the social contract in so many urban and suburban neighborhoods," says Vogt, author of "Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design." "Even though a natural landscape is cleaning and cooling the air, reducing urban flooding, rebuilding soils and providing for the insects and bugs that literally make our world work."

Vogt also recommends being able to identify each plant in your garden.

"The number one defense you can have if you are reported is to know your plants," Vogt says. "And by that I mean be able to recite the Latin names in a conversation or, at the very least, have a list you can quickly print up or email. Knowledge is power and makes advocacy for natural gardens more possible and successful. Show others you know what you are doing, have researched the plants and didn't just stop mowing then hope for the best."

In her seminars, Plante recommends pushing back if you're issued a citation. She advises people to take time preparing their argument by backing it with facts about what's in the garden and the role those plants play in the local ecosystem.

"I urge everybody to plead not guilty immediately. Never admit to any of these folks that you agree with them and you have broken the law," she says. "You don't have to prove that it's not a weed. They have to prove that it is a weed."

Standing their ground

For Brandon and Weston, Plante read Silver City's regulations and urged them to continue with their case. (While the Wild Lawyers are open to offering broad guidance through their educational programs, they do not represent clients in any formal way.)

"She was extremely helpful to us. She encouraged us to stand our ground," Brandon says. "A lot of people would just roll over and say, 'okay, I'll mow my yard down because a guy with a badge showed up and told us to.'"

In 2023, Weston and Brandon prepared to take their case to court. They carefully documented each plant in their yard. They delivered their evidence to the town and subpoenaed expert witnesses to speak on their behalf.

Two days before the trial date, the judge dismissed the case. Their meadow could remain.

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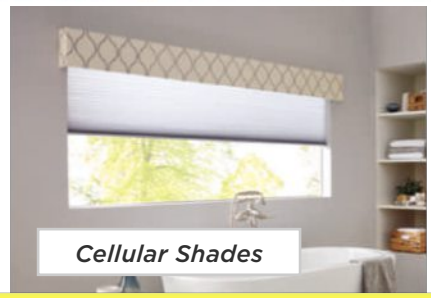

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You found mold in your apartment. Here's what you should know.

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When 26-year-old Jordan Simone returned to her apartment in Greensboro, N.C., after a vacation, she found an unpleasant surprise: The ceiling above her shower had changed colors.

"It turned a gnarly black," she recalls. "Something was amiss."

Simone, a content creator and university lecturer, contacted the property manager immediately, but getting the company to listen was a struggle. It wasn't until she went into the office to complain that she says the company finally sent a contractor to fix the issue. In the meantime, she suffered from headaches and sinus irritation, she says.

While mold is never a welcome discovery, tackling an outbreak as a renter can be both easier and harder than when you own your home. On the one hand, renters aren't solely responsible for maintaining their properties. If they're lucky, their landlord will help solve the issue in short order. But renters also don't have as much control over their homes. It's also not always clear who — or what — causes mold, which can lead to disputes and even lawsuits between landlords and tenants.

Making matters more confusing, there's a huge range of molds, and only a few are dangerous to people's health. If mold doesn't come up as toxic in a test, renters don't necessarily have the right to break their lease without penalty.

It's not surprising that many renters find themselves seeking outside help. "Mold is one of our most common calls that we get on our statewide hotline," says Terri Anderson, interim executive director and statewide policy director of the Tenants Union of Washington State.

What causes mold?

Mold can grow anywhere there's moisture, so identifying the source and patching it up is the only way to prevent the problem from recurring. "If it comes back, it means there's excess moisture," Anderson says. "And excess moisture can happen in two ways: not enough ventilation to release moisture, or there's excess moisture entering the room from a source that is not visible. I've seen it where the mold pattern lines directly up with the pipeline of a pipe behind a wall."

Who's responsible for fixing a mold problem in a rental?

A mold issue can be caused by either the tenant or the landlord, and who is at fault matters when it comes to liability. For instance, a landlord might neglect to fix a leak, not install fans in bathrooms, or paint window frames shut so that tenants can't allow for airflow — all of which can contribute to mold growth.

If the tenant didn't cause the mold, it is generally the landlord's responsibility to remove it and pay for repairs (though specific tenant laws vary by state).

"Sometimes the fix is quick, and the landlord can do it without having to break down any walls," says Jacqueline Salcines, an attorney in Coral Gables, Fla., who specializes in landlord-tenant law. In such cases, the landlord might just have the area cleaned. "Other times, it is more extensive and may require either putting the tenant up in a hotel or terminating the lease if permitted."

If a landlord fails to help, tenants may be able to deduct the cost of an inspection or repairs from their rent, or break their lease without penalty, though that will depend on local laws and the nuances of the particular case.

However, "If your bad housekeeping results in mold, you bear the consequences of the resulting damage," says Janet Portman, an attorney and executive editor at NOLO, a publication that provides resources about everyday legal questions. For example, tenants might neglect to clean or crack the window in a humid bathroom, causing mold. Or, they might fail to report a minor issue, allowing it to become a full-blown disaster. "If your lease requires you to alert the landlord to repair problems, and you know about it but do not report a leak or mold, you'll have a hard time pinning the problem 100 percent on the landlord," Portman says.

Tenants may be able to clean up a minor mold problem on their own, following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But if the damage tenants caused is extensive, requiring structural repairs such as ripping out drywall, they'll need to involve the landlord. And, Portman says, "chances are, you'll pay for it."

Is mold dangerous?

While no type of mold is ideal, not all forms pose health risks.

"Most [types] are just damaging and unsightly and smelly," Portman says. "There are a couple that are toxic, but it's impossible to know what you're dealing with most of the time, unless you test."

Black mold (*Stachybotrys chartarum*) is one variety with known risks. But nontoxic molds can still cause symptoms in sensitive individuals. For some people, inhaling or touching mold can cause irritation in the eyes, skin, nose, throat and lungs. For those who are allergic, it can produce hay-fever-like symptoms such as sneezing and red eyes. It can also cause asthma attacks among people with asthma. People who are immunocompromised or have chronic lung conditions are especially vulnerable.

Unfortunately, it's not easy to prove whether mold is causing health problems. An allergy test can determine whether you're allergic to it, but you can't confirm whether it's the actual source of your headaches (rather than, say, outside allergens).

"The tenant can produce 100 pages of a doctor's diagnosis saying they have all these ailments, but nothing on there is going to say it's a direct result of the mold," Salcines says.

What to do if you find mold in your apartment or rental home

As soon as you notice mold — or something that could cause mold to form — contact your landlord or property manager and, if possible, include a photo of the affected area. It's important to establish a paper trail, especially if you end up needing to break the lease.

In your message, note when you first noticed the issue and whether you've experienced health problems. Even if you can't prove the connection, it's still worth letting the landlord know how you believe it's affecting you. Some states require your landlord to respond within a certain period of time, so check your local laws.

How to test for mold in an apartment

The cheapest option is to buy a mold testing kit online or at a hardware store, though "they're not as reliable as a professional's test," Portman says. DIY kits allow you to take a sample from the air or surface, sometimes requiring that you mail it back to the company for lab testing for an extra fee. Others claim to produce results, showing the type of mold you have, within minutes.

For more dependable results, you may want to ask your landlord to hire a mold inspector or

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mold remediation company, Portman says. Or, schedule a visit from one of these professionals yourself if you're worried enough to pay out of pocket. "If it's bad, you want to know that," Portman says. "If it's just unsightly, that's a much less serious situation." The main difference between a mold inspector and mold remediator is that the former will assess the problem, often sending samples to a lab for analysis, and provide a detailed report, while the latter will actually remove the mold with special equipment.

Either way, there are many limitations to mold testing. Results are only a snapshot of the situation and can easily be misleading. "The basic goals of any mold investigation are always twofold," writes the Minnesota Department of Health: to find the locations of mold growth and to determine the sources of the moisture. "If these can be answered by simpler or more cost-effective methods … mold testing is probably not a wise use of resources."

Should you ever clean mold yourself?

Whether it's wise to clean up mold yourself depends on the size and severity of the outbreak. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, you can tackle mold cleanup as a layperson if the area is less than about 10 square feet. The agency provides some tips for cleaning, noting that you should wear protective equipment such as gloves and possibly an N95 face mask.

Whether you attempt to clean up the problem yourself or not, you should still notify your landlord, who can target the source of moisture. When it comes to larger repairs, there may be local laws that give tenants the right to make fixes themselves and deduct the expense from their rent, but "this can get tricky and there is not a simple answer," Anderson says. "I would tell them to be careful and seek legal advice."

How long does a landlord have to fix mold?

Though there is no federal law dictating how landlords must address mold, most states have an implied warranty of habitability, which requires landlords to maintain a "habitable," safe property for tenants. Typically, that means the property must comply with the local housing code.

The amount of time that a landlord has to respond to your complaint depends on where you live. For instance, in D.C., after receiving written notice of a mold concern, a landlord or property owner must inspect the residence within seven days. But in some regions, rules aren't so clear. Under Washington state law, for example, a landlord needs to respond to requests in a "reasonable amount of time," leaving room for ambiguity. "What we tell tenants is if you make one request and they don't reply, then make a second request, and if they don't reply, generally speaking, they've exhausted the reasonable period of time," Anderson says.

When can you break your lease without penalty due to mold?

If you decide to move out, you need to notify your landlord in writing. Look up your local laws to determine how far in advance you need to do this. Anderson advises sending or handing your landlord a physical letter that itemizes all the issues and damage that led you to break the lease.

"If you write a letter like that, oftentimes the landlord will say, 'Okay, you can leave,'" she says. "But not always."

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Skip the pricey moisturizer. The cheaper stuff is often just as good.

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Face moisturizer protects your skin and fortifies its natural moisture barrier, making it a critical part of your daily skin care regimen. Niche luxury beauty products, which can cost as much as $100 or more, make big, tempting promises about anti-aging, brightening or ultra-plumping properties, but are they any better than what you can find in a drug or big-box store — for far less? Skin care experts say that, in most cases, probably not.

On first glance, the ingredients of three top-selling Sephora moisturizers — Fresh Lotus Youth Preserve Moisturizer (1.6 oz., $56), Drunk Elephant Protini Polypeptide Cream (1.69 oz., $69) and Kiehl's Ultra Facial Cream (1.7 oz., $39) are remarkably similar to drugstore staple Vanicream Daily Facial Moisturizer (3 oz., $13) — with glycerin, hyaluronic acid, water, cetearyl alcohol and ceramides.

"The base ingredients in drugstore and luxury brand facial moisturizers are the same. The differences are additives and packaging," says Michele Green, a cosmetic dermatologist in New York who spent five years as an industry consultant. Even so, she adds, "luxury brands do tend to be formulated with more potent, unique skin care ingredients." But while the quality and amounts of the active ingredients may differ, it's not enough to make a difference for most people. The exceptions, she says, are people who have a skin condition such as rosacea or eczema.

"Fundamentally, this is all about hydrating your face and locking in moisture," says Michelle Henry, a dermatologist in New York. "All those peptides, oxidants, essential oils or exotic ingredients, which are harder to source and more expensive, are fine if you want to spend more, but unnecessary for great results in general."

Even if you can decipher the label, there's no way to determine concentration or proportion for most of the ingredients, Henry says. "Ingredients that constitute 1 percent or more, typically only water and sometimes glycerin, are listed in order of concentration. Everything else can be listed randomly."

Mary Alice Mina, a dermatologist in Atlanta and the host of "The Skin Real" podcast, favors drugstore brands for personal use. "The fancier products have many botanicals and fragrances, which can be irritating to the skin," she says. Major companies that make brands sold at supermarkets and drugstores have massive budgets for research and development, Mina adds. That's how L'Oreal or Procter & Gamble, for example, are able to make great products at an affordable price, Henry says.

When shopping, it helps to understand a few basics. First, know the terminology. There are three broad types of moisturizers. Creams, which are thicker than lotion and contain more oils, are best for dry skin. Lotions contain more water and are good for normal to oily skin. Gels have an even lighter consistency than lotions and work well on oily skin.

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It also helps to understand what's in a product. Facial moisturizers typically contain humectants, emollients and/or occlusives. "Humectants pull moisture from the environment to hydrate the skin. Emollients soften and smooth the skin. Occlusives create a barrier on the skin to trap moisture and prevent water loss," Green says.

Read the ingredient list on the label to learn more. You'll typically find:

- Hyaluronic acid. This humectant that holds up to 1,000 times its weight in water helps retain moisture and hydrate skin.
- Ceramides. These are lipids naturally found in the skin. Synthetic emollient ceramides help moisturize and maintain the skin's barrier.
- Glycerin. Another humectant, glycerin absorbs water from the surrounding environment.
- Petrolatum. Better known as petroleum jelly, this occlusive locks in moisture.
- Niacinamide. This anti-inflammatory helps soothe skin and calm redness.
- Cetearyl alcohol. This emollient is a hydrating alcohol that softens and smooths skin, as well as prevents creams and lotions from separating into oil and liquid.

It's also important to match your moisturizer to your skin type. For instance, choose one that has intense hydrating ingredients such as hyaluronic acid if you have dry skin, or one that is non-comedogenic or oil-free if you have oily skin.

"Avoid moisturizers with parabens, fragrances, dyes, alcohol, or phthalates, as these ingredients are known skin irritants," Green says. And ignore words or phrases such as "medical-grade," "natural" or "clean." Those are unregulated marketing terms and have nothing to do with a product's efficacy. And to avoid wasting money on the wrong product, Henry suggests asking your dermatologist for recommendations and samples.

To help you sort through the options, we asked experts for some of their favorites. These moisturizers all cost about $25 or less.

- Aveeno Calm + Restore Oat Gel Moisturizer. Excellent for individuals with sensitive and dry skin or skin conditions such as rosacea or eczema, this lightweight formula contains a prebiotic oat complex to soothe and nourish the skin, and glycerin for maximum hydration.
- CeraVe Ultra-Light Moisturizing Gel. This oil-free gel is lightweight on the skin, but it's a heavyweight in replenishing moisture. Plus, it's non-comedogenic, so it won't clog pores.
- Cetaphil Daily Facial Moisturizer SPF 35. This moisturizer's oil-free formula is good for all skin types. It also includes a broad-spectrum SPF 35 sunscreen.
- La Roche-Posay Cicaplast Balm B5. This skin protectant is often recommended for chapped, cracked and extra-dry skin. An abundance of dimethicone creates a light silky feel when applied.
- La Roche-Posay Toleriane Double Repair Matte Moisturizer. With perlite and silica, two powders that absorb oil, this gel is ideal for oily or acne-prone skin. And it includes glycerin, ceramide-3 and niacinamide to attract and trap water for maximum hydration.
- Neutrogena Hydro Boost Water Gel Face Moisturizer. People with normal to dry skin will find this lightweight water-like gel cream with hyaluronic acid is non-greasy and absorbs well. It also comes in a cream for extra-dry skin.
- Vanicream Daily Facial Moisturizer. This go-to rich, but lightweight, lotion provides extra hydration for sensitive skin.

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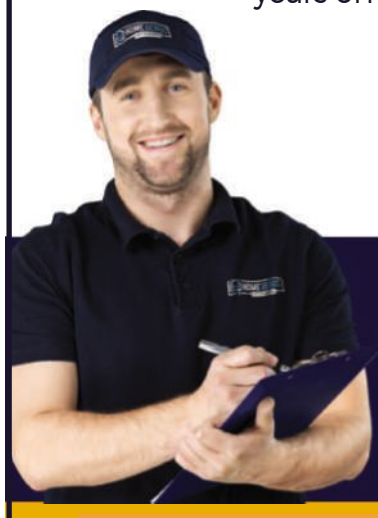

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LEFT: The living room has a wall of windows overlooking one of Reston's many man-made lakes.
BELOW: French doors with stained glass open to the primary suite.

$3,200,000

2202 Spinnaker Ct., Reston, Va.

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 4/6

Approximate square footage: 7,000

Lot size: 0.4 acres

Features: The contemporary house — which began as a bungalow built in 1981 — has walls of windows, heated marble floors, stained glass, oak trim, several built-ins and a geometric motif. It comes with a three-car garage, landscaped gardens and three decks.

Listing agent: Kathy and Sam Scoggin, Coldwell Banker Realty

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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

A lake house in Reston embraces contemporary

BY SOPHIA SOLANO

Many houses along Reston's abundant man-made lakes are designed to maximize water views. Fewer use a lake as the backdrop for attention-grabbing contemporary architecture. And fewer still trade kitschy "lake life" decor for a primary bedroom with custom black cabinets, a reflective metal ceiling and bright red accents.

The nearly 5,200-square-foot house (above-grade) at 2202 Spinnaker Ct. on Lake Audubon was built in 1981 in a bungalow style typical of Virginian lake houses. But an extensive renovation four years later transformed it into a contemporary dwelling with sharp angles, clean lines and, of course, large windows. The style and location attracted owners Jim and Bertha Hoskins to the property in 2002.

"Someone once told me that when you walk in the front door, it's like walking onto a cruise ship," Bertha said, "because all you see straight in front of you is water."

The couple completed additional renovations before moving in the following year with their then-teenage son. They removed walls to add a kitchen and a sitting area, and they upgraded a bathroom. They hired a decorator to redesign the first-floor bathroom, main kitchen, dining room and living room.

The dining room, like much of the house, has waterfront views. Extensive renovations have been done on the property.

In two decades at the house, Jim said, the couple "slept in every bedroom" because of constant renovations. Every room was altered in some way, and, on the main level, a color scheme emerged.

"I tried to bring in my colors, my style, my favorite things to exhibit, like the great room in red and black," Bertha said. "How many people put their house in red and black? But it's just something that our family enjoys."

The main level has a door with geometric stained glass that opens to a foyer with gray Venetian plaster walls and oak trim. The foyer leads to a kitchen with patterned granite floors, a curved center island, oak cabinets and a sloping beamed ceiling. The living room, past the kitchen, has a fireplace with a stone mantel, and there is a wall of windows overlooking the lake. The dining room has two walls with French doors and water views, plus recessed lighting, a red built-in cabinet and a red contemporary chandelier.

A bedroom suite on the main level includes a walk-in closet and a full bathroom. A laundry room and a workshop are also on the main level.

On the second level, the primary bedroom suite has a built-in bed on a raised platform, built-in cabinets, arched windows with lake views, a seating area and stained-glass doors. The primary bathroom has a two-sink vanity, a toilet room that has its own sink and a steam shower that has red and white tile. A planked and angled ceiling reflects light from large windows over a tub. The suite also has a walk-in closet two steps down from the bathroom, heated marble floors and a private deck.

Also on the second floor are an office and an in-law suite with a kitchenette, a bedroom and en suite bathroom. The third floor, with a vaulted ceiling, overlooks the second floor in several spots. It has a media room, office and balcony.

The lower level has another kitchen, a recreation room, a family room and a bedroom with an en suite bathroom. It opens to a large covered deck with a hot tub.

The Hoskins's renovations included plenty of landscaping, and the property now has six blossoming cherry trees, flower patches, walkways and benches. A small dock was home to their Electra-Craft electric boat.

The property has a three-car garage with epoxy floors and built-in cabinets, a heated driveway, a separate parking pad and built-in irrigation, lighting and sound systems. The Reston homeowners association fee is $817 a year and includes access to sports courts, a community center and indoor and outdoor pools.

WHERE WE LIVE: ROCKVILLE'S WEST END IN MARYLAND

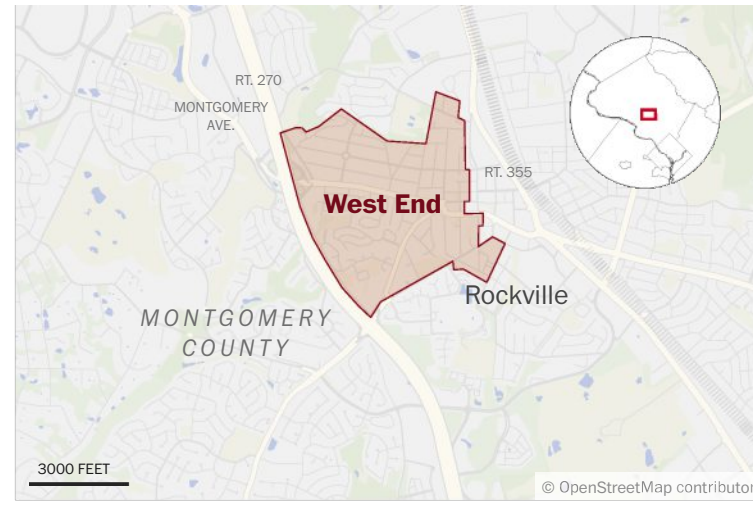
Historic area is also walkable, friendly

A variety of house styles add to eclectic charm of neighborhood

BY BARBARA RUBEN

PHOTOS BY ALLISON ROBBERT/THE WASHINGTON POST

FROM TOP: Colonials are just one of many house styles you'll see in Rockville's West End. Rockville Swim & Fitness Center is one of the gathering spots for residents. Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is close enough to walk to.



The Rev. Jane Wood grew up in Rockville's West End in the 1940s and '50s in a house her father built on a street that dates to the 1830s, when the land surrounding it was farmed by a free Black man. While her childhood home has since been razed, she constructed a similar one-story house with a wide front porch on the property 16 years ago.

That melding of history and present day imbues much of this 700-acre community of 1,600 households just west of Rockville Town Center. Expansive Victorians, early 20th century craftsman bungalows, post-WWII Cape Cods, 1960s split levels and newer apartments and townhouses give West End an eclectic charm.

"I love it here. I feel safe and have a sense of real community. I have an affinity for Martins Lane," Wood said of the street she's called home on and off her entire life. It is one of three West End neighborhoods that are home to Rockville's original free Black communities.

As a child, she walked to the then-segregated Rock Terrace Elementary School just a couple blocks up Martins Lane. Today, the school serves special education students. On nice days, Wood walked to Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in downtown Rockville, her childhood church, and where she served as a pastor until she retired in 2019.

Newcomers to the community have also found appeal in its history. Joe Richardson and Kay Hoch lived in a newer townhouse in downtown Rockville, but on one of their many walks during the height of covid, they came across a West End house covered in "every noxious vine in Maryland," Richardson laughed. Trees grew so close to the house that they bent the gutters. The interior wasn't much better, with scuffed wood floors, gouged plaster walls and wallpaper on the ceilings.

But they saw past all that in the 1913 Craftsman bungalow with a wraparound front porch, spending nearly two years restoring the two-bedroom house and getting a historic designation for it.

"I like the openness of the neighborhood. Everyone has front yards. That really appealed to me after a townhouse," said Hoch, who enjoys being able to walk to Giant, restaurants and movies.

Neighbors on the block had begun meeting outside every day during the pandemic, and Richardson noted that tradition has carried on four years later, with neighbors now meeting once a week to chat.

If he could change anything, it might be to get cut-through traffic on his street to slow down. Fire trucks from the station a few blocks away also regularly careen down the street with sirens blaring. But he notes that Interstate 270 is just 10 blocks away, which is convenient, even if it brings more traffic.

West End Civic Association President Margaret Magner lives nearby on a block that has houses from three centuries, including one still under construction.

"There's a beautiful diversity of homes in this neighborhood," she said, adding that while she was raised in another part of Rockville, she had admired the West End community for its historic homes. After living around the world, Magner decided to settle there in 2017. So she bought a 1912 Craftsman bungalow, partly because it is just one story, helpful for her 98-year-old father who lives with her.

Many homes are older than Magner's. There was a building boom after the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O railroad came to Rockville in 1873, which spurred the creation of summer homes and boardinghouses. In 1889, the Woodlawn Hotel opened, 20 years later becoming the Chestnut Lodge, a sanatorium for those with psychiatric problems. It was featured in the 1964 film "Lilith" starring Warren Beatty, which filmed in West End, and the book and movie "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden." By 2009, Chestnut Lodge was unoccupied and destroyed by a fire. While a historic house remains on the property, which fronts Route 28 near I-270, the grounds behind the former hospital are now home to a new development of single-family houses.

The variety of homes draws buyers to Rockville's West End, said Long & Foster real estate agent Steve Kelley. In the last year, 16 homes have sold, ranging from a small rambler with three bedrooms and one bathroom for $472,000 to a historic Colonial with four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms for $1.275 million.

There are no homes on the market, but five homes are under contract, ranging from a split-level with four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms for $650,000 to a Colonial with five bedrooms and three bathrooms for $1.075 million.

In addition to the range of housing, many residents enjoy West End's convenience, Magner said. In multiple surveys by the city of Rockville dating to 1986, "most people respond that the reason they came and stayed is because of the walkability and closeness to Rockville Town Center. That kind of unites us all even though we all live in different corners," she said.

Still, there is some disagreement in West End, as in many places in the DMV, over infill housing and replacing small houses with large ones.

"Some people who have been in the neighborhood for years and years, especially, are lamenting because in many cases these small 1950s houses with beautiful, deep yards are now falling to the wrecking ball so really large houses can be built. That means it will just get harder and harder for people to buy here when they're starting out," Magner said. "But on the other hand, it's a beautiful neighborhood and they are large lots, so you can see why people who have a bigger family want a bigger home."

The citizens association holds monthly meetings and hosts spring and fall festivals for residents. Heidi Liu, who moved to a 1950s Cape Cod house in West End a year ago, helps organize the association's events and member outreach.

"We knew that we loved this neighborhood because it's quiet, it's a mix of different kinds of houses, it's diverse, and it's close to the town square and the Metro," Liu said of discovering West End and finding a home after competing in several bidding wars.

Wood feels the same way about West End, where her family has lived for nearly 100 years.

"I am so happy and joy-filled that my dad maintained this property and kept it in the family," she said. "I can't imagine living anywhere else."

Boundaries: Rockville Swim and Fitness Center to the north, I-270 to the west, Maryland Avenue to the south and N. Washington Street to the east.

Schools: Beall Elementary and Bayard Rustin Elementary, Julius West Middle and Richard Montgomery High.

Transportation: Rockville Metro Station is about a mile away. Ride On bus routes 46, 54 and 63 serve West End. The West Montgomery Avenue entrance to I-270 is about a mile from the community.

ON PARENTING

My ex has a ‘difficult personality.’ How do I help our son cope?

BY MEGHAN LEAHY

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Hi Meghan, I am a divorced mom of two kids, 11 and 13. I share custody with their dad, who I know to be a difficult personality. I have felt like my kids are too young to get into the specifics, but it seems that they are starting to pick up on some facets.

My daughter, the youngest, seems to have picked up that being agreeable with her dad keeps her out of trouble or minimizes punishment. My son, however, is more likely to speak up in the face of inconsistencies and he gets punished heavily. For example, my son is in a month-long punishment (which also means he can’t read his favorite books) because he had one bite left of a meal that he was unable to finish before a timer went off. Although I wasn’t there to see this, I believe it — I’ve seen him do things like that before. Both of my kids recognize their dad has a favorite, and my son is regularly telling me it obviously isn’t him and his punishments aren’t fair.

I am aware that I can’t and shouldn’t confront their dad about how he is running his house. But I wonder what I can do, especially for my son, when he’s with me. How can I support him, and what advice should I give him? I hate to tell him not to tell the truth as he sees it, but maybe encouraging him to back down with his dad would help smooth his path with him for the next few years. I just want to build him up so he doesn’t grow up believing he’s not a good kid.

— Worried Mom

Worried Mom: Thank you for writing; I am glad you are curious about how honest you should be with your son and we will get into that, but I am stuck on the fact that your son is being punished for not finishing a bite of food.

Do not think for a minute that this isn’t abusive and manipulative behavior on the part of your ex. For more signs of emotional abuse, check out this list at *americanspcc.org/emotional-child-abuse*, but you can see the first sign is, “Parents or caretakers place demands on the child that are based on unreasonable or impossible expectations or without consideration of the child’s developmental capacity.” Your child is too old to have a timer placed on his meals, and it is manipulative to take away basic things like books. That your son spots inconsistencies is developmentally appropriate, and I like to see his fighting spirit. I am so sorry his father is trying to crush that spirit.

My first recommendation is that you document every single thing your ex is doing. I don’t know how custody and lawyers are involved in this, but the proper parties need to know about your ex’s behavior. It depends on your state, but your son may be old enough to have a say in his custody agreement. Don’t talk about it with your son until you have the facts in front of you, but please contact your lawyer as soon as possible.

The deepest pain of this entire scenario is that you have no control over your ex, his inconsistencies or his harmful punishments and, therefore, no control over your children’s pain. And there’s nothing worse than seeing your children in emotional or physical pain. When there’s so little to control, the one power you do have is to help your children process their anger, disappointment and pain.

You want to know if you should encourage your son to back down, and there is no easy answer to this. It is a lose-lose for your son: If he gives in to his father’s unreasonable demands and thinking, he loses confidence. If he keeps fighting his father, he will always be the victim of unreasonable punishments and manipulation. Be honest with your son about this, and begin to problem-solve with him around the best way to navigate his father. Help your son get specific around the pain points (meal times, for instance), create a plan and practice the scenarios with your son.

Because your son will have to be the more mature one in his relationship with his father, you will need to double-down on growing the best in him as a young teen. Without directly bad-mouthing your ex, explicitly let your son know which of his characteristics you prize: his directness, his discernment, his courage, etc. Give ample examples, and don’t be afraid to directly contradict your ex when you are speaking to your son (unless it could make things worse for him). Give your son more developmentally appropriate opportunities to practice independence; he will feel the positive aspect of choice and responsibility. I also hope your son is involved in activities where he is valued, has a positive male influence and can shine. Group sports are often a great choice, but I also love martial arts (and a great martial arts teacher) to emotionally and physically guide young teens.

Even as you do your best parenting work, when a teen is treated with such manipulative behavior, they are more likely to exhibit anger, anxiety and depression. Look for signs of struggle, such as doing poorly in school, issues with friends, withdrawal, sleep issues (too much or too little), lack of focus, eating issues (too much or too little) and withdrawal from activities he normally enjoys. A good therapist who specializes in teens, divorce and emotional abuse could help your son move through his feelings and develop healthy coping strategies before unhealthy ones — such as alcohol, drugs and other self-harming behaviors — can take hold.

Finally, I am also dismayed that your daughter has started to shrink to stay out of her father’s crosshairs. I don’t blame her; she is doing her very best in a terrible situation, but we don’t need more young women who shrink themselves for domineering men. The martial arts idea would help her, too, as well as a good therapist. Whatever you do, keep letting your children know that their father may love them, but love isn’t meant to hurt, scare or humiliate them. Good luck.

Send parenting questions to Leahy at *onparenting@washpost.com*.

Teens don't agree that they get the emotional support they need

BY CAITLIN GIBSON

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A CDC study revealed a striking discrepancy between how parents and teens understand the emotional and social support teens need. About 77 percent of parents said their teenager always received adequate emotional support, while just 28 percent of teens said the same.

As families navigate an ongoing national mental health crisis among American children, a new report reveals that while most parents think their teens are receiving the social and emotional support they need, the teens themselves often don't agree.

The report, released this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, analyzed data gathered by the National Health Interview Survey, which queried nearly 1,200 American adolescents ages 12-17 and about 4,400 parents between July 2021 and December 2022. The survey marked a rare opportunity for a nationally representative sample of teens to share their thoughts about their mental and emotional health, said Ben Zablotsky, lead author of the report.

"The majority of surveys that were capturing teenager health at that level were parent-reported surveys, and we wanted to address this gap and understand teen health from teens themselves," he said. "So we asked parents and teens the same question."

That question was: How often do you get the social and emotional support you need? (Parents were asked a comparable question about their children's needs.) The response options were "always," "usually," "sometimes," "rarely" and "never."

The results highlighted a striking disparity: Over three quarters of parents (77 percent) said their teenager always received the social and emotional support they needed, while only 28 percent of teens reported the same.

"We anticipated some disagreement," between parents and teens, Zablotsky said. "But I think we were surprised to see the level of disagreement, and we were surprised to see it across the board for a variety of subgroups we explored. … When a disconnect this large exists, it's worth talking about."

Teens who indicated that they "sometimes," "rarely" or "never" received the support they needed were more likely to report experiencing anxiety or depression symptoms, Zablotsky noted, as well as other negative health impacts. "They're also more likely to report having low life satisfaction, and they're more likely to report having low sleep quality," he added.

The report raised new questions that Zablotsky and his colleagues hope to answer, he says. Because the survey didn't explicitly define social and emotional support, additional qualitative research is planned "to better understand what teens are thinking of when they answer these questions," he said.

The age cohort included in the survey has experienced a burgeoning mental health crisis for years, one that has received more public attention and concern since the onset of the pandemic. In 2021, a CDC report found that 42 percent of U.S. high school students described feeling persistently sad or hopeless, and 29 percent reported experiencing poor mental health. The level of social isolation across the youth population has also steadily grown, and the U.S. surgeon general released an advisory last month emphasizing the importance of social connection and community.

Tamar Mendelson, professor and director of the Center for Adolescent Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, says the mental health crisis is amplified for children in vulnerable communities — a fact also underscored by the recent survey analysis.

"In marginalized communities, a lot of the young people are dealing with trauma symptoms, symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and related mental health issues, because they are just having to handle things that no kid should have to handle — food insecurity, housing instability, community violence," she said. "We're seeing growing economic inequality in this country, and for young people who are living in poverty or are experiencing effects of structural racism, that has some really profound mental health implications that I think we tend to forget."

The new report also reflected a disproportionate impact on certain teen populations: Girls, Black and Hispanic teenagers, and children who identified as LGBTQ were some of the least likely groups to report that they "always" or "usually" received the support they needed. Lower family income and lower parental education level were also associated with lower rates of perceived emotional and social support.

Mendelson said she wasn't shocked that the survey revealed disagreement between teens and their parents.

"It is a large discrepancy, and it is concerning because obviously this is a really important developmental period where parents can support their kids," Mendelson said. But: "Particularly during adolescence, this is a time when young people are developing more independence. … If they are struggling socially, or they're having mental health symptoms, or there's stuff going on with them, many are not going to confide in their parents."

She hopes the results might focus attention on what parents can do to more meaningfully engage with their teens, which can be difficult at this age, she said.

"What's tricky about being the parent of a teenager is they are giving you mixed messages," she said. "They may be saying 'I'm fine,' or 'No, I don't want to talk to you about this,' or 'No, I don't want to hang out with you on Saturday.' Part of their job is to push you away, because they're growing up. But part of a parent's job is to not let that dissuade you from really staying present with your teenager."

And while many parents are constantly electronically tethered to their children — and many children have less independence and free time than prior generations have experienced — Mendelson noted that this kind of oversight and overscheduling is not the same thing as supportive involvement.

"In some ways, helicopter parents create some stress for their kids: 'You need to be engaged in all these activities, you need to be constantly performing or achieving' — you know, that's a very different message," she said. "I do think there is a big difference between parents providing supervision or structure versus support."

She suggests that parents keep an open mind and create opportunities to start a dialogue with their teens. Many parents have told her that it's easier to talk to their kids in settings that feel more casual — for instance, in the car, where they might be more relaxed and are not sitting face-to-face.

"This [survey] is a reminder to not assume that you are providing the kind of support that your teen wants — and to not give up on that," she said. "What I take away from it, as a parent and a researcher, is this: We need to slow down and not assume that we know what's going on with our teenagers, and really check in with them."