

Rule to protect retirees in limbo

Blocked regulation would require financial advisers to put clients' needs first

BY TONY ROMM

To protect older Americans' life savings, President Joe Biden pledged in October to crack down on financial advisers who recommend investments just because they pay higher commissions. Then the insurance industry got to work.

Lobbying groups representing New York Life, Lincoln Financial Group, Prudential Financial and other companies first pushed back against the newly proposed regulations before suing to topple them entirely.

Now the government's latest attempt to protect retirees is in political and legal limbo, facing the possibility that it may never take effect.

It is the latest example of a pervasive pattern: As the Biden administration tries to impose new restrictions on powerful industries, those businesses successfully turn to Congress and the courts for a reprieve. This time, the resulting clash centers on a basic question: Should federal law require more financial professionals to put retirees' needs above all else — including their own paychecks — when they offer advice about how to invest?

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Musk's X posts veer from Tesla to Trump

Billionaire increasingly uses his feed to amplify right-wing politics

BY FAIZ SIDDIQUI AND JEREMY B. MERRILL

If you followed Elon Musk on Twitter in November 2021, you would have been bombarded with posts about Tesla and SpaceX, his two most valuable companies. A third of his tweets mentioned them — such as posts about Tesla's Cybertruck, its "Full Self-Driving" software and his frustrations with the pandemic-related "supply chain nightmare."

Nearly three years later, with Musk at the helm of the site he renamed X, the billionaire's feed often reads more like a right-wing activist account, with alarmist posts about immigration and missives against "woke" ideology. He still posts frequently about Tesla, but the share of his posts about the company is less than half of what it was in November 2021. This year, political tweets made up 17 percent of his feed, an analysis by The Washington Post found — skyrocketing up from 2 percent in 2021.

Musk's openly partisan participation on the site he bought in October 2022 reflects a broader evolution in his public persona from business-minded tech prodigy to right-wing firebrand. It has

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A chance at a shift after hard-line dominance

In a Michigan county, the opposition mobilized to fight Trump-style politics

BY PATRICK MARLEY AND GREG JAFFE

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICH. — For much of the last two years, American politics at its most divisive, ideological and angry had dominated the previously unremarkable work of county government in the place that Jim Barry called home.

Now it was primary day, and the voters of Ottawa County, a fast-growing, middle-class community of about 300,000 people on the shores of Lake Michigan, were headed to the polls.

Barry, who described himself as a moderate in the mold of former president and Michigan Republican Gerald Ford, was running for a seat on the 11-member county board and hoping that voters in Ottawa, which former

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Jim Barry and his wife, Liza, campaign for last-minute votes in his bid for a seat on the county board in Ottawa County, Mich. Barry was hoping voters might be ready to embrace a different kind of politics.

president Donald Trump had carried in 2020 by 21 percentage points, might be ready to embrace a different kind of politics.

"I'm not sure Ronald Reagan could pass some of the conservative purity tests in the modern era," Barry said.

He was standing on a busy street corner wearing a red, white and blue football jersey that said, "Elect Jim Barry" and waving a

sign with the same message. Some drivers honked and gave him a thumbs-up. Others scowled. His wife thought she spotted his opponent, who lived nearby, amid the thrum of traffic.

In 2022, eight hard-line Republicans, channeling Trump-style anger over pandemic-era mask mandates, had won seats on the board, defeating more moderate GOP candidates. The

to arrive.

Polling by Ifop, an international polling and market research firm, in mid-July found more than two-thirds of adults in France were indifferent, worried or angry about the coming Olympic Games. When Ipsos surveyed 33 countries about their enthusiasm for the Olympics, France was near the bottom of the charts.

And yet well before the Closing Ceremonies at the Stade de France on Sunday, the chorus of critics had hushed.

Paris managed to awe visitors and viewers with spectacular venues, which showcased some of the city's most

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PARIS OLYMPICS



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One of the artistic portions of the Closing Ceremonies of the Paris Olympics at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis.

Sticking the landing

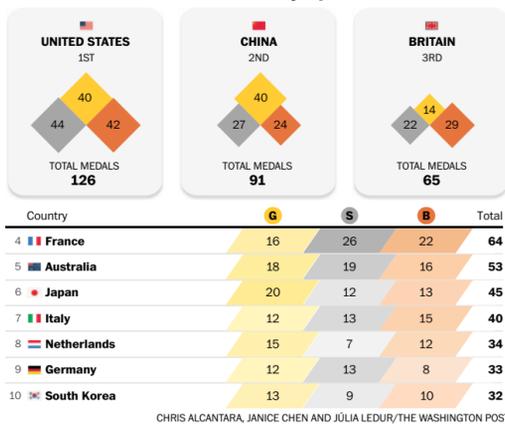
French officials went for the gold with an ambitious Olympic plan — and mostly succeeded

BY RICK NOACK

PARIS — France's plan for the 2024 Olympics was a gamble fraught with risks. For the most part, the big bets paid off.

Before the Games got underway, there were concerns about potential terrorist attacks, cyberattacks, crowd crushes, labor strikes, political tensions, heat waves, bedbugs and the viability of hosting swimming competitions in the Seine. It didn't help that a different daring gamble by President Emmanuel Macron — to stake his party's future on early legislative elections — resulted in political chaos as international athletes and fans were about

Countries with the most medals at the Paris Olympics



Steady course as war looms

HEZBOLLAH PRESSES ON AGAINST ISRAEL

Militants call shots as top military force in Lebanon

BY KAREEM FAHIM AND MOHAMAD EL CHAMAA

WADI JILO, LEBANON — An Israeli strike that killed a Hezbollah fighter traveling a rural road here earlier this month left a blasted car, a scorched patch of earth and the Israeli claim that the attack had dealt a "significant blow" to its enemy across the border.

But there seemed to be plenty of young men willing to take the place of the fighter, Ali Abdul Ali, in his hometown in southern Lebanon, less than two miles from the spot where he was killed. They were seen crowding around his flower-decked coffin in footage of his funeral, where local grief and anger mingled with the party supporters' zeal. "Hezbollah!" they chanted.

Ten months after entering the conflict between Israel and its ally Hamas, Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group and political party, appears undeterred after absorbing withering blows from Israeli strikes and the killing of nearly 400 fighters and commanders. Hezbollah has only paused its strikes into northern Israel once, back in November. More recently, it has ratcheted up the intensity of its attacks and broadened its list of targets to include Israeli towns it said it had not previously hit.

Hezbollah's persistence has bedeviled the Biden administration, Israel's principal ally. U.S. efforts

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Plans for protest at DNC move forward

Pro-Gaza organizers say ticket switch won't affect showing of anger, dissent

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB

BRIDGEVIEW, ILL. — The scenes and stiches that greeted Hamza AbdulQader when he crossed Egypt's border into Gaza in mid-March were far worse than the devastating videos he had watched as war raged in the territory.

AbdulQader, a critical care nurse and resident of "Little Palestine" — a community outside Chicago that is home to one of the country's largest concentrations of Palestinian Americans — volunteered in Gaza after watching videos of children suffering and dying there. But he said nothing could prepare him for what he saw: overcrowded hospitals, destitute people lying in the streets, tent cities as far as the eye could see.

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• The House of the Week feature in the Aug. 8 Local Living section incorrectly said the neighborhood's homeowners association fee covers access to a Reston community center and indoor pool. The fee does not cover those amenities.

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THE TRUMP TRIALS

Another day, another delay in Trump's cases

BY PERRY STEIN
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We were ready to have real movement in one of the cases against Donald Trump this week. But — er, snag — we got yet another delay in the D.C. election interference case, which has had the most momentum of the four criminal cases against Trump this sleepy August.

We'll explain that delay and some new filings that landed in the other cases in this week's edition of the Trump Trials newsletter.

(Have questions on Trump's trials? Email us at perry.stein@washpost.com and devlin.barrett@washpost.com and check for answers in future newsletters.)

Okay, let's get started.

What's ahead

We thought we'd have a hearing this Friday in the D.C. election interference case — the first at the trial court level in months. But that's now been delayed. (We'll explain more below.)

In the Big Apple, Trump is still trying to remove New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan from the case. It's a long-shot request, but Merchan said he would rule on the recusal motion this week.

The appeals process in the Florida classified document case will start at the end of the month.

Now, a recap of last week's action.

D.C.: Federal case on 2020 election

The details: Four counts related to conspiring to obstruct the 2020 election results.

Why it's stalled: The trial has been delayed while the Supreme Court answered the question of whether presidential immunity from criminal prosecution extended to Trump's alleged crimes in trying to block Joe Biden's election victory. The Supreme Court last month significantly narrowed the parameters for when a president can be prosecuted and said lower courts should get the first shot at deciding what that means for this case.

Last week: U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan had set an Aug. 9 deadline for both sides to provide her with a proposed schedule on how they should proceed. A subsequent hearing



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The U.S. Supreme Court, which in a ruling last month answered questions on presidential immunity.

was set for Aug. 16.

But the special counsel asked for a three-week delay, saying his office needed more time to assess the Supreme Court's immunity decision and had not yet "finalized its position" on a schedule. Trump's attorneys didn't object to the request and Chutkan granted it. The sides now have until Aug. 30 to brief the court, with a hearing scheduled for Sept. 5.

It's not surprising that special counsel Jack Smith isn't barreling ahead — and that Chutkan granted the later deadlines. There's little chance that this case is going to trial this year, so Smith is no longer racing against the Inauguration Day clock. Plus, the Supreme Court chided the lower courts in its presidential immunity opinion for moving so fast with this case, so everyone is moving a little more gingerly.

Nerd word of the week

Unopposed motion: Judges generally want parties to discuss with each other their requests before they formally lodge them with the court. The hope is that the parties come to a resolution on their own without a judge's involvement.

In D.C., the special counsel filed an *unopposed motion* to extend the briefing and hearing

deadline by three weeks. Smith wrote in his unopposed motion that he conferred with Trump's attorneys about the later deadlines and they did not oppose the delay.

Since the two sides agreed, Chutkan quickly ruled in favor of the new schedule.

New York: State hush money case

The details: 34 charges connected to a 2016 hush money payment.

Why it's stalled: A jury found Trump guilty on May 30. Sentencing was scheduled for July 11 but was delayed until mid-September so the judge can consider Trump's request to toss out the verdict based on the Supreme Court's presidential immunity ruling.

Last week: Merchan had said he would decide by Sept. 6 whether the verdict should be overturned.

The judge wrote in a letter last week that the key ruling will now arrive on Sept. 16. He said Trump's sentencing hearing isn't changing and — if the verdict stands — is still scheduled for Sept. 18.

Florida: Federal classified documents case

The details: Trump had faced

40 federal charges over accusations that he kept top-secret government documents at Mar-a-Lago — his home and private club — and thwarted government demands to return them.

Why it's stalled: U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon dismissed the entire case on July 15, saying Smith was improperly appointed as special counsel and had no authority to bring the indictment. Smith has vowed to appeal the decision.

This case, too, could reach the Supreme Court. If Smith wins, the trial could be resurrected — although it would be hard for the case to survive if Trump again becomes president.

Last week: Nothing is happening in this case until Smith files his appeal, which is due by Aug. 27 at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta.

Georgia: State case on 2020 election

The details: Trump faces 10 state charges for allegedly trying to undo the election results in that state.

Four of his 18 co-defendants have pleaded guilty.

Why it's stalled: The case is on pause while the Georgia Court of Appeals hears an appeal from Trump and some of his co-defen-

dants seeking to disqualify Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis, the top prosecutor. The defendants argue that Willis improperly spent taxpayer dollars while in a romantic relationship with an attorney she hired to work on the case. That attorney has resigned from his position.

Last week: Willis's team responded to Trump's appeal, arguing that the lower court's opinion should stand. The prosecutors said there is no evidence that Willis violated the defendants' rights or had any financial conflict of interest.

"They ask this Court to second-guess the trial court's factual conclusions and apply standards of disqualification that no Georgia court has ever authorized or employed," the prosecutors wrote.

Oral arguments for the appeal are set for Dec. 5.

Question Time

Q. If Trump is elected in November, can his cases still go to trial after Election Day but before Inauguration Day in January?

A. Absolutely. Long-standing Justice Department policy says that officials cannot criminally charge a sitting president. But there's no policy that says officials cannot prosecute a president-elect who is not yet in office.

We reported last month that Justice Department officials plan to pursue the two federal cases against Trump past Election Day — even if he wins.

Both of the federal trials have been tied up in the appeals courts, and it's looking like neither of them stand much of a chance of making it to trial before inauguration.

But the appeals process can play out until Inauguration Day and beyond.

If Trump is elected, it will be up to his Justice Department to decide whether it wants to continue pursuing any appeals. It's doubtful that a second Trump administration would argue against Trump's defense attorneys.

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After reported hack, experts warn of foreign interference

BY ABIE CHEESEMAN
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Analysts and intelligence experts warned Sunday that wider efforts may be underway by foreign powers to disrupt the U.S. presidential election, after the Trump campaign said it believed its email systems had been

breached by hackers working for Iran.

So far, two Democratic House members who have served on intelligence and security committees have called for briefings and for declassification of information related to the possible foreign interference in the election.

The Trump campaign announcement came after it received questions from news organizations about an internal vetting document on vice-presidential candidate JD Vance that had been sent to the outlets.

The Washington Post on Thursday was sent the 271-page document, marked as "privileged & confidential," from an anonymous AOL user going by the name "Robert." Politico, which was the first to report on the Trump campaign's statement, said that it had been receiving documents, including a vetting document on Vance, from a sender also going by the name "Robert" since July 22.

The Trump campaign has pointed to a report released Friday by Microsoft in which the company said it had discovered evidence that Iranian hackers had tried to break into the email account of a "high-ranking official" on a U.S. presidential campaign in June, which was around the same time Vance was selected as Donald Trump's running mate.

The company has declined to name the campaign, but a person familiar with Microsoft's work confirmed that the report's reference was to the Trump campaign.

U.S. officials have not confirmed the campaign was hacked, and the campaign did not provide evidence of the breach or Iranian involvement. Rep. Eric Swalwell (Calif.), a top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee's cybersecurity subcommittee, said he was seeking a briefing from the Department of Homeland Security.

"Yes, Trump is the most despicable person ever to seek office. He also sought foreign hacking in a past election. But that doesn't mean America ever tolerates foreign interference," he posted on X. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, urged of-

ficials to quickly declassify any information on the possible foreign nature of the hack reported by the campaign.

"In 2016, the Intelligence Community moved much too slow to properly identify the hacking and dumping scheme carried out by Russia to divide Americans and benefit the Trump campaign," he posted on X. "The IC has since made improvements, but should act quickly here."

He also called on both parties to condemn the reported hack. "In 2016, the Trump campaign welcomed Russian interference, took advantage of it, and then sought to deny it, much to the detriment of the country," he said.

The Harris-Walz campaign has not responded to multiple requests for comment.

Since 2016, Democratic campaigns and affiliated organizations have put an emphasis on enhanced security protocols and heavily invested to shore up systems to guard against hacks and other cybersecurity threats.

Trump, the Republican nominee for president, said on his social media platform Truth Social that his campaign was informed by Microsoft that one of its websites was hacked by the Iranian government. He also claimed that only publicly available information was taken.

"We were just informed by Microsoft Corporation that one of our many websites was hacked by the Iranian Government — Never a nice thing to do!" he posted on the platform late Saturday.

"They were only able to get publicly available information but, nevertheless, they shouldn't be doing anything of this nature. Iran and others will stop at nothing, because our Government is Weak and Ineffective, but it won't be for long."

Microsoft and other security companies say that an Iranian group behind the June attack on a presidential campaign is run by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Microsoft did not confirm the Trump campaign was the target, but the tech giant on Friday said that Iranian hackers took over a former adviser's email account and sent a phishing message with

a malicious link to a senior official still inside a campaign.

The Iranian hacking group used the same technique in 2021 against the press secretary for a U.S. official, according to email security provider Proofpoint. But the group also has custom malware that can be used in more subtle attacks.

Proofpoint researcher Joshua Miller said that the Iranian group is actively targeting U.S. politicians and campaign staff members. He said multiple Iranian groups impersonate journalists to approach targets.

The document that was sent to The Post was an internal campaign write-up of Vance's potential political vulnerabilities, dated Feb. 23, that had been commissioned by the campaign from the law firm Brand Woodward. While it drew from public records and news clips, the vetting report itself was an internal document not previously public.

On Saturday, a spokesperson for the National Security Council said the Biden administration "strongly condemns any foreign government or entity who attempts to interfere in our electoral process or seeks to undermine confidence in our democratic institutions."

The FBI said in a statement on Saturday that the agency was aware of the media reports and had no comment. The news of the hack broke during Def Con, the annual hacking and security conference that draws tens of thousands to Las Vegas in the summer.

Many of the attendees interviewed expressed dread about what might lie ahead.

They speculated that if Iranian hackers were involved, they may have taken more files than what news organizations have reported, with plans to dribble out their material to mainstream or less reputable news sites, including the surging number filled mainly with plagiarized content from elsewhere.

"Pink slime" and fake sites are in their repertoire, so it's possible that information gets posted in other fora if U.S. media outlets hold back," Chris Krebs, the founding head of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security

Agency, which dealt with misinformation about the 2020 election, said in an interview with The Post. "It's possible they do both."

Earlier, Krebs wrote a post on X speculating that actors may be trying to repeat what happened during the 2016 campaign, when U.S. intelligence concluded that Russia interfered in the election by hacking and leaking internal Democratic documents. "Someone is running the 2016 playbook, expect continued efforts to stoke fires in society and go after election systems — 95% votes on paper ballots is a strong resilience measure, combined with audits. But the chaos is the point," he wrote.

Some experts in email security said publicly available email exchange records indicate the campaign staff's email accounts weren't well protected. As one indicator, it had not enabled a common system called DMARC, which would confirm that an email sender from a Trump address was actually part of the campaign. The Trump campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment about its email security.

While Iranian cyber operations have become more sophisticated and aggressive since the 2020 election cycle, former U.S. officials said they pale next to those of Russia, which might have also breached one or more campaigns by now.

Most professionals said they expect more hacks and leaks as the election draws closer, with the big unknown being how the public and media react to minor nugsgets.

"Unfortunately, this isn't the 'new normal.' It's just normal," said Jake Braun, who recently left the White House after serving as acting principal deputy national cyber director.

A spate of recent government and industry reports have pointed to increased propaganda about the election from Russia and Iran, and channels that are used to push political viewpoints can be used to spread data from hacks.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Pivotal case in CIA's #MeToo movement heads to trial

BY SHANE HARRIS

This fall, in a courthouse not far from the CIA's headquarters in Northern Virginia, a jury is expected to hear testimony in a case that helped spark a reckoning with sexual harassment and abuse inside the storied spy agency, one that current and former members call long overdue.

It is believed to be the only allegation of assault by a CIA officer against a colleague to come to trial as a part of the #MeToo movement inside the agency, which has seen a flood of complaints by personnel who say officials ignored or mishandled their claims and failed to protect them from their assailants.

A year ago, a judge in Fairfax County, Va., found the defendant, Ashkan Bayatpour, guilty on a state misdemeanor assault and battery charge. His co-worker testified that Bayatpour tried to strangle her with a scarf and kiss her in a stairwell of the CIA headquarters building. Bayatpour, who was not charged with sexual assault, denied the allegations and appealed the verdict. Under Virginia law, that vacated his conviction and gave him the right to a new trial by jury. He plans to take the stand in his own defense.

In separate interviews with The Washington Post, Bayatpour and his accuser gave detailed accounts of the encounter in July 2022, and the months that preceded it, that differ significantly and are at odds in key respects. Many of their claims and counter-claims could not be reconciled. It will be up to a jury to weigh the testimony and evidence at a trial certain to draw renewed attention to the CIA's troubled management of sexual misconduct claims in a workplace where secrecy is paramount.

The Post does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault without their consent. Bayatpour and his former colleague no longer work at the CIA.

In January 2023, Bayatpour's former co-worker approached the House Intelligence Committee with her claims, setting off a sweeping investigation of harassment allegations at the CIA that included interviews with 26 whistleblowers. The investigation found that the agency had "failed" to handle reports of abuse "in the professional and uniform manner that such sensitive allegations warrant." The Senate Intelligence Committee asked for an investigation by the CIA's inspector general, which found that the agency's prevention and response efforts were inadequate.

Since then, employees who contact the agency's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Office are assigned individual advocates who explain what recourse is available to them, including the right to pursue criminal charges even if that means identifying a colleague serving undercover. In general, it



The case helped spark a reckoning with sexual harassment inside the CIA that led to various reforms.

is illegal to expose an undercover CIA officer's name, a complication that left some victims fearing they could end up in court simply for seeking justice.

The CIA also established a 24/7 hotline to field complaints. "We are on a path to getting this right," Taleeta Jackson, a psychologist tapped last year to lead the effort, told The Post in her first interview as head of the new office.

In a statement, CIA Director William J. Burns said the agency had "made a number of significant reforms to strengthen our approach. ... We still have work to do, and we have to get this right."

Competing narratives

Bayatpour and his former colleague acknowledge there were no witnesses to the events of two years ago, but she said that she reported it the next day and told close friends what had happened.

By both of their accounts, the two were friendly. They met in March 2022, shortly after joining the agency, and were assigned to the same class of trainees in the Directorate of Operations, the agency's clandestine service.

They had some common interests and background. Bayatpour is a Navy reservist, and his colleague was married to a Navy SEAL and grew up in a Navy family. She also had worked as a contractor for the Defense Department. Both joined the CIA in their 30s. "We weren't fresh college grads ... so we had a little bit more in common" professionally than with younger trainees, she said.

In court, Bayatpour intends to introduce as evidence text messages the two exchanged over an internal CIA network that he said would demonstrate that they carried on a "banter" marked by "a shared sense of dark humor." Their relationship, he said, was forged during officer training, an

intense period for any recruit that includes classroom study and in-the-field instruction at the agency's training camp, known as the Farm. Bayatpour's attorney has said the messages contain "exculpatory evidence" showing that the two frequently discussed their personal lives and romantic interests.

Bayatpour acknowledges placing the scarf around his colleague's shoulders. But he said he did not strangle her or try to kiss her. The incident in the stairwell, he said, is rooted in a shared joke the two of them often made about sex acts.

"I did not do what I've been accused of," Bayatpour said. "I want to be very clear that I did not in any way put this person in any kind of danger, harm them, try to kiss them, and I look forward to proving that in the near future."

Bayatpour said that nearly every aspect of the allegations is false. His lawyer has said in court that the text messages show that what happened in the stairwell was not a violent assault.

Bayatpour's accuser characterized the text messages as evidence of his unwelcome creepy advances. She said she told Bayatpour in person to stop sending messages laced with innuendo. He denied that conversation took place and said his colleague was often the one to instigate text chats alluding to sex.

What's not in dispute is the CIA's ugly history with sexual misconduct. For years, mostly female officers serving in dangerous overseas posts have faced unwanted advances, touching and lewd comments from their male colleagues, according to current and former officials, as well as victims. Some have alleged they were raped.

The female former officer who accused Bayatpour said she faced a maze of bureaucracy when try-

ing to file a report alleging assault and, unsatisfied with the CIA's response, sought out local authorities. She has become a vocal if mostly behind-the-scenes critic of a system that CIA leaders acknowledge left employees confused about how to report crimes against co-workers and concerned that their own careers could be jeopardized by an investigation. She has testified about her experience in closed hearings to Congress and persuaded other women to come forward.

CIA charts a new path

It is rare for the CIA's internal missteps to be spotlighted in a public trial, and the case is likely to emphasize some of the deficiencies in how the agency responds to allegations of workplace abuse.

The former officer estimated that she spoke to nearly 18 people at the CIA while reporting her complaint about Bayatpour. She said that she searched the agency's intranet for guidance but found no answers.

"I just thought if I told the right person, if I got to the right office in CIA, this would all get taken care of," she said, noting that she suffered panic attacks and depression. "Imagine trying to navigate and do all these things while dealing with your own trauma."

Bayatpour said he also was shuffled around and was confused about the scope of the investigation into his alleged actions. He said that over five months, he was interviewed, sometimes "aggressively" at least four or five times and remained "clueless" as to the scope of the inquiry. "There would be messages from people that I had never spoken to and never heard of summoning me to come answer questions." He said he was never offered an attorney and wasn't sure whether he was entitled to one.

By January 2023, Bayatpour said, he thought that the matter had been resolved internally. But later that month, he received a protective order that his colleague had filed with the Fairfax County police.

Jackson, the CIA official now in charge of the agency's response to allegations of sexual assault and harassment, was hired to help streamline the reporting process. Her office is now the "one-stop shop," she said. The office also follows a "no wrong door" policy, meaning that even if an employee reports an assault to another office or a manager, there are systems in place to help direct them to Jackson's team.

Victim advocates are trained in responding to traumatic events and are focused on providing care and guidance without asking the employee to repeat, and relive, the assault.

Employees are advised that they have two reporting options. A restricted report remains confidential and is held within Jackson's office, "while the person decides how to move forward," she said. That affords time to consider counseling, possible reassignment or other options, she noted.

If the employee elects to file an unrestricted report, the matter is referred to a special victim investigator — a new position at the CIA — who facilitates interactions with law enforcement. Jackson emphasized that there is no rule against employees reporting a crime to the police. "If you need law enforcement, go to law enforcement," she said.

The female former officer, as well as other CIA personnel who have alleged they were harassed and assaulted, have said that agency officials told them not to report to law enforcement and warned them that revealing the name of an undercover officer to an unauthorized party could expose them to criminal prosecution.

Jackson said that CIA officers who file an unrestricted report to law enforcement are allowed to identify an undercover officer by their real name. The office of security also works with counterparts at federal, state or local law enforcement agencies who are authorized to receive classified information, including the identity of the accused.

Maintaining an officer's cover during a criminal proceeding is one of the unique challenges of handling these cases, officials acknowledge. But it is not an insurmountable hurdle.

In the earlier bench trial, Bayatpour's name ended up in public court records, as did his accuser's. The court agreed to shield her identity in transcripts, but his name was visible. Yet neither of the officers' covers appear to have been compromised because of the trial. That suggests the criminal justice system may be well-equipped to handle as-

sault cases even when the parties are cloaked in secrecy.

But when the trial continued after a two-week recess, the judge noted that the media was in the courtroom. It was unclear how journalists had become aware of the proceedings, and Bayatpour's attorney worried about the public scrutiny.

"The revelation of my client's connection to his employer would end his career regardless of what happens in this case," Bayatpour's lawyer told the judge.

The Associated Press reported on the guilty verdict and for the first time revealed details of the stairwell encounter. The report named Bayatpour but not his accuser, noting the AP's policy of not identifying victims of alleged sexual abuse or domestic violence.

The case was undoubtedly of public interest. The AP observed that the trial "was remarkable for breaking through the CIA's veil of ultra-secrecy."

But the attention also blew Bayatpour's cover and effectively made it impossible for him to do his job.

Bayatpour resigned from the CIA in December 2023.

Parting ways

The case has helped set in motion needed reforms and may make it easier for future CIA officers to report abuse. But neither Bayatpour nor the female former officer said they left the agency feeling well-served by the process.

While he denies that he assaulted his colleague, Bayatpour said he was concerned that his case would be seen as undermining allegations from other CIA officers. "I don't want this to be a referendum on something else. I want to be very clear that I do believe women. This is just about my situation," he said.

The female former officer praised the support she said she received from "the day-to-day people at CIA." But she accused senior leaders of trying to cover up her assault and ultimately forcing her out of the agency. She sued, alleging officials violated her privacy and civil rights. The case was settled out of court in June.

She ultimately was not offered a permanent position because the agency said she failed officer training. But the former officer doesn't believe that rationale. The publicity of her case drew attention to the CIA's own problems, and "the target was on my back," she argued. She has moved on to another career that she said she finds fulfilling. But she had looked forward to serving at the agency and believes that speaking out made that impossible.

"I didn't want to be, and I still don't want to be, known as the woman who got sexually assaulted at CIA headquarters," she said.

Tom Jackman contributed to this report.

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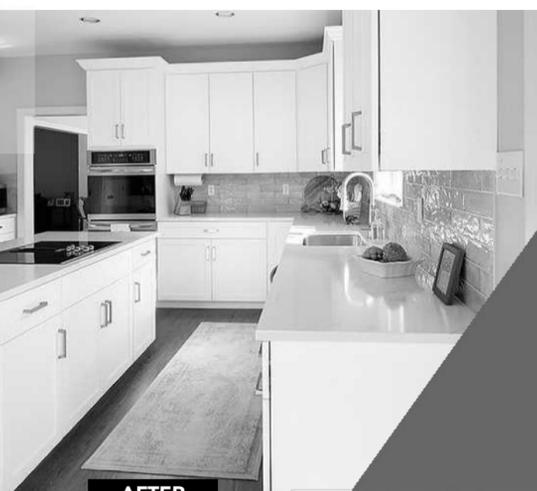
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Business of Mont. GOP Senate candidate losing millions

Tim Sheehy's firefighting company struggled after slow wildfire season

BY BETH REINHARD
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As he campaigns in one of the nation's most competitive U.S. Senate races, Montana Republican Tim Sheehy recounts how he started an aerial firefighting business in his barn and built it into a publicly traded company on the front lines of increasingly dangerous wildfires. "That's a success story," he said in a June television interview.

Reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in recent months tell a different story about Bridger Aerospace, known for its "Super Scooper" planes that can remove up to 1,400 gallons at a time from a body of water to dump on a nearby wildfire.

Bridger is facing a cash crunch so dire that there is "substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue," according to public filings that show the company lost \$77.4 million last year and \$20.1 million in the first three months of 2024. Several directors have left, including one who flagged concerns about internal auditing, as an unusually slow wildfire season in 2023 put the company at risk of defaulting on its debt.

And then last month, Sheehy said he couldn't devote enough time to running the company and resigned — a move that Bridger, which had promoted his key role in "every facet" of the business, previously said would happen if he was elected to the Senate.

"The business has disappointed," said Vince Martin, a North Carolina-based investment analyst and blogger who has examined the SEC filings. "As a result, they don't have a ton of room for error."

In response to questions about the company's finances, the Sheehy campaign released a statement saying, "Tim is proud of the successful company he created, the jobs he created, and he is proud to be an active firefighting pilot protecting our communities and our public lands."

Bridger, in a statement, noted steady revenue growth at the "fast-growing, ambitious company" over the past five years, adding that it "has materially enhanced the composition and capabilities of its board of directors to lead the company in its next stage of growth."

The company's struggles have received little national attention even as Sheehy competes in a closely watched contest that could determine which party controls the Senate. Voters in the deep-red state of Montana heavily back former president Donald Trump — who endorsed Sheehy earlier this year — but have elected Democratic incumbent Jon Tester three times.

"He better win," Trump said Friday night at a rally with Sheehy just 11 miles from Bridger's headquarters at the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport.

Sheehy, 38, has attracted national support largely on the strength of his biography as a war hero and entrepreneur, but his first campaign for public office



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Tim Sheehy resigned from the company he co-founded, Bridger Aerospace, saying he couldn't devote enough time to running the company.

has exposed some potential vulnerabilities.

Sheehy, an ex-Navy Seal who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, has faced scrutiny over an incident involving a firearm in Montana's Glacier National Park in 2015. Documents show Sheehy told a park ranger at the time that he accidentally shot himself in his right arm and the wound was treated at a hospital. Sheehy told The Washington Post he did not shoot himself but had lied to the ranger, a federal law enforcement officer, to protect him and his platoon-mates from a potential military investigation into an older bullet wound he said he got in Afghanistan in 2012. He has talked about being shot in the arm in combat while campaigning.

He has also emphasized his business experience, telling voters that he has signed "the front of the paycheck, not just the back" while condemning Congress for the ballooning national debt.

"I'm a business owner," Sheehy said during a March campaign event. "If my business isn't doing well, I don't get paid."

Yet amid Bridger's significant losses, Sheehy has received millions of dollars in compensation. He received a \$2.3 million bonus on top of a \$149,000 base salary in 2023, according to SEC filings, and a bonus of \$4.4 million and a \$450,000 base salary in 2022, as the company lost \$42.1 million. Sheehy received additional income leasing two planes to Bridger and co-owning a business that provides flight training, SEC filings show. Sheehy also sold a plane to the company for \$3.9 million; the filings don't detail if he turned a profit or loss.

"That itself is not wrong, but it doesn't look great," said Dhierin-Perkash Bechai, an analyst at AeroAnalysis International, which covers the aerospace and defense industries, referring to Sheehy's bonuses and additional income from Bridger. "While the company is bleeding cash, Sheehy is still making money."

Other experts who track the

company are more optimistic. Austin Moeller, a New York-based analyst with Canaccord Genuity who said he has met with Sheehy and other executives while researching Bridger, noted the forecast for a busier fire season in 2024. Bridger is cutting costs and expanding operations into Canada and Europe, he said, while lenders have been willing to work with the fledgling public company. Bridger also has multiyear contracts with federal agencies totaling \$226 million.

"Tim did a good job as CEO running the early-stage public company, and the current management has the right experience," Moeller said. "If they need more capital, they have an agreement in place to raise that, so I don't think there's any risk of the company going bankrupt."

At the Friday rally with Trump, Sheehy said he had created hundreds of jobs and called Bridger "a Montana success story." He described how he personally flies planes, saying "Just last week I was out water bombing, protecting your land."

Sheehy founded Bridger Aerospace in late 2014, after a celebrated Naval career in which he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He and his wife were starting a new life on 60 acres they purchased near Bozeman, Mont. Sheehy had \$300,000 in savings and \$100,000 from his parents to settle in Montana and start a new business with a handful of fellow veterans, according to his memoir, "Mudslingers."

"I can honestly say that the goal was not to become multimillionaires," he wrote. "The goal was to create a viable business in a region of the country where we wanted to live and to provide jobs that would support the people of that region while doing work that mattered in some way."

Aerial firefighting seemed promising at a time when wildfires were ravaging the West. Private equity giant Blackstone became a crucial investor as Bridger sought to expand, and by 2022, the company had bought six Super Scoopers, which Sheehy

has called "the AK-47 of aerial firefighting planes."

Sheehy and his business partners also launched a drone company, Ascent Vision Technologies. A defense contractor bought Ascent for about \$350 million in 2020, an "incredible" boost to its stakeholders, Sheehy wrote in his book. He personally netted about \$75 million, Bloomberg reported.

Sheehy and his executive team started making aggressive moves to grow Bridger. In 2022, the company reached an agreement with Gallatin County, Mont., where it is based, to get access to the municipal bond market. The \$160 million raised was slated to pay for two new airplane hangars and to expand the company's fleet of Super Scoopers, which cost about \$30 million each. The deal also came with an 11.5 percent interest rate and a requirement that the company have at least \$8 million in cash on hand, public records show.

The company took another chance by merging with an investment corporation in early 2023 to go public. The merger could have added another \$323 million to the balance sheet, according to a presentation to investors.

Instead, the merger was an early signal of the challenges ahead, costing the company nearly \$17 million, public filings show. Sheehy downplayed the result in a podcast interview, saying, "We didn't have an acute need for any of the capital. We don't need it to run the business. We don't need it to grow organically."

Six months later, director Debra Coleman quit the board, effective immediately — "a result of the functioning of the Board's Audit Committee," she wrote in a brief resignation letter in September, referring to a panel that typically reviews financial disclosures for accuracy.

Bridger responded that board members "continue to have full confidence in the governance and effective functioning of the Audit Committee Company," filings show. Coleman, who had retired as a managing director in invest-

ment banking at Bank of America Securities, Inc., declined to speak publicly about her decision to leave.

One month after Coleman's departure, the company canceled a public offering and plans to buy an aircraft company after a sharp decline in its stock price. Those setbacks punctuated the slowest fire season in more than two decades, according to data from the National Interagency Fire Center. Bridger's annual report for 2023 reflected significant challenges: more than \$211 million in debt, the possibility of default on the \$160 million bond deal and a violation of the terms of a \$12.9 million bank loan.

"Our liquidity position raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern," the report said. "We have incurred significant losses since inception, and we may not be able to achieve, maintain or increase profitability or positive cash flow."

In another potentially troubling sign, the company said it had "identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting." In other words, the company could not guarantee that its books were accurate, though Moeller said this disclaimer is not unusual among small, newly public companies getting their accounting up to speed.

In a March call with investors, Sheehy touted the company's record-setting revenue of \$67 million in 2023 despite an unusually slow fire season. "While each fire season has its own seasonal and regional fluctuations and complexities, the overall trend of larger wildfires and longer fire seasons continues," he said.

When Montana-based media outlets covered Bridger's poor financial performance, the company pushed back at what it called "politically motivated attacks." Bridger said the media was taking corporate statements out of context and exaggerating the risks and disclaimers it is legally required to put in SEC filings.

"By highlighting these losses and emphasizing risk factors in Bridger's public filings, these reports do not paint an accurate picture of the future of Bridger Aerospace," the company said in May. "The fact is that Bridger has been a Montana success story."

But in another indicator of the company's hunger for cash, Bridger raised \$9.2 million in April by selling common stock to directors and executive officers — a quicker and less expensive way to raise money than selling to the public, analysts following the company said.

Two directors, Todd Hirsch, a Blackstone senior managing director, and McAndrew Rudisill, Bridger's chief investment officer, resigned on May 31 from Bridger's board. The departures were "not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matters relating to the Company's operations policies or practices," according to an SEC filing.

A Blackstone spokesperson said of Hirsch's departure: "It is ordinary course for Blackstone to wind down its board representation when it only has an older, small, minority stake remaining in a company." Rudisill did not respond to requests from The Post for comment.

Sheehy stepped down from the company on July 1, saying, "This exceptional team deserves a fully focused CEO during its busy fire season." The new executive chairman said the board "has been preparing his possible departure," though company filings had previously said Sheehy "will resign as Chief Executive Officer if he is elected to U.S. Senate."

Sheehy, who is now campaigning full time, has a net worth spanning \$102 million to \$297 million, according to an analysis of his financial disclosure filed in June. He owns a home in Bozeman that property records show is valued at about \$2.5 million, a 20,000-acre cattle ranch, rental property in Big Sky, Mont., and cabins in Polson, Mont.

The company's July 1 report to the SEC notes the continued pressure to raise cash and the purchase of another aerospace company for \$17.5 million. It also addresses the "material weaknesses" noted in the annual report, saying Bridger did not misstate its overall financial position. Moeller says early reports of this year's wildfire season show a dramatic increase over 2023. The company has also secured an "ATM agreement" with an investment banking firm that allows it to issue up to \$100 million in stock.

Bridger, though, has less than \$8 million in unrestricted cash as of the end of March — in violation of the requirements of the bond deal — and has reported that it might not be able to meet the minimum cash threshold over the next 12 months. Stock sold 18 months ago at \$10 per share closed Friday at \$3.27.

Paying down debt, buying four additional Super Scoopers and expanding operations outside the United States are key to the company's survival, Martin said.

"They've simply got to start generating cash," Martin said. "That's going to be tough — but it's possible, particularly if they get a strong fire season ... It's a very narrow path right now."

Liz Goodwin and Aaron Schaffer contributed to this report.

Harris pledges to end taxes on tips; Trump responds that he originated idea

BY ANNABELLE TIMST

Vice President Kamala Harris is echoing an idea first proposed by her opponent, Donald Trump, by pledging that she would push to eliminate taxes on tips.

"When I am president, we will continue our fight for working families of America, including to raise the minimum wage and eliminate taxes on tips for service and hospitality workers," Harris said during a campaign rally Saturday at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

It was the last stop for Harris and her running mate on the Democratic ticket, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, as they toured swing states, including Nevada, where the service industry is a major employer. Leisure and hospitality is the main industry in the Las Vegas metropolitan area, accounting for more than a quarter of employment in January 2023, according to the Nevada Office of Workforce Innovation.

Many service workers were enthusiastic when Trump made a similar proposal at a rally in the same city two months ago. "For those hotel workers and people that get tips, you're going to be very happy. Because when I get to office, we are going to not charge

taxes on tips," Trump said.

After Harris's announcement, Trump said in a post on his social media platform that Harris "copied my NO TAXES ON TIPS Policy," adding that "This was a TRUMP idea — She has no ideas, she can only steal from me."

The idea of scrapping taxes on tips for some workers is not new, and unions representing service and hospitality workers have been pushing for it for years. Still, some of those unions expressed skepticism that Trump would be able to implement the idea when he proposed it. Ted Pappageorge, secretary-treasurer for the Culinary Workers Union Local 226 — which endorsed Harris and Walz ahead of Saturday's event — previously said the Culinary Union has "fought for tipped workers' rights and against unfair taxation" for decades.

"Relief is definitely needed for tip earners, but Nevada workers are smart enough to know the difference between real solutions and wild campaign promises from a convicted felon," Pappageorge said in a statement, referring to Trump's New York conviction this year on charges related to a hush money payment.

The hospitality workers union Unite Here, which also endorsed



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Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D), get food Friday at Cocina Adamex in Phoenix.

Harris, likewise downplayed Trump's pledge. Union president Gwen Mills told the Associated Press that Trump was "making a play" for votes.

As The Washington Post has reported, under current law, all gratuities that workers receive must be taxed at the same rate as their regular income, and many employers report their workers' tips to the Internal Revenue Serv-

ice — but much is paid in cash and never reported. More than 6 million workers had tips reported to the IRS in 2018, the most recent year for which complete data is available.

Tips are crucial for many hospitality and service workers. The federal government and many states allow employers to pay tipped workers well below the normal minimum wage, provided

they make up the difference to ensure each worker earns at least the standard federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. When President Joe Biden was still running for reelection, he called for eliminating the lower tipped minimum wage and increasing the minimum wage for all workers.

Any change to the taxation of tipped income would require an act of Congress — where there appears to be some bipartisan support for the idea. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) and Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.) introduced legislation in June called the No Tax on Tips Act, which would exempt tips from federal income tax. The proposal received the backing of Nevada's two Democratic senators, Jacky Rosen and Catherine Cortez Masto.

The Budget Lab, a nonpartisan policy research center affiliated with Yale University, analyzed the bill and concluded it would not have a large effect on the U.S. workforce. It said "a meaningful share" of tipped workers — representing less than 3 percent of all employment in the United States — already pay no federal income tax because they earn less than federal minimums.

"This suggests that the direct effect of the bill on the workforce

as it stands today — before accounting for behavioral changes — would be small," the Budget Lab analysis said. "The larger and far more uncertain effect would stem from behavioral changes incentivized by the bill, such as substitution into tipped employment and tipped income, which would increase the bill's overall cost."

The presidential candidates' proposals were not heavy on details.

When asked for more information at the time, a Trump spokeswoman said: "President Trump will ask Congress to eliminate taxes on tips."

On Saturday, a Harris campaign official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, made clear that her proposal "would require legislation" and that it would not be a free-for-all.

"As president, she would work with Congress to craft a proposal that comes with an income limit and with strict requirements to prevent hedge fund managers and lawyers from structuring their compensation in ways to try to take advantage of the policy," the official said.

Julie Zauzmer Weil contributed to this report.

Insurance lobbyists block rule on costly retirement advice

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In April, the Labor Department finalized rules that would subject a wide array of brokers to a higher legal standard, requiring them to act as fiduciaries. The effort primarily aims to protect the millions of Americans who leave their jobs, or otherwise need to roll over their retirement savings, and opt for tax-advantaged accounts such as IRAs — transactions that exceeded \$770 billion in 2022 alone, according to federal estimates.

These savers face critical, one-time decisions about what to do with their money, and a miscalculation caused by conflicted investment advice could cut deeply into their retirement funds. But the Biden administration's attempts to ensure Americans receive the best guidance have sparked immense political backlash, as financial services and insurance professionals try to avert what they see as costly, illegal federal mandates.

In July, the industries scored a string of critical early victories: Congress took the first step toward invalidating the new rules, while judges in two federal courts blocked the government from implementing the proposal nationwide in September, as planned, potentially setting the stage for the regulations to be scrapped.

Micah Hauptman, the director of investor protection at the Consumer Federation of America, predicted additional delays as the fight winds its way to the Supreme Court — adding to the high stakes for Americans who already face confusing choices about what to do with their retirement money.

"Conflicted advice is very costly to retirement savers," he said. "It can mean the difference between tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost savings over time."

The American Council of Life Insurers, one of the organizations that sued, declined to comment. But it cheered the court ruling in an unsigned statement last month, adding that the new fiduciary requirements threaten to "deprive millions of consumers [of] access to much needed retirement financial guidance and protected lifetime income products."

At the heart of the wrangling is a 1970s federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which governs retirement programs and the professionals who advise Americans about their options. Lawmakers adopted the statute, known as ERISA, long before 401(k) plans overtook pensions as the primary way that Americans save for retirement — resulting decades later in what the White House has described as a set of persistent "loopholes."

Federal officials contend the gaps are especially glaring in the market for certain annuities, a product that sees retirees hand over funds to an insurance company in exchange for a fixed payout annually. These investments can protect an individual from losing money, since they are not subject to the daily whims of individual stocks. But the products may also come with costly restrictions, including steep penalties for early withdrawals and caps on the returns that retirees can generate over their lifetimes.

Ultimately, fixed-index annuities may not be the best choice for everyone, yet the government says savers can be steered toward them anyway, especially if insurance agents earn more money selling these products over better alternatives. The dynamic prompted the Biden administration in October to pledge new oversight of the broader financial services industry, by treating more agents as fiduciaries who could face private lawsuits, tax penalties and other punishments if they fail to put investors' needs first.

Finalized in April, the rules

would newly cover many agents who provide one-time advice to investors, as well as financial service professionals who advise small businesses about the investments to include in their 401(k) plans. In doing so, the government aims to ensure that financial advisers "give advice that's prudent, that's loyal, that doesn't invite overcharges, and doesn't involve lying to people," said Timothy D. Hauser, the deputy assistant secretary for program operations of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, part of the Labor Department.

For Americans who choose to invest in annuities, the rules could save them about \$32.5 billion over the next 10 years, according to the financial services firm Morningstar, which said insurance agent commissions would probably fall as a result.

Facing a significant change to their business model, many insurers and others in the financial industry have mounted a fresh political attack.

The lobbying group ACLI — whose board of directors includes executives from Prudential, Lincoln Financial and New York Life — argued in January that the government threatened to create an "impermissible barrier" between savers and advisers. That would reduce the availability of advice, the organization added, denying Americans "access to savings opportunities and retirement income solutions they want and need."

An allied industry group — the Federation of Americans for Consumer Choice, or FACC — argued that the rules would be "potentially devastating for the insurance industry," particularly because they could restrict agents' commissions. Kim O'Brien, the group's chief executive, said in an interview that the government had "never demonstrated" the marketplace today "has harmed any consumer."

Spokespeople for New York Life, Lincoln Financial, Northwestern Mutual and Prudential did not respond to requests for comment.

Many advocates representing retirees sharply contest the industry's arguments, stressing that average Americans should not be forced to choose between poor financial advice and no advice at all.

"What they're saying is, the only way they can operate is by giving you advice that is not in your best interest," said Bill Sweeney, the senior vice president for government affairs at AARP. "If they hung that on their shingle ... no one would go to that financial adviser."

By May, the two lobbying groups representing the industry each sued the Labor Department in federal court, seeking to halt implementation of the rules and invalidate them entirely. Joining with insurance agents and brokerages, FACC faulted the government for racing to issue the regulations, even as it acknowledged the fight had been underway since 2016, when the industry successfully sued to quash a similar effort under President Barack Obama to overhaul investor protections.

Both federal judges ultimately sided with the industry. Jeremy D. Kernodle, the judge presiding over the lawsuit brought by FACC, pointed in his opinion to a recent Supreme Court ruling that sharply curtailed federal agency power in matters that Congress left ambiguous. Citing the end of that precedent, known as *Chevron* deference, he said the court "should no longer defer to an agency's interpretation of a statute."

The rulings came as insurance lobbyists forged ahead with a parallel campaign to rile opposition on Capitol Hill, where House Republicans in July took the first step toward using legislation to overturn the fiduciary rule.

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.),

who chairs the committee overseeing the Labor Department, charged that the federal protections would instead "eliminate options for working-class Americans, reduce their ability to retire and limit their access to financial advice."

House Republicans similarly tried to block the Biden administration from using federal funds to enforce the rule as part of a bill to fund the Labor Department in 2025. The Insured Retirement Institute, whose board of directors includes officials from UBS, Allianz, Fidelity and JPMorgan, lobbied heavily for the prohibition.

Paul Richman, who oversees government affairs for the group, argued that Americans could find it "impossible" to access retirement advice if more advisers were forced to adhere to a higher legal standard, according to an email obtained by The Washington Post.

The group declined to comment.



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Unusual alliances formed in campaign to defeat hard-liners

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when local government is buffeted by the same ideological battles and dissolution of trust that have afflicted national institutions for much of the last eight years. In a series of stories over the last 18 months, The Washington Post chronicled the changes in the county.

Board meetings, which had once been sleepy affairs, often stretched on for five hours or more as residents lined up to deliver their views on the Bible, drag-queen story hours and the safety of vaccines. The majority's beliefs had shaped policy, with real-world impacts on the lives of Ottawa residents, and spawned costly litigation.

Two years after their stunning victory, the far-right commissioners were running on a simple rallying cry that spoke to their fears for their country and community: "Protect the Kids."

Barry, a 69-year-old real estate agent, said he understood why so many in the community had been upset by the mask mandates. But he didn't believe county government was the place to wage heated battles over divisive national political issues like abortion, racism and sexuality. Instead, he wanted the county government to return its focus to issues like water quality and the high cost of housing.

"It's not as exciting as trying to do something about transgender athletes in high school sports," he said. "But there's no purview for the county board of commissioners in that."

Barry, who had been standing on the side of the road, off and on, since 7:30 a.m., checked his watch. "We're coming up on 6 [p.m.]," he said. It was almost time to get ready for his election night party.

After all the turmoil and county board meetings in which neighbors regularly called one another fascists, communists, Nazis and Christian nationalists, Barry wondered if there was a way to pull back from so much of the vitriol consuming the country. In a few hours, he and the people of Ottawa County would have their answer.

A 'God-breathed' candidate

Twenty-five miles to the east, on the opposite side of the county, Rachel Atwood corralled voters outside her polling place. She was part of the slate of hard-line Republicans trying to keep control of the board. Her group, Ottawa Impact, dominated the county GOP.

"Do you need a Republican voter guide?" she asked as people passed by.

Atwood, 43, got involved in county politics because she believed that mask requirements were hurting her autistic son at a critical moment in his development. The mandates were over, but Atwood thought that the threats to her children's well-being from the government and pro-LGBTQ+ liberals remained as real as ever.

"What makes me a little different in this race is that my experience is much more geared toward the current culture war," she told a local television station.

She was running in the Republican primary against John Teeple, a retired attorney, who described himself as a "fiscal conservative" intent on restoring "kindness" to the county's politics.

The night before the primary, Atwood and the other Ottawa Impact candidates each occupied one of the four geographic corners of the county and prayed for the protection of their community. Her skin was deeply tanned, the product of knocking on more than 2,000 doors — an experience that she described as transformative.

"God has been sending people to me through door-knocking to say things to me that are supernatural, that are God-breathed," Atwood said in a recent Facebook live video from the campaign trail. She prayed with dozens of people who had autistic children or close relatives with the condition, she said, and promised them she would fight for more county services for their loved ones.

Atwood also said she had encountered constituents who told her they were exhausted by the infighting in the county. On their first day in office, the Ottawa Impact commissioners had fired the county's administrator, canned its lawyer of 40 years, closed its diversity office and dumped its motto "Where you Belong" in favor of "Where Freedom Rings."

More change — which Ottawa Impact opponents called chaos — followed. The new commissioners forced the county's longtime sex educator, who had developed successful programs to lower



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Hudsonville, Mich., Mayor Mark Northrup, left, talks with restaurant owner John Zandervan. Northrup is running in the primary against Joe Moss, the Ottawa County, Mich., commissioner. Rachel Atwood, a member of Ottawa Impact, a group that dominated the local GOP, takes a selfie with voters in Hudsonville on Tuesday. A sign supporting Moss, co-founder of Ottawa Impact.

teen pregnancy and curb the spread of sexually transmitted infections, into an administrative job. When their efforts to remove the county's public health director were blocked by the courts, they cut the health department's budget, eliminating a program that helped feed 22,000 low-income residents each year.

They turned down millions of dollars in federal and state grants because they came with conditions that the commissioners said were unconstitutional or immoral, and they became embroiled in a spate of lawsuits alleging discrimination.

Joe Moss, who co-founded Ottawa Impact and chairs the county board, did not respond to a request for comment. In an interview with a local television station, he described the new board members as regular people — teachers, entrepreneurs, nurses, social workers — who were acting as "guardrails" to defend the county's children from "dangerous and harmful" forces.

Atwood disagreed with those who insisted that Ottawa Impact had hurt the community by introducing anger and division into the otherwise mundane world of county government.

"I'm happy people have become so engaged," she said.

Outside her polling place a couple of supporters approached her and asked for a selfie. Atwood smiled and posed alongside them. "We're praying for you," they told her.

An anxious wait

That evening, candidates and their backers gathered at election night parties where they compulsively checked the county's website for early returns.

Barry waited for the results with Rep. Bill Huizenga (R), the local congressman and his half brother, who had rented an event space at an upscale waterfront restaurant. The siblings stood together near the restaurant's deck as the sun set over Lake Michigan, smartphones in hand.

Just after 9:30 p.m. the county

clerk sent a text alert that early results were in, prompting nearly 4,000 people to ping the county's website within 30 seconds. The flood of traffic crashed the site.

"We are aware of the website issues," the county clerk posted on his social media pages. "A lot of folks interested in our results!" The primary's unusually high stakes made for unusual alliances. An older man in a red "Make America Great Again" hat sat with friends at an election night pizza party for Mark Northrup, a small-town mayor challenging Moss in the Republican primary. A few feet away, Jacqui Poehlman, one of Northrup's volunteers, hunched over a computer with a "Bans off our bodies" sticker on it.

Northrup, 66, described himself as a "pro-life" Republican who planned to support Trump,

his party's candidate for the presidency. Poehlman, 43, described herself as "very liberal." But they shared views on the value of well-funded public schools, the need for more affordable housing and the necessity of preventing Ottawa Impact from retaining its majority on the board. Both fervently believed that scorched-earth political warfare, which had become the standard at the national level, was causing irreparable harm when injected into their otherwise peaceful and prosperous community.

"Trump is his guy in the fight," Poehlman said of Northrup. "But we're not voting for Trump at the county level."

At the Ottawa Impact party, Atwood sat at a table with her friends in a rustic banquet hall, with strings of white lights hanging from the rafters. At the front of the room, Moss introduced a video of Ottawa Impact candidates on the campaign trail. There were pictures of smiling children, pickup trucks and American flags flapping in the breeze. In the background a Christian contemporary music star sang: "We're the generation that has to make a choice/ Will we push against this evil or will

we watch while it destroys?"

Most of the parties began to break up around 11 p.m., before all the precincts had reported. Barry headed home with a comfortable lead over Gretchen Cosby, a 60-year-old former nurse who had been inspired to get into politics by her false belief that Democrats had stolen the 2020 election. Around midnight the results posted online. Barry won with 63 percent of the vote.

The three Ottawa Impact candidates running for countywide office — prosecutor, sheriff and treasurer — lost to more moderate Republicans by about 20 percentage points each. Moss, Ottawa Impact's co-founder, easily defeated his primary opponent by 14 points.

But his movement, which in January 2023 controlled eight of the 11 board seats, had suffered a devastating blow. After Tuesday's results, they would, at best, retain just four.

"Their majority is gone," said a relieved Poehlman a little after midnight. Her preferred candidate lost to Moss, but she and her friends didn't let the defeat dampen their late-night celebration.

"That's awesome," said Janet Martin, a Democrat sitting next to her.

"It's good for our county," added Judy Bergman, a former Republican.

A new era

The next morning the people of Ottawa County awoke and started trying to make sense of what had happened the previous night. Atwood didn't see the results, which included her own loss, as proof that Republicans had grown weary of Ottawa Impact's hard-line politics. Instead, she blamed Democrats who crossed over and voted in the Republican primary for her group's defeat.

"My Republican election was taken from me by Democrats" and wealthy donors, Atwood said. "Not every best candidate wins. That's just how it is."

Moss vowed that despite the results, he would never moderate his message. "The majority does not dictate morality," he said in a statement posted to Ottawa Impact's website. "There are consequences to abandoning truth and abdicating freedom."

Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County's clerk and a self-described conservative Republican, had sought to remain neutral in his local party's civil war. He defended the integrity of the voting system that he oversaw but tried to win over the skeptics and election deniers in his party with good humor and civility. On Wednesday evening he invited about 50 of the county's Republican leaders to a "unity" party at a brewery in Holland, Ottawa County's largest city.

The gathering brought together all flavors of Ottawa Republicans. Josh Brugger, who won the GOP primary for relatively moderate Grand Haven's commission seat, described the previous night's results as a "multi-partisan" victory over Trumpism.

"When radicalism reared up, we all united to put it back down," he said. He stood only a few feet away from Moss, who was wearing a light-colored sports coat over a campaign T-shirt that bore his name, spelled out in all capital letters.

Roebuck, who had been up late overseeing the election returns, was working on three hours of sleep when he took the microphone and addressed the crowd.

"Frankly, this has been a challenging and contentious time," he began. Roebuck never mentioned Trump. Instead, he invoked Reagan, whom he described as a "man of principle," and urged his fellow Republicans to come together in November to fight for the values that they shared — limited government, personal responsibility, fiscal restraint.

"We do have a lot to fight for and there are clear, clear differences," he said, referring to the upcoming presidential contest in his critical swing state and a competitive campaign for an open Senate seat. At the county level, Republicans hope to prevent Democrats from adding any more board seats to the two they currently hold.

Barry, who came dressed in a shirt that featured the Statue of Liberty, fireworks, and busts of Frederick Douglass and the Founding Fathers, said he wanted to find a way to work with Moss and the three other Ottawa Impact Republicans on the county board.

"Nobody was conquered last night," he said. "We all live here. We're all neighbors."

There were 148 days remaining until the new board members would be sworn in and a new era of Ottawa County politics would begin.



Voters in Hudsonville cast their ballots in the primary on Tuesday. Moderate Republicans and some Democrats mobilized in the contest to back away from the divisive politics that dominated the county after eight hard-line Republicans won seats on the county board in 2022.

Tim Walz: From NRA-endorsed to gun-control advocate

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Tim Walz was in the thick of a crowded Democratic primary for governor of Minnesota in August 2017 when he appeared at a sports and outdoor show known as Minnesota's "finest hunting event."

As a congressman representing a rural swath of southern Minnesota, Walz had championed gun rights — earning an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association — and often proudly sported a camo hat featuring the affirmation "NRA ENDORSED." But as he sought his party's nomination in a state that had backed the Democratic presidential nominee since 1976, Walz was equivocal when asked about access to guns.

"He tried to find a middle ground, saying he was a strong advocate but also supported common-sense regulation," said Rob Doar, senior vice president of the nonprofit Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, a prominent gun rights group.

The moment showed how Walz went about moderating his stance on guns — slowly at first, then seemingly all at once. Two months later, after a gunman left 60 dead at a country music festival in Las Vegas, Walz pledged to donate his previous NRA contributions to a charity for families of fallen service members. And a mere four months after that, as the nation reeled again from a mass killing, this time at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., Walz "went full-bore on gun control," Doar said.

The shift, capped by his recent support as governor for a wave of significant gun-control bills in Minnesota, placed him squarely in line with the mainstream Democratic Party, which he's now helping lead into November as its vice-presidential nominee. His evolution on guns, in a tight time frame punctuated by some of the most deadly recent shootings, illustrates the galvanizing effect of the mass-casualty events. But his change of heart also came at a time when gun-control groups began spending significantly more on candidates who shared their positions.

In his decade as a pro-gun congressman, Walz received do-



Democratic vice-presidential nominee Tim Walz, seen Wednesday, says he now gets "straight F's" from the National Rifle Association.

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nations totaling \$18,950 from the NRA and \$6,000 from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, campaign records show. After Parkland, as he prepared to go to battle with the NRA, which had earned a reputation as a grassroots juggernaut that could make or break a political career, he wrote on Facebook: "I expect them to start spending heavily to defeat me."

Instead, that year marked a turning point, as gun-control groups outspent the NRA and other firearms organizations amid an outcry over gun violence. The political arm of Everytown for Gun Safety, the group founded by billionaire Mike Bloomberg, invested heavily in gubernatorial races, helping to elect Democrat Gretchen Whitmer in Michigan and defeat Republican Adam Laxalt in Nevada. And in the home-stretch of the race in Minnesota, Everytown donated \$200,000 to a pro-Walz political committee, according to campaign records.

"It's no surprise he turned away from the NRA as the NRA turned more and more extreme,"

said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety. "Governor Walz has proven that he's not afraid to stand up to the gun lobby to keep his constituents safe."

In the days since Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris picked Walz as her running mate, gun rights groups have sought to remind voters of what they cast as the governor's betrayal.

"Tim Walz is a political chameleon — changing his positions to further his own personal agenda," Randy Kozuch, chairman of the NRA Political Victory Fund, said in a statement. The U.S. Concealed Carry Association for Saving Lives sent out an alert to members featuring a video of Walz signing gun-control legislation that it said created "onerous barriers standing in between you and your ability to protect your family."

A spokeswoman for the Harris-Walz campaign said: "After some of the worst mass shootings in our country's history, the governor was moved to take a hard look

at the facts and decided to support common sense gun reform that would prevent future tragedies. That level of introspection is something to be commended, not critiqued."

A lifelong hunter and former National Guard member, Walz was active in the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus when he served in the U.S. House from 2007 to 2019, and he led the group during part of his time on Capitol Hill. He backed a number of bills favored by gun enthusiasts, and, in 2016, Guns & Ammo magazine named him one of the top 20 politicians for gun owners.

But there were signs that Walz was not as hard line as some of his more conservative colleagues. After the mass killing at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, Walz indicated that he might be open to a ban on high-capacity, military-style rifles.

"What people are putting forward, looking at assault magazines, assault weapons, that should be in the discussion," he told a Minnesota paper. "It has to strike the proper balance be-

tween the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens versus the safety of all Americans."

Five years later, as he campaigned for governor, he faced pressure from within his party to take a stronger position on guns. A Democratic primary opponent, Erin Murphy, made an issue of his "A" rating from the NRA and called on him to give back contributions from the pro-gun advocacy group, which he pledged to do after the carnage at the Route 91 Harvest music festival in Las Vegas in October 2017.

"We came into that race with different positions, and he evolved over time," said Murphy, who's now the Democratic majority leader of Minnesota's state Senate. "And I understand why, rightfully, because of what we were seeing happening."

After the Parkland shooting in Florida in February 2018, Walz proposed an assault weapons ban. At one campaign event, he said: "My job today is to be dad to a 17-year-old daughter named Hope," explaining that, after the violence, she "woke up like many

of you did five weeks ago and said, 'Dad, you're the only person I know who's in elected office. You need to stop what's happening with this.'"

Walz added: "I'll take my kick in the butt from the NRA."

Walz's shift also came as gun-control groups were gaining influence and the NRA was roiled by internal feuds and corruption allegations. Between 2016 and 2022, NRA revenue fell more than 40 percent, while membership dues were down roughly 50 percent, according to tax filings. Campaign spending dropped, and legal expenses soared. The NRA's Political Victory Fund donated just \$2,000 to Walz's Republican opponent in the fall of 2018, records show.

Gun rights groups did not mobilize in a significant way against Walz when he ran for reelection in 2022, said his Republican opponent, then-state Sen. Scott Jensen, who had backed increasing penalties on "straw" buyers of firearms who resell them to ineligible gun owners.

"The gun groups weren't falling in love with me, either, even though I was stronger [on gun rights] than Tim Walz," said Jensen, who called Walz "a very adept politician."

In 2023, as Democrats controlled both legislative chambers and the governor's mansion for the first time in about a decade, Walz signed sweeping gun-control legislation that expanded background checks on gun buyers and created "red flag" protections to take guns away from people deemed a danger to themselves or others.

Murphy, his onetime primary opponent, said he has proved himself a reliable partner on gun violence prevention.

"The last two years in Minnesota, we've passed a number of pieces of legislation that he signed into law as a result of that necessary evolution," she said.

In late July, as Harris was nearing a decision on her running mate, Walz bragged in a social media post about getting "straight F's" from the NRA in recent years. "And I sleep just fine," he added.

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Elon Musk's X account amplifies his politics

MUSK FROM AI

also raised questions about Musk's intentions for the social networking site, which he said he purchased to promote free speech and a more open exchange of ideas. In some ways, the site has become a personal megaphone for his provocative political views.

X recently claimed that 35 million swing voters use the platform every month. With polls nationally and in crucial swing states showing a tightening race, where people get their information and the quality of that information could well decide the next president, as well as control of Congress.

Musk is the platform's most followed user, with more than 193 million followers. X has at times boosted Musk's tweets into users' feeds, and algorithmically fed posts about causes he has promoted into users' timelines. Neither he nor X responded to emailed requests for comment.

Musk has lately used his feed to promote the candidacy of former president Donald Trump, whom he formally endorsed with an X post. Trump has said he is participating in an interview with Musk on Monday, though few details have emerged.

To quantify the shift in Musk's X feed, The Post analyzed tweets that contained at least seven words and were not reposts. The analysis classified the posts as related to politics, Tesla, Twitter (now X) or SpaceX based on keywords, but did not categorize as politics some of Musk's posts that relate obliquely to the topic. The analysis found that his posts about Tesla, Twitter and SpaceX taken together dropped from 31 percent of his feed in 2021 to 21 percent this year. His posts about Twitter increased from 1 percent in 2021 before he purchased the company to 8 percent so far this year, while Tesla and SpaceX posts together dropped from 30 percent to 13 percent during that time.

The analysis also showed a sharp uptick in the frequency of Musk's postings overall. He now posts five times as often as he did in 2021.

Despite a more than 30 percent drop in the number of people

actively tweeting, according to figures reported last year, X remains one of the most influential platforms for disseminating information about the election. President Joe Biden used the platform to announce he was leaving the presidential race, minutes before news organizations reported on his departure.

Some of the key topics of Musk's political posts at the moment are his critiques of the flow of undocumented migrants to the United States, which he claims are shifting the makeup of the electorate; what he calls the "woke mind virus"; his opposition to transgender rights; the 2024 election; and the recent riots in Britain.

Earlier this month, Musk used X to promote posts from other users that were increasingly typical for his feed: a story about a "controversial migrant flight program" green-lighted by the Biden administration, a right-wing furor about an Algerian boxer at the Olympics whom conservatives misidentified as transgender, a podcast featuring Republican vice-presidential candidate JD Vance.

"This is a battle to the death with the anti-civilizational woke mind virus," Musk declared earlier this year.

Until Musk's purchase, owners of large mainstream U.S. social media platforms typically refrained from publicly supporting candidates, despite accusations of left-wing bias from some conservatives who say content moderation disproportionately targeted their views. Those concerns came to a head in 2020 when multiple social media sites limited the spread of story about Hunter Biden's laptop. Former Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey later said the company had made a mistake in doing so.

When Musk pursued the site in 2022, he was fuming about the suspension of conservative satire site the Babylon Bee and took umbrage with the ban on Trump. Days after taking control of the platform, Musk endorsed Republicans in the 2022 midterm elections — an extraordinary step for the head of a mainstream social media platform.

"Shared power curbs the worst



Elon Musk, who owns the social media platform X, arrives before a joint meeting of Congress at the Capitol on July 24.

excesses of both parties, therefore I recommend voting for a Republican Congress, given that the Presidency is Democratic," he said. He later restored Trump's account.

After Musk's takeover, Twitter shed around 80 percent of its workers, including much of the Trust and Safety department responsible for content moderation, and adjusted features — such as its trademark blue checks — that had been geared at establishing the authority of information on the site.

Many conservatives cheered Musk's moves, which they said have allowed greater room for dissent and promoted more open conversations.

"He bought it to restore free speech. Our suspension was just one of many egregious examples of why that was necessary. Thank you, Elon!" wrote Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee, months after Musk took over the site.

Musk has said he was driven into political discussion out of a sense of obligation.

"I would prefer to have zero involvement in politics," he said earlier this month. "HOWEVER," he added, "There is no 'company success' unless civilization itself continues to progress."

"This insane shift by the 'left' away from a meritocracy and personal liberties ... will be the end of civilization as we know it," he said.

Musk's handpicked chief executive, Linda Yaccarino, has also made her right-leaning positions public, replying to a post saying Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) should change parties, as "Pro-Israel candidates are wel-

come in the GOP," with an enthusiastic, "Absolutely!"

Yaccarino did not respond to a request for comment made through X.

Some democracy advocates have raised concerns about Musk's behavior.

"It's incumbent upon the owner of a platform like this to realize that the ultimate responsibility, in addition to running a sustainable business, is to protect the quality and accuracy of the information environment of the platform precisely so that it can have a brand that people can count on," said Eddie Perez, board member at the nonpartisan OSET Institute, which aims to promote confidence in elections through trustworthy technology, and a former director for civic integrity at Twitter.

"That responsibility to foster an accurate and authoritative information environment necessarily means that you must therefore step back from using it as a personal mouthpiece — much less an inflammatory one," he added.

For Musk's critics, his vocal partisanship has called into question his site's reliability as a source of information for the 2024 elections.

On Aug. 2, as Musk was tweeting in support of right-wing positions, political organizer William McConnell found his group's handle @Progs4Harris suddenly suspended as it was gaining momentum on X — days after the same thing happened to "White Dudes for Harris" and users found themselves unable to follow @KamalaHQ, the official rapid response handle of Kamala Harris's campaign.

"Given that it happened to similar groups in similar circumstances, it's starting look suspect and that's a problem," said McConnell, 32, of Sergeantsville, N.J.

The incident fueled suspicions that the temporary throttling of pro-Harris accounts was not coincidental.

"It's hard to know if this is just another example of how Elon Musk has functionally ruined Twitter or if it's something more sinister," Progressives for Harris said in a statement shortly before its account was restored and organizers were told it was flagged as spam by mistake.

Musk's political rhetoric has alienated many — among them his daughter, Vivian Jenna Wilson, a transgender woman. Wilson has become an outspoken voice against Musk, following his comments last month that the "woke mind virus" killed her.

Musk's openly anti-trans positions have for years weighed on his product's fans — and his one-time defenders.

Earl Banning, a Tesla shareholder who cashed out his 401(k) account and placed the funds into Tesla stock in 2015, has become an ardent Musk critic on X. Banning, an Anchorage neuropsychologist and parent of a transgender 15-year-old, said Musk's anti-trans postings were the last straw.

"For that reason alone I needed to speak up," he said.

Late last month, a longtime Tesla fan took to X to lament Musk's shift into overt and frequent political posting, urging him to "chill on posting about Politics."

"Sure, it's your right as an American," the user wrote. "But as one of the world's most powerful and influential people I think we need to hold a higher standard of discourse."

"I hear you," Musk replied.

In the days that followed, Musk posted a steady stream of grievances, elevating posts about the far-right riots in Britain, the supposed erosion of Western cultures and calling Harris "literally a communist." Nothing had changed.

Methodology

The Post analyzed all of Elon Musk's tweets that contained at least seven words and were not reposts from Jan. 1, 2021, through Aug. 9, 2024 — a total of 9,567 posts of the 23,558 posts Musk made during that time. All tweets, regardless of length, were included in calculating the volume of Musk's posts per day. The Post

obtained the tweets from the National Conference on Citizenship, web data collection company Bright Data and Polititweet.org. Tweets were classified as relating to Tesla, SpaceX, Twitter (now X) or politics based on keywords in the text. Some tweets could be about multiple topics. About 60 percent of tweets were outside those four topics. In 2021, 19 percent of Musk's posts were about Tesla; in 2024 so far, 7 percent were.

Reporters excluded very short posts for the topic analysis because there is too little content in Musk's own words to ascertain a topic. Nearly 30 percent of Musk's tweets are a single word, emoji or exclamation marks. Almost 5 percent consist of only the "tears of joy" or "rolling on the floor laughing" emoji.

Classifying free text into categories is tricky under optimal circumstances. It's trickier here for two reasons: We needed to distinguish Musk's newfound conservative politics from long-standing references to electric vehicle tax incentives (a frequent Tesla-related topic), and to exclude his frequent discussions of content moderation policies linked to his acquisition of Twitter, which has both political and corporate valence. Thus, neither "free speech" nor "incentive" keywords were included in The Post's politics category. Criticism of the media was not included in the politics category either.

The Post selected keywords for each category in two steps: First, we selected obvious handpicked terms (like "self-driving" and "Tesla" for the Tesla category, or "Biden" and "woke mind virus" for the politics category). Next, we calculated which other terms occurred disproportionately in tweets matching the handpicked keywords (compared with those that didn't match the handpicked keywords). Reporters added the terms that directly related to the categories — on the theory that if term A and term B frequently co-occur in posts about a given topic, term B probably relates to that same topic alone. This keyword expansion ensures that terms like "lithium" that relate to Tesla's business but sometimes occur alone are used to flag Tesla-related tweets.

Finally, we examined a subset of posts matching each keyword set to estimate precision — ensuring that the vast majority of posts tagged as Tesla really are about Tesla. Our keywords don't match every post relevant to the topics, especially when Musk uses technical terms or refers to short-lived political controversies.

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Paris Games transcend political and logistical difficulties

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familiar sites in breathtakingly unfamiliar ways. These Olympics welcomed spectators back for the first time since the pandemic, and the roar of the crowds witnessing athletic feats pumped new energy into the capital. Some Parisians who had left on vacation returned so they wouldn't miss out.

"It has been the perfect Games for Paris, for France, and — if you want — for Macron," said French political scientist Dominique Moïsi. Even Macron's low approval ratings have ticked upward slightly.

To be sure, not everything went smoothly. An investigation remains open into the arson attacks on high-speed rail lines the night before the Opening Ceremonies. Olympic athletes and organizers also reported receiving threats and online harassment.

After torrential rain elevated pollution levels in the Seine — overpowering the 1.4 billion euro (\$1.5 billion) cleanup project — some training sessions were canceled and the triathlon was delayed.

But the nightmare scenarios never materialized.

"We French, we like to complain. But honestly, right now everything that's happening is rather positive," said political researcher Pierre Mathiot, sounding surprisingly cheerful for someone who spent the past months analyzing France's impending political doom.

So who should get the credit for the success of the Paris Olympics?

The Games involved a gargantuan effort by more than 4,000 officials, 45,000 volunteers, 35,000 police and gendarmerie officers, 18,000 French soldiers and 1,800 foreign law enforcement personnel. And their work isn't done. The Paralympic Games begin Aug. 28.

But in this interlude, it seems fair to ask: Who are the winners who haven't been on podiums?

Macron has sought to be a contender. Although the Paris Olympic bid was in motion before he was elected, he embraced it from the start of his presidency, flying to Lausanne, Switzerland, to lobby the International Olympic Committee in July 2017. The vision would be audacious, he promised, and well worth it, he said.

Macron played only a cameo role in the July 26 Opening Ceremonies. But he wasn't shy about embracing athletes after their victories — or wiping away their tears.

Throughout the Games, he



Spectators hold French flags as they watch the team judo competition at the Summer Olympics in Paris on Aug. 2.

posted I-told-you-so updates on social media. "The brief? Make it iconic," he wrote alongside a video of beach volleyball at the Eiffel Tower.

Under different circumstances, these Olympics could have been a triumph for Macron, helping to cement his legacy and propel his vision of France as an international player that punches above its weight. But even if the Games have boosted France's global image and soft power, they appear to have given Macron only a slight lift domestically, and his recently weakened political position may constrain his international clout.

Amid France's political turmoil, Macron's maneuvering to be photographed with Olympic athletes was a step too far for some. "The president is certainly playing his role as president when he celebrates French victories that make an entire country proud," journalist Bérengère Bonte wrote for Radio France. "The risk is that he appears as the one who comes to pick up the laurels almost alone, who continues to play politics when he has asked everyone for a truce."

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo is another person who put her repu-

tation on the line for these Olympics. And, like Macron, she has claimed victory over the doubters and the haters.

"After years of criticism aimed at me, years of tearing down a positive image of Paris," she said in an interview with *Le Monde* published Tuesday, "something incredibly positive is happening."

Hidalgo used Paris's hosting of the Olympics as an argument to advance efforts to limit car traffic, extend bike lanes and open more space for pedestrians. The program has been polarizing among Parisians. But a mostly car-free Olympics proved popular among visitors — a credit to the mayor.

Hidalgo's boldest Olympic project was the Seine cleanup. Because the city's sewage system regularly overflowed into the river, swimming had been officially banned since 1923. Reclaiming the Seine to meet modern safety standards was no small feat.

On July 17, she declared that the river was ready and plunged in herself to demonstrate. Only later did test results reveal that *E. coli* levels were slightly above the safe limit that day.

The Olympic events went ahead. But it was touch-and-go —

leaving some people unconvinced that cleaning the Seine was worth the hefty price tag.

Belgian triathlete Claire Michel ultimately said it was a virus and not bacteria from the water that made her sick after a swim. But Belgium's Olympic committee said in a statement that it hoped "lessons will be learned" for future Olympics. "We are thinking here of the guarantee of training days, competition days and the competition format which must be clarified in advance and ensure that there is no uncertainty for the athletes, their entourage and the supporters," the committee said.

Hidalgo's moment of truth among voters may only come next summer, when the city has vowed to make sections of the Seine swimmable by the public. In the first 10 days of the Olympics, the Seine would have had to be closed for public swimming 90 percent of the time due to pollution, according to data assessed by French news outlet *Mediapart*.

Even riskier than the Seine cleanup was the plan to stage the Opening Ceremonies on the river, rather than in the comparatively controlled confines of a stadium. Paris has been the target of terror-

ist attacks before. And these Olympics were taking place at an especially tense geopolitical moment.

"If there are gold medals that are distributed to athletes, there is a gold medal to be given to French police and gendarmes," Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin said at a news conference on Friday. (He agreed to stay on through the Games even though Macron's cabinet formally resigned after last month's election.)

There was a moment of shock on the morning of the Opening Ceremonies, when suspected sabotage disrupted France's high-speed railway network.

"Was it embarrassing? Absolutely," said Hans-Jakob Schindler, senior director of the Counter Extremism Project. "But was it a security threat to the Olympics and its participants? Absolutely not."

"They've done a fairly good job at making sure that everyone at the Games was safe," he said.

That's good for Darmanin's record — which had been tarnished by the 2022 Champions League final at the Stade de France, where poor crowd management resulted in dangerous congestion and police in riot gear deploying tear gas.

Paris Deputy Mayor Pierre Rabadan said the Olympics had given French police an opportunity to increase public trust.

"The relationship with the police has really evolved positively," he said. "Usually, with the police, we are often in a relationship of conflict or concern. Here, we had police officers who provided information, who guided."

As the president of the Paris 2024 organizing committee, Tony Estanguet may have the best chances of being seen as a winner of these Games. The former French slalom canoeist and three-time Olympic gold medalist was assigned to ensure that the Games aligned with the original French bid, the budget and the International Olympic Committee's rules.

Paris managed to contain costs by minimizing new construction. With an estimated price tag of about \$9.7 billion for both the Olympics and the Paralympics, the competitions are less expensive than London's (\$16.8 billion), Rio's (\$23.6 billion) and Tokyo's (more than \$13.7 billion).

"Together, we have experienced Games like nothing the world has seen before," Estanguet said in a speech at the Closing Ceremonies. "From one day to the next, time stood still and a whole country got goose bumps. From one day to the next, Paris became a party again, and France came back together."

But that unity may be fleeting. The excitement and enthusiasm generated by global sports events, Moïsi said, tend to be "very intense, and very short."

As a result of the Olympics, "politics just disappeared" for two weeks, Mathiot said. The French far right even largely stayed out of the debate over whether a possible "Last Supper" reference in the Opening Ceremonies was offensive. Now that the Olympics are over, though, pressure will mount for Macron to name a new prime minister and share power. Taunts from the right and the left will resume.

Moïsi compared the current political moment to 1998, when then-President Jacques Chirac was briefly boosted by the first-ever French victory at the soccer World Cup and commentators declared France's multicultural team a "model of integration."

"But it didn't last long," Moïsi said. Chirac remained a lame duck for much of the remainder of his first term, and France's racial divides persisted.

France's political impasse, cautioned Mathiot, "is going to re-emerge, and it will do so very forcefully."



Swimming gold medalist Léon Marchand was one of several French athletes who starred at the Games.



French President Emmanuel Macron got praise and criticism for his visibility during the Olympics.

DIGEST

UGANDA

At least 18 killed in landfill collapse

A vast landfill site in the Ugandan capital collapsed, killing at least 18 people, the Red Cross said.

Fourteen other people were injured when the Kiteezi landfill, which serves as a waste disposal site for much of Kampala, collapsed late Friday. At least two of the dead were children, the Kampala Capital City Authority said in a statement.

The collapse is believed to have been triggered by heavy rainfall. The precise details of what happened were unclear, but the city authority said there was a "structural failure in waste mass."

Irene Nakasiita, a spokeswoman for the Uganda Red Cross, said the toll reached

18 after additional bodies were recovered Sunday.

"The assessment is not yet completed," she said, adding that rainfall was slowing the efforts of rescue teams digging through heaps of trash.

The Kiteezi landfill is on a steep slope in an impoverished area of Kampala. Women and children who scavenge plastic waste for income frequently gather there, and some homes have been built close to the landfill.

Kampala authorities for years have considered closing the site and commissioning a larger area outside the city as a waste disposal site. It was not clear why the plan has failed to take off since 2016.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni ordered an investigation into the incident, asking in posts on the social platform X why people were

living in proximity to an unstable heap of garbage.

"Who allowed people to live near such a potentially hazardous and dangerous heap?" Museveni said, adding that effluent from the site is hazardous enough that people should not be living there.

— Associated Press

SERBIA

Protesters accused of 'hybrid' warfare

Serbia's president on Sunday accused demonstrators who oppose a lithium mining project in the Balkan country of being part of Western-backed "hybrid" warfare against his government and vowed to take strong legal action against protesters who blocked railway and vehicle traffic in the capital a day earlier.

In one of the biggest protests

in recent years, tens of thousands took to the streets in the capital, Belgrade, on Saturday to oppose lithium mining in Serbia. The rally took place despite officials' warnings about their alleged plot to unseat populist President Aleksandar Vucic and his government.

Some of the protesters later blocked tracks at two railway stations in the city and briefly stopped traffic on a major highway. Riot police used their riot shields to push demonstrators out of the railway stations early Sunday.

Interior Minister Ivica Dacic said 14 people have been brought in for questioning. Police are working to identify additional protesters, who will face charges, he said.

Vucic told reporters Sunday that although the main protest took place democratically, the blockage of traffic on the

highway amounted to "terror of the minority over the majority."

"It is part of the hybrid approach" designed to topple the government, Vucic told reporters. "We knew everything in detail. You think you have surprised someone ... we have always been restrained, without violence we ensured order in the country, without a problem."

— Associated Press

IRAN

President proposes new foreign minister

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Sunday proposed that former nuclear negotiator Abbas Araghchi become the country's new foreign minister and sought to appoint a woman as roads and housing minister.

If approved, she would be Iran's first female minister in

more than a decade.

Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf read aloud the list of proposed ministers to lawmakers. The hard-line-dominated chamber will have two weeks to review qualifications and give a vote of confidence to the proposed ministers.

Araghchi, 61, a career diplomat, was a member of the team of Iranian negotiators that in 2015 reached a nuclear deal with world powers that capped Tehran's nuclear program in return for the lifting of sanctions.

In 2018, then-President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of the deal and imposed more sanctions on Iran. Pezeshkian said during his presidential campaign that he would try to revive the nuclear deal.

— From news services

Ahead of 2028 Games, what L.A. can learn from Paris

Planners face challenges in transit, inclusion and sustainability

BY RICK NOACK

PARIS — At Sunday's Closing Ceremonies, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo passed the Olympic flag to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass — and with it, the pressure to welcome and wow the world.

Some proud Parisians have been taunting Los Angeles on social media, sharing majestic images of this summer's competition sites — the glass-roofed Grand Palais for fencing, the Palace of Versailles for equestrian the Eiffel Tower for beach volleyball — alongside less-picturesque views of Southern California.

To be sure, the dense city center of Paris presented different opportunities, and difficulties, than the sprawling expanse of Los Angeles will in the summer of 2028.

But L.A. officials say they know how to put on a show — and can do it cheaper than Paris 2024.

"We don't have an Eiffel Tower," said Casey Wasserman, the chairman of LA28, but "we have a Hollywood sign, we have incredible venues."

City officials, senior police officers and members of the LA28 organizing committee were here over the past two weeks to watch how it all played out.

At a news conference Saturday, Bass (D) said that, similar to Paris, her goal is "a no-car Games." That would be no small feat in Los Angeles, where "we've always been in love with our cars," she acknowledged.

Bass cited Paris 2024's "Games Wide Open" approach as an example for how Los Angeles could open events to the broader public, saying that it will be crucial "for the Games to be felt by the entire city."

Los Angeles can already claim credit for an Olympic rarity: a profitable Summer Games, when L.A. hosted in 1984. Budgets have ballooned since then. But L.A. organizers say they can do 2028 with a budget of \$6.88 billion — compared with an estimated



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\$9.7 billion for the Paris Olympics — by avoiding the construction of so many temporary event spaces and by using the mini-metropolis of UCLA as the Athletes' Village.

French officials caution that

TOP: Los Angeles plans to use Memorial Coliseum in 2028. ABOVE: LA28 chairman Casey Wasserman and Mayor Karen Bass (D).

their American counterparts may have to adjust to some realities over the next four years.

"It always feels like it's far away," said Pierre Rabadan, the Paris deputy mayor in charge of the Olympics. "But four years pass very quickly when you organize the biggest event in the world. And that's the challenge Los Angeles will have to face."

The transportation challenge

When L.A. officials began bidding for the Olympics, they promised a big boost for public transportation in a city that is synonymous with traffic and has the worst ozone pollution in the United States.

But Paris showed how grand plans for transportation can come up short.

One of the pillars of the Paris Games was supposed to be the Grand Paris Express, a massive new metro network first proposed in 2007. Almost two decades later, few sections are finished and construction is expected to continue until at least 2030.

Los Angeles is counting on a subway extension to link downtown and UCLA's campus starting in 2027. That would reduce a two-hour drive on a bad day to a 30-minute train ride and make the Olympic Village plan more feasible.

But the city will be far from reaching the ambitious initial target of 28 major transportation infrastructure projects for the 2028 Olympics.

There have also been doubts about L.A.'s car-free pledge. The LA28 organizers have been using the phrase "public transportation first," while suggesting that some venues might be accessible by car. But Bass doubled down this weekend, saying "you will have to take public transportation to get to all of the venues."

With only four years left, that may mean minor upgrades and temporary solutions. Bass said that officials may ask companies to have employees work remotely. Organizers also plan to borrow a large fleet of buses, copying what Salt Lake City did in 2002 for the Winter Olympics.

The mayor said transportation concerns are unwarranted. She

cited the Games of 1984, when Los Angeles residents were "terrified that we were going to have terrible, terrible traffic. And we were shocked that we didn't."

The sustainability challenge

Hidalgo and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti wrote in a joint op-ed in 2017 that with the privilege of hosting the Olympics "comes a great responsibility, to make hosting the Games concretely sustainable."

Paris has since demonstrated that the money and momentum of Olympic preparations can help advance green initiatives, but some sustainability promises are hard to keep.

While expanded bike lanes and bike-sharing programs were embraced by Olympics visitors, millions of plane flights were difficult to offset. Organizers dropped an early claim that the 2024 Olympics would be the first carbon-neutral Summer Games, and even the modified goal to halve the carbon footprint of London 2012 and Rio 2016 proved difficult.

Organizers planned to forgo air conditioning in the Olympic Village and to double the amount of plant-based food being served at the Games. But some teams brought their own ACs, while others demanded more meat.

Rabadan said this shouldn't deter Los Angeles. "I would like them to be inspired by some of the things we managed to do in Paris," he said, citing "more responsible" Games.

Bass said Saturday that she is committed to "making lasting environmental" improvements throughout Los Angeles.

The security challenge

L.A. organizers had said they were especially keen to see how the Paris Opening Ceremonies worked out. Bass told The Washington Post in March that she was intrigued to see "how you secure hundreds of thousands of people watching a parade of boats." But she doesn't seem keen to invite those security risks. Los Angeles will be holding its Opening Ceremonies in a more conventional stadium setting.

Rabadan acknowledged that

the criticism prompted some internal doubts, leading organizers to "re-examine our ambition and ability to hold these Games adequately."

Ultimately, Paris reduced the number of people that could watch the Opening Ceremonies from the banks of the Seine, and tens of thousands of heavily armed soldiers and police officers were deployed in the city.

"You can feel the security here, and you see the military on the streets and the police on every corner," Reynold Hoover, the chief executive of LA28 and a retired lieutenant general in the U.S. Army, said in an interview.

LA28 was designated a National Special Security Event in June, the earliest-ever such designation, making the Secret Service the lead federal agency in charge of securing the Games.

"People will feel safe and secure in L.A.," Hoover said, but people shouldn't expect to see security personnel "carrying machine guns in the streets."

The inclusion challenge

Among the goals of Paris 2024 was to host "more inclusive" and "more equal" Games. A mixed record on that score may hold lessons for Los Angeles.

French officials managed to use the Olympics to help address inequality by situating the Olympic Village so that it crossed three underserved communities — L'Île-Saint-Denis, Saint-Denis and Saint Ouen. Local mayors say they appreciated the influx of funding and the unprecedented attention. After the Games, the athletes' apartments are supposed to be turned into mixed-income housing.

But officials' social commitments were thrown into doubt by a rise in evictions and removals of unhoused people from the city center and from around Olympic venues. More than 12,500 people — many of them migrants — were evicted or removed in the Paris region between May 2023 and April 2024, according to a collective of organizations. French officials maintain that the evictions and removals were unrelated to the Olympics.

There will be even greater scrutiny of how Los Angeles addresses homelessness ahead of the Olympics. About 30,000 people are unsheltered in Los Angeles, compared with more than 3,500 people in Paris, a figure that does not include people living in squats and in the wider Paris region.

Speaking on Saturday, Bass vowed "to get Angelinos housed," and added that "Los Angeles County has 88 cities in it and across all of those cities we're working together."

She previously said that homelessness is "absolutely solvable." Her response has centered on clearing encampments, providing people with immediate access to temporary shelters and speeding up approvals for affordable housing projects.

Unsheltered homelessness in Los Angeles has dropped 10 percent since last year, while the number of people in shelter has increased by around 18 percent, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. But maintaining that momentum and moving people from temporary into permanent housing could prove more challenging.

Les Carpenter contributed to this report.



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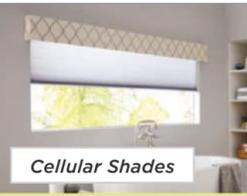
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Hezbollah unbowed as Lebanon braces for war with Israel

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to stave off regional war — one in which it would inevitably be involved — have included failed attempts at brokering cease-fires in both Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. Hezbollah has said it does not want war but will stop firing only when a cease-fire is reached in Gaza.

On Thursday, the United States, Qatar and Egypt issued a joint statement urging Hamas and Israel to resume negotiations as Israel braced for retaliation from Hezbollah and its patron Iran for the killing of a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut's suburbs and a Hamas leader in Tehran.

"There is no further time to waste," the statement said.

As it fights, Hezbollah has been the standard-bearer for the Iranian-allied "axis of resistance," buoyed by its status as Lebanon's unrivaled military force, its vast arsenal of weapons and its tens of thousands of men under arms. As suffering has spread in Lebanon, Hezbollah has tried to blunt opposition to its military operations by arguing that its tactics have limited the spread of violence and kept its battles with Israel from breaking out into a wider conflict.

By largely confining the fighting to Lebanon's southern border regions, it "created less of a problem than it might have if they had started a major conflict," said Michael Young, a Beirut-based senior editor at the Carnegie Middle East Center. There had been a "separation" in Lebanon between the destruction Israel's strikes had visited on the south and the reality elsewhere in the country, where "life goes on," he said.

Because of that separation, as well as a widely shared revulsion in Lebanon at the "brutality" of Israel's Gaza offensive, Hezbollah had been able to keep a "lid on discontent," he said.

But Ibrahim Mneimneh, an independent member of Lebanon's parliament, said the toll of war in southern Lebanon was severe enough to question Hezbollah's strategy. "I don't believe that they were able to protect Lebanon through what they used to call the 'equation of deterrence,'" he said, referring to the notion that neither Israel nor Hezbollah wanted



The site of a June 6 airstrike by Israeli forces in Wadi Jilo, Lebanon. Some families only returned to their damaged homes this month.

LORENZO TUGNOLI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

to escalate beyond a certain point.

And maintaining the balance Hezbollah had sought was becoming far more difficult. Fears that hostilities could spiral surged in late July, after a strike that killed 12 children in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Israel and the United States blamed Hezbollah, which denied it was responsible. A few days later, an Israeli missile tore through a residential building in Beirut's southern suburbs that killed Fuad Shukur, a senior Hezbollah commander, and at least six other people, including two children.

"We did not go to escalation, even when our dear leaders were killed," Hezbollah secretary general Hasan Nasrallah said in a speech Tuesday, mentioning the dual realities in Lebanon. "For 10 months, there's been a front, martyrs and funerals, and another

part of Lebanon where it's concerts, and leisure, and lunches and dinners," he said. But the "aggression" against Shukur, a few miles from downtown Beirut, was different.

"The Israelis are the ones who chose this escalation with Lebanon," he said.

In a speech that seemed designed to prepare Lebanon for war, "the tone has changed," Young said.

"We are in a situation where the rhythm imposed by Hezbollah trying to contain the conflict is no longer possible, it seems — partly because the Israelis appear willing to expand it," Young said. The speech focused less on Hezbollah's role in the constellation of Iranian-backed armed groups, instead explaining to a broader Lebanese audience why Israel was a threat to the region and Hezbollah's fight was necessary, he said.

Even that was a hard sell, since no one in Lebanon — including Hezbollah's supporters among the country's Shiite Muslim community — wanted a war, he added.

The devastation to Lebanese homes and farms is concentrated along the border with Israel, after months of battle in which Israeli strikes outnumbered those by Hezbollah by more than 6 to 1, according to figures through Aug. 1 compiled by ACLED, an organization that collects data on conflict. More than 100,000 people have been displaced by the fighting, which has killed 114 civilians and noncombatants in Lebanon.

On the other side of the border, more than 60,000 people remain displaced from communities in northern Israel since Hezbollah initiated hostilities on Oct. 8. Nineteen soldiers and 24 civilians have been killed in attacks by the

group. Hundreds of homes have been damaged and tens of thousands of acres have been burned in wildfires ignited by drone and rocket strikes.

In Lebanon, the suffering extends miles from the frontier, to Wadi Jilo, where families in a three-story building that was set ablaze by an Israeli strike across the street in early June were only just returning to their homes. Workers and painters — some themselves displaced by the fighting — tried to make the place habitable again.

One of the workers, who is Syrian, said he was commuting back and forth daily to a ghost town closer to the front line; Syrian refugees in Lebanon, facing discrimination, have struggled to find people willing to take them in.

A housewares supply company on the ground floor of the build-

ing was destroyed. "How we managed to escape, I don't know," said Mervat Eitawi, 49, who lived on the first floor and spent three days in the hospital after the strike with breathing problems, she said. Her son's arm was burned.

There had been previous bombings, "but not to this degree," she said. "I hear drones overhead every two hours or so." One could be heard circling as she spoke with reporters last week. She could not bring herself to leave Wadi Jilo, where her family was, her home.

The war just needed to end: "God willing, God willing, God willing," she said.

Ibrahim Al Moussawi, a Lebanese parliament member representing Hezbollah, acknowledged that the suffering in the south and mass displacement had put pressure on the movement. Lebanon, in the midst of a long economic crisis marked by soaring inflation and spreading poverty, is barely able to assist the displaced, much less conceive of rebuilding areas destroyed by the conflict without massive foreign aid.

"We would have loved that our situation in Lebanon was in a better or a higher positive position to be engaged in war," he said, adding that Hezbollah was providing assistance to displaced people, including with rent payments. The group was trying to balance Lebanon's "vulnerabilities" with its decision to keep fighting, which he called a "moral duty, religious duty, national duty, responsibility as humans."

Mneimneh, the independent lawmaker, said the weighty matters Hezbollah was deciding — over war and peace and foreign policy — were things that should be discussed in the parliament or by the country's government.

"It is our duty to support the Palestinians as they strive for their own state, and to stand up against the genocide that took place in Gaza," he said in an interview in his office, referring to Israel's military offensive.

But it was for all Lebanese — rather than one party — "to come together and discuss the best ways to fulfill these goals, protecting the country and at the same time supporting the Palestinian cause," Mneimneh said.

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Uvalde releases videos, 911 calls from 2022 school shooting

Records shed more light on heavily scrutinized police response to attack

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ, STEVEN RICH, JOYCE SOHYUN LEE AND SARAH CAHLAN

In a 911 call released Saturday by the city of Uvalde, Tex., a 10-year-old student inside a Robb Elementary classroom can be heard counting the survivors and trying to quiet crying, screaming classmates.

The report is among dozens of records released by the city after it was sued by a coalition of news organizations, including The Washington Post.

The records also include body-camera footage from five police officers, dash-cam video, recorded 911 calls, radio and emergency communications, and text messages between various officials. Lawsuits against Uvalde County, the school district and the Texas Department of Public Safety for more records are ongoing.

"A lot of people are gone," said Khloie Torres, as she tried to count those still alive in her fourth-grade classroom but gave up after reaching eight. Other students can be heard screaming out to officers, pleading for help, and the injured can be heard moaning.

"Please help, they are dying," she told the 911 dispatcher. Torres survived the shooting.

The Post previously obtained the vast majority of the records released Saturday from the Texas Rangers investigation, including excerpts of Torres's phone call. But the new information includes her full 17-minute conversation with a dispatcher.

A Post investigation with ProPublica and the Texas Tribune found that the emergency medical response was thwarted by the botched police efforts to stop the



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A memorial for the Robb Elementary School shooting victims in Uvalde, Tex., in 2022. Nineteen children and two teachers were killed.

gunman. Law enforcement's ill-fated transition from responding doomed some lifesaving efforts, a 20-minute documentary published last year by The Post also found.

The newly released records come more than two years after the massacre that left 19 children and two teachers dead, and as victims' families clamor for greater transparency into the actions of law enforcement. Two school district police officers, including former chief Pedro "Pete" Arredondo, have been criminally charged in connection with the law en-

forcement response to the massacre.

Arredondo, who has been charged with 10 felony counts of child endangerment, told CNN recently that he is being scapegoated and that Texas state troopers should have taken over incident command. It took more than 70 minutes for any officer to confront the shooter.

"These are my children, too, people don't understand that," Arredondo said, describing how he walked those hallways daily and got to know the students who were gunned down. He blamed

"lies and deceptions" for fueling false narratives that lost him the trust of his community.

Adrian Gonzales, the other former school district police officer facing charges, pleaded not guilty to 29 counts of child endangerment last month.

The records released Saturday shed new light on how the tragedy unfolded and the police response.

As the shooting unfolded, the uncle of the shooter, Salvador Ramos, called 911 and begged police to put him in contact with his nephew.

"Maybe he can stand down,"

Armando Ramos said at 12:57 p.m., according to the call log.

During the six-minute call, Ramos can be heard uttering: "Why did you do this?" and "I think he's shooting kids."

The dispatcher asked Ramos if he noticed any change in his nephew's behavior.

"No, nothing. ... He said that he was mad and that his grandmother was bugging him too much."

The dispatcher ended the call with Armando Ramos by saying an officer will get in touch with him.



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TECH FRIEND

Why dumb tech is outsmarting modern rivals in the market

Relatively simple gadgets provide an old-school oasis for consumers burned out by the unremitting rush of complex, interconnected devices

BY SHIRA OVIDE

One of the gadgets that I use the most is a relatively simple speaker that plays audio from my phone or laptop over a Bluetooth connection.

I can't talk to it. The speaker doesn't have an app or any artificial intelligence features. It's pretty unintelligent, actually. That's all I want.

What works for me may not be best for you. But my dumb speaker points to the value of technology that does just one thing and does it well.

That's one reason for the niche popularity of old-school flip phones, retro cameras, wired headphones and vinyl records. (Also, some people in Gen Z and Generation Alpha enjoy technologies with unpolished output.)

In the affection for relatively simple technology, including my speaker, there may also be an implicit backlash to technology complexity.

When even toothbrushes have AI and you want to scream at your not-so-smart "smart" TV, it's reasonable to wonder: For whom do companies make this complicated junk?

More of our favorite simpler technologies

David Imel, a technology journalist and producer for the MK-BHD YouTube channel, had a smartwatch for years but started to resent the constant notifications "taking away from my life."

Imel now wears a Casio wristwatch and has no regrets. (Imel owns a customized one; hand-modified Casios are a whole thing.)

Chris Velazco, the resident gadget expert for The Washington Post's Help Desk team, owns splashed-out, immersive video game machines but proclaimed "undying love" for a far-less-sophisticated Nintendo 3DS XL.

The handheld game gadget came out in 2012 and is discontinued, though you can find used models.

When he has time to kill at home, Chris fires up his 3DS to play a tic-tac-toe-style game like he's living in the Stone Age.

Wired tech writer Lauren Goode owns a seven-year-old smart-ish Garmin Fenix 5S smartwatch that tracks exercise and that's about it. The battery can easily last five days without a



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charge.

(The model is discontinued, though you can find similar versions used.)

The technology in the Jeep she's had since 2007 is so backward that Goode says hackers probably couldn't remotely crack the car without a lot of fuss.

To play music from her phone, she uses a special cable that plugs into an old port in the car stereo.

"My goal is to hopefully drive it for 20 years, then upgrade to something more environmentally friendly, at which point I'll have to accept that it's connected to Skynet," Goode said.

The pioneering technology writer Walt Mossberg is a big fan

of his two iPads for their versatility, ease of use and great battery life. (Mossberg noted that this doesn't fit my concept of simple technology that does just one thing. True. It still counts.)

Tech affection is personal and idiosyncratic, and you may not find all of these things simple or useful. Even my dumb speaker is destined to die when the battery wears out.

Supposedly simpler or older technologies aren't always good, either. I don't hear many people pining for VCRs.

If you have a favorite relatively simple technology, drop me a line at shira.ovid@washpost.com and tell me about it.

The deeper meaning behind why we like these things

Some of the adoration for barer-bones technology is nostalgia or what Imel said is a backlash to the "consuming" technology that never leaves us alone. There's also a rejection of creepy data-hogging seen in many products.

I also wonder if the technology that drives us nuts isn't merely overly complex when simple will suffice. The big problem is when tech is complex *and* bad.

Perhaps you have the urge to bash your balky printer with a sledgehammer. When I recently tried to add a streaming video app to an internet-connected TV, I had to reply to so many on-

screen commands with a TV remote that I gave up in frustration.

Look, the hard truth is that a TV, dishwasher, car or headphone manufacturer is unlikely to make both a fantastic physical device and an amazing app or other software to connect it to the internet. And yet, they try.

Consumer surveys by YouGov consistently show that the top feature people want out of their smartphones is better battery life. Instead, companies keep stuffing their phones with fancy AI features that you might never use.

There will always be a place for sophisticated technology. But sometimes, the pretty dumb tech can be incredibly satisfying.

My dumb speaker points to the value of technology that does just one thing and does it well.

California lawmakers are weighing a flurry of sprawling tech bills — again

Tech Brief

CRISTIANO LIMA-STRONG

While members of Congress settle in for a lengthy August recess, state lawmakers in California returned for a busy final stretch where they will consider hundreds of bills, including major proposals on artificial intelligence, child online safety and digital advertising.

The state — the nation's most populous and the home of Silicon Valley — has long been a testing ground for sweeping measures to regulate the tech sector, and this year is shaping up to be no different.

"California has outsized influence on tech policy. ... Whatever bills pass this session in California are going to be very impactful nationwide," said Center for Democracy and Technology senior policy counsel Matt Scherer, whose nonprofit is funded by charities and tech companies.

Tech Brief asked tech policy experts, consumer advocates and industry leaders what key bills they are keeping tabs on as California barrels toward the end of its legislative session.

Here's what we learned:

'Catastrophic' AI harms

One of the most closely watched proposals, S.B. 1047, would force companies to test their most powerful AI models before rolling them out.

California state Sen. Scott Wiener (D) has said his bill, the Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier Artificial Intelligence Models, is meant to prevent AI tools from causing "catastrophic" harm, such as being used to develop bioweapons.

But the measure is facing significant opposition from



MARLENA SLOSS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A bill introduced by California state Sen. Scott Wiener (D) would force companies to test their most powerful AI models before rolling them out, but it's facing opposition from venture capitalist groups that argue that it could kneecap AI production in the United States.

venture capitalist groups, which have argued it could kneecap AI production in the United States and make it harder to keep pace with China. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), who represents parts of Silicon Valley, said in a letter Wednesday that the bill would create "unnecessary risks for both the public and California's economy."

Social media 'addiction' and child online safety

California lawmakers are

considering bills to expand protections for children online, including several aimed at addressing concerns around social media "addiction." The state has become a major battleground for the issue in recent years.

One bill, A.B. 3172, would expose social media platforms to greater civil penalties if they don't exercise "ordinary care" toward children on their services, while another, S.B. 976,

would prohibit platforms from serving minors with "addictive feeds."

Tech companies have fiercely resisted efforts to expand their liability for harms users experience on their platforms, often relying on the legal shield known as Section 230 to ward off legal claims. The latter proposal, meanwhile, echoes a law passed in New York forcing tech companies to restrict the use of "addictive" algorithms.

California lawmakers are proposing expanded protections against collecting data from minors, A.B. 1949, and against AI-generated sexually explicit material of minors, A.B. 1831.

News media vs. Big Tech, revisited

State legislators are considering a pair of contentious proposals to boost reeling news publishers by redirecting revenue to them from large technology companies.

The California Journalism Preservation Act, or A.B. 866, would force large platforms to pay publications a journalism "usage" fee for accessing their content. The proposal mirrors similar efforts in Australia and Canada, and faces steep opposition from tech giants like Meta, which last year threatened to remove news content from the state if the bill passed.

Another measure, S.B. 1327, has the same goal but takes a different approach: It would impose a tax on digital advertising to fund new tax credits for news organizations. Tech industry groups have argued the bills would largely benefit large media conglomerates, not smaller outlets.

A bevy of other AI bills

Wiener's bill targeting "catastrophic" AI harms is far from the only game in town. California lawmakers are weighing what guardrails are needed to tackle how the tools may be deployed in elections, in the workplace and in government contracting.

One proposal backed by consumer advocates and opposed by industry groups, A.B. 2655, would require large online platforms to block users from sharing deceptively edited material about elections. It's one of the dozens of state proposals targeting deceptive "deepfakes."

Another closely watched bill, A.B. 2930, aims to ban algorithmic discrimination in hiring and housing. The bill is backed by Microsoft and Workday and resembles a law passed in Colorado.

Scherer said that if California passes its own version, it could prompt more states to follow suit. "One state can be an aberration. Two states is a trend," he said.

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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Ms. Harris can't afford a basement campaign

SINCE REPLACING President Joe Biden at the top of the 2024 Democratic ticket, Vice President Kamala Harris has neither given a sit-down interview nor held a news conference. Her campaign's website lacks an "Issues" page (there's only a biography). We get it, tactically: it's tempting for Ms. Harris, as it would be for anyone in her position, to stay as vague on the issues as possible, for as long as possible, to avoid giving fodder to the opposition or dividing her supporters. Ms. Harris is confident she'll win if the campaign is about the many flaws of former president Donald Trump.

Mr. Trump makes her task easier by regularly spouting falsehoods and wild rhetoric, such as his crack about Ms. Harris's racial identity at a session of the National Association of Black Journalists. But at least he has taken questions, including hostile ones, both from NABJ and at a long news conference on Thursday.

If she hopes to prevail, Ms. Harris needs to present her ideas. The media and public have legitimate questions, and she should face them. This is a political necessity — Mr. Trump is already turning her avoidance of the media into an attack line. And elections aren't just about winning. They're about accumulating political capital for a particular agenda, which Ms. Harris can't do unless she articulates one.

What's more, Ms. Harris might find her best hope of persuading voters is not to reinforce familiar negative information about Mr. Trump, even if it's repackaged as an attack on his, and his party's, "weirdness." Rather, a new survey published in Matt Yglesias's newsletter by political scientists David Brookman of the University of California at Berkeley and Josh Kalla of Yale, who study political messaging, suggests that her best bet would be to provide the public new, positive information about herself — and her agenda.

To be sure, the vice president has run ads on those themes. And she has let it be known, through spokespeople, that she no longer supports a national ban on fracking or the elimination of private health insurance. The Harris campaign has said that she will stick with Mr. Biden's pledge to not raise income taxes on anyone making less than \$400,000 per year — though whether she would offset that with higher taxes on corporations and those at the very top of the income scale remains unknown.

On border security, Ms. Harris is now running commercials that highlight her support for increased enforcement. Back in June 2018, amid the movement to abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, Ms. Harris said, regarding that

idea, "We need to probably think about starting from scratch." She said in July 2019 that undocumented immigrants who cross the border illegally should not be charged with a crime. Now the campaign says she believes "unauthorized border crossings are illegal."

All of this moves her toward more popular positions. Still, it's a lot of mind-changing for the

claims by activists that she expressed openness during a private meeting to an arms embargo on Israel. She's placed added emphasis on expressing sympathy for Palestinian suffering while also supporting Israel's right to defend itself. Both critics and supporters of Israel are reading her running-mate choice of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as a sign that her policy might be somewhat tougher on Israel and more sympathetic to the Palestinians than Mr. Biden's has been. She needs to tell us: Are they misreading it?

Ms. Harris said in 2021 that she was the last person in the room with Mr. Biden when he decided to pull out of Afghanistan. Did she try to urge the president to keep some U.S. troops in the country? And how does she answer Mr. Trump's charge that the total withdrawal from Afghanistan emboldened Russian President Vladimir Putin to launch his full-scale invasion of Ukraine? In 2020, Ms. Harris said she agreed unequivocally "with the goal of reducing the defense budget." Is that still her view?

The "vibe" around the vice president's campaign launch has been undeniably strong among Democrats, but she can't bask in it forever. The more substance Ms. Harris can offer before the election, the more control she will have over what voters think of her and the more of a mandate she would have to govern should she prevail in November.

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public to absorb without further explanation. Without hearing Ms. Harris articulate her thought process, she runs the risk of leaving voters to wonder whether she is just shifting with the political winds, or, indeed, planning to revert to previous positions after she's won the presidency. Why, for instance, did she embrace Mr. Trump's idea to exempt tips from taxation?

On foreign policy, Ms. Harris's aides have denied

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In politics, talk with your money, not your mouth (or op-eds)

Regarding Jamie Dimon's Aug. 5 op-ed, "What would genuine presidential leadership look like?":

Most Americans would likely agree with the JPMorgan Chase chairman's words, and I appreciate the importance of influential Wall Street leaders recognizing the need for more rationality in the public discourse. However, if you had to write a list of things former president Donald Trump does not stand for and has, in fact, promised not to do, Mr. Dimon's op-ed would be a good starting point.

Mr. Trump himself has made it clear that he is in opposition to almost all the things Mr. Dimon says are necessary to restore faith in our country. Yet, oddly enough, Mr. Dimon publicly praised Mr. Trump in Davos, Switzerland, in January. Mr. Dimon's words gave other big donors "cover to back Mr. Trump more openly," according to the New York Times. (If that was not his intention, I would wonder why he didn't disabuse his cohorts of that idea.)

That article also notes that Mr. Dimon had paused all his and his bank's political donations because of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, but now the bank's PAC — to which Mr. Dimon himself contributes — gives more to Republicans than Democrats. How curious that someone with such opportunity to influence public opinion, who clearly believes that Mr. Trump encouraged the attack on our Capitol by "gassing up a mob" and who has derided Mr. Trump's insistence that the 2020 election was stolen, nonetheless gives money to Mr. Trump's party.

How can Mr. Dimon write an op-ed with perfectly reasonable suggestions for improving our country without acknowledging that Mr. Trump would do the opposite? If he believes his opinion on these issues is significant, he should make it clear where he stands, with both his mouth and his money.

Margaret Hennessy, Portland, Ore.

Jamie Dimon's Aug. 5 op-ed is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Most of the commentary is full of anodyne notions about U.S. government. We should all be united, he tells us. We should listen to the opposition more and be open to self-criticism, he says. He doesn't propose policies so much as outcomes he would like. He thinks we need to address our national debt, as though thinking about it were enough. We need equal opportunity for all, he says vaguely.

Mr. Dimon's real purpose, however, starts to reveal itself midway through the column: He appears to believe the rich don't have enough control over our government. He complains that government leaders have "failed to engage those in industry." He boasts that the private sector "produces 85 percent of our nation's jobs" and demands that "it should have a seat at the table." (I suspect he is not asking that Cabinet posts be filled by plumbers and pharmacists.) Most alarmingly, his example of how government should work is Detroit's financial emergency, in which an unelected corporate lawyer was given power usually held by local officials.

The fact that Mr. Dimon's wealth and position give him disproportionate influence is already troubling. Under the Constitution, his "seat at the table" is supposed to be the same as mine: He can vote. Yet he claims a right to more.

William Sullivan, Washington

Jamie Dimon's op-ed provides a very interesting perspective of our national needs. He acknowledges that his "brain is kind of Republican." However, his commentary virtually puts a negative stamp on everything Donald Trump stands for and acted on during his presidency. Mr. Dimon stresses unity and working across the aisle. These are definitely not qualities of Mr. Trump. Mr. Dimon stresses infrastructure.

DRAWING BOARD



Who passed the infrastructure bill? Surely not Mr. Trump. I saw not even one iota of evidence that Mr. Trump fulfills Mr. Dimon's written desires.

Howard Pedolsky, Rockville

Nice platitudes, but what has Jamie Dimon personally done recently to resolve these issues? He says we should modify mortgages to make them more affordable. He is in that business, so what steps does he propose, and when has he implemented such schemes? This seems like a lot of happy talk from a guy looking for publicity. They are useless thoughts for the common person.

Joel N. Martin, Washington

Where are the real public servants?

I am a lifelong Republican and am now officially an endangered species. I am related to three U.S. presidents (Franklin Pierce, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush), all of whom served their country with honor.

To be clear, I disagree with the vast majority of this newspaper's opinions. I subscribe because I think it is important to stay in touch with how Democrats think. It is ironic that my generation was taught to respect the opinions of others; agree to disagree. How antiquated!

The progressive left is not tolerant of any conflicting viewpoints. Alas, the standard-bearer for the GOP is no different. While former president

Donald Trump's path doesn't lead toward the unattainable utopian state promised by Democrats, it does demonize those who disagree with him.

What on Earth happened to my party? I understand the feelings of the disaffected. There are millions of Americans who feel left behind by the "establishment." Mr. Trump has succeeded in stoking the embers of their anger by lumping all the traditional Republicans who disagree with him in with Democrats. Remember when President Ronald Reagan's following considered George H.W. Bush a Republican in name only during the 1980 campaign? That rhetoric was quickly forgotten when the elder Bush became the perfect model for a vice president. Today, anyone who claims to be a Republican but doesn't enthusiastically support Mr. Trump is castigated as a despicable RINO.

That gets me to the nub of the issue. The Democrats are a hot mess. Any interested American has looked upon the last month with disdain for the entire political process. Before the debate, no one took Vice President Kamala Harris seriously. Her rise to the top of the ticket happened in a nanosecond.

All Mr. Trump had to do was focus on the issues. The events of the past three years present any GOP candidate with a golden ticket to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Americans don't want an open border. Americans don't want a perpetual welfare

state. Americans want law and order in their cities, and they want the bad guys kept in jail. Americans support school choice. These are simple bread-and-butter issues. Yet, Mr. Trump cannot help himself. He attacks the vice president's intelligence. He attacks the Republican governor of Georgia, a state he desperately needs to win.

When I mentioned this to a strong Trump backer, I was told, "He is dumb like a fox. You'll see."

Here is what I see. This election was handed to the Republicans on a silver platter, and Mr. Trump is single-handedly handing it back to a party with a woeful record.

Shame on all of us, on both sides of the aisle, for finding ourselves in this wholly unworthy state. Bring back true public servants. Stop demonizing good people. Return to the days when compromise wasn't a dirty word. The choices in this election are beneath all of us.

Jim Pierce, Houston The writer is former president George H.W. Bush's nephew.

Billionaires like Trump? That's rich.

Regarding the July 18 article "A reclusive Gilded Age heir is Trump's biggest donor":

As more and more reports surface of billionaires and other super-rich Americans supporting Donald Trump's 2024 election effort, has anyone questioned why these moneyed people, such as Timothy Mellon, Elon Musk and Peter Thiel, are so intent on electing Mr. Trump president?

The primary interest of Wall Street types is to preserve (and, if possible, enhance) the available loopholes in our tax code that allow them to pay far less in taxes than is morally or ethically fair. That, and getting the government out of private business (i.e., doing away with all government regulation and making the type of capitalism prevalent in the United States that is truly "laissez faire" and "let the market rule"). God help the United States if they get their way and Mr. Trump is elected.

Harris Factor, Columbia

The danger to the United States goes well beyond former president Donald Trump's recent flip-flop on cryptocurrency. It is another example of Mr. Trump openly putting the country up for sale for his own benefit.

Last May, Mr. Trump put the price on rolling back achievements on clean energy at \$1 billion when he suggested cutting a deal with oil tycoons, vowing to limit electric vehicles. More recently, he changed his stance on electric vehicles after gaining support (and potentially millions of dollars) from Elon Musk. Mr. Trump's recent reversal on crypto comes at a time when pro-crypto PACs are investing millions in Republican campaigns.

While campaign contributions have always influenced Washington, Mr. Trump is putting a for-sale sign on the White House lawn, taking money's influence to a dangerous new level. It shows that he is happy to put American oligarchs first at the expense of the citizens he purports to love.

Robert Banta, Andover, Mass.

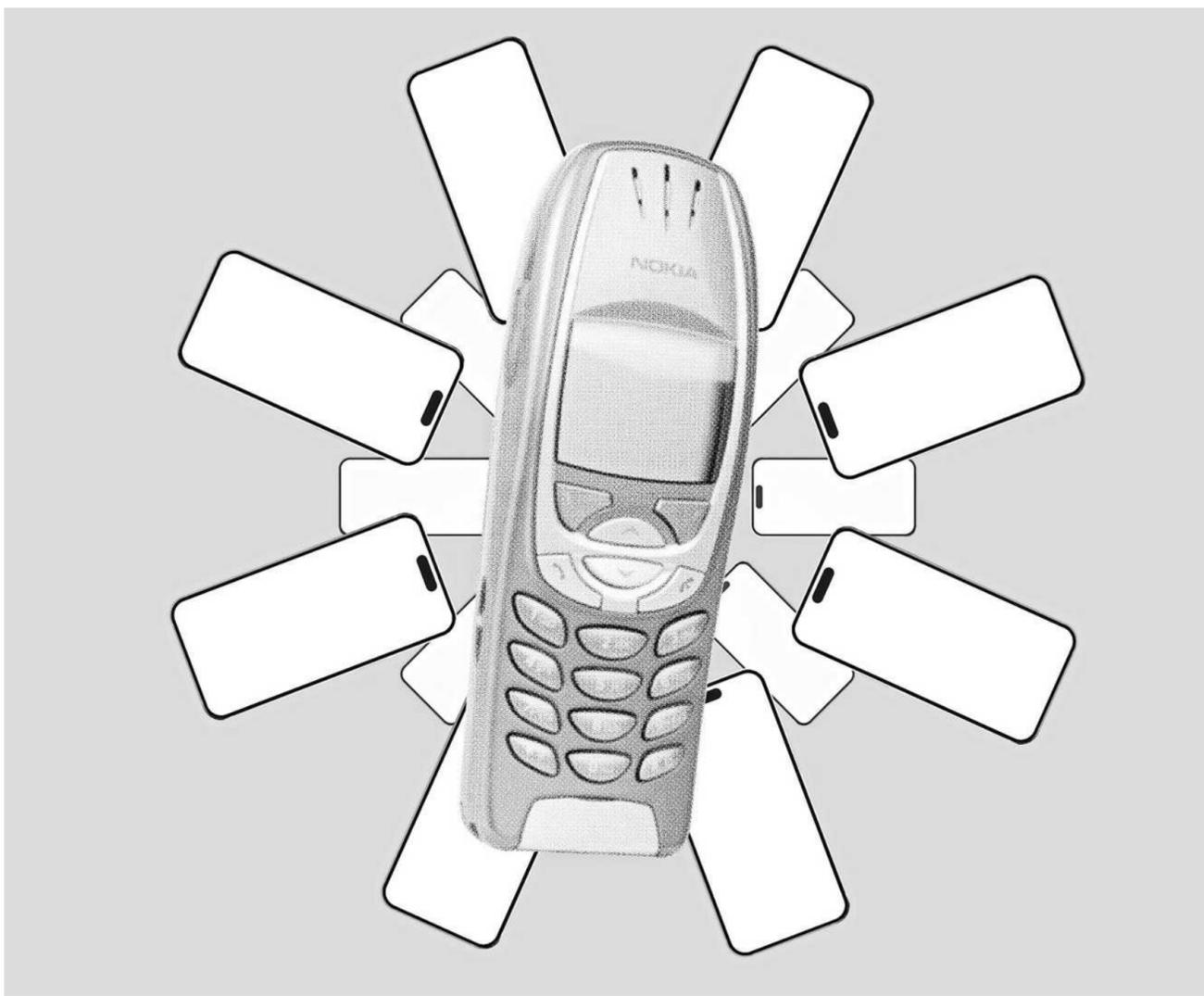
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OPINION



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MOLLY ROBERTS

How dumb can you get? I ditched my smartphone to find out.

This year, the world got serious about smartphone addiction. The Los Angeles Unified School District, which just banned mobile devices on campuses, is only the latest body to try to pry these tools from students' hands: 1 in 4 nations have similar policies or laws. The U.S. surgeon general wants to slap warning labels on social media, a la cigarettes — another way of trying to cut down the time teens and tweens spend staring at their screens.

But as usual, the kids are way ahead: Some of them are apparently taking their smartphones away from themselves.

The so-called dumbphone has returned to vogue in 2024. Think the Motorola Razr, sleek for its time but an anachronism now with its number pad and flip-open design. Or think even dumber — for instance, the Nokia 3310, basically a plastic brick with a monochrome display. And it's not just the young folks who seem to be embracing the technology of yesteryear. Two groups, according to news reports, are especially enamored: Gen Zers who disdain the capitalist elite of Silicon Valley ... and the capitalist elite of Silicon Valley.

Put all that together, and trading out an iPhone for a less sophisticated predecessor is an experiment no tech columnist could resist. So I didn't.

Exactly how dumb is a dumbphone? That's really up to you. You can browse Reddit's r/dumbphones or the nifty, searchable Dumbphone Finder until you're exhausted: maps or no maps, podcasts or no podcasts, web browser or no web browser. The Nokia TCL Flip Pro seemed to me to possess a Goldilocks level of intelligence: Functional but definitely not fancy, it could do many things but few of them well. Calling people, check. Texting them ... well, sure, but T9 prediction is hardly AI. The phone seemed to nudge me exclusively toward words I did not want to type. The number key corresponding to the letter "I" oddly defaulted to "G." Too lazy to fix it, I gave up: "G will be there soon," my messages read.

"Should I pick up anything from store."

I could play games, but only bad ones. Remember "Snake," where you guide a pixelated, ever-growing serpent to consume as many apples as possible without running into its own tail? All I can say is, it's no "Candy Crush." I could even visit The Post's website — but scrolling from one paragraph of an article to the next took approximately 30 seconds. Few people, after years of constant digital gratification, have the patience for that anymore. Of course, there was plenty the TCL Flip Pro couldn't do at all. Trying to meet up with a friend in an unfamiliar city? Can't drop a pin. Have two-factor authentication turned on for email and Slack? Best of luck! Need to check your bank account balance? There is decidedly *not* an app for that.

These are all, ostensibly, downsides to the dumbphone. Yet they came with a tremendous upside: I started looking less at my screen and more at everything else. I read books without stopping to check my notifications — and settled into the stories the way I did as a child. I walked through Central Park on a trip to New York and, podcastless, heard the buskers and the birds and the seniors and the summer interns all at once. Some people sat next to each other on benches saying nothing at all — because they were looking at their iPhones.

At dinner with my dad, there were no conversational lulls filled with brief glances at X or Instagram; there were only comfortable pauses followed by more talk. I had left my phone behind, because what was the point in bringing it? When he went to the restroom, there wasn't a screen to occupy me. There was only me.

Shedding my reflex to touch my device at all times, and to gaze at its screen at idle ones, was perhaps the strangest part of having a dumbphone. It was likely the most meaningful part, too. Yes, you can strip your smartphone of TikTok, Instagram, X or whichever siren's song you can least resist. But you can't make your smartphone stop being smart,

which means that it, much like your smart friends, will always have something interesting to offer. The dumbphone has almost nothing interesting to offer. There's no need to resist temptation, because there is no temptation. And, finally, you're free.

Yet it turns out that's not even really an option. As long as everyone around you knows you possess a tool capable of so much, they expect you to use it: to always be, as your phone is for you, at their fingertips. And while you can break your own smartphone-induced habits, you can't break theirs. You can't break society's, either.

Turns out a dumbphone is a terrific conversation starter, and multiple strangers told me during my experiment that they, too, had dumbphones in the smartphone era — but had been forced to abandon them. Sometimes their jobs demanded it. Sometimes, in the case of one man whose Philadelphia Eagles season tickets turned digital-only, the NFL did. I couldn't have ditched my smartphone for even a few days had my employers not been the very ones who, for the purpose of this column, told me to. I couldn't have gotten through the time I spent without it had my partner not taken on some key tasks — how else would the dog's playgroups, managed by app, have been scheduled?

We may yearn for the freedom from all the extraneous *stuff* embedded in our smartphones — the distractions from the world around us — but liberty comes at the cost of becoming cut off from all the essentials, too: the constant connectedness that the same modern world demands. Perhaps it's no wonder that those who spend the most time with dumbphones these days are the youngest, with the fewest responsibilities, and the richest, who can have someone else perform their responsibilities for them.

Now my iPhone is back in my hands. My eyes are already on its screen more often than I'd prefer. A gloriously stupid \$54 piece of plastic feels like an impossible luxury.

E.J. DIONNE JR.

Harris is transcending Trump

The sudden and radical shift in the trajectory of the 2024 campaign owes to more than the replacement of President Joe Biden with Vice President Kamala Harris as the Democratic candidate. To a degree that's still not fully appreciated, Harris has embraced an entirely new strategy: She's not just pushing back against Donald Trump's politics of cultural division. She's bidding to transcend it.

Choosing Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate reinforces the move away from clichés about "coastal politics" and "cultural elites." Instead, she wants to fight on specific, practical measures government can take to improve lives, from family leave to expansions of health coverage. Both Harris and Walz are speaking a soothing and — to pick up on Democrats' favorite virtue these days — joyful language of patriotism and national unity.

You could tell the Trump campaign was thrown off by the Walz pick when the GOP's vice-presidential candidate, JD Vance, attacked the camo-wearing, gun-owning, small-town Midwestern school-teacher as a "San Francisco-style liberal."

Never mind that Vance lived in the Bay Area for about four years while Minnesota's Walz visited the place for the first time only last month. The tired misfire speaks to how dependent the GOP is on stereotypes about who "liberals" are and what "liberalism" means.

Trump and Vance want liberals to be Ivy League-educated people (which describes both members of the Republican ticket but neither of the two Democrats) who look down their noses at "flyover country" and disrespect the values of small towns and the countryside. They absolutely do not want to deal with a liberalism that extols "community" and "freedom" (two of Harris's favorite words) and favors a government active in areas where most voters favor more public action to ease their circumstances.

All the ink spilled about who was a more "centrist" or "liberal" pick for the VP job lost track of the fact that while Walz is, indeed, the second kind of liberal he is the very antithesis of the first, the variety that Republicans love to parody.

My favorite indicator of the campaign's cultural revolution: For years, social scientists have noted that Starbucks drinkers are more liberal while Dunkin' drinkers are more conservative. But the Harris campaign started selling T-shirts with "Harris-Walz" in the colors and typeface of Dunkin'. So much for "latte liberals."

The contrast Harris is trying to bring home was underscored last Thursday in dueling appearances by the two nominees. Standing amid the faux-gilt of his Mar-a-Lago hotel, Trump, who has largely been homebound at a crucial point in the campaign, talked a lot about *himself*.

"Nobody's spoken to crowds bigger than me," he said, returning again and again to a slew of false claims comparing the sizes of his rallies to historic gatherings, including the 1963 March on Washington at which the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. described his dream for the nation.

Meanwhile, Harris was in Michigan at a United Auto Workers local flanked by Walz and Shawn Fain, the union's visionary president, to extol "the dignity of work" and the value of collective action.

While Mar-a-Lago Trump called the United States as a "very, very sick country right now," Harris spoke an actual populist language with a strong emphasis on patriotism.

"Our campaign is about saying, 'We trust the people, we see the people, we know the people.' You know one of the things I love about our country? We are a nation of people who believe in those ideals that were foundational to what made us so special as a nation. ... We love our country."

The (perhaps unfair) irony is that such sentiments seemed old-fashioned from Biden but sound fresh when put forward by a younger woman — from California, for goodness' sake! — whom no one can think of as a fogey. In a way that an 81-year-old incumbent never could, she can make calls for a bit of political peace forward-looking ("We're not going back") and harness the nation's exhaustion with Trump's gloomy acrimony.

James Davison Hunter is the distinguished University of Virginia sociologist whose 1991 volume "Culture Wars" first brought that term to wide attention. His fascinating new book, "Democracy and Solidarity," includes an observation essential not only to rebuilding the solidarity he rightly thinks we need but also to understanding what's going on in the 2024 campaign. "It is critical," Hunter writes, "that we rediscover human beings underneath the abstractions of our inflammatory symbolic politics."

When a literally straight-shooting football coach like Walz becomes the adviser to his high school's Gay-Straight Alliance because he doesn't like seeing LGBTQ kids bullied, he moves discussions of sexual identity from academic gender theory to simple, small-town decency. When Harris says, "We love our country," pay attention to those words "we" and "our." Harris and Walz are waging war on "inflammatory symbolic politics." And, yes, it's a joy to watch.

MICHELE NORRIS

E pluribus victory

Right-wing warriors can rail against diversity, equity and inclusion all they want. But the same so-called patriots who aggressively wrap themselves in the flag and claim America as *their* country cannot be blind to what is on display for all the world to see at the Paris Olympics.

Diversity is now a core part of America's brand. In gymnastics and swimming. In fencing and rugby. In skateboarding, tennis, boxing, basketball and so much more. In commentary from Snoop Dogg and Flavor Flav. In the massive billboards all over Paris from U.S.-based companies such as Nike and Ralph Lauren that feature brown-skinned models. And let's not forget the music that's played to pump up the audience at *all* the events — whether or not Americans are competing. I was at the Paris Olympics for a few days, and at every venue I visited, American music with a funky beat was the go-to choice to fire up crowds and athletes from all over the world. As we watch Americans rack up medals, that retrograde Trumpian Make America Great Again message seems silly; America is clearly pretty great *right now*.

You cannot cheer for the United States in this moment without also cheering on the diversity born of merit. And that is an important point because the ammunition used to instill fears about diversity in a changing America are based on the false notion that Black and Brown people are getting something they don't deserve.

That is the fib at the heart of the orchestrated effort to

dismantle diversity programs. It assumes that the only way to achieve diversity is by bringing on people of color who have lesser skills or qualifications than White candidates. This is what feeds the idea — no, make that the *lie* — that undercredentialed people of color are pushing White candidates out of their rightful place.

Diversity is not about lowering standards. It's about widening the aperture to make sure an organization can find the best talent available. It's about reaching beyond one's comfort zone or personal network to look for talent and potential in areas that might be unfamiliar. So often, access to opportunity is based on something sociologists call "homosociality" — friendship, mentoring, social circles and cliques based on commonality and comfort. It's the jolt of reassurance or even relief at finding someone who appears to be the right fit because they have the right background and the right skin color, they went to the right school, they engage in the right sports (golf or sport fishing, for instance), or they speak in the right vernacular. People drift to the familiar. It's human nature.

This is why the world of sports provides a useful antidote. Although sports teams and athletic organizations may have limited their scope of recruitment in the past — based on tradition, bias or the belief that certain kinds of people lacked certain innate characteristics — that line of thinking has eroded faster in sport than other sectors. Remember: It wasn't that long ago that Black men were not considered quarterback material.

Coaches and recruiters will go where the talent is and cast an ever-widening net to find it. Why? Because they know that talent is equally distributed but opportunity is not. They know that the potential for greatness percolates in all kinds of places, and if they spot it early, they can nurture it toward victory without lowering standards. And they know that staying in their personal socio-economic comfort zones could keep them from winning.

The Olympic Games are about winning — and so much more. I've always loved watching the Games on TV with my family in part because of the learning experience it provides: calmness under pressure. Grace in defeat. People from all over the world coming together to chase their dreams. After a year of pugilistic politics and attacks on diversity programs, the Olympics once again deliver an avalanche of life lessons.

At a time when members of one political party will not commit to accepting the outcome of the upcoming election, it is heartening to watch top athletes shake hands with the competitors who beat them and step aside so the victors can bask in their earned glory. And the mosaic of diverse athletes — often in sports that until recently did not include many people of color — is also a reflection of American values and the cultural diversity at the core of this multiethnic country.

You can't have it both ways. You can't cheer on Team USA without cheering on the diversity that makes Team USA great.



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Gaza war remains front-and-center for ‘Little Palestine’

GAZA FROM AI

“You’re just staring out the window as if you were in a post-apocalyptic movie,” AbdulQader recalled of the car ride into Gaza. “We didn’t have soap. We didn’t have basic hygiene supplies. ... We would have to literally give Tylenol for explosive injuries and burns.”

That experience, along with 10 months of anger at the Biden administration’s handling of the war, has left AbdulQader and many other Little Palestine residents determined to protest in large numbers outside the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Aug. 19 to 22. Organizers say tens of thousands will show up, creating scenes of fury and dissent at a moment when Democrats will be working to project unity.

Democratic leaders hoped that Vice President Kamala Harris’s ascent to the top of the ticket would shrink the protests, since she was not the architect of President Joe Biden’s Gaza policies and has been more vocal in challenging Israel and voicing empathy for Palestinians. But to many activists, Harris has not done nearly enough.

“We don’t expect any changes — we’re still anticipating that there will be tens of thousands of people in the streets,” said Hatem Abudayyeh, national chair for the U.S. Palestinian Community Network and a spokesman for the Coalition to March on the DNC, an amalgamation of more than 200 advocacy groups and community organizations. AbdulQader added, “Unless she clearly takes a stance and says this is not okay ... that door is shut.”

The night that Biden dropped out of the presidential race on July 21, more than 80 people logged in to the coalition’s weekly Zoom meeting, Abudayyeh said, and organizers said they were moving ahead as planned even though it looked like Harris would soon become the Democratic nominee. They asked if there were objections, and no one raised concerns.

The same night, the coalition put out a statement saying: “Democratic Party leadership switching out their presidential nominee does not wash the blood of over 50,000 Palestinians off their hands. When it comes to the genocide in Gaza there is no difference between Biden, Harris, or any of the likely candidates for the nomination.”

At least one pro-Israel group is also seeking to organize a demonstration at the convention to show solidarity with Israel, although it is likely to be much smaller than the pro-Palestinian protests.

Some of the protests across the country related to the conflict in Gaza have included vandalism, and both activists and city officials have worried they could

become violent during the DNC.

Israel launched its war in Gaza after Oct. 7, when Hamas militants stormed through a border fence and killed 1,200 people, hunting down civilians and taking about 250 people hostage. Since then, Israel’s military assault in Gaza has killed nearly 40,000 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, and its siege of the enclave has unleashed a humanitarian disaster and catastrophic hunger.

Many pro-Palestinian activists contend that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, and South Africa has brought a case at the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. Israel strongly rejects the allegations, arguing that Hamas started the war and that the high death toll is an unavoidable consequence of Hamas’s tactic of embedding its fighters in civilian areas.

Some Democrats have argued that Harris has distinguished herself from Biden and does not bear the same level of responsibility. They have also said scenes of large demonstrations could hurt the party’s ability to project unity and defeat Donald Trump in November.

In Little Palestine, the Israel-Gaza war has remained front-and-center even as it has faded from the front pages and the Democratic Party has largely coalesced around Harris. Many residents have direct ties to Gaza and the West Bank, and have lost family members or heard stories of loved ones facing repeated displacement.

Signs of the war dot this small suburb of fewer than 20,000 people, where many of the restaurants, bakeries, jewelers, coffee shops and other businesses are Palestinian-owned. (Bridgeview also includes many non-Arab residents.) At one strip mall, an LED sign shifts between various pro-Palestinian slogans or images: “Free Palestine,” “Ceasefire Now,” a Palestinian flag. Many residents wear kaffiyehs, the black-and-white-checked scarf that has come to symbolize solidarity with the Palestinian cause. On a busy interstate, residents have erected a large “Free Palestine” sign in bright red letters.

Little Palestine is about 15 miles from the United Center, where the Democratic convention will be held. Many of its residents immigrated to the United States after Israel’s founding in 1948, and another wave came in the 1960s and 1970s. Overall, the Chicagoland area has the highest number of Palestinian Americans in the United States.

Protest organizers have for months battled in federal court with the city of Chicago over how close they can get to the United Center and how long the marching route can be. The protesters plan to start in Union Park, about



FROM TOP: Prayers at the Mosque Foundation in “Little Palestine,” home to one of the nation’s largest concentrations of Palestinian Americans. Aladdin Nassar and Hamza AbdulQader outside the mosque. “Tens of thousands” will protest, says Hatem Abudayyeh. A jeweler in Bridgeview, Ill., where many small businesses are Palestinian-owned.

a half-mile from the convention site, but organizers are still arguing with the city over the length of their route. For now, the city has agreed to a 1.1-mile route, while organizers are hoping for 2.3 miles.

The Hamas attack and the ensuing war have unleashed fears among Arabs and Muslims, as well as American Jews, of rising hate and bigotry toward their communities. Little Palestine

was deeply traumatized by the killing of a 6-year-old Palestinian American boy, Wadea al-Fayoume, who was stabbed repeatedly by his mother’s landlord in October, authorities said. Al-Fayoume lived in nearby Plainfield, Ill., and his funeral was held at Little Palestine’s Mosque Foundation, one of the country’s largest mosques and the nucleus of this community.

Tammie Ismail, the principal

of Aqsa School, an all-girls school comprised mostly of Palestinian American students, said her school received a death threat targeting its students shortly after al-Fayoume’s killing.

“We had a kindergartner who told me — she came to school and said, ‘My grandparents were killed,’” Ismail recalled. “Not only are you trying to grapple with the grief you’re feeling, but you’re also trying to be a source of comfort and support for children who are aware of the atrocities happening in Gaza.”

In interviews, several residents said they felt guilty about being able to partake in everyday activities while relatives in Gaza were suffering. With the convention essentially down the street from their homes, they see a unique opportunity to take their anger and grief directly to people they say can stop the war: Biden, Harris and other Democratic leaders.

Still, Harris’s rise has shifted the conversation among activists, since she is seen as more sympathetic to Palestinians than Biden. “The Israeli government must do more to significantly increase the flow of aid — no excuses,” Harris said on March 3, before Biden had taken a similarly tough tone. Harris also skipped Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s recent speech to Congress.

Before a rally in Detroit last week, Harris spoke briefly with organizers from Michigan’s “Uncommitted” movement, which had urged Democrats to vote “uncommitted” in the Democratic primary as a form of protest. The organizers wanted to discuss an arms embargo of Israel; Harris said she was open to talking about it, though her national security adviser later clarified that she did not support such a policy.

At the same time, Harris has signaled that she rejects pro-Palestinian protesters’ right to interrupt her events, as they have done with Biden. At the Detroit rally, as demonstrators refused to stop chanting, Harris shot back, “If you want Donald Trump to win, then say that. Otherwise, I’m speaking.” The audience cheered, but Little Palestine residents said they found her retort dismissive of their grief and anger.

Harris took a different approach to a rally in Arizona on Friday: When a pro-Palestinian protester interrupted her speech, she responded by calling for an immediate cease-fire and release of hostages, a deal the administration has been working to secure for months.

A coalition of Muslim and Arab American grassroots groups based in the Midwest — including the key battleground states of Michigan and Wisconsin — sent a letter to the vice president recently outlining what it would take to win back their votes. Some Arab American

and Muslim organizers say they are open to supporting Harris — but only if she lays out policies toward Israel that differ significantly from Biden’s.

The groups made several policy demands, including a plank in the Democratic platform calling for an immediate and permanent cease-fire in Gaza; a pledge to impose conditions on military aid to Israel; and a call for the dismantling of Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

“We wish to avoid a second Trump administration. We understand that as vice president, you were beholden to the policies of our sitting president, who was and is complicit in Israel’s crimes through the provision of weapons and diplomatic support at the United Nations,” the letter says.

It also calls her selection of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D) as her running mate “a reassuring sign that you are listening to your base.” Many Palestinian Americans were concerned about the potential selection of Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D), who has spoken harshly about pro-Palestinian protesters.

Aladdin Nassar, a Little Palestine resident whose father was born in Gaza and fled during the founding of Israel, said he grew up hearing stories about the grapevines and orange groves that surrounded his father’s childhood home. His parents eventually made it to Little Palestine, where his father worked as a contractor and helped build the Mosque Foundation.

The war in Gaza, he said, has elicited vivid memories of his father’s account of the Nakba, the displacement of Palestinians during Israel’s creation in 1948. Nassar has kept in touch with a cousin in Gaza, who relayed the agonizing decisions the family was making about whether to stay together or split up to increase the chances of survival.

“We should demonstrate as Americans until the genocide is over and humanitarian aid is flooding into Gaza,” Nassar said. “It almost doesn’t matter who the president is, or the candidate. When you’re looking at the enormity of the suffering and what’s happening, it almost feels like what she’s doing is a rhetorical exercise until or unless there’s an actual change in policy.”

Deanna Othman, who was born and raised in Little Palestine, said that one of her husband’s nephews was burned in a bombing in Gaza and she has been trying for months to evacuate her mother- and sister-in-law for medical reasons. She said she hopes the upcoming protests at the Democratic National Convention are comparable to those that engulfed the convention during the Vietnam War.

“I think people really need to see it as the equivalent of the 1968 DNC in Chicago,” she said.

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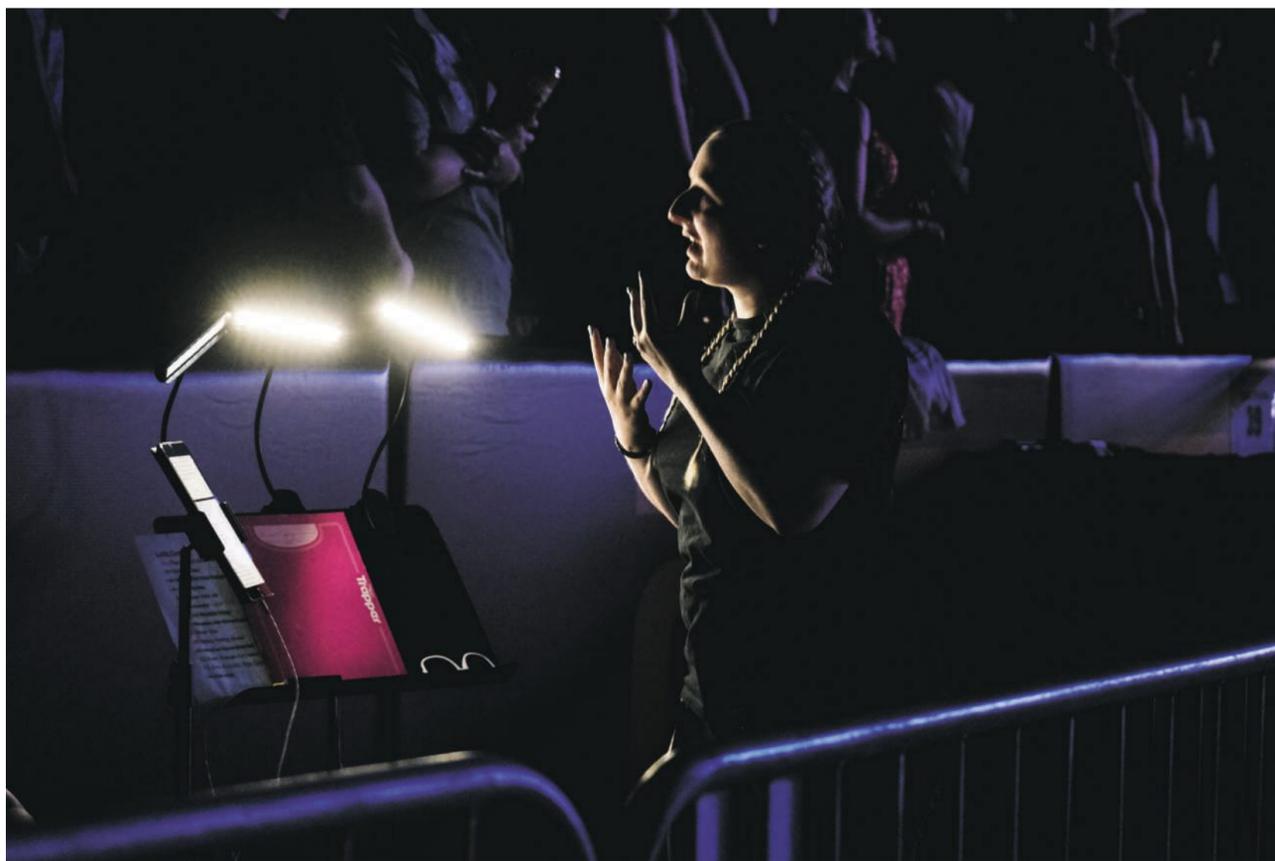
INSPIRED LIFE
 A 97-year-old nurse remains a fixture of the hospital where she began working 80 years ago. **B2**



MARYLAND
 Two people are dead and a third is injured after an explosion at a house in Harford County. **B4**



OBITUARIES
 Ina Jaffe, 75, was a familiar voice to radio audiences as a longtime NPR correspondent. **B4**



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Stephanie Schaffer uses American Sign Language to interpret during a Luke Combs concert at Commanders Field in Landover, Md., on July 27. "The main reason I do it is to see the deaf or hard of hearing patron smiling, singing and enjoying the show just like everyone else," Schaffer said.

Bringing concerts to life with ASL

Stephanie Schaffer and other interpreters help deaf and hard of hearing fans enjoy their favorite artists live

BY HAU CHU

Tens of thousands of country music fans at Commanders Field angled their bodies to get a good view of the stage set up at one end zone.

One woman across the field turned away from the screens, microphones and instruments and got ready for work: interpreting the music of Luke Combs into American Sign Language.

Banks of lights cut out as the sun swooped below the nosebleed seats. The dim glow of an iPad stood alongside three LED strip lights perched on a music stand, each a speck on the field near the opposite end zone.

Stephanie Schaffer lifted her arms as if readying an orchestra, and caught the eyes of her audience of one.

Dale McCord had requested interpretation on this night — just as he has for years at concerts

across the Washington region — because he is hard of hearing. Music venues often hire interpreters like Schaffer to ensure deaf and hard of hearing music fans like McCord can enjoy their nights with their favorite artists.

Facilities have provided these services since the enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. Attention to the deaf community has grown in recent years because of an increased cultural focus on elevating underrepresented and underserved groups, such as in the Oscar-winning 2021 film "Coda."

But people in this community still feel they're largely an afterthought for concert venues. Consider: A deaf music fan needs to be a planner to get the full experience of their chosen concert. They must request an interpreter weeks ahead of time, then hope they're provided someone who can relay the music accurately and faithfully. If they want to take

a friend up on a spontaneous night out, they're out of luck.

"Getting interpreters is like checking off a box for some venues," said Schaffer, who started her own agency, SpotLight Interpreting and Consulting, last year. "The main reason I do it is to see the deaf or hard of hearing patron smiling, singing and enjoying the show just like everyone else."

The interpreters' work is an exercise in full-body expression regardless of whether it's a country, rock or rap show. Hands are key, but Schaffer and McCord both say that interpreters are most successful when their enjoyment of the music is evident. A wry smile at wordplay or swaying their hips along with the chorus can go a long way.

Schaffer, who is a hearing interpreter, said she started to take an interest in American Sign Language in fifth grade after purchasing a book about

SEE INTERPRETER ON B6

Court rules against police

A LEGAL WIN FOR 2020 PROTESTERS

Property cannot be held indefinitely, judges find

BY RACHEL WEINER

Police can't hold on to people's possessions indefinitely after an arrest, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled on Friday, in a decision that revives lawsuits against the D.C. police from 2020 racial justice protesters.

The ruling also goes against what most other appellate courts in the country have said. Only one, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, has ruled similarly that property is subject to the same constitutional protections against indefinite police detention as people. It's a "significant precedent" in favor of a broader view of the Fourth Amendment, Michael Perloff of the American Civil Liberties Union of D.C., who litigated the case, said in a statement.

"When the government seizes property incident to a lawful arrest, the Fourth Amendment requires that any continued possession of the property must be reasonable," Judge Gregory G. Katsas wrote for the unanimous three-judge panel. "The plaintiffs' allegations raise serious questions about the reasonableness of the [D.C. police's] handling of their property for months or years after their release from custody without charges."

The lawsuits came from five protesters and a journalist who were arrested during racial justice protests in August 2020. All were detained briefly and released without charges; no warrants were issued to search their phones. But they were unable to get their phones back until they went to court, roughly a year later, despite having repeatedly contacted the police and D.C. prosecutors. The journalist, who was jailed overnight, did not get his camera back for nearly a year.

Most appellate courts have ruled that the Fourth Amendment's prohibition "against

SEE RULING ON B3

It's grass dismissed for one D.C. elementary school

Years-long projects may consume a field used for sports and activities

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

J.C. Nalle Elementary School shows the typical signs of age, parents and staff members say: inconsistent heating and cooling, leaks, and a smelly sewage system. After waiting years for renovations, the Southeast Washington school community was relieved when it had inched up the list of planned projects.

But the construction also will bring trailers and a temporary campus called a swing space that is slated to consume a big grassy field at Nalle for at least five years — a point of contention, confusion and anger at the public school of about 300 students. Children use the field for recess, field day, sports and after-school activities, parents and teachers said. And the surrounding community relies on the grassy lot to host events, such as the annual Marshall Heights Day.

D.C. Public Schools officials said Friday they are exploring



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Parents and teachers at J.C. Nalle Elementary School are fighting to preserve a grassy field that D.C. Public Schools plans to convert into temporary classroom space during construction.

other play areas for students and have ruled out more than a dozen swing space alternatives. If the community is unable to find another option, crews will start

building the trailers in September. Classes resume in the D.C. system Aug. 26.

"The only green space or area for children to get out and run

around and play and to have sports is that green space at Nalle," said Janice Parker, a school speech language pathologist.

SEE SCHOOL ON B4

Suspect in Md. gold bar fraud will remain in jail

Montgomery County woman swindled out of \$790,000, authorities say

BY DAN MORSE

The latest person charged in a spate of gold bar frauds in Montgomery County — some of which have topped \$1 million — was ordered held in jail Thursday after a prosecutor said the victim in the case was left financially devastated.

"She suffers from some mental health disabilities," Assistant State's Attorney Hannah Gleason said in court. "She was particularly vulnerable to the scam."

The 64-year-old victim lost about \$790,000, Gleason said, leaving her life savings virtually wiped out. "She has very little financial stability at this point in time," the prosecutor added.

Like other victims, the woman had been duped by fraudsters posing over the phone as government agents. Over multiple calls, they explained a complicated case that had rendered her bank holdings

unsafe, persuading her to buy gold bars and to give the bars to the "agents" for safekeeping. She did so twice by wiring money to a legitimate gold dealer and getting bars shipped to her residence in Montgomery's Leisure World community. On March 5, she gave about \$330,000 worth of gold to an alleged scammer in a Walgreens parking lot. Three days later, police say, she gave another \$460,000 worth to another man in a different parking lot.

Police recently identified the first man to pick up the gold as Neel Patel, 23, of Carol Stream, Ill., who appeared Thursday in Montgomery County District Court on charges of theft and attempted theft.

To get the gold, authorities said, Patel flew from Louisville to Northern Virginia, rented a Chrysler 300 and drove it to Maryland. Then he drove to New York, returned the car and flew back to Louisville, Gleason said. Patel was arrested last month at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, according to authorities, as he was trying to board a flight to Ireland.

Patel's attorney, Henry Shih, described his client's travel as part of

SEE FRAUD ON B3

INSPIRED LIFE

Amazing Grace: 80 years on, nurse is still working at the same hospital

BY CATHY FREE

Grace Carr was 17 when she left her family home in the coal town of Freeland, Pa., to pursue a dream she'd had since she was 5 years old.

"Ever since I can remember, I wanted to be a nurse and work in a hospital," said Carr, who as a child spent hours wrapping her dolls in bandages and taking their temperatures. "There was never any question that I would do anything else."

Eighty years later, Carr, now 97, is still at it, working exactly where she started: St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus in Allentown, Pa., about 60 miles from where she grew up.

Although she retired from her nursing job at age 62, Carr continued as a volunteer at the hospital, and she now shows up every Wednesday to escort patients to their tests, deliver flowers to rooms and take specimens to the lab.

"From the time she shows up in the morning until she leaves in the afternoon, Grace always has the same happy smile," said Beth Fogel, the hospital's volunteer engagement specialist, who has known Carr for 20 years.

"She never shows any weariness and always has the same pep in her step," she said. "Everyone loves talking to her."

Carr has logged more than 6,000 hours as a volunteer, taking only a few months off at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I love people, and my health is good, so I'm happy to do what I can," she said. "If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it. I still look forward to coming in every Wednesday."

Carr, formerly known as Grace Malloy, started training to become a nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital during World War II in 1944.

"When I went to nursing school at the hospital, we all lived on-site in a home for nurses," she said. "We had classes for most of the



Grace Carr, left, with daughter Grace Loring at St. Luke's in June.

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Grace Carr, who has worked at the same hospital since 1944

day, then we'd go onto the floors and learn about all the usual things nurses did, like making beds, taking temperatures and helping to keep the patients comfortable."

In her first year as a trainee, she was paid \$15 a month.

The U.S. Army paid for her training on the condition that she serve in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and work in a public hospital like Sacred Heart after graduation, she said. The nurse cadet program ensured that U.S. hospitals didn't experience nursing shortages during the war.

The Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing opened in 1916 — four years after the hospital



Carr as a new nurse in 1944.

opened — and was one of the oldest nursing programs in the country until the school closed in 1980.

Carr said the Army gave her two cadet uniforms — one for summer and one for winter — and she'd often wear them when she took the train home to visit her parents.

"It was always fun to see everyone's reaction," she said. "A lot of



Grace Carr as a nurse cadet in Allentown, Pa., in 1944 and earlier this year at St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus in Allentown. She retired as a nurse at age 62 but still volunteers at the hospital at age 97.

people wondered if I was in the Army, so I'd have to explain."

When Carr's boyfriend, Edward Carr, came home from serving in the military, they were married in 1947 — the same year she graduated from nursing school.

Carr was then hired to work the night shift at Sacred Heart, which she did for more than 20 years while raising four daughters and a son.

She laughs when people ask her whether she slept during those years.

"I'd take little naps," Carr said. "Then when my husband came home, I'd let him take over until it was time for my hospital shift to start at 11 p.m."

"I look back on it now and I think, 'How in the world did I do that?'" she said. "It wasn't easy,

but you do what you have to. I always felt thankful to be doing something I loved."

Carr passed her work ethic along to two younger sisters who followed her into nursing. Her daughter Grace Loring also worked at the same hospital, which staffers call "The Heart."

Loring, now retired after 35 years as a pediatric nurse, picks up Carr at her home in Allentown every Wednesday and drives her to and from the hospital. She said she often wonders how her mother managed it all while she was growing up.

"I also worked nights when I became a nurse, but I was single, and I could just go to bed," she said. "My mom was there for us after school, she handled the housework and the gardening, and she made matching Easter

outfits for us every Easter. She's stayed busy her entire life."

Carr has 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, almost all of whom were born at Sacred Heart, Carr said.

Her son-in-law Vincent Burns was also born at the hospital and met Carr hours afterward.

"When I was a student nurse, I was working in the maternity nursery and had to take this adorable baby boy to his mother," Carr said. "That little boy later married my oldest daughter, Janet, and he's now 78."

Moments like that have inspired her to keep showing up week after week throughout eight decades, she said.

"I've been given a lot by the hospital," Carr said. "So as long as I'm healthy and able, I'm going to keep coming back."

Dogs can pick up on human stress, and it bums them out, study shows

BY SYDNEY PAGE

In recent years, a growing body of research has affirmed that dogs can smell when humans are stressed. A new study shows how it affects them.

As many dog owners can attest, our stress is contagious.

"Dogs can pick up on our stress, and we wondered what effect that had on the dogs," said Zoe Parr-Cortes, lead author of the study, which was released late last month.

Parr-Cortes — a veterinarian and PhD student at Bristol Veterinary School in Langford, England — ran a series of trials with 18 dogs. She started by teaching the pups that a bowl placed in one location contained food, and when it was placed in another spot, it did not.

"You repeat that over and over until they know that one side is food and one side is never food," Parr-Cortes said.

Once they know this, they run faster toward the bowl with the food vs. the one without. Then, Parr-Cortes measured how quickly each dog would approach a bowl placed somewhere between the two spots.

"Those are the locations where there's no previous association with a reward," Parr-Cortes explained. "You're now asking them: How optimistic are you that there's going to be a food reward in there?"

If a dog ran quickly toward the in-between bowl, it signaled to researchers that the dog was optimistic or in a positive emotional state. If the dog approached the bowl gingerly, it indicated pessimism.

"We first ran that without any [stress] odor, so we had a baseline measure about how optimistic they are about an unknown bowl," Parr-Cortes said. "Then we did it

again introducing the stress odor."

To collect the stress odor, researchers used sweat and breath samples from humans who had experienced a stressful situation, such as a timed math test or a public speech. They also collected odor samples after a relaxed situation, such as listening to tranquil sounds or watching a peaceful video. Before each situation, participants attached two cotton cloths to their underarms using micropore tape. Afterward, participants also exhaled a full breath onto each piece of cloth before sealing them in separate specimen bags.

Researchers used samples from three volunteers, all of whom were strangers to the dogs in the study. They brought the samples to the dogs, allowing them to sniff them before conducting the trial again. Dogs' sense of smell is at least 1,000 times as strong as humans', so they could detect the scent quickly.

"We were able to see how the odor affected how optimistic or pessimistic they were about receiving the treat in the unknown location," Parr-Cortes said. "And what we found is that dogs were slow to approach the bowl that was uncertain when the stress smell was present."

"It suggested more of the glass-half-empty mentality with that odor, and we didn't see that effect with the relaxed smell," she said, noting that the majority of the dogs moved slower toward the bowl in an in-between location after being exposed to the stress odor. "Similar tests are used in humans and other animals to measure emotional state, optimism and pessimism."

The findings were especially interesting, Parr-Cortes said, because the canines involved in the

trial did not know the humans who emitted the stress smells.

"This wasn't the smell of someone they knew that was stressed. It was someone they had never met before," she said. "It implies there's a common stress smell that people have."

It also demonstrates that dogs are able to sense emotions of people who are not their owners.

"It seems to indicate that they can detect the smell of stress in people generally, and they don't have to have a prior association with that person being stressed," Parr-Cortes said.

Other canine experts said they were intrigued by the study.

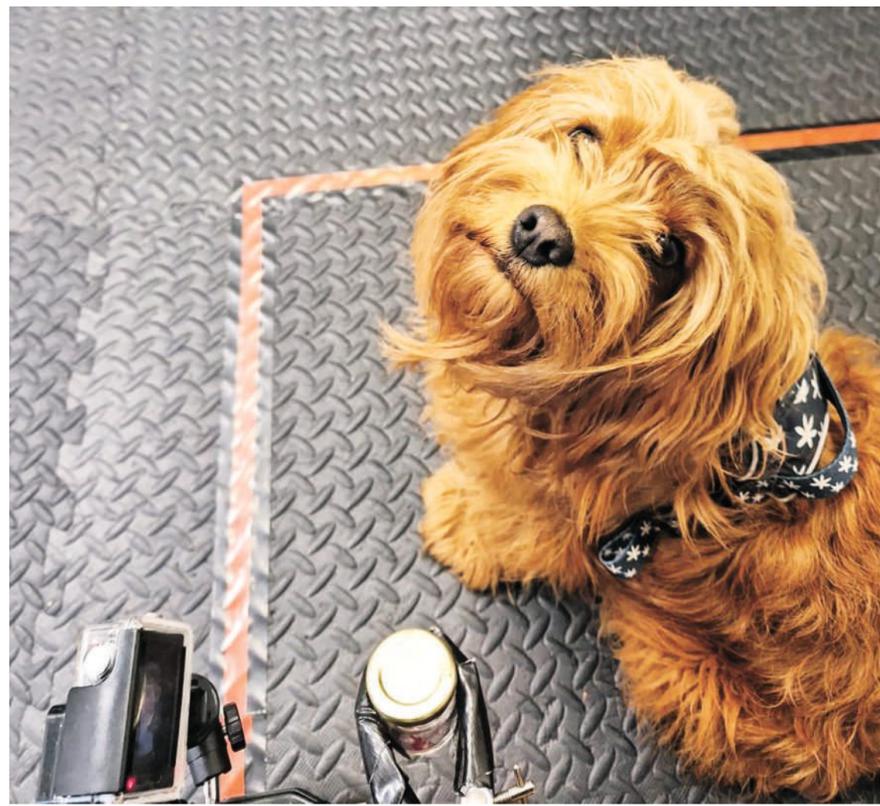
"I am very impressed by the work; both the originality of it and the sheer amount of effort that went into it," said Clive Wynne, the director of the Canine Science Collaboratory at Arizona State University. "I personally find it remarkable how easily dogs are affected by human emotions."

Wynne said that while the study's findings are interesting, further research is required to draw a more definitive conclusion.

"The science of understanding dog emotions is very much in its infancy," he said. "I think it's enormously important because hundreds of millions of us live with hundreds of millions of dogs in close proximity. ... If we can improve and build on how people and dogs understand each other, that will help us."

Emily Bray, an assistant professor of human-animal interaction in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Arizona, said the results help to decode "all these pieces to the puzzle of communication." Neither she nor Wynne was involved in the study.

"Canine cognition research in general is so important because



Freddie, one of 18 dogs in the study, sits next to a jar containing an odor sample of a human.

the more we understand how they're perceiving things, the more we can set them up for success," she said.

While the study focused on smell, "it would be interesting to see how other types of cues play in," Bray said, pointing to body language and tone of voice.

Parr-Cortes acknowledged that the study used a small sample and said she hopes to expand on it in

future research.

"We would like to do it with more dogs and different odors," she said.

Still, she said that the study "drives home how important it is to be aware of your emotional state when you're working with dogs."

"When you're stressed, don't expect your dog to be unaffected by it," she added. "Doing some-

thing relaxing before training your dog might reduce any stress."

In future research, Parr-Cortes hopes to study how other human emotions — such as happiness — affect dogs' behavior, too. She suspects she will see a similar correlation.

"It's amazing how in tune dogs are with our emotions and how close we've become as species," Parr-Cortes said.



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Pull your faded band tees and wraparound sunglasses out of storage: It's time. HFStival is returning to D.C., so '90s you can, too — if you score tickets for the Sept. 21 festival at Nationals Park. HFStival, launched by the alternative rock station WHFS in 1990, was Washington's biggest concert of the year in the 1990s and early 2000s. Now, I.M.P., the parent company of 9:30 Club, is bringing the nostalgia-laced bands of yore (the '90s and 2000s) to Nationals Park. Billed as "One Day, One Stage" participating groups include The Postal Service, Death Cab for Cutie, Incubus, Bush, Liz Phair, Jimmy Eat World, Girl Talk, Violent Femmes, Tonic, Filter and Lit.

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RETROPOLIS

The Kennedy brother who was bound for greatness — until World War II

BY MICHAEL E. RUANE

On Aug. 12, 1944, airplane mechanics, pilots and cooks gathered near the runway of an air base in England to watch the takeoff of a top-secret Navy aircraft that was painted white and had a huge "T-11" emblazoned on its side.

The plane was jammed with tons of a potent explosive called Torpex, which was used in torpedoes. And it had special electronic equipment that, once airborne, would transform it into a crude but powerful drone.

At the controls was Navy Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., 29, the oldest son of a former U.S. ambassador to Britain, and a man who carried the promise of one of the great political families in American history.

But on this day, 80 years ago, he was also about to become the first to perish in a string of public tragedies that would afflict his family for the next half-century.

"The best ones seem to go first," his younger brother, John — himself destined for assassination — would say a few months later.

Shortly before 6 p.m., according to author Hank Searls's biography of Joseph Kennedy Jr., the converted B-24 bomber took off, bound for a suspected Nazi missile site in France.

Once aloft, Kennedy and copilot Lt. Wilford J. Willy, 35, were to turn over electronic control of their aircraft to another plane and parachute out. The pilotless bomber would then be remotely guided to crash into its target.

About 18 minutes into the flight, Kennedy radioed "spade flush," the signal for the other plane to take control. A few minutes later, over the English village of Blythburgh, T-11 blew up with two shattering explosions.

Wreckage, including several of the airplane's engines, fell across the local countryside. A bomb bay door was found. Some buildings were damaged. But no remains of Kennedy or Willy were ever recovered. The exact cause of the blasts was never determined.

The disaster devastated their relatives and altered the path of the Kennedys, the famous Irish American family that would leave its mark on the country as no other.

The next day, a Sunday, Kennedy's parents, the millionaire businessman Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., 55, and his wife Rose, 54, were gathered with some of their nine children in their Hyannis Port, Mass., home.

They had just had lunch on the



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LEFT: Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. was killed in action while flying a top-secret mission on Aug. 12, 1944. ABOVE: Kennedy, left, with his father, Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., and brother John F. Kennedy in 1938.

porch.

John, 27, known as Jack — a hero Naval officer and future U.S. president — was there. So was Robert, 18, who was in a Navy officer training program and would become a U.S. senator, and Edward, 12, also a future U.S. senator.

Years later, Robert F. Kennedy would die at the hands of an assassin. John's son John Jr. and the older Kennedys' sister Kathleen would die in plane crashes. Edward's life would be marked by a car accident that killed a young woman he was with. And in 1941 the siblings' troubled older sister Rosemary had quietly undergone a disastrous lobotomy that left her institutionalized.

There were more sad times for the family in the future, but on this summer day, Joseph Kennedy Sr. had gone upstairs to take a nap, Rose Kennedy wrote in a memoir.

She was reading the Sunday paper. Some of the children were talking quietly in the living room so as not to wake their father. Others were on the porch.

There was a knock at the door. Two Catholic priests said they needed to talk to her and her husband. It was urgent. "Our son was missing in action and presumed lost," she wrote. She hurried upstairs and got her husband. The priests gave them the news.

"We realized there could be no hope and that our son was dead," Rose wrote. Joseph Sr. told their children, who were stunned, especially John. "For a long time he walked on the beach in front of our house," she remembered.

The two brothers had long been

engaged in fraternal rivalry — mostly on the part of Joseph Jr.

"Within the family, Joe Junior, as the eldest son, was accorded an initial position of primacy," historian Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote in her book "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys."

He was mentor, role model and responsible big brother — "the Kennedy golden child, marked for greatness by parents and grandparents," historian Fredrik Logevall wrote in an email last week.

When he was born, his grandfather, veteran Boston politician John Francis Fitzgerald, told reporters the boy would one day be president. And as an adult, Joseph Jr. told people he would be the first Catholic president, according to Searls, his biographer.

"The drive to be supreme among the nine Kennedy children had always been an all-out obsession for Joe more than for Jack," Logevall wrote in his book "JFK: Coming of Age in the American Century, 1917-1956."

But with the advent of World War II, the landscape changed.

Both men joined the Navy. Joseph Jr. went into aviation and, at first, had the relatively unglamorous job of flying large Navy patrol planes out of Puerto Rico and Norfolk.

Jack was sent to the Pacific, where he became skipper of a fast patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, in a combat zone.

On the morning of Aug. 2, 1943, PT-109 was struck and cut in two by a speeding Japanese destroyer northwest of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. Two men were killed and others were badly burned.

But Jack, an expert swimmer,

managed to guide his surviving men through the water to a nearby island, dragging one man in a life jacket by holding its strap with his teeth. They were rescued several days later and the story made front-page headlines.

"Kennedy's Son Is Hero in Rescue of P-T Men," an Atlanta newspaper said. "Kennedy's Son Hero of PT-Boat Saga," said the Boston Evening Globe. The San Francisco Examiner, in a glowing story about John's exploits, mistakenly ran a photo of Joseph Jr.

"This was the first time Jack had won such an 'advantage' by such a clear margin," Rose Kennedy recalled in her memoir. "And I daresay it... must have rankled Joe Jr."

In September 1943, Joseph Jr. was home on leave in Hyannis Port and was at a dinner for his father's 55th birthday.

One of those present was Judge John J. Burns, an old friend of his father's, according to Logevall.

Burns proposed a toast: "To Ambassador Joe Kennedy, father of our hero, our own hero, Lieutenant John F. Kennedy of the United States Navy."

There was no mention of Joseph Jr., who was about to ship out overseas to England and the European war.

That night, Joe Jr. shared his bedroom with another guest, Boston Police Commissioner Joseph

Timilty. After they turned in, Timilty said later, he heard Joseph Jr. crying and saying to himself, "By God, I'll show them."

Once overseas, Joe Jr. began flying long, cold patrols over the English Channel, the North Sea and the west coast of France, hunting for Nazi submarines and dueling with the occasional German fighter.

The weather often was terrible and there were frequent crashes. One returning patrol plane got lost in fog, missed England and slammed into a rocky island off the coast of Ireland.

Finding the German U-boats was hard. In March 1944, Joseph Jr.'s plane spotted an oil slick on the water. He circled and dropped a homing torpedo, but there was no evidence of a hit and he headed back to base.

His tour was coming to an end. The Allies were planning to land in Normandy on D-Day in June. And he felt he had accomplished little, wrote Searls, his biographer.

"He had not sunk a sub and his crew had not shot down a plane," he wrote. "Jack had a combat decoration. He had none and time was running out."

Frustrated, Joseph Jr. signed up for another tour.

D-Day, June 6, 1944, found his patrol plane stalking German surface ships and submarines, but without major combat. As the

days passed, he became more aggressive and flew closer to enemy installations, drawing fire.

Then he was promoted and offered a desk job in London. He turned it down and decided to go home. He had packed up some of his gear and was to ready to leave when an opportunity that was tantalizing, dangerous and top secret came up.

Since mid-June, the Nazis had been launching hundreds of primitive missiles called "buzz bombs" at London. They flew at 350 mph, were hazardous to intercept and were deadly, according to Searls. Their launch sites had been attacked, but without much success.

The Allies need a more precise weapon. They came up with the idea of packing a plane like the ones Joseph Jr. flew with explosives and flying it remotely into an enemy launch site.

Here was his chance. He volunteered for the mission.

Four days after he was killed, The Washington Post praised him in an editorial: "One of the greatest evils of war is the loss of those young men who might normally be expected to become the leaders of their generation."

Sixteen years later, the generation's torch of leadership was passed to another Kennedy tempered by war — his rival and younger brother John.

Court filings detail alleged fraud

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his regular life.

Patel had lived in Kentucky because his girlfriend was there completing a master's degree in social work, Shih said, and he was planning to move to Illinois, where his family lives. "The Ireland trip," Shih added, "was a vacation with his brother."

Shih also said the allegations against Patel, as stated by investigators in their charging documents filed with the court, hardly match the actions of a criminal trying to cover his tracks. When Patel reserved a rental car from Hertz and a flight from American Airlines, according to the allegations, he provided his personal cellphone and email address.

Montgomery County police began seeing the cases more than a year ago. Since July 2023, they say, at least six victims of gold bar swindles in the county have lost a total of more than \$5.1 million. In some cases, investigators have learned of the scams in progress and said they have prevented another \$3.4 million worth of gold bars from being stolen.

While the frauds take place around the country, investigators say Montgomery residents could be targeted because of the county's relative wealth. The marks tend to be older and trusting and have saved up a lot of money. At least one recent victim — a 74-year-old Bethesda man who was swindled out of \$1.1 million — also suffered from memory loss, police said.

In court filings, detectives have described the ruses as "government impostor scams," whereby fraudsters pretend to be officials from the FBI, Justice Department, Treasury Department, Federal Trade Commission or other agencies. They convince targets that their bank holdings aren't safe and that they should liquidate into gold bars so they can transfer the bars for safekeeping. The transfers often take place in parking lots, make use of code words such as "watermelon," and are cloaked in secrecy as victims are convinced criminals are closing in

on them. The gold is never returned.

Investigators say Patel was part of a scheme dating back six months when the Leisure World resident got a call from a man identifying himself as "Mark Cooper" from the "Office of the Inspector General at the Federal Trade Commission."

The purported Mark Cooper told the woman she had been the victim of identity theft that had led to a federal drug and money-laundering probe. The man then put the woman in contact with an "Officer David Freeman," who said he could provide her with a new Social Security number and witness protection, but only at the conclusion of his investigation, after she had fully cooperated, according to police charging documents filed in court.

"To ensure her cooperation and secure her assets, [the victim] was directed to purchase gold bars," detectives wrote, "which were to be turned over to FBI agents who would get the bars and place them into the U.S. Department of Treasury."

Gleason, the prosecutor, identified one particular detail of the scam that appealed to the victim. "She was exceptionally worried about her identity being stolen," Gleason said. "She was told that Mr. Patel was a federal law enforcement agent coming to protect her assets."

On Feb. 21, the victim was persuaded to wire more than \$300,000 to a legitimate gold dealer. Two weeks later, as she stayed in touch with the scammers with screenshots of her order status, the gold bars arrived via UPS, according to court records.

The scammers then told her to meet a "courier" — now alleged to be Patel — at the Walgreens parking about one mile south of Leisure World, police said. Surveillance video, later reviewed by police, showed her pulling into the lot, getting out and walking around while on her phone, appearing to look for the courier.

"After approximately four min-

utes of searching, [she] located the Chrysler and placed \$331,817.54 worth of gold bars into the rear passenger side seat as she had been directed," investigators alleged in court filings. "The Chrysler left immediately thereafter, exiting onto Aspen Hill Road."

In general, gold bar fraudsters build up the precious metal as a safe haven. "They like to conjure up Federal Reserve banks, images of stacks of gold at Fort Knox," said FBI Supervisory Special Agent Keith Custer, who has worked such cases out of the bureau's Baltimore field office.

In the Patel case, police say, after the woman turned over her gold bars to him, she soon was persuaded by the fraudsters to purchase more gold bars for safekeeping. She got another \$457,410 worth and gave them to a different courier who met her in a different parking lot near her home.

A short time later, authorities allege, the woman realized she had been scammed out of about \$789,000 and called police. Working with investigators, they say, she lured the second courier back to Maryland under the pretext of having more gold bars. The courier bit, police said, drove into Leisure World on March 18 and was arrested. Police identified him as Wenhui Sun of Lake Forest, Calif. Sun remains in jail and is scheduled to be tried on theft charges on Dec. 2, according to court records.

Gleason said in court Thursday that Sun and Patel had communicated during the fraud. As that investigation continued, detectives worked to track down the Walgreens courier. They say they did so through surveillance video, rental car records and airline records. That led them to Patel, who was arrested at O'Hare, police said Wednesday.

In court papers, an investigator wrote that Patel knew exactly what he was doing. "Additional information obtained by the writer indicates that Patel was fully aware of his actions," the investigator asserted, "which is why he was willing to travel a great distance."



ASTRID RIECKEN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

D.C. police and racial justice protesters near the White House on Aug. 27, 2020.

Judges side with 2020 protesters

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unreasonable searches and seizures" of "houses, papers, and effects" applies only to how property is searched and seized — not how long it is retained. But the D.C. Circuit ruled that there was "no good reason why" the Constitution should be read as saying "people and effects are different" when it comes to "ongoing seizures."

A seizure of a phone can be lawful and reasonable for a day, the court wrote, but unlawful and unreasonable for a year.

"It is one thing not to have access to a cell phone while spending a night in jail. It is quite another not to have access to it for the following year," wrote Katsas, an appointee of President Donald Trump. "Some plaintiffs allege that they had to replace their phones, a significant financial harm. And some allege that they lost access to important information like passwords, photographs, and contact information for

friends and family."

In overturning a lower court decision siding with the D.C. police, the appellate court also said the protesters may have a class-action suit representing a bigger group of activists and journalists. Protesters at Trump's inauguration in 2017 lost their phones to the D.C. police for about eight months, civil rights attorneys said. The cases will now move forward in district court, where plaintiffs can argue again for a class action.

Most of the plaintiffs were rounded up in a police "kettle" of protesters on Aug. 13, 2020. Several are also suing the police for assault and battery in the use of chemical irritants.

The D.C. police did not immediately return a request for comment. In court filings, the D.C. Attorney General's Office said there was no evidence that the seizures "involved intentional, as opposed to merely negligent or mistaken, retention of property."

At the time of the 2020 protests, sparked by police killings of Black

people, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said that while tens of thousands of protesters in the city were peaceful, city police had to use force against "outside agitators" who came "armed for battle."

In a concurring opinion, Judge Karen L. Henderson, an appointee of President George H.W. Bush, noted that the court was going against what most other appellate courts have ruled in similar cases. The trial court judge who dismissed the lawsuits pointed to rulings from four other appellate courts that Fourth Amendment protection from unreasonable seizures doesn't cover property legally seized by police.

"We should hesitate before rejecting a robust consensus from our sister circuits but here, I believe, their reasoning lacks the power to persuade," she wrote. But she, like Katsas, concluded that "under the most natural reading of the Fourth Amendment, we should give analogous protection against the seizure of 'persons' and 'effects.'"

School may lose green space for years

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gist who has lived in the neighborhood for 24 years.

Families and teachers say they were not consulted about the swing space plans. Many said they didn't know about the planned use of the field, which will be off-limits until the swing space is done, until a tense meeting at the end of the school year — drawing outrage from within the Ward 7 community and beyond.

D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) was among the city leaders who called on the school system to work with the Nalle community.

"This loss is unacceptable and the lack of notice to the community is worse," he wrote in a June 13 letter to Schools Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee, before visiting the campus last month.

Parker said the school — where most of the children come from low-income homes — has been treated unfairly.

"I was just shocked that they would even bring forth such a proposal," Parker said. "I support teachers at different schools in different wards across the city, and I know that they would not present such a proposal in Ward 6, Ward 3 or anywhere west of [Rock Creek Park]."

A week after the June community meeting, school officials apologized. "What I heard loud and clear from Nalle students, staff and families is a valid concern that the community was not adequately notified or engaged in advance of the campus's upcoming field construction and modernization plan," wrote Patrick Ashley, the district's deputy chancellor of finance and operations. He promised to rebuild trust with the community and share regular updates.

In late July, the district held an invite-only meeting at Nalle that included Ferebee, Ward 7 education advocates, and members of the school's parent-teacher organization and teachers union. Teachers who were in the building that day were not allowed to attend, they said.

Meanwhile, questions linger over the temporary campus, which will take over the entire field and include classroom trailers, a big bubble tent for dining

and physical education, and a health suite, according to plans published by the district.

It is scheduled to be ready in time for the 2025-2026 school year, when students from nearby Drew Elementary will move to Nalle for a year while that campus undergoes a two-year renovation.

After that, Nalle students will be housed on the temporary campus until the 2028-2029 school year as the school gets upgrades, including classroom makeovers, an exterior restoration and new roofing.

At the June meeting about the construction plans, a district official said Anne Beers Elementary School would also use the swing space in the 2029-2030 and 2030-2031 school years. On Friday, however, district leaders said only Drew and Nalle will use the swing space — at the end of which Nalle will get a new playground and field renovation.

Officials also said they have weighed 16 alternative sites for the swing space, including the former Fletcher-Johnson Recreation Center and vacant Winston Education Campus, along with existing swing spaces used by other schools. But those options were either in poor condition, too expensive to renovate or planned for other uses, according to a presentation at the closed-door meeting in July.

The Nalle field was ultimately chosen for a swing space because of factors including cost, proximity to students' homes and size, Ashley told families. The modular campus needs about 77,000 square feet — larger than a football field.

For Caprice Casson, president of the school's parent-teacher organization, fights over school facilities aren't new.

"For me, I'm actually pissed off because my oldest kid fought for the modernization that Nalle currently has," Casson said, referring to a \$6.8 million renovation during the 2012-2013 school year that brought upgrades to the inside and outside of the building. Her oldest child is now 21 years old, and Casson is back at the school with a kindergartner in a similar fight.

"We're still trying to get them not to do it," she said.

But Casson said her recent

emails to district staff members requesting updates have gone unanswered. "We're just being ignored."

In addition to the field, Nalle has two playground sets. One of the sets, used primarily by younger students, will stay open to the Nalle community during the swing space construction. The other set will be replaced with newer equipment from Drew next summer and shared by both schools, officials said.

The Nalle campus also has a blacktop, but Sandra Haynes, a reading resource teacher, said it's too small to accommodate students during recess. She also has concerns about two schools sharing one playground.

"This is their safe haven," Haynes said about the field. Children rely on the space for soccer practice and track and field, but also back-to-school events and Saturday classes. She said the loss of the field is especially notable in a neighborhood already lacking in green space.

"We're trying to fight to hold on to a little piece of land," Haynes said.

School district officials said they are looking at ways to give students new places to play. Among the possibilities are preserving some of the blacktop that would have been used as trailer space, converting other grassy spots around the school building into play areas and using smaller fields at a nearby church.

In a Friday letter to families, Ferebee noted the importance of outdoor play for a child's development.

"It promotes our students' curiosity and builds social skills with their peers," he wrote. "I want to acknowledge that we heard and agree with our parents, families and students who have championed the need for additional green space for recreational play."

But some in the community remain skeptical.

"I, unfortunately, think that [D.C. Public Schools] does not have a great track record in terms of doing what they say they will do," Parker said, fearing the district could abruptly change its plans in the future. "That's the problem."

VIRGINIA

Tornado damages hundreds of trees

BY MARTIN WEIL

A storm-spawned tornado climbed the slope of the Blue Ridge in Loudoun County on Thursday night, chewing up several hundred trees, according to the National Weather Service.

The tree damage resulted from one of three tornadoes confirmed on the fringes of the D.C. area as the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby swept through, the Weather Service said Saturday.

No injuries were reported. The Loudoun tornado initially touched down at a spot north of Willisville, a crossroads community in the more rural southwestern part of the county.

After tracking west-northwest through farms and fields, it struck hardest in a wooded area on an east-facing slope of the Blue Ridge, according to the Weather Service.

Damage on a hillside occurred over a path about 100 yards wide,



A television journalist films floodwaters in Alexandria on Friday after the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby swept through.

as the tornado moved "the entire way up the ridge," the Weather Service said.

In the affected area, trees numbering in the "several hundreds" had their tops cut off, were uprooted or were damaged in other ways, the Weather Service found during a storm survey.

Trees felled by the passage of the EF-1 twister lay "in every direction," according to the Weather Service.

With a peak wind speed of 100 mph, the Loudoun tornado covered a track of about 4.7 miles that started about a mile north of Willisville about 9:19 p.m. and ended in Clarke County about 11 minutes later, the Weather Service said.

Radar showed a rotating se-

vere thunderstorm that developed a tornado, the Weather Service said in its report on the Loudoun twister.

The two other tornadoes were confirmed in the Glendie area of Stafford County and in the Hedgesville area of Berkeley County, W.Va., the Weather Service said.

Glendie is about 50 miles southwest of Washington, and Hedgesville, in West Virginia's eastern panhandle region, is about 80 miles west.

The Stafford tornado was rated an EF-1 with top winds of 90 mph, and the Hedgesville twister, rated EF-0, had 80-mph winds.

Both of those tornadoes snapped and uprooted trees.

MARYLAND

Two killed in blast at Bel Air home

BY RACHEL WEINER

A homeowner and the utility worker who came to check on an electrical problem in their house in Bel Air are both believed by officials to be dead after the house exploded early Sunday morning.

The worker, a 35-year-old contractor for Baltimore Gas & Electric, has not been named. The second victim has yet to be identified but is believed by investigators to be the 73-year-old owner of the home on

Arthur Woods Drive, the state fire marshal's office said.

The home was for sale. Master Deputy State Fire Marshal Oliver Alkire said earlier in the day that it was unclear whether anyone else was inside the home at the time of the explosion. But using dogs trained in tracking human scent, investigators located the second body inside the rubble late in the afternoon.

At least 12 families have been displaced by the explosion, officials said.

"I've been on the job for nearly 18 years; this is one of the largest explosions I've seen," Alkire told reporters at a news conference Sunday morning.

When the house exploded, the local fire department and additional BGE workers were already on their way to the area because of reports of a gas odor, Alkire said.

In addition to the two people killed, a neighbor was injured, Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS said.

OBITUARIES

INA JAFFE, 75



Radio correspondent Ina Jaffe, seen in 2013 in Beverly Hills, Calif., was an immediately recognizable voice on programs such as "All Things Considered," "Morning Edition" and "Weekend Edition."

Stalwart correspondent for NPR

BY EMILY LANGER

Ina Jaffe, an NPR correspondent who became a familiar voice to public radio audiences over the past four decades with her forceful, empathetic reporting on topics from politics to veterans affairs and aging in America, died Aug. 1 at a nursing home in Los Angeles. She was 75.

The cause was metastatic breast cancer, said her husband, Lenny Kleinfeld. Ms. Jaffe was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012.

Ms. Jaffe's alto voice was immediately recognizable to regular listeners of NPR shows including "All Things Considered," "Morning Edition" and "Weekend Edition," which she helped launch as the program's first editor in 1985.

She started her professional life not in the radio studio but on the stage, as a member of the Organic Theater group in Chicago in the 1970s. While acting and waitressing — "waitressing being a necessary part" of acting, her husband joked — she began freelancing for the Chicago Reader, an alternative newspaper.

Scott Simon, the host of "Weekend Edition Saturday," met Ms. Jaffe professionally when he was chief of NPR's Chicago bureau and she came by the office in search of freelance opportunities at what was then the relatively new public radio outlet. (NPR was incorporated in 1970.)

She arrived with her clips from the Chicago Reader in "a portfolio under her arm, like artists carry," Simon recalled in a tribute published after her death. "The more I read through Jaffe's clips, the more I thought: Of course they'd be in an artist's portfolio. She had an artist's eye for detail, and a performer's ear for the ring and rhyme of human speech."

According to Simon, Ms. Jaffe quickly received an offer for full-time employment at NPR. She covered Chicago politics, among other subjects, before joining Simon in Washington, where they helped start "Weekend Edition." Simon credited her with shaping the

show's enduring sensibility.

"You went into the field ... and you talked to people and brought back the sounds of the world you were covering," he said in an interview. "It wasn't just a studio show," Simon continued, adding that "when we did have studio conversations, we tried to make them lively and even occasionally provocative and unexpected."

After several years in Washington, Ms. Jaffe moved to NPR's outpost on the West Coast, in Culver City, Calif. She covered the race riots that followed the beating by Los Angeles police officers of Rodney King, a Black motorist, in 1991, and the election in 2003 of movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger as California's governor.

In 2012, an investigation by Ms. Jaffe revealed that a sprawling Veterans Affairs property in West Los Angeles had collected millions of dollars by illegally renting out land — once intended to house disabled and homeless veterans — for commercial enterprises including parking lots and hotel laundry facilities.

Her reporting, which received several journalism awards, helped lead to federal prison sentences for two men involved in a bribery and fraud scheme related to the rental agreements.

In recent years, Ms. Jaffe reported primarily on the struggles faced by American seniors as they confront long-term care needs, costs that outpace their savings and health struggles including Alzheimer's disease. NPR listeners turned to Ms. Jaffe for dispatches from nursing homes during the isolation of the coronavirus pandemic, when many care facilities barred visitors because of the threat posed by the virus to the elderly.

Ms. Jaffe was moved to cover the elderly, Simon said, as she watched her mother age. It saddened her, Ms. Jaffe often said, to watch people treat her mother like a child simply because she had grown old.

Sharing her own breast cancer diagnosis with NPR audiences in

2021, Ms. Jaffe remarked that she had been "planning on becoming a really cool old lady."

"While covering aging for NPR," she said, "I'd met so many inspirational elders that I wanted to be one of them."

Ina Gail Jaffe, one of two daughters, was born in Chicago on Sept. 17, 1948. Her father was a luggage manufacturer, and her mother was a teacher.

According to her husband, Ms. Jaffe gave her first stage performances at Chicago coffeehouses as a teenage folk singer. She began acting in high school and continued her involvement in the theater at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she received a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1972.

While she was acting and free-

lancing, Ms. Jaffe also pursued a graduate education, receiving a master's degree in philosophy at DePaul University in Chicago in 1977.

Her husband, whom she married in 1969, was her only immediate survivor.

Simon recalled one scene early in Ms. Jaffe's radio career that seemed to capture her zest. During the Chicago mayoral race of 1983, NPR sent her to the campaign headquarters of Harold Washington the night he clinched the Democratic nomination on his way to becoming the city's first Black mayor.

The crowd was so thick with supporters that Ms. Jaffe could not reach the stage to set up her microphone to record Washington's remarks.

"Suddenly somebody got the idea and said, 'You know, we can lift you over there,'" Simon told NPR. "And Ina was lifted off the ground by Harold Washington supporters, and she was passed, hand over hand by friendly hands, over this crowd to be able to get to the podium and plug in her cable for the mic box."

Ms. Jaffe, ever the actress, was pleased.

"Now that's an entrance," she said.

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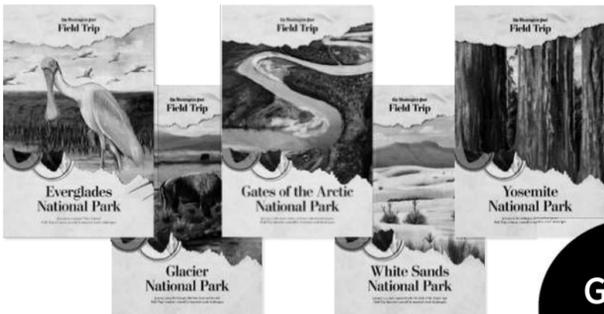


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You watching over us always.
Love and miss you everyday.
Loving Wife, Myra
We love you dad, devoted children
Allan and Vicki.
xoxoxo



DEATH NOTICE

CUSHING

JOAN CUSHING
Cushing, Joan, 77, peacefully passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2024 at a care facility in Columbia, Maryland. She is survived by her sons Ben, Chris and Patrick; by her siblings Vince, Nancy, David, Frank, Brian, Michael and Dan; by four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by her husband Paul Buchbinder. Funeral services will be performed at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington, DC on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. and livestreamed (<https://www.youtube.com/live/TNumKtLV1Q>). An obituary was published in the Washington Post on June 25, 2024 (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/obituaries/2024/06/25/joan-cushing-mrs-foggybottom-dead/>). Memorial donations may be made in Joan's name at Goodwill Industries (<https://www.goodwill.org/donors/financial-donation/>) and at the HealthWell Foundation (<https://secure.healthwellfoundation.org/forms/donate>) for the purpose "Neurology - Movement Disorders - Medicare Access".

SURACI



FRANK J. SURACI

Of Potomac, MD, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2024. He was born December 21, 1940 in Washington, DC, to Joseph Suraci and Betty Driscoll Suraci. He is survived by his wife Rachel and his loving children Christine Rhoa (Joseph), Thomas Suraci and John Suraci (Amanda). Frank cherished his five grandchildren, Claire, Luke and Jack, Rhoa and Andrew and David Suraci. He is also survived by his sister Betty Ann House (Richard) and two brothers, Michael Suraci (Andrea) and Thomas Suraci (Ira, deceased). He worked as an Engineer for the Federal Government for over 50 years.

Private services will be held for the family. Donations may be made to NAMI, Montgomery County. Please sign the family online guestbook at: www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

BAYEWITZ

HOWARD STANLEY BAYEWITZ
On Saturday, August 10, 2024, of Silver Spring, MD, Howard Bayewitz, passed away. Beloved husband of Ellen Sue Bayewitz; devoted father of Michael Bayewitz (Abigail Schwartz) and Andrea Bayewitz; loving brother of Marsha Mendelsohn, cherished grandfather of Emma, Lila, Miranda, Molly, Ezra and Zoe. Howie was a beloved master teacher for 35 years in Kingston, NY. He was named National Social Studies Teacher of the Year in 1999 and was a two-time recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship. Funeral Service will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, 11 a.m. at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 with interment to follow at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area (parkinsonfoundation.org) or Winter Growth (wintergrowthinc.org). Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care. www.sagelbloomfield.com

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KNIGHT



PHYLLIS D. KNIGHT

"All Rise"
Phyllis D. Knight passed away peacefully on July 24, 2024, at the age of 78. Born on April 25, 1946, in Washington, DC to the late Mr. Joseph and Ethel Knight Sr. Phyllis grew up in Washington, DC attending Simon Elementary, Hart Jr. High, and Chamberlain Vocational High School. Phyllis graduated from Federal City College with a BS in Physical Education. She entered the workforce as a clerk at the Department of Labor. She worked as a stenographer in the U.S. District Courthouse. In January 1970, Phyllis D. Knight joined the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC. She was actively involved in Community Youth Services, a Coordinator of 7D Crossing Guards, and an Assistant Coordinator of 7D Explorers Program. She was a

member of the Metropolitan Police Department Gospel Choir, the Policewomen's softball team, and the Police Women in Action Program. Officer Phyllis D. Knight served her city for almost 38 years.

Celebrated as the "Queen of 7D". Phyllis was a member of AP Shaw United Methodist Church in Southeast Washington, DC. She was a sister of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. She loved to travel, visiting many places abroad (Spain, Italy, London, Paris) and North America. Dinning-out was a must and so was her need to collect any menu. Anyone who truly knew Phyllis also knew her weakness for SHOPPING.

A fierce protector of those she loved. She exemplified the role of daughter, sister, mother, lover, friend, and WOMAN. A woman that changed minds on what courage looks like. A mother that made your failures your stepping stones. She was the wind beneath your wings and kept the wind at her back. Once you have met her you will never forget her. She is survived by her daughter Ursula R. Knight-Harris-Turner, son-in-law Marquis Harris-Turner, three grandchildren Erika Knight-Hawkins (Jeffery Hawkins); 11 great-grandchildren; siblings Ethel, Marian, Joseph Jr., and Monica, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter and brother Marvin Knight. Services previously held.

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Lioness
Matriarch
"All hail, Queen of 7D"
Phyllis D. Knight

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BUFFINGTON



DR. JOSEPH S. BUFFINGTON

2/19/1945 - 8/2/2024
Dr. Joe, born February 19, 1945, in Atlanta, Georgia. He passed away peacefully on August 2, 2024 (79). Dr. Joe earned his BS from Davidson and was on the wrestling team. He went to medical school at Duke University. He joined the Army and head-ed the OB/GYN departments in Nurnberg, Germany. Later, he went on to head the OB/GYN department at Wiviter Reed Hospital before going into private practice at Montgomery General Hospital. During his career Dr. Joe

delivered more than 3000 babies. Dr. Joe met his wife Bette at Duke University Hospital where she was a nurse. They were married at Duke Chapel and the family moved to Germany. In 1979, Dr. Joe and family returned to the states where he opened his OB/GYN practice at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, MD. Dr. Joe loved boating on the Chesapeake Bay, spending time in St. John, USVI, and Sunset Beach, NC. He was a devout member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olney, MD. Dr. Joe was kind, dedicated, and hardworking. Over the past 24 years he valiantly battled Parkinson's disease. He was unbelievable resilient and kept a positive attitude. His motto was "Never Give Up." Dr. Joe is survived by his wife Bette, his three children Joe Buffington II, Witt Cobb, and Francie Cobb Wright, his eleven grandchildren Lily, Job, Grace, Emily, Katie, Daniel, Andrew, Cameron, Trevor, Nate, and Daphne. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barber Funeral home, 21255 Laytonville RD, Laytonsville, MD 20882. The funeral Mass will be held Friday, August 16, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church 2900 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, Olney, MD. A reception in the family home afterwards at 1 p.m., 21020 Layton Ridge Dr, Laytonville, MD. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Michaeljfox.org. Online condolences may be expressed at barberfhlaytonsville.com.

HILDRETH



MARIE A. HILDRETH (Age 94)

Marie A. Hildreth, a long-time resident of Bethesda, Maryland, died peacefully on August 6, 2024. Marie was born in Providence, Rhode Island and graduated, a year early, from Classical High School in Providence and spent a further year at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Marie then attended and graduated from George Washington University in Washington, DC. It was there that her husband-to-be, Richard Hildreth, a law student at GW, first noticed

her across a room. His fraternity honored her by making her a Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Following graduation, Richard and Marie married and settled in the Washington, DC, area where Richard was a native and practiced law.

Together they raised six children who adored her. Marie was a gutsy and athletic woman - she played tennis into her 80s. She was so loved and admired by those she met and befriended. Marie was beautiful in spirit and remained beautiful in every other way until the end.

Preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Fannie DiMaio and her brothers Chris, Frank and Robert, she is survived by her husband who always called her his "Bride," her children Richard (Debbie), Robert, Linda, William (Diana), Stephen (Nancy) and Roger. She is also survived by nine beautiful grandchildren whom she cherished: Richard III (Janet), Christine and Michael Hildreth, Alexandra and George Hildreth and Christopher, Grace, Owen and Dennis Hildreth. A funeral mass will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, 6900 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland. A private entombment service for family only will follow the mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Special Olympics in honor of Marie and her brother Frank.

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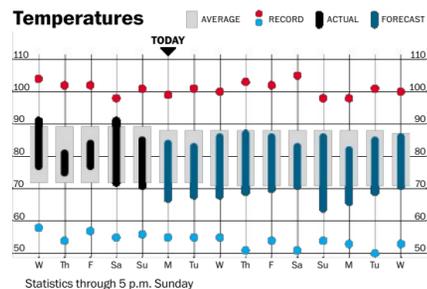
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A comfortable Monday

Skies will be mostly sunny, and high temperatures will be in the low to mid-80s. Dew points may dip into the mid-50s, making the weather particularly comfortable. Late-afternoon breezes from the northwest occasionally may gust near 20 mph. Overnight, high clouds will move in as any leftover breezes calm a good deal. A quick shower near dawn will be possible but unlikely. Low temperatures should range from near 60 to the mid-60s.

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Showers possible
84° 67°	83° 68°	86° 68°	87° 69°	86° 70°	83° 71°
FEELS*: 87°	FEELS: 84°	FEELS: 91°	FEELS: 95°	FEELS: 91°	FEELS: 90°
CHNCE PRECIP: 0%	P: 25%	P: 5%	P: 10%	P: 25%	P: 30%
WIND: WNW 6-12 mph	W: NW 6-12 mph	W: SE 4-8 mph	W: SE 4-8 mph	W: ENE 6-12 mph	W: WSW 6-12 mph
HUMIDITY: Low	H: Low	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate

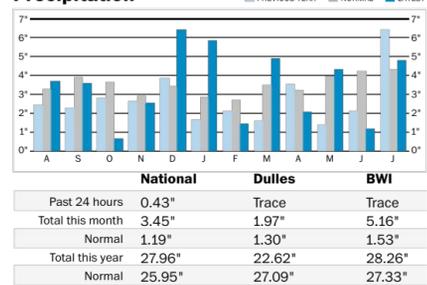
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	National	Dulles	BWI
High	85° 5:00 p.m.	84° 4:00 p.m.	84° 3:37 p.m.
Low	71° 6:00 a.m.	64° 4:02 a.m.	67° 4:03 a.m.
Normal	89°/72°	87°/66°	87°/67°
Record high	101° 1900	99° 2021	100° 1900
Record low	56° 1879	47° 1972	54° 1972

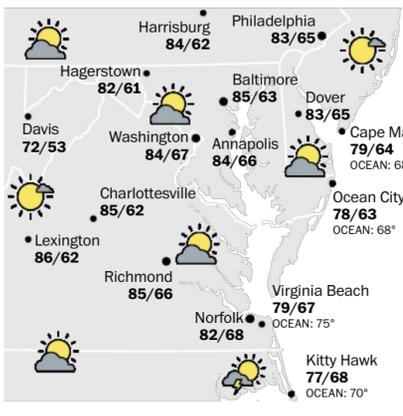
Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: +2.6° yr. to date: +3.0°

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.43"	Trace	Trace
Total this month	3.45"	1.97"	5.16"
Normal	1.19"	1.30"	1.53"
Total this year	27.96"	22.62"	28.26"
Normal	25.95"	27.09"	27.33"

REGION



Pollen: Low
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Molds Low

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Very High
9 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny. High 68 to 74. Winds west 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy; a passing shower; however, dry in southern parts. Low 56 to 60. Winds northeast 4-8 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny. High 63 to 71. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

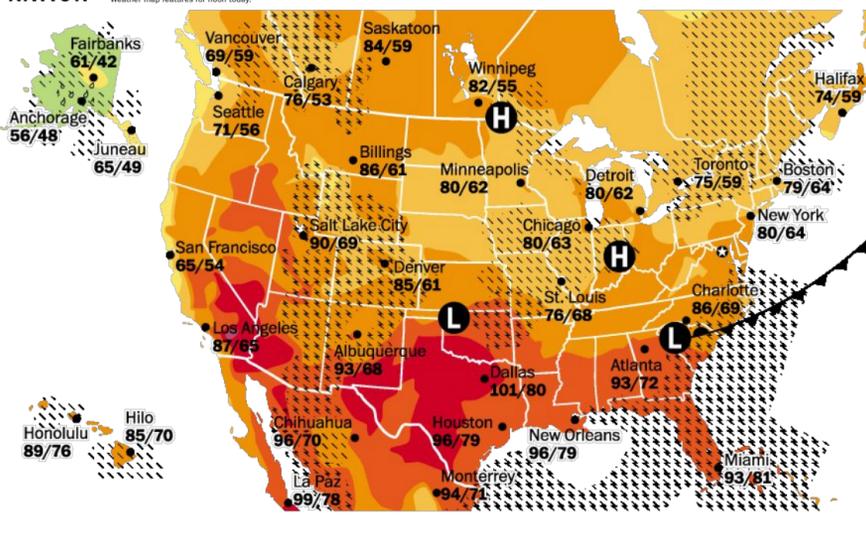
Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny; a stray afternoon thunderstorm in the south. High 73 to 83. Winds west 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 63 to 68. Winds west 4-8 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny; a thunderstorm in spots in the south. High 75 to 80.

Waterways: Upper Potomac River: Today, mostly sunny. Wind northwest 4-8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility unrestricted. Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay: Today, mostly sunny, a shower. Wind northwest 6-12 knots. Waves 0-1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1-2 feet on the Chesapeake Bay. River Stages: The stage at Little Falls will be around 8.30 feet today, falling to 5.20 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

City	1st High	2nd High	1st Low	2nd Low
Washington	1:42 a.m.	8:47 a.m.	2:08 p.m.	8:29 p.m.
Annapolis	5:49 a.m.	10:18 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	none
Ocean City	1:09 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	1:47 p.m.	8:14 p.m.
Norfolk	3:03 a.m.	9:02 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	10:15 p.m.
Point Lookout	2:15 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	12:40 p.m.	8:09 p.m.

NATION



Yesterday's National High: China Lake, CA 107°
Low: Stanley, ID 34°

World High: Tabas, Iran 119°
Low: La Quiaca, Argentina 18°

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow	Des Moines	70/61/sh	79/63/c	Oklahoma City	95/75/pc	99/76/s	WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	72/56/t	82/61/pc	Detroit	80/62/pc	80/63/pc	Omaha	75/62/sh	79/67/c	Addis Ababa	71/55/r	70/55/sh
Albuquerque	93/68/pc	92/68/t	El Paso	102/77/s	100/77/s	Orlando	94/78/t	95/78/t	Amsterdam	89/70/s	82/65/t
Anchorage	56/48/sh	62/48/s	Fairbanks, AK	61/42/sh	63/45/c	Philadelphia	83/65/s	82/65/t	Athens	96/77/s	99/76/s
Atlanta	93/72/s	91/75/s	Fargo, ND	81/59/pc	81/66/pc	Phoenix	106/88/pc	106/89/pc	Auckland	61/47/pc	57/43/s
Austin	99/76/pc	99/78/s	Hartford, CT	79/57/pc	81/61/pc	Pittsburgh	79/57/s	77/57/pc	Baghdad	113/89/s	113/85/pc
Baltimore	85/63/pc	82/62/pc	Honolulu	89/76/sh	89/76/sh	Portland, ME	77/57/pc	81/60/s	Bangkok	97/82/t	96/81/t
Billings, MT	86/61/pc	85/61/t	Houston	96/79/pc	95/78/pc	Portland, OR	74/61/pc	74/59/c	Beijing	85/71/pc	81/73/pc
Birmingham	91/69/s	93/73/s	Indianapolis	79/63/c	81/63/c	Providence, RI	78/60/pc	81/62/pc	Berlin	82/58/s	87/64/s
Bismarck, ND	80/60/pc	82/65/pc	Jackson, MS	97/73/s	101/75/s	Raleigh, NC	87/69/t	83/68/t	Bogota	67/50/pc	66/47/pc
Boise	95/68/pc	88/61/pc	Jacksonville, FL	94/76/t	97/77/pc	Reno, NV	90/56/s	88/54/s	Brussels	93/69/s	84/63/t
Boston	79/64/pc	80/68/pc	Kansas City, MO	80/65/sh	77/70/t	Richmond	85/66/pc	81/65/t	Buenos Aires	55/45/s	62/48/s
Buffalo	73/60/t	76/60/pc	Las Vegas	105/84/s	105/79/s	Sacramento	85/56/s	90/58/s	Cairo	96/80/s	96/79/s
Burlington, VT	73/58/t	81/60/pc	Little Rock	89/74/pc	97/76/t	St. Louis	76/68/sh	82/70/t	Caracas	78/67/t	77/67/t
Charleston, SC	94/76/t	89/74/t	Los Angeles	87/65/s	86/64/s	St. Thomas, VI	90/82/t	90/81/r	Copenhagen	72/55/c	75/64/c
Charleston, WV	83/61/c	84/58/pc	Louisville	81/66/c	84/66/c	Salt Lake City	90/69/t	86/65/t	Dakar	86/81/t	88/81/pc
Charlotte	86/69/pc	83/69/t	Memphis	88/74/pc	93/75/pc	San Diego	79/69/pc	78/67/pc	Dublin	71/58/pc	69/49/sh
Cheyenne, WY	78/59/t	81/60/t	Miami	93/81/t	93/80/t	San Francisco	65/54/pc	68/55/pc	Edinburgh	71/54/t	68/51/c
Chicago	80/63/pc	83/62/pc	Milwaukee	81/64/pc	82/64/s	San Juan, PR	91/82/t	91/80/r	Frankfurt	91/69/t	94/68/t
Cincinnati	80/63/c	83/62/pc	Minneapolis	80/62/pc	80/63/s	Seattle	71/56/pc	70/58/c	Geneva	91/66/pc	92/66/t
Cleveland	77/60/pc	80/60/pc	Nashville	86/68/pc	89/70/c	Spokane, WA	87/56/pc	79/50/s	Ham, Bermuda	88/81/sh	87/79/t
Dallas	101/80/pc	99/83/s	New Orleans	96/79/pc	96/80/pc	Syracuse	72/60/t	78/60/pc	Helsinki	65/51/pc	75/55/s
Denver	85/61/t	87/62/t	New York City	80/64/pc	81/67/pc	Tampa	92/80/t	92/80/t	Ho Chi Minh City	91/77/t	95/77/t
			Norfolk	82/68/t	79/67/t	Wichita	89/72/pc	92/74/t	Hong Kong	88/82/c	88/81/t

The interpreters making concerts more accessible for the deaf, hard of hearing

INTERPRETER FROM B1

the system of words and gestures from her school's Scholastic book fair. The 31-year-old grew up in the Lehigh Valley area of eastern Pennsylvania and didn't encounter many deaf or hard of hearing folks in her community. But her parents nurtured her interest and drove her to ASL classes.

It's that upbringing that made her particularly excited to interpret Combs's lyrics. "I grew up in rural Pennsylvania," Schaffer said. "You give me any country show on the planet and I got it."

"I love people-watching and seeing a good cowboy boot," she said. The genre's plain-spoken language about big feelings like love and loss are, for Schaffer, both its musical strengths and its ease of interpretation. While every show she works requires hours of studying set lists and lyric sheets, artists who are more figurative or metaphorical with language can stretch Schaffer "to her limits" on how to interpret the words for patrons.

Schaffer came to D.C. in August 2015 much like other transplants: through an internship. While concerts are one part of her portfolio, her day job is a lot of freelance work in government settings.

"D.C. is a unique area because we have such a large deaf population and because of Gallaudet," Schaffer said, referring to the Northeast Washington university for the deaf and hard of hearing. "A lot of the companies and agencies in the area are better equipped or more knowledgeable in the processes of interpreters."

Venues rarely have an in-house interpreter and rely on a network of freelancers to work with deaf customers. If concertgoers are lucky, these contractors will have certification and training from workshops or classes provided by organizations like the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, which

certifies Schaffer and others, to translate the emotion and subtext of music and lyrics into American Sign Language.

Becky Kelly, who was one of three interpreters working the two Luke Combs concerts in Maryland, has been interpreting for nearly a decade. Like Schaffer, she had prepared for the two-night stand with a lot of listening and studying.

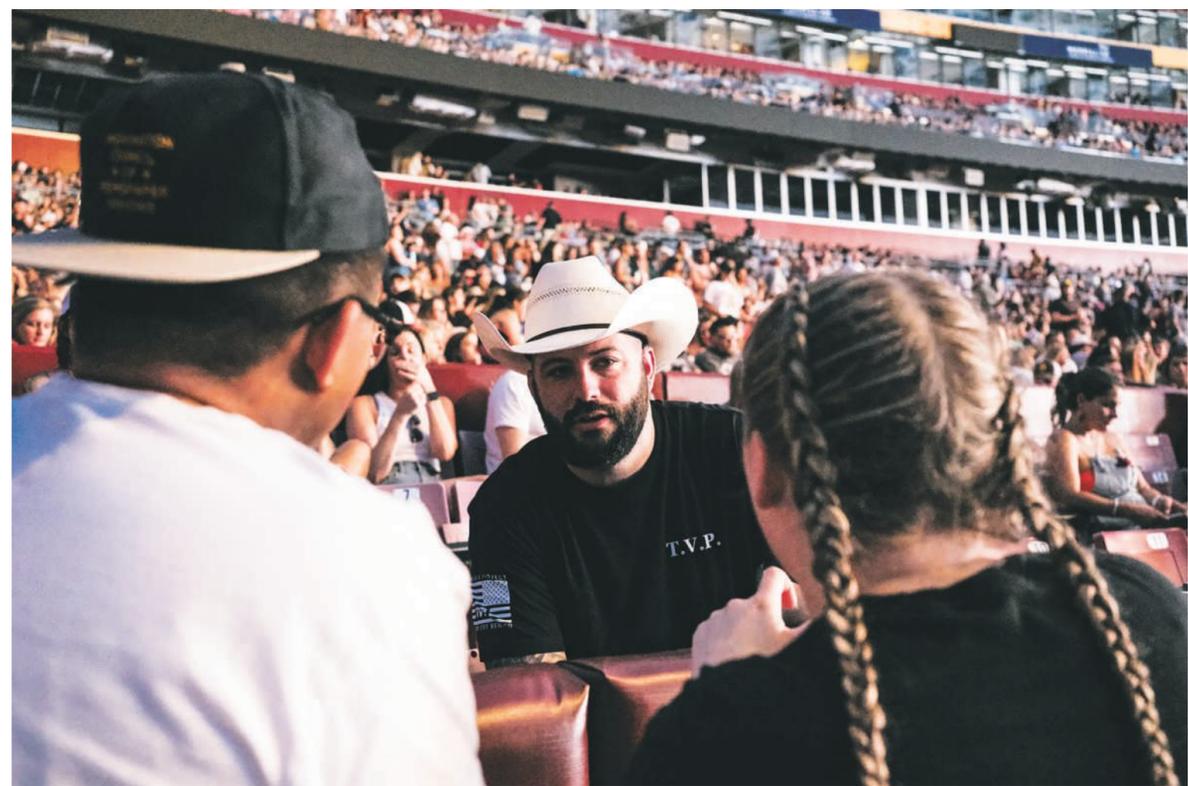
"When you're interpreting the actual song, there's so much happening around you," Kelly, a hearing interpreter, said. "The music is loud, the audience is yelling, they're clapping, they're singing along with the artist, or the guitar or drum is going to drown out the singer. So then being able to pick up what you can with the hearing that you have through all the hustle and bustle, you think, 'Oh, good thing I listened to that song 20 times in one day.'"

Both Schaffer and Kelly said a common misconception among folks who only see interpreters at concerts is that artists seek out their services and coordinate with them. In practice, they seldom have any interaction with a performer.

McCord, a Purcellville, Va., resident, wore hearing aids as a child. His first concert, the Blue Man Group, was at the suggestion of his parents who believed the trio's largely percussive music would be the best concert for him.

It wasn't until McCord turned 18 and got cochlear implants that he started appreciating musicians like Eric Church and Alan Jackson, he said. He considers himself both deaf and hard of hearing because he can hear with the implants and speak for himself. With the implants turned off, he is deaf.

The 33-year-old used to sit far away at major venues and enjoy things as best he could, but was told a few years ago by a fellow concertgoer that interpretation services were available. For McCord, it meant sacrificing the



Stephanie Schaffer, who started her own interpreting agency last year, works during a Luke Combs concert at Commanders Field in July. Venues rarely have an in-house interpreter and rely on a network of freelancers to ensure deaf and hard-of-hearing fans can enjoy shows.

chance to sit with a group of friends and being tied to wherever the interpreter was placed.

"This makes it so much easier to understand what song is being played and the words and lyrics of it as well," McCord said over Zoom, with Schaffer interpreting. "I'd rather be able to understand the show that I'm seeing."

Diane Emmanuel couldn't imagine missing out on shows. The Odenton, Md., resident

doesn't like missing favorites, such as Kenny Chesney, with her daughter. In an ideal world of accessibility, she would love to see interpreters at work with lyrics on-screen behind them. She has even been on the other side and has interpreted at her church.

"I've had music in my life every day," Emmanuel, 70, said over Zoom with Schaffer interpreting. "It's a must to listen to music. [Concerts are] soothing and fun

and freeing in that moment — it's time-transcending."

Throughout Combs's two-hour set, McCord used ASL to joke with Schaffer and Kelly between songs. He nodded along to some songs and mouthed the lyrics to his favorites as his wife, Jillian, sang.

Some signs were specific to Combs, Schaffer said, like when he mentioned a particular brand of fishing pole, but others could be understood by most anyone in at-

tendance. (The way, on this night, to sign a guitarist and bassist vamping their solos was Schaffer strumming invisible strings along her chest.)

The final chords of "Ain't No Love in Oklahoma" and "Beer Never Broke My Heart" began to ring out into the Maryland night. McCord, Kelly and Schaffer packed up.

For these three, it was one concert down — but many more to come.

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Journalists seem to like Walz, with a few caveats

BY JEREMY BARR

On the morning of May 29, 2020, a crew of CNN journalists was arrested by state troopers while covering protests in Minneapolis following the murder of George Floyd. Soon after, CNN President Jeff Zucker received a call from the state's governor, Tim Walz.

"Obviously, it wasn't his fault," Zucker recalled in an interview last week, "but he assumed responsibility for it as the governor of the state, said he was incredibly sorry for what happened, that it was inexcusable, and that they were working to make sure the team was released as soon as possible."

In an indelible television moment, correspondent Omar Jimenez narrated his own arrest on air after police said his team refused orders to leave the area, even though they identified themselves as journalists. They were released an hour later, after their status was confirmed.

Walz also made his apology public, saying in a news conference that day that "there is absolutely no reason something like this should happen."

"I have spent my time as governor highlighting the need to be as transparent as possible and have the press here," he said at the time. "We have to get to

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BOOK WORLD

Thrillers are different now. Is television to blame?

BY ALMA KATSU

Summer is the time for thrillers. Seasonal reading lists and beach-town bookstores are chock-full of the genre. But what the heck is a thriller, anyway? How is it different from a mystery, a crime story or a police procedural? How can a domestic suspense novel like "Local Woman Missing," by Mary Kubica; a cozy novel like "The Birthday Mystery," by Faith Martin; a horror novel like "The Last House on Needless Street," by Catriona Ward; and a historical novel like "The Briar Club," by Kate Quinn, all be called thrillers? Has the category become so inclusive as to be meaningless?

For me, a thriller writer, these questions aren't rhetorical.

Some say what makes a book a thriller is that it gives the reader a "thrill." (A rather circular definition, but there you go.) But, of course, taste in reading material is subjective. What one reader finds thrilling may leave another indifferent, hence the dreaded declaration

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In the months after it was revealed that South Dakota Gov. Kristi L. Noem (R) shot and killed her family's 14-month-old puppy — around the time the public learned that President Joe Biden's dog Commander had bitten more Secret Service agents than previously reported — independent candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. had to explain that, no, the photo of him next to a splayed animal carcass was a goat, not a dog, and then had to explain *again* that he was only pranking the people of New York when he dumped the dead body of a bear cub in Central Park, staged to look like it was a bike accident. (Maybe it was the lingering effects of his brain worm?)

It was then, amid a continuing discussion of Republican vice-presidential nominee JD Vance's disparaging remarks on "cat ladies," that Sara Amundson, president of the Humane Society Legislative Fund, began to understand that this slate of candidates' relationship to animals was, uh, different.

"I have lived in D.C. since 1988, and I have been engaged in animal protection issues the entirety of that time," Amund-

THIS ELECTION IS A ZOO!

Remember when the animal stories in politics were mainly about cute pets? References this cycle have been much more wild.

BY MAURA JUDKIS

son says. "I have *never* seen an election cycle like this one."

That list isn't even complete: It omits a few other anecdotes, such as the time that RFK Jr., an avid falconer, flung meat scraps to his ravens (a group of ravens is called a "conspiracy"). The resurfacing of a 2022 story about how Vance's venture capital fund had invested in an animal research lab that was accused of burning monkey testicles. The horses and goat that Noem also fessed up to putting down.

This election is — in so many ways — a zoo.

"I feel as if we're watching one of those hideous reality jungle survival TV shows where every five minutes the contestants are asked to do something like eat pigs' testicles or beat a turtle to death or something hideous, just to win a prize," says Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The prize this time is public office.

Usually when animals end up in campaign news stories, it's because of something cute: holding a prize piglet at a state fair, for example. Or, it's because the

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Second gentlemen Doug Emhoff, seen with Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, right, attends a memorial ceremony Friday for the victims of a 1982 terrorist attack on a Jewish business. Emhoff first heard about the attack on a 2021 trip to Paris.

The second gentleman moves toward first place

BY DAN ZAK

PARIS — A glass of sancerre shattered on the marble staircase, slicing through the remarks of the first second gentleman, who might soon be the first *first* gentleman. "And you're cut off," joked Doug Emhoff in the direction of the offender, as another guest shouted a more ceremonial "Mazel tov!" Then everyone was applauding, and this chic foyer in the 16th arrondissement began to feel like the scene of a marriage, or a bar mitzvah — a man taking his next step, a wedding of wealthy donors to a sudden presidential campaign.

"Let me paraphrase the quintessential American in Paris: George Gershwin," said Judith Pizar, co-host of this Thursday fundraiser — and mother of Secretary of State Antony Blinken — to her guests. And here she began to sing: "Thiiiiings are lookin'ggg up!" On cue, someone doodled a bar of Gershwin on the grand piano, and the guests cooed with delight. (Democrats abroad are feeling good, if you can't tell.)

"We are psyched about his relentless

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PARIS OLYMPICS

Spectators like Yadira Fernandez, 42, of Mexico donned the colors of their flags to let people know where they're from. **Photos, C8**

CAROLYN HAX

Newly discovered half-siblings are a reminder of infidelity. **c2**

In Paris, Emhoff trains for the role of first gentleman

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energies to help ensure that the American people do the right thing in November, when they will face their greatest fork in the road, perhaps ever," said Leah Pizar, Judith's daughter, whose work counters antisemitism and extremism.

"Mr. Emhoff," Leah added, "you are the guy we need."

Doug: the guy they need! The guy behind — no, *beside* — the woman who may be president. "The first Jewish person to ever be a White House principal," as Emhoff says routinely, and this is an essential part of his own work — which means it's now an essential part of a presidential campaign.

The wife guy, yes, but also the Jewish guy.

When it was announced July 12 that Emhoff would be leading the U.S. delegation to the Closing Ceremonies of the Olympics, Kamala Harris was still veeped in, cuffed by circumstance, towing the line of loyalty. Now Emhoff is suddenly being treated like No. 2 on the call sheet — in the jargon of an entertainment lawyer, which he used to be — instead of No. 4.

She's barnstorming swing states to rock-star receptions, and he's in Parisian anterooms hearing sweet nothings from dignitaries.

"I cannot tell you," Emhoff said, not even 24 hours into his Paris trip, "how many leaders here have already whispered to me: 'Thank you. You need to win.'"

Jill Biden opened the Paris Olympics for the United States, and Emhoff is closing them. The baton handoff is more literal now than it would've been just three weeks ago. The first lady's trip felt like a bittersweet valedictory lap. The second gentleman's feels like a leg of a relay, with a coaching staff that's still coming on board after the starting pistol is fired.

In Paris, Doug is "Doo-GLAHS," or "monsieur le second gentleman." He is aw-shucksy, surprisingly soft-spoken, overwhelmed but electrified by the past three weeks. He cites "Fast Times at Ridgmont High" to illustrate his SoCal adolescence, and there's a whisper of Spicolian blasé even when his remarks are as bland as a legal brief. He looks like your dad's golfing buddy, your county commissioner, your guidance counselor — not necessarily the man who would headline a fundraiser in a gated cul-de-sac off ritzy Avenue Foch. The haul was \$285,000.

A couple hours later, in a quarter-zip and "USA" cap, Emhoff watched Serbia give LeBron James and Stephen Curry a run for their money at Bercy Arena. (James plays for the L.A. Lakers, which is Emhoff's team; Curry the Golden State Warriors, which is his wife's team.)

The next morning, he was on Rue des Rosiers, to lay roses and memorialize the six victims of a 1982 terrorist attack on a Jewish restaurant. French Jews have been pressuring the government to arrange an overdue legal resolution; Emhoff had first heard about the attack on a 2021 trip to Paris. Then came the "Kanye is right about the Jews" banner



ABOVE: Doug Emhoff speaks in Paris on Friday outside the former Chez Jo Goldenberg restaurant, where six people were killed on Aug. 9, 1982. **RIGHT:** From left, Jimmy Fallon, French President Emmanuel Macron, Brigitte Macron and Emhoff attend the United States vs. France gold medal basketball game on Saturday.

hanging over the 405 in Los Angeles in 2022, and Donald Trump's dinner at Mar-a-Lago with Ye (formerly Kanye West) and a noted white nationalist. Then came the Oct. 7 massacre by Hamas in southern Israel, an event that Emhoff cites as the start of "the worst wave of Jew hatred" since World War II.

"Jews — Jews just like me — they're living in fear," Emhoff said to a couple hundred people gathered on Rue des Rosiers, adding: "I love being Jewish. And I love the joy that comes with being Jewish. And I'm not going to let anyone tell me how to be Jewish, or what to do about being Jewish."

Was this a stealth jab at conservatives and bad-faith critics at home? Or at Trump, who said last month that any Jewish American who votes for a Democrat is "an absolute fool"? How does the first Jewish White House principal feel about being called "too Jewish," or "not Jewish enough"? When he talks generally about "fighting hate," where and how does that include the treatment of Palestinians? How nervous does he feel as a Jewish man at a microphone here in Paris, where security threats have intensified during the Olympics?

Emhoff declined an interview request in Paris. In May at the White House, while celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, Emhoff said: "Consistent with Jewish values in compassion, kindness, and dignity and human life, my team also is providing critical humanitarian assistance to help innocent Palestinian civilians who are suffering

greatly because of the war Hamas has unleashed. It's heartbreaking."

A year earlier, before Oct. 7, Emhoff helped launch the first "U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism."

At UNESCO here on Thursday, Emhoff touted "the first international framework for countering antisemitism," a nonbinding guide endorsed by 35 nations as of July 23.

Don't forget: It was antisemitism — those torch-toting degenerates in Charlottesville — that compelled Joe Biden to try one last run at the presidency. It was Harris who gave her husband a platform, Emhoff says, and it is his wife who pushes him, even when it's sad and stressful, to speak out against hate. It was Blinken who once told him to lean into his Jewish identity, and now Emhoff talks about his great-grandparents fleeing persecution in Europe some 120 years ago, about the plastic coverings on the furniture at his grandma's apartment in Brooklyn, the electric menorah his mother once bought to cut corners, his velour bar mitzvah suit in the 1970s. Blinken had said to him: *If that's what being Jewish means to you, talk about it.*

This helped Emhoff find his voice, which is measured but insistent. He seems to be acclimating to suddenly having a louder microphone, a bigger entourage and more attention from the media. Twenty-two people ushered him around the headquarters of UNESCO here, where the staged coffee-table literature included



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"the impact of artificial intelligence on understanding the Holocaust." Emhoff is now at a level of officialdom where doors are shut right in front of him — so they can then be opened with a flourish.

After the memorial service on Rue des Rosiers, Emhoff led a presidential-size entourage to lunch at L'As du Fallafel, where the front register is taped with photos of Israeli soldiers who were killed on Oct. 7. It was here that a second gentleman, auditioning to be the first, must weigh the electoral risks of biting his sandwich in front of the media: Deface your shirtfront with a blurt of tahini, or perhaps offend the owner by not relishing the meal for the cameras?

"Never take big bites of messy food in front of the press, I heard," Emhoff said, showing off the sandwich. "All right, I'm going to eat it inside. I'll come back and say how delicious it is. Thank you."

During lunch, two reporters were kept in a side room to eat theirs. Reporters covering White

House principals are always kept in a side room (or an idling van, or a cramped hallway, or a patch of wet lawn or hot tarmac). But Emhoff stopped by our table for an off-the-record chat. He seemed happy to unwind and let loose, away from cameras and protocol. We wondered: How many times can a man be shot out of a cannon and still recognize the ground? In the span of a 10-year marriage, he may go from husband of California's attorney general to husband of the 47th president of the United States.

It was a funny and intriguing 10 minutes, revealing the moment and position that he's in, and his wife is in, and his marriage is in, and the country is in. But we can't tell you about it, because the higher you get on the call sheet, the less you're allowed to be yourself.

Instead we got confirmation that the second gentleman watched Sha'Carri Richardson chase down relay gold in the soft rain at Stade de France. That he took a selfie with members of the champion women's soccer team after they vanquished Brazil at Parc des Princes. That he chatted with Jimmy Fallon and the Macrons at the gold medal basketball game between the United States and France at Bercy Arena.

And we are left to ponder his commemorative comments in public and his campaign comments in private.

At the memorial on Rue des Rosiers, and at UNESCO, the second gentleman spoke of ancient hates as a very modern problem: a "poison coursing through the veins of democracy."

At the fundraiser in the 16th arrondissement, in Doug mode, he spoke of the medical "hellscape" unleashed by the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the specter of Project 2025's reactionary wish list, the "creepy weirdo stalker" vibe of JD Vance, that Trump is deteriorating into "the worst version of an already horrible human being" — and how all these forces have necessitated "this fight for our freedom, this fight against hate." Emhoff was speaking 15 paces from a home office that included the personal effects of Judith Pizar's husband, Samuel, one of the youngest survivors of Auschwitz.

The possible first female president of the United States is in Wisconsin and Arizona, encouraging chants of, "We're not going back!"

And the possible first first gentleman is in Paris, essentially saying the same thing with different words: *Never again.*

At the fundraiser, Emhoff concluded his remarks on a lighter note, because he does seem to be having a good time — and having a good time seems to be a strategic part of his wife's campaign.

"We're going to do it with joy," he said of the next 89 days. "We're going to do it with optimism. And — Oh my god! — *laughter.* She *laughs!*" Here the donors applauded, knowing that Trump has tried to weaponize Harris's laugh. And here the wife guy raised his hand, and his voice: "I *love* her laugh!"

My surprise half-siblings are living reminders of my father's sustained infidelity



Adapted from an online discussion.

Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My entire view of my family has changed. One of my siblings did a DNA test and found out that our

father produced two children with a woman who worked for him. One of them has been reaching out to me and obviously wants to develop some type of relationship.

My other siblings want nothing to do with her, so I am the only one who has had contact with her.

I realize my half-sibling did nothing wrong, but for me she is a reminder that my father cheated on my mother and did so for a long time. I have so many conflicting emotions about this, about my newly discovered half-siblings but especially about my parents. Both died before DNA science made it impossible to keep secrets like this.

— *Conflicted*

Conflicted: There is no reason you can't tell this to the half-sib who keeps reaching out to you: "I realize you did nothing wrong. However, I have so many conflicting emotions about this, especially about my parents. I would appreciate some time to deal with this on my own before I decide on any next steps."

Take the time you need,

without apology.

Re: Half-sibs: My father was a philandering SOB (except they called it "charming playboy" back then). I know of two half-siblings and have met them; I would be shocked if there weren't more. But I'm not interested in knowing about them, let alone meeting them. I don't have mixed feelings or

conflicting emotions. I simply have no interest in these "relatives" by blood only. And that's okay. Don't feel obligated to meet, get to know or exchange information with technical relatives.

— *Anonymous*

Anonymous: Yes, thank you. The full range of acceptance is defensible, from zero to a full

long-lost sibling embrace.

Dear Carolyn: I recently discovered my partner developed feelings for someone he works with, and they hung out several times one-on-one when I was out of town. He has agreed to stop hanging out with that person one-on-one, and for now that is the main boundary I want put in place.

What steps do you advise I take to not be constantly paranoid and itching to check their texts, nag about their whereabouts all the time, etc.? It is exhausting for me, and I want to start trusting my partner again.

— *Trust Issues*

Trust Issues: What you do will only make sense if you understand the "boundary" and trust are two

entirely separate things.

It's actually a rule, telling your partner, "You can't date this person anymore." A boundary is personal: "I'm not okay with my partner's dating crushes while I'm away."

The rule stuff is all you — the declaring, nagging, (fruitless and paranoid) checking up. The basis for trust is all him: Does he want to stop seeing the co-worker and stay with you?

If the answer to the latter is not a big, hearty, self-motivated *yes!*, then none of the former will make a difference. Except to make you miserable.

So let yourself off the exhausting trust-police hook, and let your gut take over: Is he in this, really in this, with you? Yes or no.

If yes, then let go. It might not be perfect, but you're there for each other when it counts, even through outside crushes.

If no, then let *him* go. The hard part of this is the trust fall — accepting you'll be okay, either way, together or broken up. Once you make it, though, it's so, SO much better. Anything's better than being a tiresome fidelity cop.

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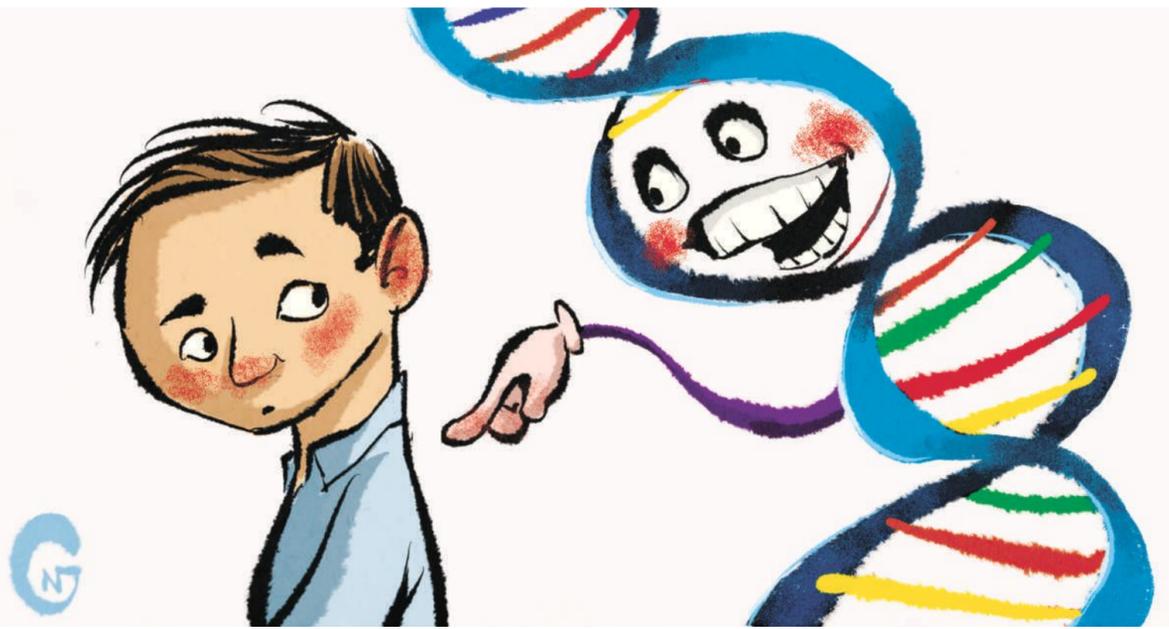


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An election full of wild animals – and animal references

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candidate is a pet owner, and they're using their furry family member to engender good will. Occasionally, it's because they're a *bad* pet owner. (Remember how Mitt Romney put the family dog in a carrier on his car's roof rack for a long drive?)

Now we have stories about animal carnage and death and larval infestation. This is new. This, to use the word of 2024, is weird. This is not going to help anyone on Election Day.

It's "incredibly tone deaf for candidates to think ... these stories that point to a lack of consideration for animals is going to win them votes," Amundson says. "It's not smart."

Even though the animal stories seem like trivial oddities, they can have a major impact on voters' opinions, says Darryl Paulson, professor emeritus of government at the University of South Florida.

"You just can't dismiss these stories as being of no substance because we're dealing with animals," Paulson says. For many voters, there's a direct link between how they treat animals "and what kind of politician they will be." He continued: "You know, do they treat their animals with dignity and respect? Or, as in the case of Noem, do they just shoot them and bury them in the backyard? It can make — it can break — political careers." Noem's dog story blew her chances of being selected as Donald Trump's running mate.

In Kennedy's case, it can reinforce previous perceptions. The candidate already holds views on vaccinations and public health that are outside of the mainstream. His interactions with animals seem to be similarly unusual. On the positive side of that ledger is his longtime environmental advocacy and his ownership of many pets, including his dogs, trained falcons, and the pair of ravens he befriended near his home. Dipping into questionable territory are the taxidermed exotic animals in his office, and the behavior of his previous pet emu, Toby, which was aggressive toward his wife, the actress Cheryl Hines.

Where it gets, well, weird are the stories that have emerged throughout the spring and summer. Like the May reports that Kennedy had suffered memory loss due to a parasitic worm, to which he responded in defiance: "I offer to eat 5 more brain worms and still beat President Trump and President Biden in a debate," he posted on X. "I feel confident of the result even with a six-worm handicap."

Earlier this month, another bonkers Kennedy animal story hit the news: that, in 2014, when traveling in Upstate New York on a falconry trip, he found a dead black bear cub on the side of the road. He posed for photos with it, and loaded it into his car, intending to skin it. He then went to a steakhouse. After the meal, he



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dumped the dead bear in Central Park with a mangled bicycle, to stage the scene as if it were an accident. (He thought it would be funny, a person with knowledge of the event told the New Yorker.) And recently, he told another reporter that he has been "picking up roadkill my whole life. I have a freezer full of it."

"Most people would look at anyone doing that with a quizzical eye," Newkirk says. "It does show a certain deadness of heart."

This is what Paulson means when he talks about animal stories reinforcing previous perceptions about candidates.

"You start to say to yourself: 'Boy, I was right. This guy is a nut case,'" he says.

But, okay, the major party candidates aren't dragging bears off the side of the road. They're weird in another way: They *don't* have pets.

That was not the case a few

weeks ago. Though Biden had to rehome his dog Commander (and, before that, his other German shepherd, Major) after both dogs attacked people in the White House, the Bidens still have their cat, Willow. But when Biden dropped out of the race, 2024 became the rare election where neither major-party presidential candidate is an animal owner.

President Barack Obama, while campaigning, was petless, but famously promised to get his daughters a puppy after the election. Bo, a Portuguese water dog, joined the family in 2009, followed in 2013 by Sunny, another water dog. (Obama's opponent, Sen. John McCain, owned many pets, including dogs, turtles and a ferret.) Before Trump, the only two presidents who did not own animals were James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson — but Polk's opponent, Henry Clay, owned horses and cattle, and Johnson, who assumed office after Abraham Lin-

coln's assassination, failed to secure his party's nomination for reelection after an impeachment, so he never actually ran as a major-party presidential nominee. (Ulysses S. Grant, who won the nomination from him, owned horses, dogs and a parrot.)

Trump has long been known as a notorious dog hater — one who frequently compares people he doesn't like to dogs. Vice President Kamala Harris, too, is petless, though she has been photographed petting dogs and, in 2019, tweeted that "dogs are always welcome in my Senate office." A campaign spokesperson did not respond to an inquiry about whether she has ever owned pets.

Just as animals can be a liability, so, too, can a lack thereof. Pets humanize politicians and show voters how they treat vulnerable beings that depend on them. And pet owners are a huge voting bloc in the United States: 62 percent of Americans own a pet, according to the Pew Research Center.

The way a candidate treats an animal is "a fundamental measure of character," Amundson says. Which is why Vance's remarks, resurfaced from 2021, about "childless cat ladies" hit a nerve. The same 2023 Pew study found that 51 percent of Americans consider their pets to be as much a part of their family as a human family member.

Both vice-presidential nominees are pet people, though. At one point, Vance operated a (still-active) Facebook account for his German shepherd, Casper. Casper and his "sibling," a black Lab mix named Pippin, have crossed the rainbow bridge, in dog parlance, and Vance posted a tribute to Pippin on his X account in April: "Goodbye old friend," he wrote. A Vance spokesman says another German shepherd, named Atlas, has joined the family.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has a dog, Scout, and a cat, Honey, both adopted from rescue organizations. Scout made local news in October 2023, when the black Labrador mix locked himself in a bedroom in the governor's home and had to be rescued via ladder. "This damn dog," Walz posted on his X account, along with screenshots of texts from his wife explaining the situation. When it was resolved, he posted a photo of Scout smiling, with the caption, "Free at last!"

The aspiring veeps "can enrich the top of the ticket with their experience having pets as part of their families," Amundson says.

At least until some other animal story churns through another news cycle. Will Harris adopt a one-eyed shelter cat named Midge? Will Vance alienate a powerful contingent of childless gerbil ladies? Will Kennedy club a baby seal to death on live television?

"Just try to guess," says Newkirk, and compared to whatever animal steps into the three-ring circus next, "your guess would probably be less bizarre."

Has binge-watching TV changed readers' expectations of pacing in thrillers?

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that a thriller was a "slow burn" — almost always meant pejoratively, it seems. Yet the publishing industry's practice of grouping books by genre gives the impression that there are standards or expectations, that a single book should be thrilling for all.

A book's pacing is one tool writers can use to produce thrills. Indeed, you'd think a fast pace would be the one mandatory element of any thriller. Another way to think of pace is immediacy; there's something pressing the characters to move speedily. Some editors or agents refer to it as a "ticking clock," but an analogy I like better is the idea of an arrow being shot through your story, pulling the reader along, impossible to stop.

Has streaming television changed readers' expectations of pacing? This was a matter of great debate among authors when streaming first started, particularly when services such as Netflix began dropping all episodes of one season at the same time to encourage binge-watching. "House of Cards" is generally credited for kicking off this trend in 2013. Within a couple of years, as binge-watching became more common, thriller writers felt pressure to write increasingly frenetic, twisty stories to compete. More recently, there seems to be greater tolerance from both readers and publishers for a slightly slower pace, but the need for unforeseeable plot complications (some might say contrivances) is still there and, honestly, the bane of many a writer's existence.

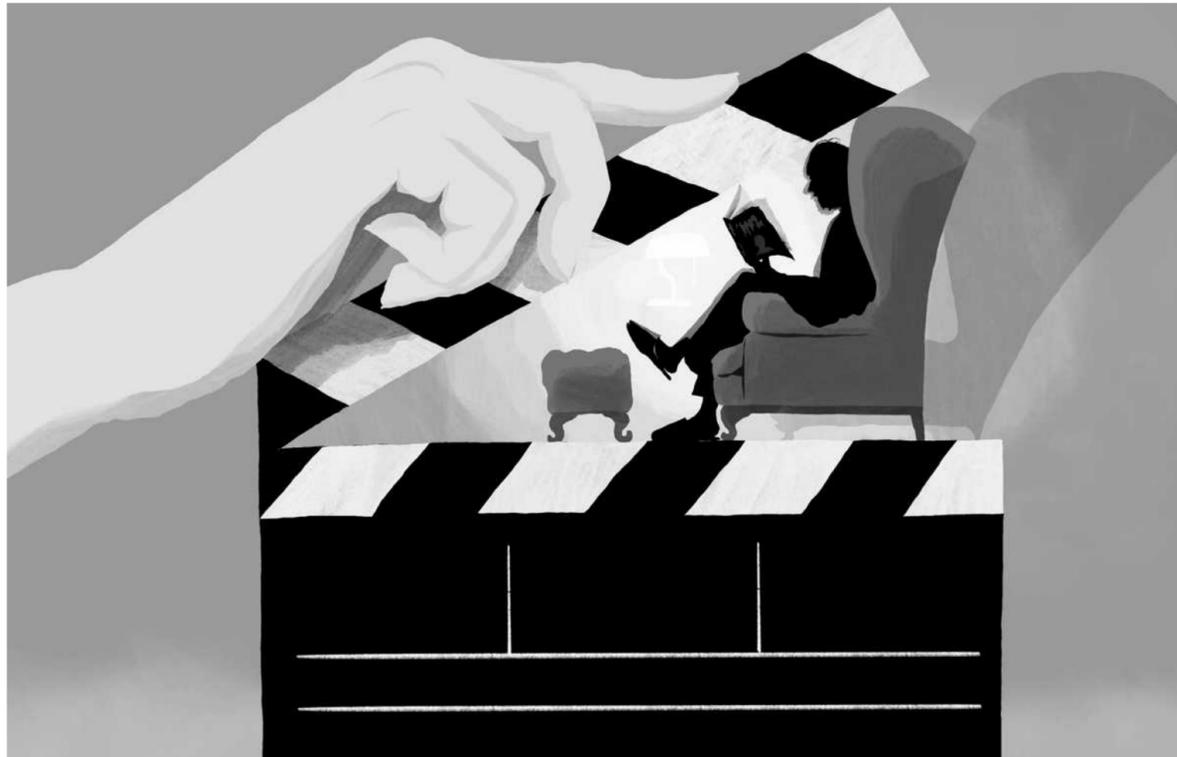


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When I began writing this essay, I happened to be at the International Thriller Writers (ITW) conference, and I spent the time milling around the thousand or so writers in attendance, wondering whether all their books had any one thing in common. I even consulted Lisa Unger, author of multiple best-selling

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thrillers and the co-president of ITW. If anyone should know what a thriller is, it's Unger, a sharp thinker in addition to a great writer. She is firmly in favor of character-driven stories, where a sense of urgency (which drives the action) grows out of character: The characters are so well drawn that everything they do

must be true to their nature. This might seem at odds with how thrillers are normally perceived: plot-driven and light on character. Think of the unreliable and unbelievable narrators that propelled books such as "The Woman in the Window," by A.J. Finn, and many beloved thriller series of the 1980s and '90s.

But there are plenty of stunning thrillers that have both great characters and irresistible plots. Unger volunteered a few of her favorites: "The Silence of the Lambs," by Thomas Harris; "Mystic River," by Dennis Lehane; "The Talented Mr. Ripley," by Patricia Highsmith; and "Misery," by Stephen King. I would like to add two books that are less well-known but are exemplary in terms of pacing and stakes: "Child 44," by Tom Rob Smith, and "The Last Policeman," by Ben H. Winters. And lest you doubt there's such a thing as a horror thriller, try any novel by Christopher Golden.

Ultimately, when we talk of a great thriller, we say we were unable to stop turning the pages. We describe a pleasurable addiction, a story so compelling that we couldn't stop reading. Though, is compulsiveness tied to pacing alone? I think a book cannot engage at that level without having a good (plausible) plot and great characters. When you have characters that you are invested in *and* an intriguing plot, then a reader will be happily drawn in.

Alma Katsu is the author of numerous novels and stories, including her latest, "The Spy Who Vanished."

Reporters see Walz as a supporter

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ensure that there is a safe spot for journalism to tell the story.”

In the wake of Walz's elevation to the national stage as Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate on the Democratic ticket, the 2020 incident has come back into focus as illustrative of the supportive approach he has taken toward the media since he entered the national political landscape upon being elected to the House of Representatives in 2006.

“I thought Walz's public apology and willingness to take responsibility for what happened was refreshing,” said Jane E. Kirtley, a professor of media ethics and law at the University of Minnesota.

Zucker recalled, “I found him to be incredibly responsive and super professional.” Walz, in the news conference, said Zucker was “rightfully very angry” about the incident, and referred to him as “President Zucker,” which the former network leader said “my kids got a kick out of.”

Walz also helped mend fences by sitting for an interview with Jimenez the following week, apologizing to the journalist directly. (Jimenez, who was not made available for an interview, said on CNN on Tuesday that Walz's apologies in 2020 amounted to “owning up to a mistake.”)

Three Minnesota journalists who have written about Walz at all stages of his career told The Washington Post that he's generally approachable and seems to value press coverage as a constitutional freedom, one he's preached since his days as a high school social studies teacher.

He's also been known to give access to reporters covering him. J. Patrick Coolican, who covered Walz's gubernatorial campaign and first months as governor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, rattled off a list of places he shadowed Walz for his coverage: his daughter's high school soccer game, a shooting range and his home, where he watched Walz



Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, center at back, with fellow Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York and Wes Moore of Maryland following a meeting with President Joe Biden at the White House in July.

sitting on the stairs and putting his socks and boots on.

“You don't get that kind of access that much necessarily. So, as a reporter, it was like, ‘Oh, this is really great,’” said Coolican, who now runs the Minnesota Reformer, a nonprofit news outlet. “As a candidate, he was very open to everything I asked.”

Amanda McKnight, who once worked for a newspaper in Walz's district, recalled interviewing the then-congressman in the bakery section of a grocery store, an experience she said was “quite memorable and very on-brand.”

“To be covering a congressman and have him be so down-to-earth and having a regular conversation with me, it was great for me as a young reporter because it eased a lot of fears and helped me to feel less intimidated just by his title,” said McKnight, who noted that Walz was on a first-name basis with the local reporters who covered him.

Several reporters noted that Walz spoke regularly at the annual convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association — though the organization posted on Facebook that his elevation to the national stage will make him “a tough-to-get guest” for next year's event.

Still, there have been some complaints from Minnesota journalists about transparency issues

during Walz's administration. The governor received criticism for not releasing his daily internal schedule even though he pledged to do so. Some reporters were fined that Walz's office did not find any relevant text messages to turn over after the governor mentioned a “text exchange” about infrastructure spending, part of a broader critique of the state's responsiveness to public records requests.

“There's been incidents where we're pretty sure there's a public record of something and they don't produce it,” said Coolican, who noted that members of Walz's press staff will occasionally call to complain about coverage.

Claire Lancaster, the governor's spokesperson, said he and the lieutenant governor, Peggy Flanagan, held over 150 press events and did over 200 interviews in 2023.

“We may have our disagreements, but our office always maintains accommodating and professional relationships with the press. And we make a serious effort to be accessible,” she said.

Dane Smith, a commentary writer for MinnPost.com and former Star Tribune reporter, said it's all about degree. He pointed out that former Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura, the onetime wrestling star, sent out press

passes to journalists that read “Official Jackal” — though his administration later claimed it was a joke.

“There have been some complaints over the years about defensiveness and lack of responsiveness, but compared to other governors and politicians that I've covered in Minnesota over many decades, Walz is one of the more accessible and his attitude is not one of defensiveness and hostility,” Smith said. “He is what he appears to be: He's a very congenial person.”

Some Minnesota journalists have been sharing their own Walz stories on X.

Devin Bartolotta, a news anchor who now works in New Orleans, said Walz helped free her company SUV from a ditch filled with snow while she covered an event in his congressional district in 2014.

“I have a vivid memory of then-Congressman Tim Walz entering full Dad mode,” she wrote on X two weeks ago. “He bolted out of the house and jogged down the icy driveway in dress shoes (and, I think, a sweater vest?) to my rescue.”

Walz then carried her camera tripod into the house where the event was being held and later told his staffers not to leave until Bartolotta's car had been freed from the snow.

Celine Dion rebukes Trump for playing ‘Titanic’ song at a rally

BY ANDREW JEONG

Singer Celine Dion says the use of her song “My Heart Will Go On” at former president Donald Trump's rallies is unauthorized and not endorsed, after the ballad was played at the Republican presidential nominee's event in Montana last week.

Sony Music Entertainment Canada “became aware of the unauthorized usage of the video, recording, musical performance, and likeness of Celine Dion singing ‘My Heart Will Go On’ at a Donald Trump / JD Vance campaign rally in Montana,” her official X account posted Saturday.

“Celine Dion does not endorse this or any similar use,” it added. “...And really, THAT song?”

The hit was the theme for the 1997 film “Titanic,” a blockbuster epic about the deadly sinking of the luxury ocean liner in 1912.

The song's association with the doomed ship triggered jokes about the former president's campaign.

Marc Broklawski, whose X profile says he is a member of the Democratic Party of Vir-

ginia, tweeted that the song was perfect “because when your campaign's headed for an iceberg, you might as well set it to music.”

Trump's campaign could not be immediately reached for comment late Saturday.

Dion's performance at the Olympic Games in Paris last month was her first since she said in 2022 that she had a rare neurological condition known as stiff-person syndrome.

She isn't the first Canadian-born singer to oppose Trump's use of songs at his rallies. Neil Young sought damages after Trump's 2020 campaign played “Rockin' in the Free World” and “Devil's Sidewalk.”

Many other artists, including Adele, Aerosmith, Rihanna and Pharrell Williams, have told Trump to stop using their work at his events.

In 2020, the Rolling Stones teamed up with performing rights organization BMI to try to stop Trump from using the band's songs at campaign events as “You Can't Always Get What You Want” was being played at his rallies.



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TELEVISION

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00) and rows for various channels (4.1 WRC, 4.2 WRC, 5.1 WTTG, etc.) listing programs and their details.

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By Zhouqin Burnikel

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6 C and D in D.C.
9 Muscat's country
13 “Say Anything ...” director Cameron
14 At the summit of
15 Bring back to health
16 Brass player's recital piece
18 “¿Cómo _usted?”
19 Gulp down
20 Concave navel
21 Barely known celebs
22 Port on the Strait of Gibraltar
25 Worker without lungs
26 Pumpkin _
27 Emails covertly
30 Networking device
33 FaceTime platform
35 Thai language kin
36 Anise-flavored Italian liqueur
38 Digit covered by a sock
39 Address in a hyperlink
40 Flannel pattern
41 NASCAR great Petty
42 Makes fuzzy
44 Prefix sometimes paired with “het”
46 Classic Chaney horror film
52 Happen next
53 Got out of
54 Aircraft carrier letters
56 Wild animal's den
57 Debut sport at the Paris Olympics, or what 16-, 22-, 36-, and 46-Across do to their circled letters
59 Item used onstage
60 “It's the least _ do!”
61 “From the top!” _ serif
62 _ serif
63 Place to sleep
64 Scholarship factor

Crossword grid with numbers 1-64 and some pre-filled letters.

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2 Dubrovnik native
3 Mexican sandwich
4 Utterly dominate
5 Quit one's job
6 Escalator part
7 Symbol carved on a pole
8 Infrared sauna spot
9 Second-largest spotted cat in South America
10 Nashville nickname
11 Drawing class offerer
12 “Excellent!”
14 Hathaway of “Interstellar”
17 “I'll handle that!”
21 Comedy counterpart
23 “That's What I Want” singer Lil'_X
24 Oil cartel letters
27 _ray disc
28 Pasta dish with bacon, eggs and cheese
29 Illegal cooperation
30 UFC fighting style
31 _Wan Kenobi
32 Commercial flop
34 “Didn't I warn you?”
36 Retail therapy session
37 In addition
38 Anticipate with fear
39 Sunflower Showdown sch.
40 Takes over by force
41 Whiskey barrel
42 Winter river blockage
43 Assists
44 Absurdist comedy
45 Anticipate with fear
46 Multicolored horse
47 Moon-related
48 Computer character set
49 In the mail
50 Tot's dinner garb
51 13.7 billion years, for our universe

SATURDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

Completed crossword grid with all letters filled in.

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs • High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★★ Excellent ★★★★ Good ★★★ Fair ★★ Poor No stars: not rated

Husband says he was on Facebook's dating site 'to learn how to communicate'

Asking Eric
R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: I recently discovered that my husband was messaging/talking to three women through the dating portion of Facebook. I saw messages on his phone from one woman and a phone call for 44 minutes.

I confronted him, and he said that he was trying to learn how to communicate and that he was not cheating.

I decided that if he thought this was okay, then it should be okay for myself, too. I started my own profile in the dating portion of Facebook. He did not like the attention I was getting, and he shut down his account and ended all communication. I also ended mine.

We have a great, intimate relationship, but I'm still hurt. We have been through a lot over the past 28 years. Do you

have any advice?
— Sore Messenger

Messenger: Of all the places one can "learn how to communicate," Facebook's dating section is the least ideal. Was Toastmasters booked? Although he may think he wasn't cheating, it's clear that what he was doing was outside the bounds of your relationship as it stands. Clarity about where the lines are, especially if the lines have moved in the past 28 years, will help you both act with love and respect.

Ask him what he's looking for and whether there are things he's not getting. Ask yourself that, too, and don't be afraid to tell him. It may be that you both agree that taking "conversation lessons" like Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady" is okay. His jealousy about the attention you were getting shouldn't dictate the rules.

But I'd be very cautious of making any moves that are

simple tit for tat. You can't revenge-date your way to a healthier relationship. However, if you want to add more zip to your talks with each other, try the conversational card games "The And" by Skin Deep and "Where Should We Begin?" by Esther Perel.

Dear Eric: Ever since the pandemic started, a few relatives have chosen to distance themselves from the rest of my immediate family. We used to see each other every weekend like clockwork for years, and then, without any explanation, they dropped off the face of the Earth. No contact attempts from them whatsoever.

Naturally, this dynamic no longer includes gifts or greeting cards. Last year, I learned that three of these now-distant relatives have been in constant connection with one another.

In the interest of rebuilding a connection, I sent each of them a

simple birthday gift in the mail to let them know that they're loved. Not one of them reached out to thank me for the gifts I sent them.

Just like one of your previous columns noted: I feel sometimes no answer is an answer.

This year, I just sent a quick text as birthday wishes. You guessed it: They acknowledged my texts! Message received: They prefer not to participate in gifts. But then riddle me this: They don't acknowledge my gifts, we hardly ever speak, yet they will send me hundreds of dollars for my birthday and Christmas? What is going on here?

— To Give or Not To Give

Give: The plot twist at the end of your question really got me! Hundreds of dollars? Oh my word!

These relatives may not think they're as distant as you think they are. Money talks, but

sometimes it mumbles. Reach out to ask your relatives to translate.

Try a phone call. "We've been out of contact for a while. Did something happen, and, if so, can we fix it?" They may think, because they're sending stacks of cash, that all is well.

The fact that the break happened around the pandemic might be a clue here, also. It was easy for relationships to fall out of rhythm, and some haven't recovered. It was also a fraught time politically. So maybe someone in your immediate family posted something online that the distant relatives didn't like.

Judging by the gifts, though, they're clearly thought of you. Reach out and find out exactly what they're thinking.

Dear Eric: Abandoned Grandmother was hurt that she sent money to her grandkids and heard nothing back. I don't have

that problem, because I communicate with the younger kiddos in my life via social media and money transfer via apps.

If a grandchild posts a picture of them out with friends, I will send \$25 via a money app and say something like, "Enjoy a glass of wine on me!" I always get a thank-you text, often instantly, sometimes with a selfie and a phone call later where they discuss friends, activities and so on.

— Social Media Grandma

Grandma: That's very generous! And very creative! Cheers!

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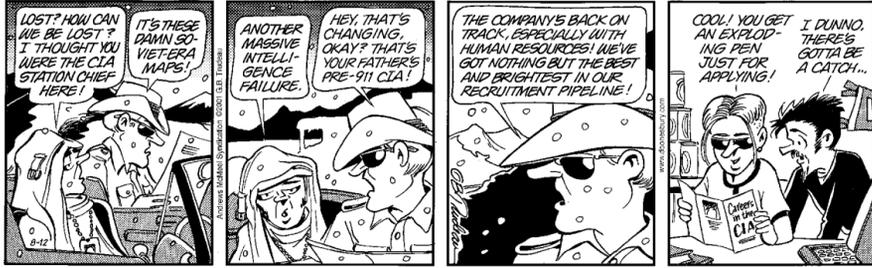
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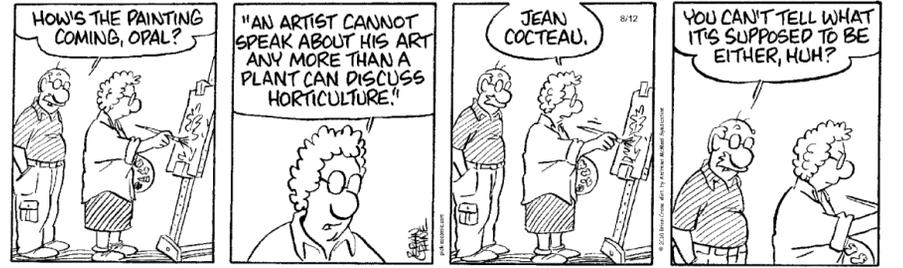
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BRIAN CRANE

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH

- 752
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WEST

- Q1943
None
K10942
1084

EAST

- K1086
AQ10
85
Q963

SOUTH (D)

- A
98742
AJ763
A7

The bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ 1♠ 4♥ All Pass
Opening lead — ♠ Q

My high school teachers said I would never be successful because I procrastinate...

I don't know why they would say that, I said, knowing Cy is the world's worst putter-offer.

I told them, 'Just you wait,' Cy said.

Cy's procrastination often serves him well — when he waits to draw trumps. In a team match Cy was declarer at four hearts, and West led the queen of spades...

East overruffed with the 10 and led another spade, but Cy ruffed for his eighth trick and ruffed another diamond...

In the replay, South led a trump at Trick Two, and East won with the 10. Later, East was able to overruff dummy on a diamond lead...

This week: trump management.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
A♥98742
AJ763♠A7

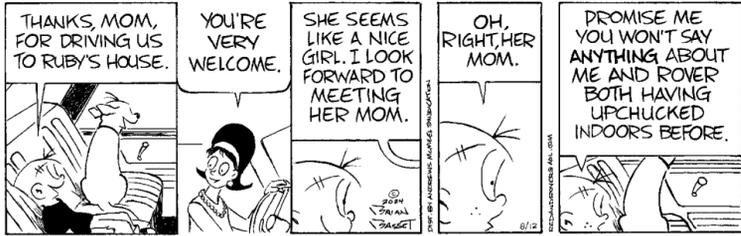
Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since neither opponent has bid spades, partner may have a few; hence not many hearts...

— Frank Stewart

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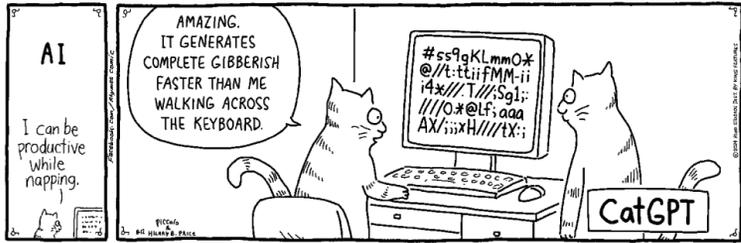
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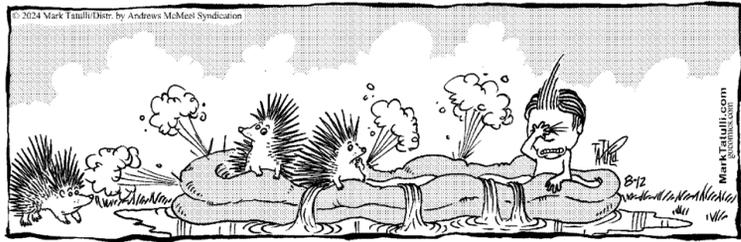
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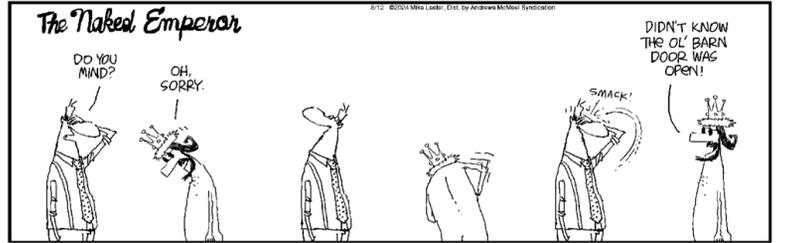
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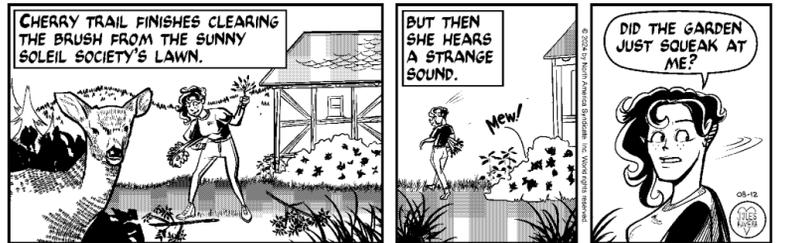
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TIM RICKARD

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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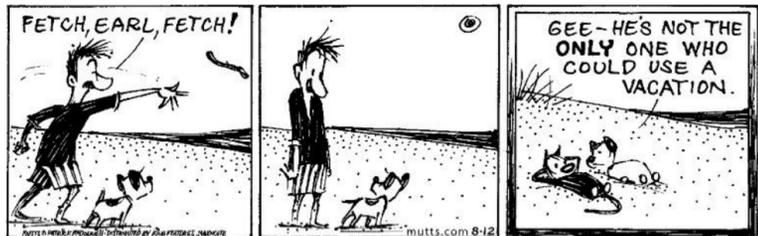
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BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 12

You are resourceful and tenacious, and have a strong sense of purpose. You work hard and have high expectations for yourself. This year is the beginning of a nine-year cycle. Expect adventure, major changes and leadership opportunities. It's a time of new beginnings and greater independence.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19). This is a productive day for you, especially if you're dealing with red-tape issues like bookkeeping, accounting, shared resources, inheritances, taxes, debt and that sort of thing. You can make great headway because you're focused and ready to pay attention to detail.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20). Discussions with partners and close friends will be practical and sensible today. Therefore, this is a good day to make plans, especially related to a group or an organization. However, you might find yourself at odds with a parent.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20). You will get a lot done today because you're motivated to work. You're looking down the road and seeing what you need to finish and complete. Discussions with someone older might help you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22). Artists and creative people will be able to hone or perfect their technique today because they're willing to keep doing what needs to be done in order to improve.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22). Family discussions, especially with someone older, will go well today if you deal with practical matters and how you handle shared property or shared debt.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). Because you're willing to do what needs to be done, today it will please you to organize your surroundings. You might even color-code your closet or clean out drawers and reorganize them.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22). You feel financially conservative today. If you're shopping, you will likely buy long-lasting, practical items. (No ostrich boas today.) You might want to draw up a budget, or you might privately scold yourself about your spending habits.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21). Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with stern Saturn, which makes you focus on practical and orderly things. You are more concerned with work and getting things right than with your own physical comfort.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21). Research of any kind will go very well for you today because your mind is focused and you'll find it easy to pay attention to detail. Furthermore, you have the mental persistence and stamina that will allow you to keep digging for answers and solutions to problems.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19). It's Monday, and you're in the mood to get serious. You're ready to work, and you want to accomplish as much as possible. You're willing to accept your responsibilities, and you want to be as productive as you can in an efficient way.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18). Discussions with parents and bosses will go well today because you create an impression of being responsible, conscientious, honest and reliable. (Which hopefully you are, but hey, this is a good game face today.)

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20). You'll be successful if you make travel plans today, deal with medical or legal matters or finish an important paper. The reason you can accomplish a lot is because your concentration is excellent today. Go get 'em Tiger!

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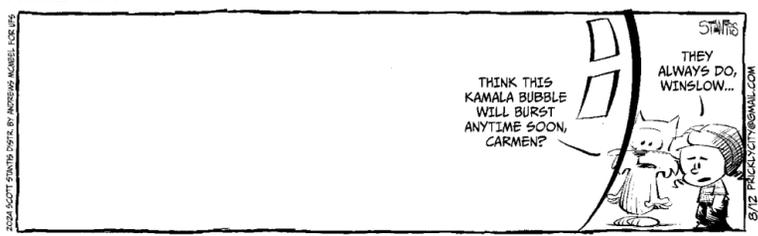
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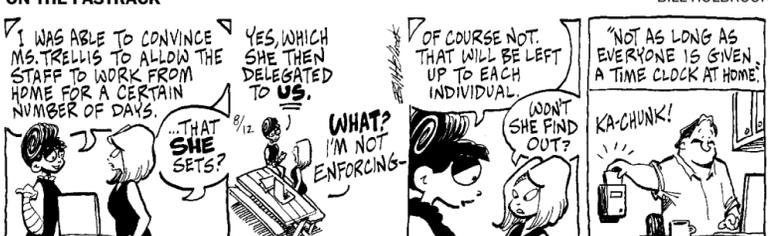
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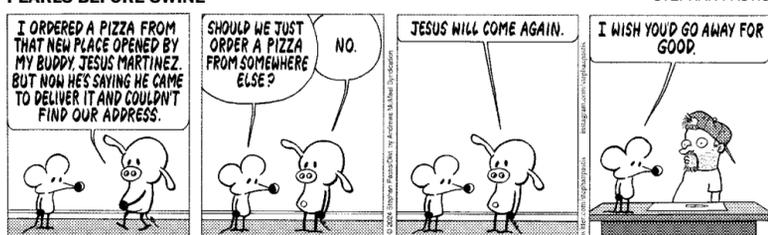
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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PARIS OLYMPICS

For fans in Paris, it was a time to see and be seen

Fashion ran the gamut at the Summer Games, where these revelers caught the eye of a Washington Post photographer

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARVIN JOSEPH



TOP RIGHT: Retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Bill Conner of Tulsa attends his eighth Olympics. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: "I'm excited to be here. We know how hard athletes work," says Shala Dinald of Jamaica. Cheer Lin and her boyfriend, Wayne Liao, attend their first Olympics. Vinny Brett and son Alfie traveled from Monaghan, Ireland. Lysander Wagner, Florian Schlitt, Joachim Heuser, Olivier Basler and Nils-Christian Seip traveled from Germany. "I've met people from different parts of the world, and it's been so lovely," says Caroline Lancaster of Britain. The Paris Olympics are the seventh Games that Vivianne Robinson has attended. "The Olympics is a very good opportunity for dance," says Kantaro Kanda of Japan. Shivanshu Prajapati of India is seen at the Parc de la Villette.

PARIS OLYMPICS

Closing statements



TONI L. SANDYS/THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED STATES 67, FRANCE 66: Tournament MVP A'ja Wilson shoots over Dominique Malonga during a thrilling final in which the U.S. women's basketball team won its eighth straight gold medal. **Story, D6**

The Olympics needed a reset. Merci to Paris for providing one.



Barry Svrluga

PARIS — The Olympic cauldron here was unlike any other, a hot-air balloon that rose nightly above Jardin des Tuileries. That garden, the largest in this gorgeous city, is bordered by the Louvre on one side, the Seine on another and the Rue de Rivoli to the north, and it is a short walk to the Champs-Élysées. What a picture. What a place.

The Olympics needed a reset. Paris provided it. In competition, sure, but the competition always has a way of burying whatever controversy du jour precedes it, regardless of where the Games are held or how the Chablis-sipping bureaucrats from the International Olympic Committee profit from it all.

Leon Marchand and Stephen Curry. Simone Biles and Summer McIntosh. Gabby Thomas and Katie Ledecky. Stars, all.

But the showstopping star here was the city of Paris, a stage without peer. It would

SEE SVRLUGA ON D14



MARVIN JOSEPH/THE WASHINGTON POST

The Olympic rings hover over the stage at Sunday night's Closing Ceremonies.

Très bien: As Paris wowed us, the risky bets of these Olympics paid off handsomely. **A1**

What a run: Dutch star Sifan Hassan went the distance even before her marathon win. **D5**

American heroes: The Games are over, but they're still medalists. Meet them all. **D8-9**

Reallocation: Jordan Chiles must return her bronze medal, but there will be an appeal. **D14**

On the medal stand, reflective Griner's tears say everything



Candace Buckner

PARIS — "The Star-Spangled Banner" was climbing to its conclusion, and Brittney Griner couldn't stop the tears. Because her right hand was over her heart and she held a Paris Olympics poster in a cardboard box in her left, Griner had no way

to wipe her reddened, wet eyes. She swallowed hard, as if to calm and reset herself. And try as she might, blinking them away didn't work, either.

An instrumental version of the national anthem played following the U.S. women's basketball team's gold medal win Sunday, and Griner cried. Her tears framed her round cheeks and streamed down her face. She was the only one on the medal stand so moved. Then again, she might have been the only woman on the podium who had to play through PTSD at these Olympics. And she probably was the only person in the arena who had served time in a Russian penal colony.

The anthem stirred up memories. Those

SEE BUCKNER ON D6

Commanders' Daniels looks good, but first impressions mean nothing

BY SAM FORTIER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Don't get too confident in your opinions — no matter what they are — on the Washington Commanders' preseason opener. Sure, Jayden Daniels had an excellent debut. And, yeah, the starting defense forced a couple of three-and-outs.

But remember last year?

In Cleveland, Sam Howell impressed

with mobility and a quick release, first-round cornerback Emmanuel Forbes Jr. flew in for a touchdown-saving tackle on third and one at the goal line, and second-round safety Quan Martin was beaten for a touchdown, leading to an outpouring of mean tweets from fans.

SEE COMMANDERS ON D2

Preseason: Commanders at Dolphins
Saturday, 7 p.m., WUSA (Ch. 9)

AUTO RACING

Austin Dillon wrecks two rivals on the last lap for a Cup Series win in Richmond. **D2**

GOLF

Aaron Rai takes advantage of the leader's meltdown and wins his first PGA Tour title. **D2**

BASEBALL

Albert Suárez impresses, but the O's can't complete a sweep of the Rays. **D3**

Gore's continuing struggles set tone as Nats' 13 walks match team record

ANGELS 6, NATIONALS 4

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

When the Washington Nationals were at their best during the first few months of this season, back when MacKenzie Gore looked like a front-line starter,

Manager Dave Martinez's comments often boiled down to three words: "They're throwing strikes." Earlier than that, there were chuckles online after General Manager Mike Rizzo was behind signs posted in the bullpen at the start of spring training that read "I don't care how fast

SEE NATIONALS ON D4

Nationals at Orioles
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., MASN, MASN2

THE DAY IN SPORTS

AUTO RACING

Dillon spins Logano on last lap to win in OT

Austin Dillon raced to his first NASCAR Cup Series victory in nearly two years, sending **Joey Logano** into a spin on the final lap to win in overtime at the Cook Out 400 in Richmond on Sunday night.

It was Dillon's first win since Aug. 28, 2022, at Daytona. He had just two top-10 finishes this year and entered the race ranked 32nd in the standings. Now he's on track for the postseason — but he didn't do it gently.

"I hate to do that, but sometimes you just got to have it," Dillon said.

Dillon appeared to be cruising to a victory when **Ricky Stenhouse Jr.** and **Ryan Preece** collided, forcing the first caution of the entire 400-lap, 300-mile race aside from the prescheduled ones after the end of the first two stages.

So the drivers went to overtime, and Logano clearly got the better of Dillon on the restart. Then Dillon came up behind Logano and spun him — and when **Denny Hamlin** appeared to be moving past him on the inside, Dillon made contact with him, too, and sent him into the wall.

Dillon emerged from all that chaos with a victory in his No. 3 Chevrolet. That number was famously driven — often aggressively — by **Dale Earnhardt**. And that symmetry did not appear lost on seven-time Cup champion **Jimmie Johnson**, who weighed in on social media.

"Dale Sr vibes," Johnson said. Logano, unsurprisingly, was in no mood to shrug off Dillon's move.

"It's ridiculous that that's the way we race. Unbelievable," Logano said. "I get bump and runs. I do that. I would expect it. But from four car lengths back, he was never going to make the corner. And then he wrecks the other car. He wrecks the 11 to go with it. What a piece of crap."

The 11 — Hamlin — wasn't pleased either.

"He's going to be credited with the win, but obviously he's just not going to go far," Hamlin said. "You've got the pay your dues back on stuff like that. But it's worth it because they jump 20 positions in points. So I understand all that. There's no ill will there. I get it. I just hate I was a part of it. It would have been fun if I was not one of the two guys that got taken out on the last corner."

PRO FOOTBALL

Jaguars bring back former safety Gipson

The Jacksonville Jaguars signed veteran safety **Tashaun Gipson** to a one-year contract, reuniting him with the franchise despite a six-game suspension to

SPOTLIGHT: GOLF

Rai seizes moment to capture the Wyndham

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Aaron Rai took advantage of Max Greyserman's late meltdown to win the Wyndham Championship on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title.

Rai closed with a 6-under-par 64, with the 29-year-old Englishman making a 6½-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th to post at 18-under 262 in the regular season finale at Sedgefield Country Club.

"It truly is a dream come true," said Rai, a two-time winner on the European tour. "So many people have played a huge role in me being at this point."

Greyserman, the 29-year-old former Duke player, shot a 69 to finish two strokes back on a day when everyone played 36 holes and some a few more in an event washed out by rain Thursday and delayed Friday and Saturday.

Rai was four strokes back after Grey-

Greyserman's late meltdown paves way for Brit's first PGA Tour victory

serman holed out from 91 yards for an eagle on the par-4 13th, then had an unexpected share of the lead a hole later when Greyserman drove out-of-bounds and made a quadruple-bogey 8 on 14.

"If that does not hit the cart path, we're probably in a different situation," Greyserman said. "That doesn't mean that that one bounce is the reason that I didn't win."

Greyserman — who shot a 60 in the second round — birdied the par-5 15th to pull a shot ahead, then four-putted the par-3 16th for a double bogey and parred the last two holes.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

7 p.m. **Texas at Boston** » ESPN
10 p.m. **Atlanta at San Francisco** » MLB Network (joined in progress)

SOCCER

2 p.m. **Turkish Super Lig: Basaksehir at Rizespor** » BeIN Sports
10:30 p.m. **Leagues Cup, round of 16: Pumas UNAM at Seattle** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

6 p.m. **ATP/WTA: National Bank Open, finals** » Tennis Channel

PROFESSIONAL SOFTBALL

4 p.m. **Athletes Unlimited: Team McQuillin vs. Team Kilfoyl** » ESPN2
6:30 p.m. **Athletes Unlimited: Team Lorenz vs. Team Palacios** » ESPN

start the regular season.

Gipson played three seasons for Jacksonville (2016-18) and was a starter on the 2017 team that advanced to the AFC championship game.

Gipson will join the team for practice beginning Monday and could end up serving as an experienced backup — essentially a midseason insurance policy — once his suspension ends in late October. He was suspended in early July for violating the league's performance-enhancing drug policy. ...

The New York Giants returned to practice for the first time since their preseason opener against the Detroit Lions and welcomed back offensive lineman **Evan Neal**. However, first-round draft pick **Malik Nabers** left practice late with a possible minor sprain to his left ankle.

It was not clear how Nabers was hurt, but the No. 6 overall pick in the draft was examined by trainers on sideline. ...

Detroit quarterback **Hendon Hooker** was still in the concussion protocol, three days after he was injured in a preseason game against the Giants.

Lions Coach **Dan Campbell** said that the team is looking into signing another player at the position so starter **Jared Goff** and potential backup **Nate Sudfeld** are not the only healthy quarterbacks for this week's

exhibition game at Kansas City.

Hooker was hurt in the third quarter on a run after leaving the pocket Friday night against the Giants, playing for the first time in 21 months after he tore a ligament in his left knee as a fifth-year senior for the Tennessee Volunteers. ...

Cleveland Browns starting quarterback **Deshawn Watson** was cleared for contact to his surgically repaired shoulder, but he will sit out his second straight preseason game when Cleveland hosts Minnesota this week.

Watson spent Saturday night's preseason opener against Green Bay on the sideline as the Browns were beaten, 23-10, by the Packers. The team is taking a cautious approach with Watson, who underwent shoulder surgery in November.

However, on a Zoom call, Coach **Kevin Stefanski** said Watson will participate in this week's joint practices against the Vikings. Minnesota will visit the Browns' practice facility Wednesday and Thursday before playing the Browns on Saturday.

Stefanski wasn't specific about how much Watson will do against the Vikings, saying only that "he'll get his work done versus them in a controlled setting."

Stefanski also confirmed Watson is okay to have contact, though he will be protected in the sessions against the Vikings. ... **Nick Harris** was hiked back to

the Browns.

Cleveland reacquired the veteran center in a trade from the Seattle Seahawks after backup **Luke Wypler** suffered a broken ankle in Saturday's exhibition game against the Packers.

Harris was drafted by the Browns in 2020. He spent three seasons with Cleveland, missing all of 2022 after suffering a knee injury in the preseason opener. The 25-year-old signed a one-year deal as a free agent with the Seahawks in March.

The Browns sent a sixth-round draft pick in 2026 to Seattle in exchange for Harris and a seventh-round pick in 2026.

GOLF

Ames takes Boeing for second straight year

Stephen Ames successfully defended his Boeing Classic title, birdieing the par-5 18th for a 5-under-par 67 and one-stroke win over **Ernie Els**, **Steven Alker** and **Robert Karlsson**.

The 60-year-old Ames, a naturalized Canadian from Trinidad and Tobago, won his third PGA Tour Champions title of the season and ninth overall. He won four times on the PGA Tour.

He finished at 11-under 205 at the Club at Snoqualmie (Wash.) Ridge. ...

Rianne Malixi beat **Asterisk Talley**, 3 and 2, to win the U.S.

Women's Amateur at Southern Hills in Tulsa, three weeks after she routed Talley in the U.S. Girls' Junior final.

Last month in the U.S. Girls' Junior, the 17-year-old Malixi — from the Philippines — beat Talley, 8 and 7, at El Caballero in Tarzana, Calif., the largest championship-match blowout in tournament history.

Malixi is the second player to win both events in the same year, joining **Eun Jeong Seong** in 2016. She verbally committed to play at Duke, with plans to begin college play in 2025.

The 15-year-old Talley, from Chowchilla, Calif., led 1 up Saturday after the first 18 holes of the 36-hole championship match were moved up a day because of expected rain Sunday. ...

Graeme McDowell became the first LIV Golf player to be suspended under its anti-doping policy for using an over-the-counter decongestant that contained a banned substance.

The Saudi-funded circuit said McDowell, a former U.S. Open champion, would be suspended for one tournament and fined \$125,000. He will be replaced in the field at the LIV Golf Greenbrier next week by an alternate.

McDowell posted on social media Sunday that he was struggling with severe congestion that affected his sleep before the LIV Golf Nashville event in

Tennessee in June.

LIV said the substance was levo-methamphetamine.

TENNIS

Rublev beats Arnaldi in delayed semifinal

Fifth-seeded **Andrey Rublev** beat **Matteo Arnaldi**, 6-4, 6-2, in the National Bank Open semifinals in Montreal after waiting out a rain delay early in the second set.

Rublev has victories this year in Madrid and Hong Kong. The 26-year-old Russian beat top-seeded **Jannik Sinner**, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, on Saturday night in the rain-delayed tournament.

Play was delayed for 1 hour 40 minutes tied at 1-1 in the second set.

Arnaldi, from Italy, was played his first Masters 1000-level semifinal.

American **Sebastian Korda**, the winner last week in Washington, was set to face **Alexei Popyrin** of Australia in the other semifinal.

Earlier on Sunday in the quarterfinals, Korda beat second-seeded **Alexander Zverev**, 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, 6-4, and Popyrin topped fourth-seeded **Hubert Hurkacz**, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

In the women's event in Toronto, **Amanda Anisimova** beat eighth-seeded **Emma Navarro**, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, in an all-American semifinal.

"Huge accomplishment," said Anisimova, ranked 132nd in the world. "Something I've been working really hard toward."

She will face third-seeded defending champion **Jessica Pegula** in the final Monday in another all-American match. Pegula beat No. 14 **Diana Shnaider** of Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

SOCCER

Dorrance retires as UNC women's coach

Anson Dorrance, whose 21 NCAA championships are the most by a coach in any Division I sport in college history, is retiring after 45 seasons directing the women's soccer program at North Carolina.

The Tar Heels said Dorrance informed athletic director **Bubba Cunningham** of his plans Friday and told the team Sunday, four days before its season opener at Denver.

Dorrance also overlapped as both the men's and women's coaches early in his career, but his greatest success was with the women.

Associate coach **Damon Nahas** will serve as interim women's coach this season. Cunningham plans to conduct a search for a new coach.

Dorrance said he was excited heading into the season but came to the conclusion he did not have the energy to give 100 percent to the job.

— From news services

Daniels's first performance offers some hope but requires a measured evaluation

COMMANDERS FROM D1

One year later, Howell is gone, Forbes's future is in question, and Martin is the starting free safety.

Coach Dan Quinn puts "not a lot" of stock into one preseason game, he said after a 20-17 loss at the New York Jets on Saturday. But he thought it was a good first step for Daniels.

"[The players] all have real belief and trust in him as well, so it is cool to see," Quinn said.

For every first impression that holds up — the Commanders' offensive line was indeed terrible last year — it seems just as many don't.

In Washington, that has been especially true for the quarterbacks. In 2021, Ryan Fitzpatrick looked sharp in the preseason opener. In 2022, Carson Wentz led the offense on a lengthy scoring drive. And they, like Howell, had short honeymoons.

Obviously, Daniels is quite different for many reasons. In the long term, his success requires the alignment of fewer stars than his predecessors. Still, his start can serve as a Rorschach test.

For the pessimists, it was one drive against backups. His big throw came against depth cornerback Jarrick Bernard-Converse, who has played four career defensive snaps, not all-pro Sauce Gardner. He didn't have to take any hits. The joint practice with the Jets — when most starters played and the offense struggled — was more telling.

For the optimists, the drive was 11 glorious plays that looked repeatable regardless of opponent because Daniels relied on quick passing, vertical shots and zone-



JOHN MUNSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rookie quarterback Jayden Daniels was 2-for-3 passing for 45 yards and ran for a three-yard touchdown in his lone drive Saturday.

read runs, the same concepts with which he won the Heisman Trophy. In fact, Daniels's first completion was the exact same as it was in college — a go route down the right sideline on third

down that went for 42 yards.

On that big gain Saturday, Daniels showed advanced maturity and confidence by identifying the aggressive defensive look — zero deep safeties, every defender

near the line of scrimmage — and audibling out of a screen into a deep pass. He sent Dyami Brown streaking down the right sideline and "gave my guy a chance to make a play."

Afterward, Quinn wasn't thrilled — he compared Daniels's adjustment to Tom Cruise's illicit buzzing of the tower in "Top Gun" — but his teammates loved it. On the sideline, that play seemed to

boost confidence that Daniels could be the franchise quarterback for which this team has waited years.

"This organization is in very good hands with him," tight end Zach Ertz said on the local broadcast. "And it's up to us to do whatever we can to support him."

"Everybody should be very excited just from that little sneak peek," right guard Sam Cosmi said. "I know I am. I know the guys are fired up. I think we got a dude back there."

It's hard to hear those words and not think back to votes of confidence the Commanders gave other quarterbacks. Cosmi once called Howell "really, really special." And in November, defensive tackle Jonathan Allen said: "Sam Howell is our future. ... I feel like we found our quarterback for the next five to 10 years, and I truly believe that."

It will be impossible to know for weeks, maybe even months or years, whether Daniels is the guy. But it's clear, in words and body language, that Daniels is giving this team something it hasn't had much of for years.

"I feel like it just gives everybody confidence moving forward," he said of the successful drive. "Obviously not just me but being able to connect with Dyami down the field. I know that gave him confidence."

Daniels pointed out Brown, who has struggled with confidence at times in his NFL career, made another tough catch later. Daniels said those small moments add up and noted the Commanders need them "to be successful and execute at a high level."

PARIS OLYMPICS

TRACK AND FIELD

For Hassan, third medal at the Games is a marathon gold

BY LES CARPENTER

PARIS — With about 300 feet to go, Dutch runner Sifan Hassan was close to winning the women's Olympic marathon Sunday morning, but she didn't know why. The course, with its two steep hills and miles of cobblestone streets, had broken her. Her entire body had ached from the start of the race. Her heart thumped. She wanted to stop.

But she had come to the Olympics to win medals in the 5,000 meters, the 10,000 meters and the marathon — an ambition almost too impossible to imagine — and after winning two bronze medals, she wasn't going to let gold slip away, even as she felt Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa pushing to get past her.

So she sprinted.

Around the last turn at Invalides, she raced, cutting into the alley between the bleachers, pushing toward the line in the distance. Assefa fell behind. The crowd roared as Hassan flew across the line. The time on the scoreboard said 2 hours 22 minutes 55 seconds. An Olympic record. She fell to the ground.

"I have no idea where that sprint came from," she said.

Much has been written about the great athletes at these Games. Somewhere on that list, there must be a place for Hassan. In Tokyo, she won gold in the 5,000 and 10,000 and took bronze in the 1,500. It seemed outlandish. Then she came here, vowing to do even more.

Sunday was a new extreme: a marathon on what might be the most grueling Olympic marathon course ever, run on a warm, humid morning less than 48 hours after running the 10,000.

"I just push human endurance," the 31-year-old said with a laugh.

Hassan's coach, Tim Rowberry, understands. She always has been like this, ever since they first met in Utah, where she went to train in 2015. "She's the type of athlete who wants multiple golds at the Olympics," he said.

She had been impatient at these Games, he said. The marathon was the one race she knew she wanted to run here, but the marathon wasn't enough. Since she had won the 5,000 and 10,000 in Tokyo, she wanted to win them again in Paris. Not winning either was hard, especially the 10,000. She was sure she was going to win the 10,000.

Late Friday night, she sat in a



LISA LEUTNER/REUTERS

Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands won the marathon for her third medal of the Games following bronzes in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

chair on the warmup track at Stade de France, furious she had finished only third in the 10,000. She kept asking Rowberry what she could have done better. Deep down, she knew exactly what went wrong.

"I didn't give everything," she said Sunday. "I was just waiting in the 10,000."

On Sunday, when she saw the stands and the finish and could feel Assefa pushing, she told herself, "I have to give everything."

Rowberry knew Hassan would sprint, but he also worried. A sprint after running 26 miles on a course with two steep climbs, two days after running the 10,000 and six days after running the 5,000, is dangerous. Hamstrings can snap. Ankles can turn. Sometimes runners with that kind of exhaustion simply fall when accelerating at the end of a long race.

He didn't relax until she had spread her arms wide as she ran beneath the half arches that mark the finish line.

Then race officials told Hassan there had been a protest. Ethiopia claimed she had pushed Assefa just before that final sprint. Hassan, who was born in Ethiopia, was certain Assefa had pushed her. Officials held up the medal ceremony as a review was conducted. It was more than two hours after the finish when the protest was denied and Hassan, Assefa and third-place finisher Hellen Obiri of Kenya walked to the medal stand.

When Hassan's name was called, she jumped onto the stand as if all the pain from the race had disappeared.

In many marathons, the winner pulls away from the others in the final five kilometers. On Sunday, the top group didn't split apart. "In this one, we run to the end," Hassan said.

Rowberry watched her talk. Leading up to these Games, they had trained for weeks in Park City, Utah, running steep mountain roads. Now, with six medals, she must be seen as one of the Olympic greats, at least over the past two Games.

Already Rowberry was planning what's next, knowing that Hassan will need something new, something so ludicrous no one else would dare suggest it. Maybe the marathon and the 800 at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, he said.

"But that would be crazy," he said, yet he didn't sound as though he thought it was crazy at all.

Bhutan's Lhamo kept moving, and fans were quite moved when she finished

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

PARIS — At 10:23 a.m. Sunday, the winner crossed and wrought a roar. By 10:27, a grand pack crossed, the cheers kept a steady perseverance. By 10:34, 50 had finished, 31 or 32 still ran, and nine were listed as did not finish. By 10:43, six still ran. By 10:46, four runners remained out there. By 10:47, two of those had made 40 kilometers (24.8 miles) of the 42 (26.2), one had made 35 (21.74), and one had made 30 (18.6). By 10:51, Rose Harvey of Britain finished. By 10:54, Matea Parlov Kostro of Croatia had become a DNF in the heat and the hills. By 10:55, a cheer built and stuck around a bit because Santoshi Shrestha of Nepal crossed.

By 10:56, one runner remained out there. The Olympics were about to happen again.

All around, the hubbub of the end of an Olympic women's marathon took hold. To the left, an Austrian runner answered questions. To the right, two Israeli runners fielded questions. Across the way, TV cameras taped interviews with runners from China, Spain, Sweden, New Zealand, Spain again. To the left by 11:05, a runner from Zimbabwe stopped mid-interview and leaned over for a good, long, commendable sob.

The grandstands on both sides of the finish lane emptied by maybe half. The sun punished. The hardy stayed. Spectators lined the lane behind the rails. Invalides shimmered just behind the entry to the lane. The top third or so of the Eiffel Tower peeked over from yonder. Club music pounded. Fans danced. Netherlands fans starred in their fetching orange. The speakers played "Sweet Caroline," that unforseeable international sports anthem. Spectators sang. They played all the verses, not always a given. Spectators wore out on singing.

By 11:10, one runner remained, at 30 kilometers (18.64 miles). She ran alone somewhere out there,



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Stopping to walk at times, Kinzang Lhamo of Bhutan finished the marathon 90 minutes behind the winner, and Paris loved her for it.

on a course that kept dredging one English word from the analysts: "brutal."

By 11:11, most media had left the interview area, nationality by nationality, the cameras all hauled off to elsewhere. Big-screen videos followed this one runner, Kinzang Lhamo. She hails from Bhutan, the quiet, enchanting land of about 800,000 on the north edge of South Asia. She's in the Bhutanese military. Military service got her started running. She carried the flag on the Bhutan boat in the Opening Ceremonies. She had never run a marathon in Europe. She ran this on one of the "universal" slots, which aim to

widen participation to nations that might not qualify routinely.

Aerial shots showed treetops with her occasional appearances between. She had reached 35 kilometers (21.7 miles). A cheer went up, perhaps from people who had never seen Bhutan, never thought of Bhutan, never heard of Bhutan, never met anyone Bhutanese. The screen kept showing giddy fans. Some danced with a Mexican flag. Two wore those crazy furry hats made of the Paris 2024 mascot. Others fulfilled the shared human dream of appearing on a gigantic screen.

Crowds thinned more but not quite to sparse. By 11:27, a rumor

came: Might they stop her at 3 hours 30 minutes, in a marathon that began at 8? Might that wreak a ruckus? By 11:32, 38 minutes after the previous finisher and two minutes after her 3:30 mark, the screen showed her walking.

By 11:36, it felt as if the whole Olympics waited for her. The medal ceremony waited for her. She walked next to a bike, behind a help vehicle. People cheered her on from the sides of the course. A man followed her with a Bhutan flag. People talked to her. Should they do that? Back in the stadium, a keen observer noted the honorary starter for the race had been

Kathrine Switzer, who in 1967 braved the spite to become the first woman to run the Boston Marathon. Back on the course, Lhamo walked some more.

By 11:50, Lhamo poured water on her head out there somewhere not too far away. By 11:51, she walked along as the camera got right up close, showing the "BHU" on her shirt and "LHAMO" on her bib. By 11:51, she had begun to run again. A cheer swelled. By 11:51 still, she rounded a corner. The cheer built. By 11:52, she headed into the view of the lingering audience, and the cheers sustained themselves.

In the stands, some got teary. A

native Houstonian who lives in London, Kristine Dalton, didn't, but she felt something authentic. "It was really emotional when she was coming in, [and] prior to that it had been confusing," Dalton said.

Dalton knew more than some and maybe more than most. She had run Paris's groundbreaking Marathon Pour Tous (Marathon For All) on Saturday night and Sunday morning, her 16th marathon. She had finished around 3:30 or 3:40 a.m., with people still lining the lane in the civic frenzy. She knew the course in her bones now and said, "That last hill, it's a mountain."

She said of Lhamo: "I found her just really relatable as a runner. Her time wasn't that far off from my times. I walk as well sometimes." She concluded, "I'm really proud of her."

By 11:52 and change, the remaining crowd saluted Lhamo for a familiar reason, that old Olympic reason, the one that resonates beyond sports, the one about striving and overcoming, the one that doubles as a reminder that most people really are kind. By 11:53, Lhamo crossed the finish line 58 minutes after the 79th-place runner, and the cheers forged themselves into a worthy boomlet. Lhamo kept jogging on, and as she turned to her right to stop, her face looked a rare level of ashen.

With help, she moved over to a plastic folding chair. In the background, attendants brought in the medal stand. By 11:56, she sat facing away from the mixed zone, people leaning in to ask what she might need. By 11:58, the word came she would need medical treatment for cramps. Soon thereafter, it grew clear that she would not be in the condition for interviews, and, besides, interpretation from Dzongkha to English can prove elusive. But she had spoken, all right, and on the last day of the Paris Olympics, the good people in a punishing sun had spoken right back to her.

 PARIS OLYMPICS

BASKETBALL

U.S. women extend dynasty by the slimmest of margins

UNITED STATES 67,
FRANCE 66

BY BEN GOLLIVER

PARIS — This was an afternoon of agony when all the easy things were difficult and the difficult things spiraled into existential crises. With 28 unblemished years at stake, the U.S. women's basketball team saw its fate determined by mere inches at the final buzzer.

A buoyant Bercy Arena crowd was treated to a tense gold medal final Sunday, but the United States was the last team standing thanks to a 10-point second-half comeback that delivered a 67-66 victory over France. With the win against the host country, the U.S. team captured its eighth consecutive Olympic gold medal, won its 61st straight Olympic game and improved its overall Olympic record to 78-3.

Few, if any, of the previous 77 victories were this challenging. The Americans' breezy run through the tournament — they won their first five games by at least 13 points and by an average of 18.6 — encountered major turbulence against an active and physical French team that had a chance to force overtime at the buzzer. Gabby Williams made a leaning, contested jumper near the three-point arc, but the officials ruled her left foot was on the line when she released her shot. Some of the French players, in disbelief at their poor fortune after such a gutsy performance, couldn't hold back their tears.

"I knew it was a two-pointer straight away," said Williams, who brushed off a question about whether she had been fouled on the game-deciding play. "It was very difficult for me to stop in time. I don't think we should hold our heads down. There's a little bit of disappointment, but once that pill has been swallowed we can celebrate the silver medal. What we've done is inspirational."

The United States didn't bother waiting for a video replay to begin celebrating in front of the team's bench. LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Vanessa Bryant, Sue Bird and Megan Rapinoe cheered along from nearby court-side seats, relieved that the women hadn't suffered their first Olympic defeat since the semifinals of the 1992 Olympics. The squad delivered the United States' 40th and final gold medal at the Paris Olympics, tying it with China for first in the gold medal standings. The United States topped China, 126-91, in overall medals.

Aja Wilson, who shook off a slow start to finish with game highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds, was named tournament



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American Aja Wilson, pictured after she hit a late jumper against France, had game highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds Sunday and was named the tournament MVP.

MVP. Veteran guard Diana Taurasi secured her sixth gold medal, setting a record for any men's or women's basketball player. Breanna Stewart joined Wilson on the all-tournament team with Williams, Australia's Alanna Smith and Belgium's Emma Meesseman. Earlier Sunday, Australia beat Belgium, 85-81, for bronze.

"It wasn't the prettiest of the games, but those are the ones you've got to grind out," Wilson said. "Paris showed us a good time. I leaned on my defense. That's what got me and my team going. When it comes to getting the job done, a woman is going to step up to the plate and get it done."

For the usually invincible Americans, the difficulties began shortly after tip-off during an ugly first half in which neither team could get its offense on

track. France started 2 for 17 from the field but kept pace because the United States repeatedly squandered possessions with ill-advised turnovers, missed countless layups and went more than six minutes without a field goal.

Wilson and Stewart combined to shoot 3 for 15 in the first half, and the United States didn't make a single three-pointer to compensate for its front line's struggles. Backup center Brittney Griner hit two baskets in quick succession to help the United States build some momentum, but even that proved fleeting against an active French defense that packed the paint and forced 13 turnovers before halftime.

The Americans' nerves ratcheted up another notch when France guard Marine Fauthoux hit a three-pointer from near half court to beat the shot clock in the second quarter. On an afternoon

when everyone was struggling from the field, Fauthoux somehow connected on the toughest shot of all.

When France took a 27-25 lead shortly after halftime, it was the first time the United States had trailed in the second half all tournament. The hosts didn't stop there: A 10-0 run forced the Americans to contemplate the possible end of their historic winning streak.

But the United States responded with an 8-0 run of its own as reserve guard Kelsey Plum hit big three-pointers from the right corner and left angle to breathe some life into the Americans' limp attack. Sabrina Ionescu, another backup, then found Napheesa Collier with a beautiful look-away pass for a layup to put the United States back on top 41-40. The key second-unit contributions were a reminder of the Americans' clear

depth advantage over the rest of the field.

"We had a hard time getting to our identity of getting in transition and scoring," U.S. Coach Cheryl Reeve said. "It was an ugly game for a reason: We both made it hard for each other. We needed to get players in off the bench to help. We just found a way to get it across the finish line."

Neither team could create separation early in the fourth quarter, and the United States still found itself tied with less than five minutes to play. Williams, who led France with 19 points and seven rebounds, kept finding answers until the very end. In a sign of France's pluck, the United States had scored at least 85 points in all five of its previous tournament games.

Down the stretch, the United States ground out points at the free throw line and with an un-

conventional jumper from Wilson. Her shot bounced high off the backboard before rattling home, prompting her to scream with happiness as she ran back down the court.

Plum, who had 12 points and four assists, made four clutch free throws in the final two-plus minutes. Stewart also came up with a timely block on a late attempt by Fauthoux to help the United States triumph by the slimmest of margins.

Less than 24 hours after the U.S. men's basketball team defeated France, the U.S. women matched the feat and watched as the Stars and Stripes were raised in Paris.

"The atmosphere tonight was incredible," Stewart said. "We have the biggest target on our back. The parity of women's basketball is continuing to grow. We know it's not easy."

CANDACE BUCKNER

Griner is proud to represent and shed tears for the country that 'fought for me'

BUCKNER FROM D1

flashes from the past could have been from two years ago, when she was forced to strip naked for the lewd entertainment of Russian soldiers, or maybe all the way back to a middle school bathroom, where the girl viewed as different was treated as if she did not belong. But the anthem played, and Griner listened and cried because the notes now mean so much. It was her song.

Later, as her teammates stopped to speak with members of the media, glowing after their 67-66 victory over France clinched the program's eighth straight Olympic gold medal, Griner was asked why she reacted that way during the anthem.

She tried to explain her emotions, but she did not need to find the right words. Her tears said everything.

She can represent her nation on the world's stage. She can play for the most dominant basketball program in history. And when the U.S. women win as expected, she can celebrate by kissing her wife. She is free to be herself.

Her tears said the United States is her country, too.

The Stars and Stripes, an emblem misused by white supremacists as their flag and their flag alone, can be draped over her shoulders, too.

"The Star-Spangled Banner," a song penned by an attorney who owned Black people as property, can be Griner's lyrics, too.



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Brittney Griner, who was imprisoned in Russia, was the only American to cry on the medal stand.

Griner can now be proud of a country that hasn't always loved people like her back. When anyone from a marginalized group feels accepted, that they're worth being loved and protected and fought for, that's

when the tears flow.

"Just — just really happy, honestly. Really happy," Griner said. "My emotions are all over the place. I was on the podium, the flag was going up, and as soon as the anthem started, I got

tears — tears coming down my face. It means so much to me, my family. I didn't think I would be here, like I've said before. And to be here winning gold for my country, representing for my country ..."

Her country has never been perfect, and for years the playing of the national anthem has been used as a time for Americans to embrace their rights and express themselves. It's not un-American to notice racial and social ills that plague the nation. It means you're aware.

And so during their podium moment in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, John Carlos and Tommie Smith saluted the flag with Black power fists. In 2016, Colin Kaepernick took a knee to protest police violence, as did every member of the Indiana Fever ahead of a WNBA game. Following the murder of George Floyd in 2020, as the national anthem played before major sporting events, more athletes knelt. So did Griner. She was labeled unpatriotic — the angry Black lesbian who hates America. *Not like us.*

But then Griner went to Russia to supplement her income; in her country, women's basketball players are not paid what they're worth. She was arrested for possessing cartridges of cannabis oil. Sentenced to nine years, Griner was unjustly imprisoned. Her community of women in basketball never forgot about her. They did everything in their power to keep her in the news. They are advocates; those women fight for their own. But in that Russian prison, Griner learned she was also an American worth saving.

"My country fought for me so

hard for me to even be standing here," Griner said. "Yeah, this gold medal is going to hold a special place among the other two I was fortunate winning."

Griner's return to her nation — and her old way of life as a WNBA player — has not been a fairy tale. Last year, she was harassed in a Dallas airport. And often on social media, leering creeps act just like those Russian soldiers and seventh-grade bullies while spreading a video of a shirtless Griner, relaxing and goofing off by a swimming pool.

Then, during the Olympics, between the U.S. women playing in the group stage and the elimination rounds, the team had to travel by train. The last time Griner was on a train, she was heading to prison.

"So that was a little rough," she admitted. "There were a few moments like, 'Wow.'"

Griner has moved forward the best she can. She has welcomed a son with her wife, Cherelle, and Griner plans to place her new gold medal next to him when she returns home. To her country.

The national anthem played, and the red, white, and blue flag was raised inside a foreign arena. And a proud American couldn't stop her tears.

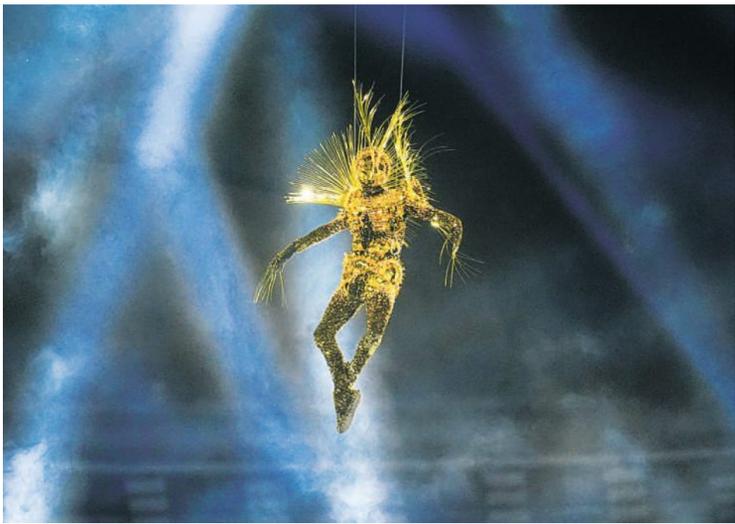
"I thought I would get a little red-eyed, but it hit me pretty hard," Griner said. "My country fought for me to get back, and I was able to bring home gold for my country. There's no greater feeling."

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Bidding adieu

Sunday night's Closing Ceremonies at Stade de France put a bow on the Paris Olympics. After Team USA finished atop the medal table again — racking up 126 medals, 13 more than it had in Tokyo three years ago and 35 more than anyone else in Paris — attention shifts to Los Angeles for the 2028 Summer Games. But Olympic competition will return much sooner than that: Italy's Winter Games in Milano Cortina arrive Feb. 6, 2026.



United States			
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
40	44	42	126



China			
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
40	27	24	91



Britain			
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
14	22	29	65



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American idols: The United States won 126



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SWIMMING
Jack Alexy, Chris Guiliano, Hunter Armstrong, Caeleb Dressel, Ryan Held, Matthew King
● Gold
Men's 4x100-meter freestyle relay



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWIMMING
Kate Douglass, Gretchen Walsh, Torri Huske, Simone Manuel, Erika Connolly, Abbey Weitzeil
● Silver
Women's 4x100-meter freestyle relay



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SWIMMING
Katie Ledecky
● Bronze
Women's 400-meter freestyle



ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOLAT/GETTY IMAGES

CYCLING
Chloé Dygert
● Bronze
Women's road individual time trial



SARAH STIER/GETTY IMAGES

DIVING
Sarah Bacon, Cassidy Cook
● Silver
Women's synchronized three-meter springboard



MANAN VATSYAYANA/GETTY IMAGES

SWIMMING
Nic Fink
● Silver
Men's 100-meter breaststroke



JOE SCARNICI/GETTY IMAGES

FENCING
Lauren Scruggs
● Silver
Women's individual foil



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SWIMMING
Emma Weyant
● Bronze
Women's 400-meter individual medley



SARAH STIER/GETTY IMAGES

SWIMMING
Katie Grimes
● Silver
Women's 400-meter individual medley



ANNA SZILAGYI/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

SWIMMING
Ryan Murphy
● Bronze
Men's 100-meter backstroke



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SWIMMING
Luke Hobson
● Bronze
Men's 200-meter freestyle



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SKATEBOARDING
Nyjah Huston
● Bronze
Men's street



ANGELIKA WARMUTH/REUTERS

SKATEBOARDING
Jagger Eaton
● Silver
Men's street



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

SWIMMING
Bobby Finke
● Silver
Men's 800-meter freestyle



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANOE
Evy Leibfarth
● Bronze
Women's canoe slalom single



EMMANUEL DUNAND/GETTY IMAGES

CYCLING
Perris Benegas
● Silver
Women's BMX freestyle park



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SWIMMING
Erin Gemell, Katie Ledecky, Paige Madden, Simone Manuel, Anna Peplowski, Alex Shackell, Claire Weinstein
● Silver
Women's 4x200m freestyle relay



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SWIMMING
Regan Smith
● Silver
Women's 200-meter butterfly



ANNA SZILAGYI/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

SWIMMING
Kate Douglass
● Gold
Women's 200-meter breaststroke



MARTIN DIVISEK/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

FENCING
Jacqueline Dubrovich, Lee Kiefer, Lauren Scruggs, Maia Mei Weintraub
● Gold
Women's foil team



HANNAH MCKAY/REUTERS

GYMNASTICS
Sunisa Lee
● Bronze
Women's artistic all-around



PUNIT PARANJPE/GETTY IMAGES

ARCHERY
Casey Kaufhold, Brady Ellison
● Bronze
Mixed Team



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SWIMMING
Caeleb Dressel, Nic Fink, Torri Huske, Ryan Murphy, Regan Smith, Charlie Swanson, Gretchen Walsh, Abbey Weitzeil
● Gold
4x100-meter mixed medley relay



NATACHA PISARENKO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWIMMING
Paige Madden
● Bronze
Women's 800-meter freestyle



MANAN VATSYAYANA/GETTY IMAGES

SWIMMING
Katie Ledecky
● Gold
Women's 800-meter freestyle



NATACHA PISARENKO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWIMMING
Kate Douglass
● Silver
Women's 200-meter individual medley



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TRACK AND FIELD
Melissa Jefferson
● Bronze
Women's 100 meters



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TRACK AND FIELD
Sha'Carri Richardson
● Silver
Women's 100 meters



FRANCISCO SECO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

GYMNASTICS
Simone Biles
● Gold
Women's artistic vault



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GYMNASTICS
Stephen Nedoroscik
● Bronze
Men's artistic pommel horse



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SHOOTING
Conner Lynn Prince
● Silver
Men's skeet



CHARLES MCQUILLAN/GETTY IMAGES

SHOOTING
Vincent Hancock
● Gold
Men's skeet



BERTRAND GUAY/GETTY IMAGES

ROWING
Chris Carlson, Peter Chatain, Clark Dean, Henry Hollingsworth, Rielly Milne, Evan Olson, Pieter Quinton, Nick Rusher, Christian Tabash
● Bronze
Men's eight



MARTIN BERNETTI/GETTY IMAGES

TRACK AND FIELD
Fred Kerley
● Bronze
Men's 100 meters



FRANCK ROBICHON/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

TRACK AND FIELD
Noah Lyles
● Gold
Men's 100 meters



CHARLIE RIEDEL/ASSOCIATED PRESS

GYMNASTICS
Sunisa Lee
● Bronze
Women's artistic uneven bars



CHARLES MCQUILLAN/GETTY IMAGES

SHOOTING
Vincent Hancock, Jewell Austen Smith
● Silver
Mixed team skeet



DAVID GOLDMAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Sam Kendrick
● Silver
Men's pole vault



FRANK FRANKLIN II/ASSOCIATED PRESS

THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL
Cierra Burdick, Dearica Hamby, Rhyn Howard, Hailey van Lith
● Bronze
Women's competition



ASHLEY LANDIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Valarie Allman
● Gold
Women's discus



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

GYMNASTICS
Simone Biles
● Silver
Women's artistic floor exercise



PIROSCHKA VAN DE WOUW/REUTERS

TRIATHLON
Taylor Knibb, Morgan Pearson, Seth Rider, Taylor Spivey
● Silver
Mixed relay



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SURFING
Caroline Marks
● Gold
Women's competition



CHRISTIAN BRUNA/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

TRACK AND FIELD
Kenneth Rooks
● Silver
Men's 3,000-meter steeplechase



KAI PFAFFENBACH/REUTERS

TRACK AND FIELD
Quincy Hall
● Gold
Men's 400 meters



REBECCA BLACKWELL/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Katie Moon
● Silver
Women's pole vault



YAHYA ARHAB/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

WRESTLING
Sarah Hildebrandt
● Gold
Women's freestyle 50 kilograms



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CYCLING
Chloé Dygert, Kristen Faulkner, Jennifer Valente, Lily Williams
● Gold
Women's track team pursuit



ISABEL INFANTES/REUTERS

WEIGHTLIFTING
Hampton Morris
● Bronze
Men's 61 kilograms



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TRACK AND FIELD
Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone
● Gold
Women's 400-meter hurdles



ALEKSANDRA SZMIGIEL/REUTERS

TRACK AND FIELD
Jasmine Moore
● Bronze
Women's long jump



MARTIN MEISSNER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Tara Davis-Woodhall
● Gold
Women's long jump



JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/GETTY IMAGES

SPORT CLIMBING
Sam Watson
● Bronze
Men's speed



HANNAH PETERS/GETTY IMAGES

TRACK AND FIELD
Rai Benjamin
● Gold
Men's 400-meter hurdles



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TRACK AND FIELD
Melissa Jefferson, Sha'Carri Richardson, Twanisha Terry, Gabby Thomas
● Gold
Women's 4x100-meter relay



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TAEKWONDO
Kristina Teachout
● Bronze
Women's 67 kilograms



MAURO PIMENTEL/GETTY IMAGES

TRACK AND FIELD
Masai Russell
● Gold
Women's 100-meter hurdles



ALEKSANDRA SZMIGIEL/REUTERS

TRACK AND FIELD
Christopher Bailey, Rai Benjamin, Bryce Deadmon, Vernon Norwood, Quincy Wilson
● Gold
Men's 4x400-meter relay



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Shelby McEwen
● Silver
Men's high jump



ALEKSANDRA SZMIGIEL/REUTERS

TRACK AND FIELD
Grant Fisher
● Bronze
Men's 5,000 meters



ANGELIKA WARMUTH/REUTERS

BREAKING
Victor Montalvo
● Bronze
Men



PATRICIA DE MELO MOREIRA/GETTY

SOCCER
Women's team
● Gold



EBRAHIM NOROOZI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANOE
Nevin Harrison
● Silver
Women's canoe sprint single 200 meters

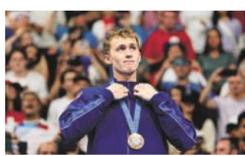
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medals – 40 gold, 44 silver and 42 bronze



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FENCING
Lee Kiefer
● Gold
Women's individual foil



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SWIMMING
Carson Foster
● Bronze
Men's 400-meter individual medley



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SWIMMING
Gretchen Walsh
● Silver
Women's 100-meter butterfly



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SWIMMING
Torri Huske
● Gold
Women's 100-meter butterfly



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CYCLING
Haley Batten
● Silver
Women's mountain bike cross-country



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GYMNASTICS
Frederick Richard, Brody Malone, Stephen Nedorosck, Paul Juda, Asher Hong
● Bronze
Men's artistic team competition



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FENCING
Nick Itkin
● Bronze
Men's foil individual



CLODAGH KILCOYNE/REUTERS

SWIMMING
Katharine Berkoff
● Bronze
Women's 100-meter backstroke



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWIMMING
Regan Smith
● Silver
Women's 100-meter backstroke



VADIM GHIRDA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

RUGBY SEVENS
Women's team
● Bronze



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GYMNASTICS
Simone Biles, Sunisa Lee, Jordan Chiles, Jade Carey, Hezly Rivera
● Gold
Women's artistic team competition



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SWIMMING
Carson Foster, Brooks Curry, Chris Guiliano, Luke Hobson, Chris Kibler, Blake Pieroni, Kieran Smith
● Silver
Men's 4x200-meter freestyle



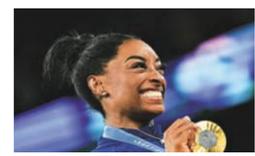
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SWIMMING
Torri Huske
● Silver
Women's 100-meter freestyle



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SWIMMING
Katie Ledecky
● Gold
Women's 1,500-meter freestyle



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GYMNASTICS
Simone Biles
● Gold
Women's artistic all-around



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ROWING
Justin Best, Liam Corrigan, Michael Grady, Nick Mead
● Gold
Men's four



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SWIMMING
Regan Smith
● Silver
Women's 200-meter backstroke



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SHOOTING
Sagen Maddalena
● Silver
Women's 50-meter rifle three positions



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SAILING
Ian Barrows, Hans Henken
● Bronze
Men's skiff



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EQUESTRIAN
Karl Cook, Laura Kraut, McLain Ward
● Silver
Jumping team



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TRACK AND FIELD
Grant Fisher
● Bronze
Men's 10,000 meters



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TENNIS
Taylor Fritz, Tommy Paul
● Bronze
Men's doubles



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TENNIS
Austin Krajicek, Rajeev Ram
● Silver
Men's doubles



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Kaylyn Brown, Bryce Deadmon, Shamier Little, Vernon Norwood
● Silver
4x400-meter mixed relay



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TRACK AND FIELD
Jasmine Moore
● Bronze
Women's triple jump



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TRACK AND FIELD
Joe Kovacs
● Silver
Men's shot put



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TRACK AND FIELD
Ryan Crouser
● Gold
Men's shot put



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GYMNASTICS
Jade Carey
● Gold
Women's artistic vault



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SHOOTING
Austen Jewell Smith
● Bronze
Women's skeet



ERIK S LESSER/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

GOLF
Scottie Scheffler
● Gold
Men's individual



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CYCLING
Kristen Faulkner
● Gold
Women's road race



RITCHIE B TONGO/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

SWIMMING
Katharine Berkoff, Kate Douglass, Torri Huske, Lilly King, Alex Shackell, Regan Smith, Gretchen Walsh, Emma Weber
● Gold
Women's 4x100-meter medley



BRYNN ANDERSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWIMMING
Jack Alexy, Hunter Armstrong, Caeleb Dressel, Nic Fink, Thomas Heilman, Ryan Murphy, Charlie Swanson
● Silver
Men's 4x100-meter medley



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SWIMMING
Bobby Finke
● Gold
Men's 1,500-meter freestyle



PUNIT PARANJE/GETTY IMAGES

ARCHERY
Brady Ellison
● Silver
Men's individual



EUGENE HOSHIKI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

WRESTLING
Amit Elor
● Gold
Women's freestyle 68 kilograms



JOHN LOCHER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOXING
Omari Jones
● Bronze
Men's 71 kilograms



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TRACK AND FIELD
Brittany Brown
● Bronze
Women's 200 meters



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TRACK AND FIELD
Gabby Thomas
● Gold
Women's 200 meters



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TRACK AND FIELD
Yared Nuguse
● Bronze
Men's 1,500 meters



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Cole Hocker
● Gold
Men's 1,500 meters



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRACK AND FIELD
Annette Echikunwoke
● Silver
Women's hammer throw



CAROLINE BLUMBERG/SHUTTERSTOCK

ARTISTIC SWIMMING
Anita Alvarez, Jaime Czarkowski, Megumi Field, Keana Hunter, Audrey Kwon, Callista Liu, Jacklyn Luu, Daniella Ramirez, Ruby Remati
● Silver
Team



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SKATEBOARDING
Tom Schaar
● Silver
Men's park



ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOLAT/GETTY

TRACK AND FIELD
Kenny Bednarek
● Silver
Men's 200 meters



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TRACK AND FIELD
Noah Lyles
● Bronze
Men's 200 meters



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TRACK AND FIELD
Daniel Roberts
● Silver
Men's 110-meter hurdles



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TRACK AND FIELD
Grant Holloway
● Gold
Men's 110-meter hurdles



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TRACK AND FIELD
Anna Cockrell
● Silver
Women's 400-meter hurdles



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VOLLEYBALL
Men's team
● Bronze



BERNAT ARMANGUE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEIGHTLIFTING
Olivia Reeves
● Gold
Women's 71 kilograms



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WRESTLING
Helen Maroulis
● Bronze
Women's freestyle 57 kilograms



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WRESTLING
Spencer Lee
● Silver
Men's freestyle 57 kilograms



PUNIT PARANJE/GETTY IMAGES

WRESTLING
Aaron Brooks
● Bronze
Men's freestyle 86 kilograms



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BASKETBALL
Men's team
● Gold



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TRACK AND FIELD
Kaylyn Brown, Aaliyah Butler, Quanera Hayes, Alexis Holmes, Shamier Little, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, Gabby Thomas
● Gold
Women's 4x400-meter relay



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SPORT CLIMBING
Brooke Raboutou
● Silver
Women's boulder and lead



PUNIT PARANJE/GETTY IMAGES

WRESTLING
Kyle Dake
● Bronze
Men's freestyle 74 kilograms



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CYCLING
Jennifer Valente
● Gold
Women's track omnium



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WRESTLING
Kennedy Blades
● Silver
Women's freestyle 76 kilograms



ANNA SZILAGYI/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

WATER POLO
Men's team
● Bronze



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VOLLEYBALL
Women's team
● Silver



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BASKETBALL
Women's team
● Gold

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Trustees Sale - DC. TRUSTEE'S SALE. Of Valuable Vacant Lot located in the District of Columbia known as 4512 Jay St NE, Washington DC 20019, Lot 18 Square 5126. In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case:2018 CA 002567 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1312 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Unit 510, Washington, DC 20005 at a public auction within the offices of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M. the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 1038 in Square 5684, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on MAY 6, 1999 as Instrument Number:9900040767 the property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referred above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

By virtue of a certain Deferred Purchase Money 1st Deed of Trust duly recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia on October 26, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020130402 (the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with the Notice of Foreclosure recorded on July 15, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024065460, Public Law 90-566, and at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS INC., 5335 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 440, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20015, on SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 AT 11:20 AM the Property described in the Deed of Trust, including certain land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia, and being now known as 4512 JAY ST NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019 Said property now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot 18 Square 5126 Terms of Sale: A deposit of the lesser of \$40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustee's reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustee has filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustee. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustee of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 15-900109

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of \$15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustee's reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustee has filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustee. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustee of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 19-900133

JAMES E. CLARKE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE. C/O ORLANDS PC 1602 Village Market Blvd SE, Suite 310 Leesburg, VA 20175 (703) 777-7101. JAMES E. CLARKE AND DANIEL K. EISENHAUER SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE. C/O ORLANDS PC 1602 Village Market Blvd SE, Suite 310 Leesburg, VA 20175 (703) 777-7101. Daniel J Pesachowitz, Esquire

Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012468471. 1447 Autos Wanted. DONATE YOUR CAR/TRUCK/VAN Lutheran Mission Society of MD. 851 Prince Georges County IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND. WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al. Trustee(s) Plaintiff(s) vs. CEDRIC L TRAYLOR, II A/K/A CEDRIC L TRAYLOR II A/K/A CEDRIC L TRAYLOR Defendant(s) Mortgage(s) CIVIL NO. C-16-CV-24-002063 NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this 2 day of August, 2024, by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland, and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Gene Jung, Trustee(s), of the Real Property designated as 10714 Trafion Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 2 day of September, 2024 next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 2 day of September, 2024. The report states the amount of the sale to be \$335,000.00. Mahasin El Amin Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland File #: 18-274036 Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012468404

Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012468188. 851 Prince Georges County IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND. WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al. Trustee(s) Plaintiff(s) vs. NICODEM LOZAMA NANCY PIERRE LOZAMA Defendant(s) Mortgage(s) CIVIL NO. CAEF18-12324 NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this 2 day of August, 2024, by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland, and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustee(s), of the Real Property designated as 15720 Old Chapel Road, Bowie, MD 20715, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 2 day of September, 2024 next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 2 day of September, 2024. The report states the amount of the sale to be \$552,400.79. Mahasin El Amin Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland File Number:23-000056-MD-F-1 Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012467929

Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012467921. 851 Prince Georges County 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. R. CRAIG FITZNERITER and MICHAEL A. HOWES, as Substitute Trustees, Plaintiffs/Substitute Trustees, v. HIGHLAND RIDGE CAPITOL HEIGHTS, LLC Defendant. Case No. C-16-CV-24-002941 NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 2 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 "Highland Ridge" located at 1201 Benning Road, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee(s), will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 2 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 31 day of August, 2024. The Report of Sale states the purchase price at the foreclosure sale to be \$14,000,000.00. Mahasin El Amin Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012467924

Jul 29 Aug 5,12,19 2024 0012467265. 851 Prince Georges County IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND. James E. Clarke, et al. Substitute Trustees Plaintiffs vs. V. Estate of Laverne Miller-Weils, Defendant. Case No. C-16-CV-23-003540 NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY ISSUED this 2 day of August, 2024, that the sale of the property in this case, 6435 23rd Ave, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, reported by John Ansell, John C. Hanrahan, Brennan Ferguson, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Amanda Driscoll, Robert Oliveri, and Paul Heimuller, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 3 day of September, 2024, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the 3 day of September, 2024. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be \$264,000.00. Mahasin El Amin Clerk Aug 5,12,19 2024 0012467930

Jul 29 Aug 5,12,19 2024 0012465045. 852 Anne Arundel County IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. James E. Clarke, et al. Substitute Trustees vs. Deyvi Giron Perez and Xiomara Yamilet De La O Tejada Defendants No. C-02-CV-24-000543 NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY ISSUED this Monday, July 22, 2024, that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Abiebeta M Bah, Daria C. Theologou, et al, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 21st day of August, 2024 next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 21st day of August 2024 next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at 209 3RD AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD 21225 to be \$186,000.00. Scott A. Poyer Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, MD. Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 2024 0012465997

853 Calvert County IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND. DIANA THEOLOGOU, ET AL. Substitute Trustees Plaintiffs vs. CHARLES E. TRICE, Defendant(s). Case No.: C-04-CV-23-000319 NOTICE ORDERED this 9th day of August, 2024 by the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at 352 Red Cloud Road, Lusby, MD 20657 mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Diana C. Theologou, et al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 8th day of September, 2024 next; provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the 8th day of September, 2024 next. The report states the amount of sale to be \$130,000.00. Katty P Smith Clerk of the Circuit Court Calvert County, Maryland Aug 12,19,26,29 2024 0012465558

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TRUSTEE'S SALE Of Valuable Vacant Lot located in the District of Columbia known as 1711 24th Place SE Washington DC 20020 Lot 60 Square 5624

By virtue of a certain Deferred Purchase Money 1st Deed of Trust duly recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia on January 8, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021004754 (the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with the Notice of Foreclosure recorded on July 16, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024065867, Public Law 90-566, and at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS INC., 5335 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 440, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20015, on SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM the Property described in the Deed of Trust, including certain land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia, and being now known as

1711 24TH PLACE SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020

Said property now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot 60 Square 5624

Terms of Sale

The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition and the purchaser shall assume all risk of loss or damage to the property after the time of the foreclosure sale. Neither the Trustee, the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the auctioneer, nor any of their respective agents, successors or assigns (collectively, the "Selling Parties") make any representation or warranties, express or implied, with respect to the Property. The purchaser waives and releases the Selling Parties from any and all claims the purchaser may have now or may have in the future relating to the sale or the condition of the Property.

A deposit of \$15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 12% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser if settlement is delayed for any reason whatsoever.

Any and all accrued, delinquent or current real property taxes, water charges, special assessments and municipal liens, if applicable, to be assumed by the purchaser. All costs of settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, all recording and transfer taxes, settlement fees, charges and costs, shall be at the sole cost and responsibility of the purchaser. Conveyance of the Property shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The Trustee will not sign any loan or settlement document which makes or implies any warranty with regard to the Property. In the event the Trustee is unable for any reason to convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be to receive a return of the Deposit, after which this sale shall be void and of no effect and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustee, the Selling Parties, or the Property.

In the event of a default by the purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all expenses of the sale, including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price, shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. Any resale shall be at the sole risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property. This advertisement constitutes the entire terms upon which the Property shall be offered for sale.

Charles F. Gormly, Trustee



Aug 12,19,26,Sep 2 2024 0012468470

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2612 HENDERSON AVENUE Wheaton, MD 20902

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DIVERSIFIED SETTLEMENT SERVICES, Trustee(s), dated March 16, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 34094 , folio 780 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED FOUR (4) IN BLOCK NUMBERED FIVE (5), IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT 1, WHEATON CREST NORTH OF WHEATON" AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, AT PLAT 1835, ON OF THE LAND RECORDS FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND. BEING TAX PARCEL #13-01176057

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 \$10,500.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 9.125% 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s). 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. (22-15816)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2921 Birchtree Lane Silver Spring, MD 20906

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to REALTY TITLE SERVICES, Trustee(s), dated June 7, 2013, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 47139 , folio 86, RERECORDED IN BOOK 68085, PAGE 28 MODIFIED JUNE 23, 2017 IN BOOK 55135, PAGE 413, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED TWENTY-ONE (21) IN BLOCK NUMBERED NINETEEN (19), IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "STRAHMORE AT BEL PUE, SECTION 9" AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 87, PLAT NO. 9179, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY 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 \$39,500.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.5% 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s). 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. (15-24934)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 17505 COUNTRY VIEW WAY Ashton, MD 20861

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to FRIEDMAN & MAC FAYDEN PA, Trustee(s), dated May 15, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 32676 , folio 605, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED SIXTEEN (16) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "ASHTON MANOR", AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK 156 AT PLAT 17759.

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 \$68,000.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.0002% 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s). 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. (20-04795)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN, JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE, ROBERT OLIVERI, PAUL HEINMULLER, Substitute Trustees



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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 14805 Village Gate Drive Silver Spring, MD 20906

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to A. BRUCE CLEVELAND AND JOHN SCHEEMER, Trustee(s), dated October 15, 1993, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 11935 , folio 732, MODIFIED FEBRUARY 19, 2009, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (173) IN BLOCK LETTERED "F" IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "LONGMEAD" AS PER PLAT DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK NO. 144 AT PLAT NO. 16570.

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 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 \$24,000.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.5 % 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s). 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. (13-22932)

THOMAS W. HODGE, GENE JUNG, ROBERT M. OLIVERI, CHRISTINE JOHNSON, MELISSA ALCOCKER, JEANA MCMURRAY, BRENNAN FERGUSON, JESSICA ELLIOTT, Substitute Trustees



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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1818 Ashbrook Ct Germantown, MD 20876

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PAMELA R. WILLIAMSON, Trustee(s), dated July 9, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 60093 , folio 419 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s), 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NUMBERED 58, BLOCK LETTERED "A", IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "MIDDLEBROOK COMMONS", AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK 113 AT PLAT NO. 13367. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11816 ASHBROOK COURT, GERMANANTOWN, MD 20876 TAX ID: 09-02068751

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 \$24,500.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.25 % 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s) 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 Trustee(s). 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. (23-32100)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3524 Singers Glen Drive Olney, MD 20832

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DAVID E. WATERS AND ANTHONY B. OLMERT SR, Trustee(s), dated October 7, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 66365 , folio 176 , 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK 28 IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE" PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 114 AT PLAT 13510 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY 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 \$53,500.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.99 % 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. (24-03167)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN, JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE, ROBERT OLIVERI, PAUL HEINMULLER, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 13770 PALMETTO CIRCLE Germantown, MD 20874

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ANTONIO F. MARQUEZ, Trustee(s), dated November 28, 2017, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 55500 , folio 8, 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBERED 13770, PHASE 1, BUILDING 1, IN A CONDOMINIUM STYLED "KINGSVIEW RIDGE CONDOMINIUM" AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK 74 AT PLATS 7423 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 7245, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED. SAID UNIT BEING PART OF THE LAND AND PREMISES SUBJECTED TO A CONDOMINIUM REGIME BY A CERTAIN DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED JANUARY 9, 1998 IN LIBER 15489, FOLIO 376 AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS. FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY THE PROPERTY ADDRESS IS 13770 PALMETTO CIRCLE GERMANTOWN, MD 20874.

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 \$17,500.00 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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4% 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. (22-12479)

JOHN ANSELL, JEREMY B. WILKINS, ROBERT A. OLIVERI, AMANDA DRISCOLE, PAUL HEINMULLER, JOHN C. HANRAHAN, KRISTOPHER HAWKINS, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1512 Winterberry Drive Arnold, MD 21012

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ANDREW N. LOCK AND WILLIAM T. MORRISON, Trustee(s), dated March 13, 2015, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 28188 , folio 485, 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 20, 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:

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1244 Guildford Road Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DAVID E. WATERS AND ANTHONY B. OLMERT SR, Trustee(s), dated December 17, 2020, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 35884 , folio 156, 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 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM
ALL THAT LEASEHOLD LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 6, BLOCK 17, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF "PLAT OF HARUNDALE, SECTION 2", WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 20, FOLIO 22. SUBJECT TO THE LEGAL OPERATION AND EFFECT OF A LEASE RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND IN LIBER 18039, FOLIO 109, WHEREIN WAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO COLLECT AN ANNUAL GROUND RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120.00, PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON THE 1ST DAYS OF MAY AND NOVEMBER, IN EACH AND EVERY YEAR.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY 319 Old Riverside Road Brooklyn, MD 21225

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from PEGGY HOLLAND, dated November 27, 2006 and recorded in Liber 18602, folio 399 among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-24-000768; Tax ID No.05-047-02569005) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

Terms of Sale: A deposit \$15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 23-005310)

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GYMNASTICS

U.S. says it will appeal decision on Chiles

Jordan Chiles must return the bronze medal she won on floor after gymnastics' global governing body modified the results of the event final, moving the American out of medal position and Romanian Ana Barbosu into third.

The update followed a Court of Arbitration for Sport ruling Saturday night, and the International Olympic Committee confirmed Sunday morning the medal would be reallocated to Barbosu.

In a statement Sunday, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee said it would appeal.

Chiles, the last gymnast to compete in Monday's floor final, initially earned a 13.666 for her routine, which put her in fifth place. Afterward, her coach filed an inquiry through an appeals process that provides the opportunity to dispute a gymnast's difficulty score. Upon review, Chiles's score increased by 0.1 points to a 13.766, which pushed her into third and Barbosu and fellow Romanian Sabrina Maneca-Voinea into fourth and fifth.

After Barbosu and the Romanian federation appealed the change, CAS ruled Saturday that the inquiry that benefited Chiles had been filed after the one-minute deadline.

However, USA Gymnastics said in a statement later Sunday that it had submitted video evidence to CAS that proves otherwise. The organization said it has time-stamped video proving Chiles's coach initiated the inquiry 47 seconds after the score was posted. USA Gymnastics said it did not have this footage before CAS ruled.

The panel ruled that Chiles's previous score should be reinstated, and shortly thereafter the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) announced it had updated the results. An FIG spokesperson said the reallocation of medals was the responsibility of the International Olympic Committee.

— Emily Giambalvo



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Team handball toss-up

Goalkeeper Niklas Landin Jacobsen goes airborne after Denmark won the gold medal in handball with a victory over Germany.

VOLLEYBALL

Strong Italian team beats the U.S. in final

Italy beat the defending champion U.S. women in three sets to win gold in Paris.

When Italy scored the match point, many of the players collapsed to the court, then began hugging in a huge scrum.

The victory came in straight sets, 25-18, 25-20, 25-17. The Italians had a dominant tournament, losing just one set.

It's the first medal in the sport for top-ranked Italy. The silver finish by the Americans gives them a seventh Olympic medal to make them the winningest country in the volleyball.

WATER POLO

Serbia is golden again, while U.S. gets bronze

Milos Cuk scored three times, Radoslav Filipovic made 10 saves, and the Serbia men beat Croatia, 13-11, in Nanterre for a third consecutive gold medal.

Serbia joined Britain (1908-1920) and Hungary (2000-2008) as the only countries to win three straight Olympic titles.

The United States beat Hungary, 11-8, in the bronze medal match. It's the first medal for the U.S. men since 2008.

Adrian Weinberg made 16 saves in regulation for the Americans and stopped Vince Vignvári in the penalty shootout.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Heavyweight Li adds to China's success

Li Wenwen won the over-81-kilogram division, the fifth gold for China at these Games.

Li was the runaway winner by lifting a total of 309 kilograms (681 pounds), ahead of silver medalist Park Hye-jeong of South Korea at 299 and Emily Campbell of Britain at 288.

"I haven't had a good night's sleep in over 300 days," Li said. "The pressure was huge. But to be able to deliver, I feel like my country never gave up on me. When I needed it most, I got the best treatment to be able to overcome injuries."

HANDBALL

Denmark's Hansen is going out a winner

Mikkel Hansen's international career ended with another gold medal as Denmark routed Germany, 39-26, in Paris.

The three-time men's world player of the year also won gold at the 2016 Games. He said a few months ago that he would retire after these Olympics.

Mathias Gisdal of Denmark was the game's top scorer, scoring 11 goals on only 13 shots.

Aleix Gomez scored on all five of his shots as Spain edged Slovenia, 23-22, for the bronze medal, matching its performance at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

CYCLING

American Valente defends omnium title

Jennifer Valente rolled around Velodrome National de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines in Montigny-le-Bretonneux one last time with the U.S. flag held aloft, a dominant defense of her omnium title giving her a second gold medal in four days.

The Stars and Stripes flew often after cycling events.

The Americans won three gold medals and six in all for their best showing at the Olympics in four decades, and Valente capped everything off in style. The 29-year-old from San Diego finished with 144 points in the final event of the cycling program, well ahead of Daria Pikulik of Poland and Ally Wollaston of New Zealand, who rounded out the podium.

Earlier in the final session of cycling, Harrie Lavreysen won his third gold medal of the Games by holding off Australians Matthew Glaetzer and Matthew Richardson in the finals of the men's keirin.

Ellesse Andrews of New Zealand captured her second gold and third medal overall by sweeping Lea Friedrich of Germany in the sprint finals.

WRESTLING

Silver goes to Blades; no medal for Snyder

American Kennedy Blades won silver in the 76-kilogram (167.5-pound) division, falling to Yuka Kagami of Japan, 3-1, in Paris.

The United States finished with three medals in women's wrestling, two of them gold, becoming the only country other than Japan to win more than one gold since the sport was added to the Games in 2004.

Americans Sarah Hildebrandt and Emit Elor were the gold medalists.

Kyle Snyder of Woodbine, Md., lost his bronze medal match at 97 kg (214) to Amir Ali Azarpia of Iran. Snyder won gold in 2016 and silver in Tokyo.

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Los Angeles has tough act to follow in '28

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be one thing to have a beach volleyball court that sits in the shadow of an iconic monument, another to stage fencing in a breathtaking palace, yet another to put the equestrian competition in the gardens of a 17th-century chateau. Paris did them all — and more.

Los Angeles hosts the next Summer Olympics. As a backdrop and by comparison, it won't be the same.

"If L.A. would like to copy the Eiffel Tower, it would be a recipe for disaster," said IOC President Thomas Bach, whose term ends before the next Games begin. "Each Olympic Games has to be authentic, has to be creative and has to show the culture of the host country, the host city and to be open to share this with the world."

Paris did exactly that. Before we look ahead, though, it's imperative to look back.

Nothing against Tokyo or Beijing, the hosts of the most recent Summer and Winter Games, but those Olympics were terrible. Not athletically. But viscerally and emotionally and aesthetically.

The coronavirus pandemic dictated first that the Tokyo Games would be delayed by a year, then staged in 2021 with no fans. The venues were Hollywood sets, nothing more. Any energy had to be provided by the athletes. That just can't fill a stadium.

"I'm not going to lie," Megan Rapinoe, then a star of the U.S. women's soccer team, said back then. "That part sucks."

Beijing and its outskirts for the 2022 Games were almost worse, not only because the pandemic lingered and fans were prohibited again but because life in the Olympic bubble — zero interaction with outsiders and swabs jabbed down throats on a daily basis — carried with it the heavy overtones of a controlling Chinese government. The restrictions were based on medicine and science, sure. But it was hard to escape a draconian feel.

Go back even further, back when there *were* fans.

PyeongChang in the winter of 2018 felt far-flung and disjointed. Rio de Janeiro in the summer of 2016 was grotesque in its displacement of impoverished people and the construction of now-abandoned venues. Sochi in the winter of 2014 was a vanity project for an autocrat.

So the contrast in Paris was stark. The venues were full. They often danced and swayed and pulsed. Certainly, not all the French people supported this endeavor. Indeed, the annual summer emptying of Paris by Parisians began early this year.

But spend a few minutes with the home crowd packed into, say, Paris La Défense Arena when Marchand won one of his four swimming golds. Now listen to every member of that crowd belt out "La Marseillaise," the national anthem, and tell the hairs on your arm not to stand up. Can't do it.

The Games even provided an unexpected bracket to the covid era. When American sprinter Noah Lyles — already the gold medalist in the 100 meters — fell to bronze in his better event, the 200, it presented for a second as merely an athletic upset. When Lyles lay on the track, chest heaving, and was taken off in a wheelchair, it switched quickly to a medical situation.

In reality, Lyles had covid. He competed with it. He was hampered. He won bronze anyway. He pronounced himself proud to have fought through. His competitors were decidedly uninterested.

"I don't care," said American Kenny Bednarek, the silver medalist. "I mean, if I get sick or whatever, I'll be fine."

Feels like a covid benchmark. It's still here. But we're living with it.

No Olympics is without controversy, so Paris wasn't immune. The Games began with the participation of 11 Chinese swimmers who were among 23 who tested positive for a banned substance before the Tokyo Games. It included swipes from the IOC at the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency for

criticizing its global counterpart, the World Anti-Doping Agency, as well as a threat — idle as it is — to withhold the just-awarded 2034 Winter Olympics from Salt Lake City if USADA doesn't, essentially, shut up.

The strife that loomed the largest was the ridiculous accusations by officials from the International Boxing Association — which the IOC has prevented from overseeing its sport here — that female boxers Imane Khelif of Algeria and Lin Yu Ting of Taiwan had failed gender tests. Both won gold. They should be proud. At least the IOC supported them throughout.

There were others. The Seine was occasionally too dirty to swim in. Sunday brought a callback of the bronze medal won by American gymnast Jordan Chiles following a court ruling on a judging discrepancy. A Dutch beach volleyball player who is a convicted child rapist was allowed to compete. Some 45,000 local and national police patrolled the streets.

Those were substantive issues, all of them. Yet they didn't seem to derail the Games. Credit Paris — the city and its people — for that.

Staging the Olympics is fraught. The Games, for most, are a television program that largely revolves around what their American broadcast partner, NBC, needs and wants. That can be a direct contrast to the needs and wants of the citizens of the city and the country that hosts them. The IOC doesn't care.

But for future Olympics, there is now a modern model and a renewed spirit that were embodied here. After the drudgery that dates back more than a decade, both are welcome.

The competition almost always elevates the Olympics beyond whatever issues — self-inflicted or otherwise — threaten to hamper them. What played out in Paris were parallel tracks: athletes who deserve to be lifted up and admired and a city that inherently elevates and inspires. We may not see such a perfect marriage again.