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ELECTION 2024

Threats push race into new territory

Security is elevated as violent undercurrent approaches the surface

BY HANNAH KNOWLES AND HANNAH ALLAM

On a quiet Sunday afternoon in the presidential race, a Secret Service agent opened fire on a man who poked a rifle through a fence as former president Donald Trump golfed. Just two months earlier, a different gunman tried to kill Trump at a campaign rally. The shooting left one dead and two wounded.

Bomb threats have forced evacuations and lockdowns in Springfield, Ohio, schools, city hall and hospitals after Trump and other politicians amplified a false claim and racist trope that Haitian immigrants there are eating pets.

And both presidential candidates have had to speak from behind bulletproof glass at outdoor events. Federal authorities are already ramping up security for when Congress gathers to certify the winner in January.

The 2024 election season has been repeatedly marked by extraordinary acts and threats of violence that have become a more contentious issue in the race, escalating tensions in an already-heated political environment and prompting heightened security measures at events with seven weeks of campaigning left to go.

Trump is blaming his Democratic opponents, declaring this week, as Sunday's incident was still under investigation, that "their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at." Officials have yet to describe a motive, and there is no evidence that Vice President Kamala Harris or President Joe Biden specifically inspired the attack. At the same time as he has faulted the words of Democrats,

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An ambulance arrives at a Beirut hospital after the attack in Lebanon. Health officials described facilities being overrun with casualties.

Pagers explode in mass attack

9 KILLED, 2,800 HURT ACROSS LEBANON

Experts suspect sabotage of Hezbollah devices

This article is by Suzan Haidamous, Mohamad El Chamaa, Kareem Fahim, Rachel Chason and Ellen Nakashima

BEIRUT — Thousands of people were injured across Lebanon on Tuesday when electronic pagers used by the militant group Hezbollah simultaneously exploded around 3:30 p.m., the group and Lebanese officials said, in what experts said may have been an unprecedented attack by Israel that possibly involved sabotaging the devices before they were delivered.

"Each one who received a new pager, throw it away," said a voice message that was circulated to Hezbollah members, according to one of the members, who shared it with The Washington Post.

The suspected attack appeared to be the latest salvo in the nearly year-long conflict between Israel and Hezbollah tied to the war in Gaza. It triggered the worst mass casualty event in Lebanon of the war, leaving the country's health system reeling: At least 2,800 people were injured across the country, mostly with wounds to the face, hands or stomach, Health Minister Firas Abiad said. At least nine people were killed.

Hezbollah blamed Israel for the explosions and vowed to retaliate. The Israeli military declined to comment Tuesday on whether it was responsible for the attack.

Health officials reported bedlam at hospitals as ambulances poured in and facilities were

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Indictment against Combs spans length of career

Prosecutors say mogul used his vast influence to manipulate and abuse

BY TRAVIS M. ANDREWS, ANNE BRANIGIN AND SHAYNA JACOBS

A grand jury indicted rapper and music mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs on charges of racketeering conspiracy and sex trafficking, according to a federal document unsealed Tuesday. The charges stem from 16 years of allegations and decades of rumors that Combs used his power to physically and sexually abuse women.

He was arrested on Monday evening and is being held without bail — a stunning chapter in the public life of a man who once ruled over the world of entertainment and celebrity.



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U.S. Attorney Damian Williams shows photos during a news conference Tuesday in Manhattan to announce the unsealing of an indictment with three charges against Sean "Diddy" Combs.

Inside the indictment: Details about the criminal counts Combs faces. **A4**

The indictment accuses Combs of using his lifestyle, media and music companies to help orchestrate a widespread criminal enterprise. Participants in these criminal activities included Combs's security, personal assistants and staff, according to the indictment. These associates helped Combs abuse, threaten and coerce women and others to "fulfill his sexual desires, protect his reputation and conceal his conduct," the court filing alleges.

The crimes Combs and his associates are accused of committing and covering up include sex trafficking, narcotics distribution, arson and kidnapping. Many of these alleged crimes took place at illegal sex parties that Combs referred to as "freak offs."

During these parties, Combs allegedly threw objects at the victims and dragged them by their hair. His associates allegedly booked hotel suites, recruited

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POWER GRAB

Inside the tech industry's backbone

A tour gives insights into the massive energy needs of the data centers that power our digital lives

BY ANTONIO OLIVO AND WILLIAM NEFF

The concrete black-paneled building known as DC12 looks like a regular corporate office, its tinted lobby windows reflecting the surrounding suburban landscape in Northern Virginia.

But beyond a double-locked entry chamber are the computer servers, fiber-optic cables and other technology that make up the infrastructure of our digital lives.

This 114,300-square-foot facility, owned by a company called Equinix, is one of the world's nearly 7,000 data centers, which serve society's insatiable addiction to smart technology. Thousands of computer servers here process bank transactions, stream movies, execute retail purchases or run algorithms for artificial intelligence software.

Equinix, which owns 264 data centers in 33 countries, offered The Washington Post a tour of

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The Equinix facility in Northern Virginia, home to the world's largest concentration of data centers.

Boar's Head plant closure jolts a tiny Virginia town

Hundreds are out of work after shutdown in Jarratt

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

JARRATT, VA. — Raheem Bittle needed a job straight out of high school and knew just where to go in this tiny rural town in Southside Virginia: Boar's Head.

"I had a son on the way and I went there to support them," said Bittle, 27, who started eight years ago at $500 to $600 a week, moving pallets of meat products around the plant. "That was good money fresh out of high school. You could rank up real quick there."

Bittle was one of many residents left reeling last week as Boar's Head announced that it was shutting the plant down indefinitely following a listeria outbreak that killed nine people and hospitalized at least 57 in 18 states. Although Bittle eventually moved on — he became a commercial truck driver, then a Sussex County sheriff's deputy — the plant that helped him get his financial footing has done the same for many others in Jarratt.

The plant was the largest private employer in Jarratt (population 637) and overlapping Greensville County, an area that also has relied on a state prison for jobs as work in manufacturing and peanut farming dried up. About 500 union workers were affected by the closure, a sizable and sudden hit for a community accustomed to a long, slow slide. Many more expect to feel the pain as that jolt plays out across the local economy.

"They are a good employer in the community, and there aren't a lot of other options for folks," said Jonathan Williams, a spokesman for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400, which represents the employees at the shuttered plant.

Among those workers is a Mexican immigrant and single mother of four young children who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear that she would lose her severance. She wondered whether she could find another job paying $18 an hour — a step up from the restaurant work she had done before.

"It was a good job," she said in

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The repeated, callous and belligerent non-apologies of JD Vance



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Vice-presidential candidate Sen. JD Vance (Ohio) waits to speak at a breakfast during the Republican National Convention on July 18.

JD Vance just won't apologize like a reasonable and decent human being.

It's no secret that most people hate having to apologize, and those seeking great power, or simply aiming to hold on to it, seem especially reluctant to say, "I'm sorry," even when doing so would be the moral thing to do. But the senator from Ohio, who is the vice-presidential nominee on the Republican ticket, seems especially unwilling to do the thing that one learns to do in elementary school, which is to say "I'm sorry" without stipulations — and to mean it.

This has not always been the case. Back before his political ambitions had fully unfurled, he offered a preemptive apology to Sofia Nelson, a friend from his Yale Law School days who Vance mentioned in his memoir "Hillbilly Elegy." In 2016, Vance sent Nelson an excerpt from the book along with a particularly sensitive note, according to emails first reported in the New York Times. Vance had referred to Nelson as "an extremely progressive lesbian" but now the young writer worried that his description didn't accurately reflect the way in which Nelson, who is transgender, identified.

"I recognize now that this may not accurately reflect how you think of yourself, and for that I am really sorry," Vance wrote. "I hope you're not offended, but if you are, I'm sorry! Love you, JD."

So there is proof that Vance has the capacity for expressing regret, at least privately, when his words or actions might have caused harm, whether unintentional or not. But something has happened since then. Great power is within reach. Vance is launched on a campaign of strength, combativeness and certainty, and nowhere in that stew of bravado is there room for fallibility and remorse.

Recently, Vance resurrected a few minutes of video from the 2007 Miss Teen USA pageant that showed a young contestant verbally flailing and losing her way as she tried to respond to the observation that many Americans are unable to locate the United States on a world map. Vance posted this clip on social media, using it as a meme to mock Vice President Kamala Harris's intellect and communication skills. But then, Vance was told that the teenager in the video, who is now a woman capable of standing up for herself, had been demoralized by that moment. That she'd been brutally bullied because of it. That she'd even considered self-harm because of the public humiliation. Was Vance sorry he'd brought back all of those terrible memories in service to a joke? No, he was not.

"My heart goes out to her. I hope that she's doing well," he said. "I'm not going to apologize for posting a joke."

Vance isn't alone among politicians. They all do their best to dodge a reasonable request for an apology — or even an expression of regret, which requires eating a much more modest serving of humble pie. They can be especially stingy with contrition when they are new to power or campaigning for more of it. Before Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz was the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, he offered a full-throated apology to CNN, to its reporting team and to news organizations in general after police handcuffed a CNN correspondent in the midst of reporting on the 2020 protests in Minneapolis following the murder of George Floyd.

"I take full responsibility," Walz said during a news conference after the arrests. "This is a very public apology to that team. It should not have happened."

"I'm deeply sorry," Walz said, during an on-air interview with the reporter who was detained.

But with the political stakes elevated to who will occupy the White House next year, Walz would not say that his own incorrect remarks should not have happened. He held his ground when asked during an interview about his inaccurate statements regarding guns and his deployment in the National Guard and his family's struggles with fertility. He was not sorry.

"I won't apologize for speaking passionately, whether its guns in schools or protecting of reproductive rights," Walz said.

But Vance has refused to apologize for things large and small. Repeatedly. Belligerently. Callously. His refusal to show contrition is how he ended up insulting a universe of "childless cat ladies." Vance has not been asked to apologize for theoretical hurt but for actual injury his public pronouncements have done to real people: a beauty queen, a grieving father, beleaguered immigrants, an Army official. And still, he has refused.

After Donald Trump, the man at the top of the Republican ticket, visited Arlington National Cemetery in August, he used video from that visit for campaign purposes despite it being a violation of federal law. An Army official had reprimanded his team on-site, but the campaign rebuffed her and later said she was "suffering from a mental health episode." The Army issued a rare statement in her defense. Should the campaign apologize to the worker? Vance said no; it was all just much ado over nothing.

As the city of Springfield, Ohio, continues to field bomb threats following Vance's insistence on repeating firmly debunked claims that Haitian immigrants were eating residents' pets, he has had no remorse. If his constituents said it was true, that was enough for Vance. He did not need evidence. After all, the accusation sounded true enough in Vance's vision of what Haitians might do. He called them illegal immigrants despite their being in the country under temporary protected status. In Vance's reckoning, the Haitians were unwanted, and that was enough to make them illegal.

Vance tweeted that a child in Springfield was "murdered by a Haitian migrant." During a city council meeting, that child's father pleaded with Vance, Trump and other public figures not to use his son's death for political purposes. "I wish that my son Aiden Clark was killed by a 60-year-old White guy," Nathan Clark said with a mix of rage and sorrow. "Because if that guy killed my son, the incessant group of hate spewing people would leave us alone."

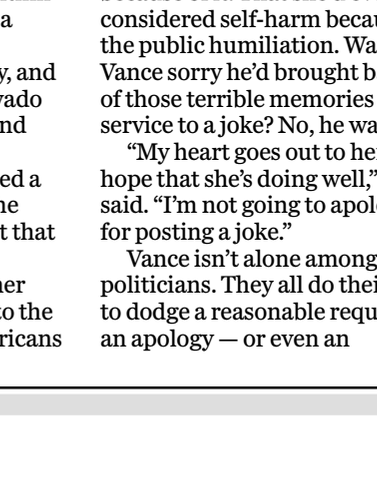
He told the public that his son's death in a traffic collision was an accident. He asked Vance for an apology: "I will listen to them one more time to hear their apology." But one was not forthcoming.

In fact, Vance tweeted Tuesday, he was the one still waiting for an apology, from the "left-wing media," for saying that he and Trump had incited the bomb threats.

Vance's heart goes out to the people whose suffering has been made worse by his words and deeds. His heart is so often extended that one marvels at the strain under which it must beat for all those wounded folks. Yet Vance doesn't apologize. He stands by his right to make stinging remarks that injure innocent bystanders. He doesn't say sorry. He just marvels at how people are too sensitive to his jokes. He frets that some voters are too distracted from the country's real problems as he sees them. He's angry that fact-checkers are unwilling to indulge the angst of his constituents even if the source of that angst is misguided.

But Vance *did* manage to muster at least one notable public apology: to Trump, who supported his campaign for the Senate and who invited him onto the Republican presidential ticket. Vance regretted having criticized Trump, for having called him "reprehensible." It may not have been the earnest apology of a decent human being; but it was a statement of regret by a politician who had every reason to offer it.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Harris: Pet-eating claims are evidence of racial animosity

VP denounces Trump's use of 'age-old' tropes in rare interview

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA



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Vice President Kamala Harris is interviewed by members of the National Association of Black Journalists.

PHILADELPHIA — Vice President Kamala Harris slammed former president Donald Trump and his running mate JD Vance for promoting baseless claims about Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, using an appearance before Black journalists Tuesday to denounce what she called "hateful" and "exhausting" rhetoric designed to divide the country.

"It's a crying shame," Harris said during an interview with reporters from the National Association of Black Journalists. "I mean, my heart breaks for this community." She criticized the GOP ticket for "spewing lies that are grounded in tropes that are age-old."

Harris added that the attacks were part of a broader pattern of racial animosity exhibited by Trump, arguing that the former president's unsubstantiated claims that Haitians were eating people's pets was the latest example of why he "cannot be entrusted with standing behind the seal of the president of the United States of America."

The comments on Springfield were Harris's most forceful to the three journalists, in an interview designed both to court Black voters and present a contrast with Trump's contentious sit-down with the group in July.

The conversation was Harris's first extended engagement with a panel of journalists since launching her campaign almost two months ago, increasing its importance as early voting begins in several key states.

Vance, at a campaign event Tuesday in Michigan, was asked by a reporter about Harris's comments on Springfield and the question was booed by the crowd. Vance said: "That's basically my response. I'll just put that in the paper. Loud boos and two thumbs down."

He criticized journalists for highlighting the bomb threats in Springfield that followed Trump's comments, citing a recent statement by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine (R) that the threats had proved to be hoaxes and at least some were linked to a foreign country.

"The American media for three days has been lying and saying that Donald Trump and I are inciting bomb threats, when in reality the American media has been laundering foreign misinformation, and it's disgusting," Vance said.

In Philadelphia, Harris largely stuck to variations on well-honed comments, delivering familiar lines on issues including housing, child care, abortion and her own life story. At one point, she revealed that she had recently spoken with Trump "to see if he's okay" after an apparent assassination attempt at his Florida golf club Sunday.

Also Tuesday, the Harris campaign announced a mobilization effort aimed at engaging young people and voters of color. The mobilization effort and the NABJ event highlighted how Harris is turning to Democrats' most loyal constituency even as she downplays issues of race in her own rhetoric, said Ashley Etienne, a former communications director for Harris who also worked on Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

"She has got to supercharge Black engagement and turnout for sure," Etienne said. "And I think Black people don't necessarily need to hear that you're Black. They know you're Black. But I want to hear how much you're for me."

During his own appearance before a similar panel at NABJ's conference in Chicago two months ago, Trump caused an uproar by falsely claiming that Harris — the child of an Indian mother and Jamaican father — had exclusively embraced her Indian heritage, suggesting she had ignored her Black identity until it became politically convenient.

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

Harris, who attended Howard University, a historically Black institution, and joined a Black sorority there, has long embraced her Black identity. She has opted against making her race a central part of her presidential campaign, dismissing Trump's comments about her racial background as the "same old show" but otherwise largely ignoring them.

"Next question," she said when asked about Trump's remarks in a CNN interview last month. She was not asked about the comments during the sit-down Tuesday.

But she did speak at length about race, laying out some of her plans to address the racial wealth gap, tackle Black maternal mortality and bring down the cost of living for struggling families. At one point, Harris was asked about how she would win over the votes of Black men when polls suggest a growing number are expressing interest in backing Trump.

"I think it's very important to not operate from the assumption that Black men are in anybody's pocket — you've got to earn their vote," Harris said. "So I'm working to earn the vote, not assuming I'm going to have it because I'm Black."

She continued by saying that she wanted to be "president for all Americans," but would back policies that address some of the issues facing Black men, such as easing medical debt and expanding access to credit for small business.

The conversation also surfaced some issues Harris has rarely addressed during her upstart campaign. Asked about the idea of a commission to study reparations for descendants of the enslaved, the vice president said Congress, rather than the president, should take the lead on creating any such entity.

"I think Congress ultimately will have the ability to do this work," she said. "I'm not discounting the importance of any executive action, but ultimately Congress — because if you're going to talk about it in any substantial way, there will be hearings, there will be a level of public education and dialogue."

Harris was also pressed about her position on the war in Gaza, including whether she would change U.S. policy toward Israel after largely backing the White House's strong support of its military operation in the Palestinian enclave.

Harris said the Israel-Hamas war "has to end as soon as possible" by securing a hostage deal and a cease-fire, walking the fine line she has regularly navigated between expressing vigorous support for Israel's right to defend itself and saying that how it does so matters.

Harris said she would not divulge private discussions she has had with foreign leaders, but she cited a Biden administration decision to pause a shipment of 2,000-pound bombs to Israel earlier this year and suggested there was other leverage that the administration had used.

Harris added that she has been "actively involved" in meeting with Israeli and Arab officials, emphasizing that after the war ends there should be no reoccupation of Gaza by Israel and no changing of territorial lines.

"We are doing the work of putting the pressure on all parties involved to get the [cease-fire and hostage] deal done," Harris said. "But let me be very clear: I support Israel's ability to defend itself, and I support the need for Palestinians to have dignity, self-determination and security as we move forward."

The conversation with NABJ journalists was also the first time Harris had spoken at length in public about the apparent assassination attempt against Trump.

Harris said she used her conversation with him to reiterate her message that political violence is completely unacceptable. "I told him what I have said publicly: There is no place for political violence in our country," she said.

Trump has continued to assert, without evidence, that the "rhetoric" of Harris and other Democrats has put his life in danger. The White House and Harris's campaign have condemned the two apparent attempts on his life in recent weeks and issued statements saying they are glad Trump was not harmed.

"Because of this Communist Left Rhetoric, the bullets are flying, and it will only get worse!" Trump wrote Monday in a lengthy social media post.

Harris said that she personally feels safe with her protection by the U.S. Secret Service, but added that many people — including women, immigrants and members of the LGBTQ+ community "are not feeling safe" as a result of Trump's rhetoric and policies.

But Harris's harshest comments about Trump came in response to the question about his attacks on Haitian immigrants in Springfield.

Officials in the town have said there is no basis for Trump's claims that Haitians are eating pets. In recent days, schools and government buildings in Springfield have been targeted by threats of violence, in some cases requiring them to be temporarily closed.

Harris noted that schools in the town had to be evacuated on a day that students were scheduled to have their pictures taken. "You know, there were children, elementary schoolchildren, who it was school photo day," Harris said. "Children. Children. A whole community put in fear."

Harris has largely eschewed interviews with journalists since launching her presidential campaign when President Joe Biden ended his reelection bid on July 21, instead preferring campaign rallies and other settings where she has stuck to largely scripted remarks. The approach had led Trump's campaign to say that Harris struggles to speak extemporaneously and answer unexpected questions.

Harris silenced some of those critiques with what analysts in both parties said was a strong performance at last week's debate, although Trump's allies still argue that unscripted events tend to expose her limitations.

Harris avoided any clear stumbles during Tuesday's interview as she fielded questions from Eugene Daniels of Politico, Tonya Mosley of NPR and Gerren Gaynor of TheGrio.

The event was co-hosted by WHYY-FM in Philadelphia, and the audience included working journalists as well as students from local historically Black colleges and universities.

Unlike Trump's raucous meeting with NABJ in July, which included some boos, applause, audible gasps and jeers, Harris's sit-down was more staid, with the audience largely silent throughout. It took place across the street from the National Constitution Center, where last week's debate was held.

Amy B Wang, Patrick Svitek and Meryl Kornfield contributed to this report.

DIGEST

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Trump seeks more time to reply to appeal

Former president Donald Trump's legal team has requested a 30-day extension to respond to the government's appeal of U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon's dismissal of his classified-documents case, making it less likely that a ruling on whether the indictment should be restored will come before Inauguration Day.

The former president is very likely to be granted the extension. Special counsel Jack Smith did not oppose the request, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta — where the government's appeal was filed — says first-time requests for 30-day extensions should be approved.

Trump's lawyers said they can't meet the court's Sept. 25 deadline because they are juggling other due dates related to Trump's separate federal election-interference case in Washington. They asked to move the 11th Circuit deadline to Oct. 25.

The appeal is in response to Cannon's ruling in July that Smith was unlawfully appointed as special counsel — a stunning decision that tossed out the entire 40-count indictment against Trump.

Smith appealed that decision to the 11th Circuit, arguing that Attorney General Merrick Garland had clear authority to appoint him and that Cannon's ruling ignores decades of legal precedent and appointments.

— Perry Stein

MINNESOTA

Woman accused of killing teen with SUV

A woman is facing murder and assault charges for allegedly driving an SUV into a crowd of people in downtown Minneapolis, killing a teenager and injuring at least five other people.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office on Tuesday announced charges of second-degree murder and five counts of second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon against Latalia Anjolie Margalli, 22, of Minneapolis.

A criminal complaint said two groups of people were involved in an altercation early Saturday when the SUV drove into the crowd, killing De'Miaya Broome, 16.

— Associated Press

Grand prize winner removed 20 Burmese pythons in Florida challenge: The $10,000 Florida Python Challenge grand prize this year went to Ronald Kiger, who removed 20 Burmese pythons from the Florida Everglades during the 10-day hunt, which was meant to bring awareness to the threat that these pythons pose to the ecosystem. Representatives from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announced Kiger's win in Duck Key on Tuesday. This year, more than 800 people from 33 states and Canada participated in the challenge, and hunters removed 195 Burmese pythons from the wild.

— Associated Press

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Diddy's legacy recast in light of charges of years of abuse

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male sex workers and distributed narcotics, including cocaine, methamphetamine and oxycodone, to coerce partygoers into sex, according to the indictment.

His staff allegedly monitored and arranged travel for victims and scheduled the delivery of IV fluids to help victims recover from the intense drug use and physical exertion — on his orders. These parties were also taped, and Combs used the footage to pressure his victims to stay silent, the court filing says.

"This office is determined to investigate and prosecute anyone who engages in sex trafficking, no matter how powerful or wealthy or famous you may be," said Damian Williams, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. "A year ago, Sean Combs stood in Times Square and was handed a key to New York City. Today, he's been indicted and will face justice."

The indictment highlights the vast extent to which the media mogul allegedly manipulated and abused those under his control for the entirety of his 30-year career. A titan of the hip-hop industry, Combs built a commercial empire as a rapper, record producer and media mogul under the stage names Puff Daddy, Puffy, Love, P. Diddy and Diddy. Not only did he develop some of the genre's biggest artists — including the Notorious B.I.G., Mary J. Blige and Usher — he became one himself, topping the Billboard charts repeatedly and earning three Grammy Awards and 13 nominations.

His evolution — from record label intern to talent director, from party host to fashionista, from red-hot rookie to elder statesman — created a blueprint for rappers craving more than just a music career.

But Combs's legacy has been recast in the past year, following a slew of sexual assault lawsuits and the surfacing of an explosive video showing the music impresario physically assaulting his then-girlfriend, the singer Cassie, in the hallway of a Los Angeles hotel.

The arrest came almost a year after the first of 10 sexual assault lawsuits was filed against Combs, and six months after DHS raided his mansions in Los Angeles and Miami. The agency did not publicly confirm the nature of the operation at the time, but a law enforcement official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation, told The Washington Post that the searches were part of a sex-trafficking investigation.

"We are disappointed with the decision to pursue what we believe is an unjust prosecution of Mr. Combs by the U.S. attorney's office. Sean 'Diddy' Combs is a music icon, self-made entrepreneur, loving family man, and proven philanthropist who has spent the last 30 years building an empire, adoring his children, and working to uplift the Black community," Marc Agnifilo, attorney for Combs, said in a statement.



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Rapper Sean "Diddy Combs" arrives at the 2016 MTV Video Music Awards in New York. He has been honored as an MTV Global Icon.

The lawsuits, taken together, portray Combs as a man who used his influence to serially abuse women throughout his career.

The first suit was filed on Nov. 16, 2023, by Cassie, who dated Combs between 2007 and 2018, when she was a singer signed to his Bad Boy record label. Her suit accused Combs of more than a decade of "abuse, violence and sex trafficking," including an incident at a hotel where, Cassie claimed, Combs assaulted her and later paid hotel staff to obtain the security footage.

The lawsuit was settled for an undisclosed amount a day after it was filed, with Combs maintaining his innocence.

Months later, on May 17, surveillance footage obtained by CNN showed Combs assaulting Cassie in 2016 at the InterContinental Los Angeles Century City hotel. The video clips showed Combs pursuing her down a hallway, throwing her to the floor and dragging her off camera. Combs apologized on May 19 on Instagram after the video was released.

In early July, reports began emerging that a federal grand jury in New York was weighing evidence against Combs. At that time, eight people had accused the famed music executive of sexually assaulting or trafficking them. The allegations spanned the length of Combs's career, with several women accusing him of raping and drugging them in the '90s.

Liza Gardner accused Combs and singer-songwriter Aaron Hall of raping her in 1990 in a lawsuit.

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Joi Dickerson-Neal alleged that Combs drugged and raped her in 1991. Crystal McKinney, a former model, accused Combs of drugging and raping her during New York Fashion Week in 2003. In another suit, April Lampros alleged that Combs had raped her multiple times between 1995 and 2000, when she was a fashion student. Lampros said in court documents that Combs had promised to mentor her.

Four people, including Cassie, alleged that Combs engaged in sex trafficking. In court documents, he has been accused of transporting and coercing them to perform sexual acts, as well as recruiting and hiring sex workers for his parties.

A lawsuit filed in December claimed that Combs and others in 2003 trafficked and raped a 17-year-old, identified in court filings as Jane Doe. In February, Rodney Jones, a producer who worked with Combs on his 2023 project, "The Love Album," accused Combs and others of sexual assault as well as drug- and sex-trafficking.

Combs has vehemently denied all the allegations against him. On March 26, his attorney Aaron Dyer called the allegations "a witch hunt based on meritless accusations."

Born in New York City in 1969, Combs started his career as an intern at Andre Harrell's Uptown Records, which signed future hip-hop and R&B stars such as Heavy D, Mary J. Blige and Jodeci. He had a knack for the work and dropped out of Howard University to accept a promotion to talent manager.

Harrell fired Combs in 1993 after just three years, telling the Wall Street Journal at the time, "I knew it was time for him to grow."

He did, at a dizzying pace. Days later, Combs founded Bad Boy Records — which would sign the Notorious B.I.G., Faith Evans and Mase and reach a valuation of $100 million at its peak.

Combs helped define the sound of 1990s hip-hop with B.I.G.'s "Hypnotize" and "Mo' Money Mo' Problems," and Evans's "Soon as I Get Home." Rapping under the name Puff Daddy, Combs found success with "No Way Out" in 1997, which topped the Billboard 200 and went seven-times platinum. The album's tribute to B.I.G. after his death, "I'll Be Missing You," spent 11 weeks at the top of the charts and seared into the mind of hip-hop fans the image of Combs dancing in memory of the fallen rapper.

In subsequent decades, Combs branched into other industries. He started a fashion and fragrance brand called Sean John, starred in two reality TV shows, launched a news network, partnered with the vodka line Cîroc and opened two restaurants.

In 2002, Forbes ranked him 12th on its list of entrepreneurs under 40. By 2022, Combs was a billionaire.

Along the way, he earned a reputation as a 21st-century Jay Gatsby for throwing lavish, themed soirees attended by A-listers such as Paris Hilton, Ashton Kutcher and Kim Kardashian — most notably the White Party he hosted every Labor Day weekend in the Hamptons from 1998 to 2009.

In recent years, Combs became one of hip-hop's elder statesmen. He had the discography and accolades to support his status, racking up three Grammy Awards, two MTV Video Music Awards and an NAACP Image Award. Howard University gave him an honorary degree; MTV, a Global Icon award; and BET honored him with a Lifetime Achievement award.

The glitz and glamour of his empire may have obscured a shadow that was suggested from the very start of his career. "Puff Daddy," he explained to Jet Magazine in 1998, was a childhood nickname, based on how he would "huff and puff" when he was angry. "I had a temper," he said.

He was found guilty of criminal mischief for threatening a New York Post photographer in 1996, in what would be the first of many run-ins with the law. An AIDS fundraiser that Combs promoted in 1991 was thronged, resulting in a stampede that killed nine people. Friends and colleagues publicly accused him of swindling them; reports circulated of him scuffling with other rappers and, once, his son's college football coach.

Combs occasionally addressed the bad headlines; frequently, he charged his accusers with attempting to exploit his name and wealth.

But in the public eye, a portrait began to emerge of an angry, controlling and violent man clad in thousand-dollar suits.

His record label became central to the East Coast-West Coast rap rivalry of the mid '90s, which pitted Bad Boy's Notorious B.I.G. against Tupac Shakur, an artist with California's Death Row records. A war of words culminated in the slayings of Shakur and B.I.G., the biggest hip-hop talents of their generation.

In April 1999, Combs was arrested and charged with two felonies over the beating of a record executive, who later asked for the charges to be dismissed. (They were.) Seven months later, Combs and his then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez were arrested after they were caught fleeing a shooting at a New York club with a gun under the front passenger seat of their car. Combs was acquitted on charges of weapons violations, but Bad Boy rapper Shyne was convicted of assault and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Multiple people filed lawsuits accusing Combs of assaulting or threatening them, including a local TV host and his former "Making the Band" co-star Laurieann Gibson. The show, which debuted in 2000, portrayed Combs as a mogul. (A civil jury ruled in favor of Combs over the TV host; Combs rejected Gibson's allegations, and nothing came of a police complaint she filed.)

Former artists from Bad Boy's golden era have publicly accused him of manipulative business practices. Mark Curry, who was once signed to the Bad Boy label, wrote a 2009 book about Combs titled "Dancing with the Devil," alleging that Combs physically abused his former partner Kim Porter. Porter, who died of pneumonia in 2018, alleged infidelity in their relationship, but she never publicly addressed rumors of physical abuse.

In light of the events of the last year, more of those in Combs's circle have gone public with stories alleging abuse or manipulation. For some, these accusations aren't just an indictment of a powerful man, but also an entire industry. In a January interview, Curry talked about spiking drinks at hip-hop parties and giving women pills — activities Combs has been accused of in recent lawsuits.

"[It] was part of the hip-hop culture. We didn't see nothin' wrong with it until Bill Cosby got in trouble," he said.

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Inside the indictment, from a racketeering count to alleged 'freak offs'

BY ANNE BRANIGIN AND HERB SCRIBNER

After nearly a year of being sued for sexual assault and other crimes, renowned music producer and impresario Sean "Diddy" Combs was arrested Monday by federal agents on multiple charges, including racketeering and sex trafficking.

The charges, submitted by a federal grand jury, were detailed in an indictment unsealed Tuesday morning and reflect many of the allegations previously made against Combs by people who have filed lawsuits against him.

The indictment accuses Combs of orchestrating a widespread criminal conspiracy, operated through his various businesses with the aid of his employees and business associates.

The federal grand jury charged that Combs and his associates engaged "in a persistent and pervasive pattern of abuse toward women and other individuals" dating back at least 16 years, according to the indictment.

Combs has denied any wrongdoing. "He is an imperfect person, but he is not a criminal," his attorney, Marc Agnifilo, said in a statement Monday, adding his client has been "nothing but cooperative" and "looks forward to clearing his name in court."

Here are the main takeaways from the indictment.

The charges

The grand jury charged Combs with three counts: racketeering, sex trafficking and transportation to engage in prostitution.

The indictment alleges that Combs ran a criminal organization (referred to as the "Combs Enterprise" or "Enterprise" in the court filing) composed of members of Bad Boy Entertainment, the record label he founded in 1993; Combs Enterprises; and Combs Global.

On the surface, these businesses worked to expand Combs's media, entertainment and lifestyle endeavors, but the indictment claims they also carried out a number of crimes at Combs's bidding, including forced labor, sex trafficking, narcotics distribution, arson, kidnapping and obstruction of justice.

There is also a separate count of sex trafficking concerning one unnamed victim, whom Combs is believed to have abused beginning around 2009 and ending in 2018.

The grand jury also charged Combs with transporting female victims and commercial sex workers across state and country lines on multiple occasions, "with the intent that they engage in prostitution."

"The way that he operated this business is textbook," said Shea Rhodes, director of Villanova University's Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation. "We're talking about pimp-controlled prostitution and scaling that up to an enterprise organization that is really well-funded."

Others in the indictment

The grand jury indictment alleges that other people, not named in the document, helped facilitate Combs's crimes and cover them up. This includes leadership at his various companies, as well as his associates, household and security staff members and personal assistants.

According to the indictment, these associates helped Combs manipulate women to participate in "highly orchestrated performances of sexual activity," called "freak offs." These freak offs were the site of various illegal activities, the grand jury charges.

Combs and his associates coerced his victims by controlling their careers, leveraging his financial support, using intimidation and violence and monitoring their locations, the indictment claims.

The alleged freak offs

Allegations of illegal sex parties have been public since a former artist and romantic partner of Combs's first accused him of orchestrating them in 2023. The indictment provides further details of these alleged orgies, for which Combs's associates are accused of transporting "commercial sex workers across state lines and internationally."

Combs and his associates are alleged to have booked hotel rooms for these encounters and stocked them in advance with narcotics, lubricant, extra linens and lighting for the purpose of recording these acts. Controlled substances distributed at these freak offs included cocaine, methamphetamine, ketamine and oxycodone, the indictment alleges.

During these events, Combs allegedly "hit, kicked, threw objects at, and dragged victims, at times, by their hair," which led to injuries that took weeks to heal, per the indictment. He is accused of coercing victims with threats of withholding financial support and derailing their careers, as well as taping these acts, allegedly using "the sensitive, embarrassing, and incriminating recordings" to keep victims quiet, according to the indictment.

The indictment also alleges that Combs's staff cleaned the hotel rooms after these sex parties to cover up damage, arranged travel for the victims, delivered large sums of cash to Combs to pay the sex workers, and scheduled the delivery of IV fluids to help victims recover from the intense drug use and physical exertion.

The victims

Two of the counts, racketeering and prostitution, suggest multiple victims were involved, though none are named.

The sole count of sex trafficking refers to one specific victim (referred to as "Victim-1"), who is also unnamed. However, the timeline appears to align with allegations filed by Combs's former artist and romantic partner, Casandra Ventura, who goes by the stage name Cassie. Ventura, in a lawsuit filed on Nov. 16, accused Combs of physical and sexual abuse, coercion and sex trafficking throughout the duration of their relationship, which began in 2007 and ended in 2018.

Ventura and Combs settled the suit the day after it was filed. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Ventura, through her attorney Douglas Wigdor, offered no comment on Combs's arrest.

Combs's cases

The indictment was released nearly one year after the first of 10 sexual assault lawsuits were filed against Combs. Accusations span his more than 30-year career as a music artist and producer. The lawsuits included accusations of sex trafficking, physical abuse and sexual assault.

Ventura filed the first lawsuit, alleging that Combs was abusive and violent in their relationship and that he engaged in sex trafficking. The lawsuit detailed an incident at a Los Angeles hotel where, she claimed, Combs attacked her.

Combs denied Ventura's allegations until hotel footage of Combs beating Ventura, captured in 2016, was leaked to CNN in May. Two days later, he apologized on his Instagram account, saying his behavior was "inexcusable."

"I take full responsibility for my actions in that video," Combs said.

A slew of similar lawsuits were filed against Combs in subsequent months. In March, federal agents with the Department of Homeland Security raided Combs's homes in Los Angeles and Miami. The agency did not disclose the nature of the investigation at the time, but law enforcement officials reported to The Washington Post and other outlets that the search was tied to a sex trafficking investigation.

Guns and baby oil seized in home raids

The indictment explained what the Department of Homeland Security seized during its raids on Combs's properties in Miami and Los Angeles in March.

According to the indictment, federal officials found multiple firearms during their raids, including three AR-15s, which had their serial numbers defaced, and a drum magazine, as well as ammunition.

The indictment alleges that federal officials found "narcotics and more than 1,000 bottles of baby oil and lubricant" connected to Combs's freak offs.

Possible sentences

The racketeering conspiracy charge carries a maximum life sentence, while the sex trafficking charge has a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and a maximum of life in prison. The transportation for purposes of prostitution charge carries a maximum 10-year sentence.

"In all likelihood, if he gets convicted of anything, he is going to be spending a long time in jail," said Camron Dowlatshahi, an entertainment law attorney.

What happens next

The government is seeking detention for Combs because of his alleged dangerousness to the community and the risk that he would flee, according to a detention filing by the U.S. attorney's office. Prosecutors asked the judge to deny Combs any bail.

Combs "poses an ongoing and significant danger to the community, has repeatedly engaged in obstructive conduct, and presents a serious risk of flight," the filing read in part.

Attorneys for Combs have asked for his release on a $50 million bond and house arrest with GPS supervision, according to a letter submitted to the court.

Dowlatshahi, the entertainment attorney, said that defense attorneys probably will look to delay the case as much as possible. He said it's unlikely Combs will face trial until late 2025.

Shayna Jacobs contributed to this report.

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Ex-officer testifies he and fellow police lied in fatal beating of Tyre Nichols

Deviating from previous accounts, he says the man 'wasn't a threat'

BY ROBERT KLEMKO



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Former Memphis officer Emmitt Martin III, seen Aug. 23, took the witness stand against his former colleagues on Monday and Tuesday.

MEMPHIS — One of the former officers charged with fatally beating a Black motorist last year testified in the federal civil rights trial of his former colleagues this week, offering the first insider account of the actions of police caught on camera using force against Tyre Nichols.

Emmitt Martin III, who struck a plea deal on the federal charges but still faces state murder charges, said Nichols had not committed a felony when he was pulled over — nor was he resisting arrest during the violent encounter in which police punched him, kicked him and struck him with a baton.

When officers yanked Nichols out of his vehicle and later struck him multiple times, Nichols "was helpless and he wasn't a threat," Martin said Tuesday in response to a prosecutor's question.

He testified that he and the other officers had an unspoken agreement to lie about Nichols's actions and the extent of their use of force.

Nichols, a 29-year-old FedEx employee with a young son, died in a Memphis hospital three days after the beating. Photos of his injuries and videos of his treatment at the hands of the officers sparked protests and demands for change.

Martin, Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Justin Smith and Desmond Mills Jr. were charged with murder in state court as well as federal civil rights and conspiracy violations.

Both Martin and Mills have agreed to plea deals in the federal case, and prosecutors have recommended sentences not to exceed 40 years for Martin and 15 years for Mills. The other officers — if convicted of excessive force, deliberate indifference, witness tampering and conspiracy to witness tamper — could face life in prison.

The trial is in its second week and is expected to last into October.

On the witness stand, Martin said he asked for assistance in making a "felony stop" after seeing Nichols speed up to beat a red light Jan. 7, 2023, even though he had not observed Nichols commit a felony or found any warrant issued in the name of the vehicle's registered owner.

Nichols escaped arrest during the initial traffic stop and ran from police. When officers caught up to him, Martin joined in kicking Nichols while he was being restrained as a form of punishment.

"I was already angry because he ran, so I figured that's what he should get," Martin said.

The officers later told investigators that Nichols had driven into oncoming traffic before they initiated a traffic stop, grabbed an officer's gun on his hip during the ensuing struggle, swung at them with his fists and appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

None of those accounts were factual, Martin told jurors. But the officers stuck by their stories.

"I'm not gonna tell on them and they're not gonna tell on me. It was understood that we were gonna do what we needed to do," Martin said as Bean, Haley and Smith, seated behind their attorneys, looked on. "I exaggerated [Nichols's] actions to justify mine."

Martin's testimony, which began Monday afternoon and continued Tuesday, included his interpretation of body camera and surveillance footage of the encounter, as prosecutors asked Martin to analyze his own actions and that of his fellow Scorpion Unit officers. Martin described the bulk of the force used against Nichols as inconsistent with Memphis police policy and training.

During cross-examination, an attorney for Bean pressed Martin to describe the terms of his plea agreement, making clear to the jury Martin was cooperating with prosecutors and testifying in court in exchange for a more lenient sentencing recommendation.

In an earlier exchange with a prosecutor, Martin said his motivation was about more than reduced prison time.

"I'm just here to accept my punishment for my wrongdoing," he testified. "I can't sit here and live with a lie. The truth needs to come out. It was eating me up inside to live with a lie when I know what I did was wrong. Whatever you see on the video, and whatever I'm saying, is the truth. I'm ready to just get this off of me."



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Heightened political rhetoric risks becoming 'new normal'

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Trump has often used incendiary language of his own to describe his rivals, labeling them "the enemy from within."

Democrats are reminding voters that Trump inspired the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and has pledged to pardon rioters if returned to office, a core part of what his critics and historians cite in making the case that he poses a threat to democracy. They have also voiced alarm that his falsehoods will endanger the residents of Springfield. The attention on the city's Haitian population has led to bomb threats and community events canceled for security reasons.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine (R) said that the dozens of bomb threats were "unfounded" and that many of them came from overseas. But they were disruptive and led to the deployment of state troopers in schools, and Haitian residents have told reporters that they're staying indoors for fear of reprisal attacks.

While the country's history includes examples of violence upending campaigning and governance, from the upheaval of 1968 to the attempted assassinations of Presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan, this year's race stands out from others in recent memory, experts said, with some long-simmering fears of violent acts breaking into the open.

"The United States has an undercurrent of political violence, and periodically for different reasons it bubbles to the top and explodes into riots, insurrections, succession, assassinations and assassination attempts," said Barbara Perry, a professor at the University of Virginia who directs the presidential oral-history program. This year, she said, "I think this undercurrent has now become *the* current. Right now it's at the surface, and it's rushing along. We're in a white-water rapids."

'A new plateau'

As threats and major episodes of violence have become a recurring element of the political process, many across the country are beginning to accept the incidents as a grim new reality, some observers said, a striking shift from prior elections. Erik Nisbet, a Northwestern University professor who studies political violence, said he'll be watching political rhetoric in the coming weeks, with concern that the nation is hitting "a new plateau" in public tolerance for threats and bloodshed.

"Does it become the new normal? Do we shrug it off? Are we careful about language or, no, we just don't care?" Nisbet said. "Are we accepting of this type of violence in our politics?"

The assassination attempt at Trump's July 13 rally in Butler, Pa., and what the authorities are investigating as a potential attempt at his golf club in Florida on Sunday have spurred plenty of bipartisan condemnations of violence, including from Harris and Biden. Investigators said they were not able to determine the first gunman's motive and did not find evidence he was driven by political ideology.

But Trump and his allies claimed Democrats bore blame and ramped up the message this week as some evidence emerged that the second alleged gunman, apparently a onetime Trump supporter who later turned away from him, had criticized the former president. Trump's campaign has repeatedly accused Democrats of endangering him by labeling him a threat to democracy. But the Republican nominee has used the same attack line he has criticized, insisting his opponents are the real threat to democracy, claiming without evidence that they are behind his prosecutions.

A social media account linked to the suspect posted on an array of topics, including the war in Ukraine, and wrote scathingly of Trump this year, saying, "DEMOCRACY is on the ballot and we cannot lose."

Trump's campaign Monday released a list of quotes from Harris and other Democrats calling Trump a threat to democracy and a video compilation of sound bites they said had stoked hate of Trump, going back to a moment when the comedian Kathy Griffin held up a mock severed Trump head.

"I really believe that the rhetoric from the Democrats," Trump said in an interview with Washington Post opinion columnist Marc Thiessen on Monday, "is making the bullets fly. And it's very dangerous."

Harris's campaign declined to comment on Trump blaming her for violence. "As we gather the facts, I will be clear: I condemn political violence," she said in a statement Sunday.

Democrats say there is no equivalence between their rhetoric and Trump's, pointing to inaccurate and inflammatory claims he and his allies have made, including about Springfield. Trump and his running mate, Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), have repeated false rumors about Haitian immigrants in the town, with Trump declaring from a debate stage in prime time last week that people are "eating the dogs" and "eating the cats" — something local police officials had rebutted.

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) criticized Trump for not immediately denouncing the bomb threats in Springfield when a reporter asked about them. Trump said he didn't know about them. "If anyone asks me if I denounce a bomb threat it's a yes," Schatz wrote on social media.

Trump also drew criticism last year for mockingly alluding to an attack on former House speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband. A man broke into their home and beat Paul Pelosi with a hammer, fracturing his skull. "She's against building a wall at our border, even though she has a wall around her house — which obviously didn't do a very good job," Trump said of the California Democrat.

On Monday, Trump reiterated his belief that Biden and Harris are "destroying the country, both from the inside and out," and his descriptions of political opponents as "vermin" and existential threats "from within" the country have particularly alarmed historians and political observers.



KATE MEDLEY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Security personnel watch as former president Donald Trump speaks last month in Asheboro, N.C.

"Only one candidate in this race has survived two assassination attempts, and it's not Kamala Harris," said Trump campaign spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt when asked about Trump's heated criticism of Democrats even as he urges them to change their tone.

A prominent Trump ally faced criticism for making violent references rather than tamping down the rhetoric this week. Tech CEO and vocal Trump backer Elon Musk wrote a social media post Sunday after the incident at Trump's golf course, writing, "no one is even trying to assassinate Biden/Kamala." Musk later deleted the message.

Trump's campaign did not comment on the post. Harris's campaign denounced it.

The New Hampshire Libertarian Party deleted a widely criticized message it posted on social media Sunday saying that "Anyone who murders Kamala Harris would be an American hero." The Secret Service is investigating the post as a threat against Harris, agency spokesman Nathan Herring said Monday.

It's not just critics of Harris who have walked back comments. The wife of Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman — a key witness in Trump's first impeachment — deleted and apologized for a social media post making light of the July assassination attempt that bloodied Trump's ear. "No ears were harmed. Carry on with your Sunday afternoon," Rachel Vindman, a Trump critic, wrote after Sunday's golf club scare, in comments that Trump's team amplified.

"It was flippant & political violence is a serious issue," she wrote Monday. "Whether it's aimed at a former president, the media, immigrants, or political 'enemies' & every incident should be addressed appropriately if we want to change the tenor of our political discourse."

The threats of violence are also evident in the staging of the campaign trail stops. Trump has increased security at his events since the July shooting: He scaled back appearances at outdoor venues that are harder to secure, and the Secret Service last month approved a plan to surround him at outdoor rallies with ballistic glass normally reserved for select appearances by presidents and vice presidents. Vance has also used the glass recently, and Harris spoke behind a similar shield at her outdoor New Hampshire event this month.

'A turn for the worse'

U.S. presidents have faced assassination plots over the years, but the attempt on Trump's life this summer was the closest call in a long time. A man threw a hand grenade toward George W. Bush during a foreign trip in 2005, but Bush was positioned behind a bulletproof barrier and unscathed. Further back, Reagan was seriously wounded by a man trying to kill him in 1981, and Ford survived two assassination attempts in a span of a few weeks in 1975.

Historians also point back to 1968 — when leading Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated after the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and when Democrats' convention in Chicago devolved into violent clashes between protesters and police.

Brian Levin, a professor emeritus at California State University at San Bernardino who has studied extremism for decades, said that "targeted violence" — aimed at specific targets such as government officials, public facilities or marginalized groups — "has taken a turn for the worse over the last several years." He and other researchers pointed to environments that encourage vitriol, a "buffet" of new paths to radicalization on the internet and growing numbers of guns, among other factors.

"Oftentimes what we're seeing is the most aggressive and emotionally resonant types of messages are the ones that become viral, whether they're true or not," Levin said.

The FBI and the U.S. Postal Service are investigating a "a series of suspicious mailings sent to election officials in several states," the agencies said in a joint statement Tuesday. No state has yet reported that anyone has been harmed as a result of the mailings.

People who monitor political violence or threats warn that attacks strain an already fragile security climate ahead of the election. After the shooting at Trump's July rally, an Institute for Strategic Dialogue report noted: "Although calls for civil war often follow high-profile incidents involving the former president, they were elevated to one of their highest levels in the wake of the attack on Trump. Discussions were frequently accompanied by allegations that the assassination attempt was part of a 'Deep State' plot to instigate a civil war between Republicans and Democrats."

Meanwhile, the Sunday incident reinforced for many Trump supporters the idea that their candidate and their movement is in the crosshairs. On right-wing online forums, there were renewed expressions of outrage and fury along with a smattering of overt calls for violence.

In memes and AI-generated images, some portrayed Trump as a defiant, muscled warrior with a "2-0" record against his would-be assassins.

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Louisiana hospitals, pharmacists prep for new restrictions on abortion pills

Starting Oct. 1, drugs will be labeled 'controlled dangerous substances'

BY EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX

Staff in some Louisiana hospitals are doing timed drills, sprinting from patient rooms and through halls to the locked medicine closets where the drugs used for abortions, incomplete miscarriages and postpartum hemorrhaging will have to be kept — as newly categorized controlled substances — starting Oct. 1.

That's hardly the only preparation taking place across the state as a law targeting mifepristone and misoprostol, the first of its kind in the country, goes into effect in two weeks.

Pharmacists are still trying to decipher guidance from state officials about the two drugs and the diagnosis codes that will be required before prescriptions for them can be filled. And they and doctors are speaking out about the extra layers of difficulty expected because of the law, which they worry will put patients experiencing serious pregnancy-related complications at even greater risk.

"It adds a few minutes," Jennifer Avegno, director of the New Orleans Health Department, said of the looming restrictions. "Most patients would likely make it. But I've seen myself what can happen when someone is bleeding out from a miscarriage. And a few minutes could mean life and death in some cases."



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Mifepristone and another drug used for abortions, misoprostol, are the subject of a first-in-the-nation law in Louisiana.

No other state has labeled mifepristone and misoprostol as "controlled dangerous substances," putting them in the same category as opioids, depressants and other drugs that can be highly addictive. Louisiana's law, passed this spring despite significant opposition from doctors, threatens incarceration and fines if an individual possesses the pills without a valid prescription or outside of professional practice.

In a Sept. 6 letter, the Louisiana Department of Health told health-care providers and professionals that the drugs should be stored "in locked/secured cabinet, compartment, or other system."

For a hospital, that can include a "secured automated medication dispensing/delivery system," the letter says. Or, with the approval of a facility's chief medical officer and pharmacy director, the drugs can be kept "in a locked or secured area of an obstetric hemorrhage cart or 'crash cart.'"

Avegno, an emergency medicine physician, said her concerns "have only grown" because of the state's instruction. She fears that recent improvements in the state's dismal maternal mortality outcomes will falter.

"Most hospitals don't have a crash cart with locked areas and controlled tracking," she said. "It's not medically correct to make these drugs controlled substances. It's like the goal is stop all abortions. But there's not much concern about collateral damage. Now who knows what will happen?"

Louisiana's new law, signed by Republican Gov. Jeff Landry, comes amid intense national attention On reproductive rights and conservative states' efforts to limit them. Abortion is a key focus in the presidential race, as well as with ballot measures in 10 states from Nevada to New York — most of those proposed constitutional amendments to enshrine abortion rights.

Abortion opponents hope Louisiana's approach will be a template for others. They believe that narrowing access to mifepristone and misoprostol could be another path to restricting a woman's ability to terminate a pregnancy. Medication abortions now constitute half of all U.S. abortions.

The statute says a person obtaining the two drugs "for her own consumption" would not face prosecution. But anyone helping her get the pills would be, with the exception of a health-care practitioner who has written or is filling a valid prescription. An individual who is charged and convicted could face a jail sentence of one to five years and a fine up to $5,000.

Louisiana already bans both medication and surgical abortions except to save a patient's life or because a pregnancy is "medically futile." In May, legislators rejected adding exceptions for teenagers under 17 who become pregnant through rape or incest.

Their move to categorize the two drugs as controlled substances was a surprise, added at the last minute to a Senate bill criminalizing an abortion when someone gives a pregnant person the pills without her consent. That scenario of "coerced criminal abortion" nearly occurred with one senator's sister. Her ex-husband was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

The amendment, like the bill, was written with guidance from Louisiana Right to Life. The Louisiana Society of Addiction Medicine called it "legislative overreach" that went against "the spirit of the drug scheduling system, which is designed to classify substances based upon their danger, potential for misuse and medical benefit."

Pharmacists are predicting there will be multiple calls back and forth with busy doctors' offices while staff confirm why mifepristone or misoprostol is being prescribed. All pharmacies will have to report "their eligible prescription transactions" to the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program.

"It will definitely make more work for providers and pharmacists," said Lisa Boothby, president-elect of the Louisiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She said her organization is trying to "educate our physicians and pharmacists on the new law to prevent delays in care or other patient harm."

Misoprostol in particular has important uses beyond medication abortions. It also is taken to soften the cervix during labor, ahead of biopsies for cancer and to prevent gastrointestinal ulcers.

Neelima Sukhavasi, an OB/GYN based in Baton Rouge and a Physicians for Reproductive Health fellow, fears there will be problems in getting prescriptions filled — "especially if there are nervous pharmacists."

Placing the drugs in this new category is unnecessary surveillance of reproductive health issues that could put patients at greater risk, she said. "This whole thing is ridiculous."

The hospitals practicing with drills are in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and its suburbs, according to Avegno, whose department in New Orleans interacts with two major hospital systems and a network of more than a dozen community clinics there.

"Every hospital is trying really hard to figure this out," she said. "But we know hospitals are very afraid of scrutiny. Our only goal is to make this safe for patients."

Sarah Zagorski, communications director for Louisiana Right to Life, said mifepristone and misoprostol will remain available for "legitimate health-care needs just like all other controlled substances are still available for legitimate uses." She referred other questions to the state health department's letter.

ELECTION 2024

Swift's endorsement of Harris spotlights young voters. They are not a monolith.



Dan Balz
THE TAKE

When Taylor Swift endorsed Kamala Harris last Tuesday night, the news threatened to eclipse analysis of the debate between the vice president and former president Donald Trump. Whatever its ultimate impact, the megastar's announcement puts renewed focus on the potential power of younger voters in the 2024 election — and the divergent paths of men and women.

Celebrity endorsements generally mean little in presidential politics. But at least one data point hints at the possibility that Swift might be an exception. In the 24 hours after her endorsement, in which she implored her followers to register to vote, 405,999 people visited the website *vote.gov*, a repository of information about how to register that is administered by the General Services Administration in collaboration with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, according to a report by CBS News. On a typical day, about 30,000 people visit the site.

Swift's endorsement certainly caught Trump's attention. On Sunday, he posted on his Truth Social account, "I HATE TAYLOR SWIFT!" His campaign has been working to appeal to younger men to support him. But what political value he saw in that posting is not clear.

Younger voters have played an increasingly bigger role in recent elections and could again in November. In 2020, the turnout rate among those between ages 18 and 29 topped 50 percent, according to the U.S. Elections Project, which was higher than in 2008, when Barack Obama was elected.

President Joe Biden won 61 percent of their votes, according to a study by the Pew Research Center. In 2016, turnout among younger voters was about 11 percentage points lower, and Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, won 58 percent of their votes.



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Supporters of Vice President Kamala Harris attend a rally in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Friday. Younger voters have played an increasingly larger role in recent elections and could again in November.

What has been striking is the growing separation between younger women, who have become more liberal and are strongly Democratic in their leanings, and younger men, who also hold generally liberal views but have been defecting from the Democrats. For Harris and for Trump, that presents opportunities and potential problems.

Swift's support for Harris coincided with a new report from the Gallup organization highlighting the leftward shift in the attitudes of women between the ages of 18 and 29. They not only identify as liberal in higher percentages than in past years, but they also hold significantly more liberal positions on many key issues, most prominently abortion, the environment, gun laws and racial relations, according to the report.

The Gallup study focused on three time periods: 2001-2007, when George W. Bush was president; 2008-2016, mostly during Obama's presidency; and 2017-2024, when both Trump and Biden have been in the White House.

Across four different groups — younger women, younger men, older women and older men — women ages 18-29 "stick out as just shifting much further left than all of those groups," said Lydia Saad, Gallup's director of U.S. social research. "So they are very clearly unique in this sort of evolution in their views."

In the period between 2001 and 2007, 28 percent of younger women identified themselves as liberal. That rose to 32 percent in the 2008-2016 period, then to 40 percent over the past eight years. Among younger men, the percentage identifying as liberal has been relatively flat: 25 percent in the first period, 27 percent in the middle period and 25 percent most recently.

Women over 30 who identify as liberal have risen from 20 percent at the beginning of this century to 27 percent most recently. Men over 30 have been least likely to identify as liberal, rising from 16 percent in the first time period to 20 percent since 2017.

Women with college degrees identify as more liberal than do women without college degrees, but the study showed that the percentage-point increase in those identifying as liberal was almost identical for both.

The Gallup study reviewed positions on two dozen issues and found that, on five, all having to do with the environment, abortion and gun laws, "the percentage of younger women holding the liberal position has increased by more than 15 points."

"This isn't just about being more attracted to that [liberal] label," Saad said, "but they've actually become much more liberal on a variety of issues. . . . This isn't just a superficial label issue; this is a significant shift in their political worldview."

For example, during the Trump-Biden period, the percentage who attributed global warming to human activity jumped 20 points, after remaining steady during the Obama years. They are more likely (by 18 points) to say abortion should be legal in all or most circumstances, during a period when the Supreme Court ended the constitutional right to abortion.

Younger women also have registered significantly greater concern about racial relations during the past eight years, compared with the 2008-2016 period, jumping 24 percentage points.

Younger men have also become more liberal in their positions on these issues, but by lesser percentages.

Saad said she and her colleagues have no objective answer as to why the shift has become more notable in recent years. The report cites events and factors that could help to explain it, including repeated mass shootings, the police killing of George Floyd in 2020, Trump's presidency and even the emergence of younger female political figures, such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

The Gallup report highlights that younger men have resisted the liberal label, even as they have taken more liberal positions on issues. That squares with the findings of the Harvard Youth Poll, conducted by the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School, which have shown younger men disassociating from the Democratic Party. (Full disclosure: I hold a part-time appointment at the IOP.)

"The gender gap is expanding significantly among younger people," said John Della Volpe, the IOP's director of polling.

Pew released a survey last week that showed Harris and Trump each with 49 percent support. Among men ages 18-29, she had a 20-point advantage (58 percent to 38 percent). Among women of the same age, her margin was 32 points (65 percent to 33 percent).

The poll that Della Volpe and students conducted this past spring showed that, among men between the ages of 18 and 24, 28 percent identified as Democrats, 31 percent as Republicans and 39 percent as independents. Among women of the same age, 43 percent identified as Democrats, 18 percent as Republicans and 36 percent as independents.

He said the biggest shift away from the Democrats has been among younger African Americans, with significant movement also among young Hispanic men. The difference between those 18 to 24 and men ages 25 to 29 is also striking. Among the older group, 38 percent call themselves Democrats and 25 percent Republicans, with 36 percent considering themselves independent.

Della Volpe said he thinks this youngest group of male voters may see Trump differently than those just a few years older, as perhaps less threatening. Also, he said, social media and algorithms could be a factor, leading them "to pretty far-right content" that has had an influence on their views.

Della Volpe said that, if Harris hopes to be successful in rebuilding the Obama coalition, she needs to address the youth gender gap, especially among the youngest group of voters.

Could the Swift endorsement help? He said that Harris is near her ceiling among younger women but that there might be some additional votes she can get. But he said Swift has a platform and an appeal to which younger men might also respond. "When it comes to public policy, they don't have significant disagreements with her," he said.

Biden was struggling to attract younger voters, including younger Black voters, with Trump trying to cut into the Democrats' typical margins. Harris has begun to put that coalition back together but has more work to do. However good the reviews of her debate performance were, she was graded lower for answering questions about her own vision and policies. "She's a very new candidate to all of us," Della Volpe said. "Especially younger voters."



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Court intervention sought over Arizona voters' missing citizenship records

Proof for 98,000 missing, officials find; it's required for state and local races

BY YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ AND PATRICK MARLEY



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Mail ballots are sorted in Phoenix in 2022. Officials discovered this month that some voters may not have provided proof of citizenship.

PHOENIX — A key election official in Arizona's Maricopa County asked the state's highest court Tuesday to prohibit nearly 100,000 longtime residents from voting in state and local races this fall after discovering that the state has no record of asking them for documents proving their U.S. citizenship.

Like other states, Arizona requires voters to swear that they are citizens when they register to vote. But for 20 years, Arizona law has gone further and required residents to show birth certificates, naturalization papers or other documents proving citizenship to vote in state and local elections.

At issue is a pool of voters who may not have submitted those documents. Secretary of State Adrian Fontes (D) said the vast majority probably are longtime citizens who are eligible to vote in all races. He said more are registered as Republicans than as Democrats.

No matter how the court rules on the lawsuit brought by a Republican county official, the voters can provide the necessary documentation before Election Day and receive a full ballot.

While the group is a small fragment of the 4.1 million registered to vote in Arizona — and the issue will not affect federal races such as the ones for president and U.S. Senate — they could be decisive in elections for the statehouse and county offices or a ballot measure that will decide the extent of abortion access.

The lawsuit could also inject a new element of chaos into the presidential election in a battleground state just 1½ months before Election Day because of how it could be rhetorically used by former president Donald Trump and his allies. The lawsuit asks the Arizona Supreme Court to act with lightning speed in part because county election officials have planned to mail ballots to military and overseas voters on Thursday.

The litigation comes as Trump and other Republicans call for tighter rules to ensure noncitizens do not vote and as they spread false claims that those not eligible to participate cast large numbers of ballots. Voting by noncitizens is exceedingly rare, but critics have contended that more protections are needed to ensure that it does not happen.

The disclosure could also play into false Republican narratives that Democrats want to remake the nation by "importing" voters through the southern border — a frequent claim in Arizona, where border security and illegal immigration are top issues for GOP candidates and voters. Trump ally Laura Loomer seized on Tuesday's disclosure, overlooking the nuances of the situation to declare on social media that "Arizona may have just illegally registered 100,000 illegal aliens to vote!"

State and county officials who have dealt with harassment and misinformation since Trump narrowly lost the 2020 presidential election said they worry that the situation could bring more threats and further erode confidence in a system under attack.

"I have always told the truth, and we uncovered what is a design system flaw," said Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer (R), who helps oversee elections and filed the lawsuit. "That means that this pool of people who we thought had documented proof of citizenship on file with the motor vehicle division does not necessarily have documented proof of citizenship on file. So, therefore, we did what we thought was the only morally responsible thing, and we disclosed that."

Under Arizona law, those who don't provide documents proving their citizenship are allowed to vote only in federal races. While Arizona lawmakers originally wanted to require documentation to vote in any election, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2013 that doing so for federal races violated the federal National Voter Registration Act. Voters who do not provide proof of citizenship receive ballots that show only federal contests and none at the state or local level.

In his lawsuit, Richer asked that the voters in question receive ballots that contain only federal races. Fontes, the secretary of state, wants the court to allow voters to receive full ballots that include federal and state races — just as they always have. On Tuesday, Fontes directed county recorders to make no changes to voters' status until after the November election, according to the lawsuit and a letter to recorders from the secretary of state. Richer argued that the guidance was nonbinding and exceeded the authority of the secretary of state's office.



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Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer (R) filed a suit seeking to bar those voters from state races.

Officials discovered this month that for two decades, a pool of voters had been marked as eligible to receive full ballots even though there is no record of them ever providing citizenship documents. About 98,000 of the state's 4.1 million registered voters fall into that category, according to the secretary of state's office.

The group consists of a narrow subset of voters who have lived in Arizona for decades. The voters received their initial driver's licenses before 1996, got a replacement license sometime after that date and subsequently submitted a voter registration application, either because they moved or registered to vote for the first time.

When they received the replacement license, the state's computer systems indicated to local election officials that they had provided citizenship documents even though there is no record that they had. The flaw has existed since 2004, when the state began requiring proof of citizenship for voting, officials said.

State and county election officials emphasized the need for a quick court decision: Under federal law, they need to send military and overseas ballots to voters this week. Early voting for other residents begins Oct. 9.

Fontes said his office is working with election officials in the state's 15 counties to determine the best way to notify voters affected by the problem. He urged people to wait to see what the Arizona Supreme Court does before they show up to local offices with paperwork.

An employee in the recorder's office discovered the problem during a routine check of voter rolls, officials said. The review flagged a man with a state driver's license issued before 1996 who was registered in the system in 2022 as someone who had provided proof of citizenship. The man was ineligible to vote because he is a lawful permanent resident, not a citizen. Although registered, he had never voted, according to officials.

The county attorney's office notified the secretary of state, setting off a review into why the state's systems wrongly identified some voters as having proved their citizenship.

Fontes and other officials downplayed the possibility that a large portion of the 98,000 people are noncitizens.

"This happened because we've got policies that are being driven by conspiracy theories, and we have for a long time," Fontes said at a news conference. "It has never been the case in the United States of America or in Arizona that noncitizen voting has been anything other than vanishingly rare."

Richer, an attorney, has been a target of those who spread false election conspiracy theories, Republican operatives and candidates. Since taking office in 2021, he has vouched for the legitimacy of the state's election system and has frequently blasted out social media posts that fact-check people who amplify election misinformation. That approach didn't always sit well with his critics, who helped defeat him during the state's summer primary election.

Republican state legislators passed a law in 2022 aimed at requiring voters to provide proof of citizenship to vote in all elections, not just state and local ones. The law has been challenged in court, and last month the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that for now Arizonans can register to vote for federal elections without providing proof of citizenship. The case could eventually return to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gina Swoboda, the chairwoman of the Arizona Republican Party, said she was thankful that officials went public with the problem.

"Obviously, this undermines confidence in the accuracy of the voter rolls, which is why there has been litigation around this issue," said Swoboda, who had not been briefed on the problem as of midmorning Tuesday.

"The GOP is very grateful that the issue has been brought forward, and we look forward to working with our partners at the legislature and in the governor's office and the secretary of state's office to find a satisfactory resolution so that everyone who is eligible to cast a vote gets to vote."

A spokesperson for the state Democratic Party did not respond to a request for comment.

Marley reported from Madison, Wis.

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Democrats target GOP over reproductive rights with bill to protect IVF

Vote sought to highlight Republicans' unpopular stances on the issue

BY LIZ GOODWIN

Democrats pushed again this week to spotlight Republican's unpopular positions on reproductive rights, slamming Senate Republicans for voting Tuesday to block a bill to expand access to in vitro fertilization and accusing former president Donald Trump of putting women's lives at risk.

The Senate vote aimed to remind voters two years after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* that Trump appointed the justices who backed that decision, that congressional Republicans could seek to ban abortion nationwide, and that even non-abortion procedures such as IVF could be at risk.

Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday called Republicans' opposition to the bill "extreme, dangerous, and wrong" in a statement after the vote failed. "Our administration will always fight to protect reproductive freedoms, which must include access to IVF."

Earlier in the day, Harris blamed Trump for the death of a woman in Georgia who died from an infection after failing to receive a timely abortion at a hospital in the state that has banned it, according to an investigation by ProPublica. "This young mother should be alive, raising her son, and pursuing her dream of attending nursing school," Harris said in a statement, casting the death as a consequence of Trump's actions.

As the election enters its final weeks, Democrats are seizing on IVF and abortion in races up and down the ballot, as more voters consistently side with Democrats over Republicans on both issues and the GOP struggles to find a consistent — and credible — message.

Republicans, who said they would vote against the Senate bill because it is a federal overreach, have nonetheless insisted they are largely supportive of IVF. Every Republican senator signed a letter saying they support IVF, and Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.), who is up for reelection this fall, introduced a separate bill that would punish states that ban IVF by withholding Medicaid funds from them.

Still, Democrats in close races up and down the ballot are seeking to tie Republicans to both abortion bans and an Alabama court's decision to thrust IVF into legal jeopardy. Both procedures are supported by a majority of Americans.

The approach has put Republicans on defense, particularly Trump, who has said he wouldn't sign a bill banning abortion nationwide and has called for states to choose abortion limits for themselves, after calling himself the "most pro-life president" during his first term. Trump has recently said on the campaign trail that he is a "leader in fertilization" and would mandate free IVF procedures.

But Republicans again blocked the bill, called the Right to IVF Act, after previously blocking it in June, when only Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) voted with Democrats to allow debate on it. The bill would mandate insurance coverage for the procedure and guarantee a federal right to access.

"Three months ago, nearly every Senate Republican voted against protecting IVF in this chamber," Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer said on the floor Tuesday. "It was astounding to watch them with a straight face … claim that of course they cared about supporting families, of course they supported IVF. Just not enough to actually vote to protect it."

A Trump campaign spokeswoman did not return a request for comment on where Trump stood on the Senate IVF bill. Democrats slammed him for his silence.

"He can send out a tweet right now and get all my Republican colleagues to vote for this," said Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), a combat-wounded veteran who conceived her two daughters using IVF.

Republicans dismissed the bill as a political "show vote" that had no chance of becoming law. Sen. John Thune (S.D.), the No. 2 Senate Republican, accused Schumer of creating "a political wedge issue just because it's an election year."

"Everybody knows the outcome of this, and I think it would be in everybody's best interest if we actually were doing the things that people expect us to be doing here," he said, mentioning appropriations bills as one example.

The vote failed to reach the 60 votes needed to proceed, with just two Republicans crossing the aisle to support it. Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), who was campaigning in Michigan on Tuesday, did not vote.

Harris's campaign has spent more than $22 million on ads since early August that reference abortion rights, according to data from the firm AdImpact. Before that, President Joe Biden spent $12.6 million between March and July on ads referencing abortion rights.

Some Republicans in swing districts are starting to run ads portraying themselves in favor of IVF and abortion rights — or at least not opposed to them. In a campaign ad released last week, Republican candidate Matt Gunderson looks directly into the camera as he labels himself "pro-choice."

At least four vulnerable House Republicans have either called themselves "pro-choice" or vowed to oppose a national abortion ban in recent ads, interviews or op-eds. At least three House Republicans have released campaign ads or texts saying they support IVF. And one Republican Senate candidate, former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, is running ads saying he would vote to codify Roe v. Wade.

In a call with reporters hosted by the Harris campaign before the vote, speakers predicted the vote would demonstrate Trump and Vance are not as supportive of IVF as they claim to be. Vance voted against proceeding to the legislation in June.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) scoffed at Trump's recent proposal to require free IVF access, saying there is "no way in the world that I believe that Donald Trump is serious about this."

"This is a guy who is trapped in his own decisions to rip away abortion services and reproductive freedom," Stabenow said. "He's scrambling. That's what he always does."

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Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and Senate Democrats arrive for a news conference on a bill on IVF on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.



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The Ukrainian police investigator collects evidence without knowing whether Russia will ever be held accountable

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA



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Serhii Bolvinov, 42, head of investigations for the Ukrainian national police in Kharkiv, stands in the destroyed Kharkiv police building, which he said Russia shelled in 2022.

KHARKIV, UKRAINE — The video footage is graphic, but Serhii Bolvinov doesn't care. He believes the world needs to see what's happening in Ukraine to stop the terror raining over his city.

He uploads it to his Facebook page and posts it on Twitter.

It's early September. Days earlier, on Aug. 30, glide bombs slashed the skies above Kharkiv — just 20 miles from Russia — and pummeled a house, a sports field, a warehouse, an apartment building, a city park. In a 1 minute and 20-second video, Bolvinov flips through scenes of destruction.

It's gruesome. It's his reality.

In the past 2½ years, Bolvinov — head of investigations for the national police in the Kharkiv region — has looked into the death of every civilian in this corner of northeastern Ukraine. Killed by missiles and drones. Buried under rubble. Exhumed from mass graves. All 2,678 of them, including 93 children.

He and his team gather the broken bits of bodies. They measure the shrapnel and collect the missiles in a special graveyard. They build their cases. Bolvinov knows the culprit. But how — and whether — Russian officials and troops will ever be held accountable for their war crimes is unclear.

The investigator isn't waiting for that day to arrive. In his video from Aug. 30, he presents more of his evidence: Flames lick a 12-story apartment building, set ablaze by a glide bomb. A woman is trapped on the top floor, waving from her kitchen, unreachable as her apartment burns. On the lawn, a rug stitched with roses covers the body of a victim, feet jutting out the bottom.

The scene shifts. A few miles away, a city park is in summer's last bloom. A 14-year-old girl slumps on a bench. The ground around her is cratered by shrapnel. Her head is blurred, pixelated in shades of red, some things too unspeakable to show. She is wearing all white, down to her New Balance sneakers. One day in Kharkiv: 97 people wounded, six dead.

"Every death and every destruction is our pain," Bolvinov writes, captioning the video.

He can't look away from the carnage. He doesn't think you should either.

'A great sorrow'

The air attack alarms here are constant. In August, they blared for 369 hours and 31 minutes — or almost 16 straight days. People have grown used to the danger of living this close to Russia. Couples walk hand-in-hand in the park, even as their phones shriek out a warning. Apartment buildings sport plywood windows. Children attend school underground.

Bolvinov could have left it all behind.

The 42-year-old was appointed lead investigator for Kharkiv in December 2021. Two months later, Russians invaded, threatening to take control of the city before Ukrainian troops beat them back. Bolvinov could have fled with his family. Unlike most Ukrainian men banned from traveling abroad under martial law, he has three children under 18 — and the right to leave with them.

Instead, he sent his family away. The last time they were all together was in January.

Kharkiv is his life; it's where he was born, raised, educated, married and has worked. He refuses to leave his post — even when his memories are blown to smithereens and overwritten with pain. A missile hit his police building. Nine people died. A glide bomb hit the apartment building where he lived as a student. Four more deaths.

For his work investigating war crimes, Russia listed him as a war criminal — an irony that is not lost on him — and released his personal information, including his cellphone number, his parents' address, his birthday.

He stopped speaking Russian. He started meditating. And worked harder.

His experience is not unique. He oversees almost 1,000 officers who bear witness to the unimaginable, filling servers with terabytes of information they hope will someday be used in legal cases against Russian perpetrators. They investigate only civilian deaths — innocent people caught in Russia's crosshairs, far from the front lines.

Their work is constant.

Point of impact

At Yuryeva Park, Bolvinov walks the path of the blast. It has been three days since the glide bombs hit on Aug. 30. He wants to show a reporter what he saw that afternoon when two people died.

He knows that numbers can feel abstract, but these fatalities — like all the others — are more than figures to him. They represent people with hopes and dreams. Here, the victims were young, at the beginning of their lives. His job is to help avenge their violent end.

He walks past a bench near the playground. A boy is pushing a yellow dump truck in the sandbox.

"We are now standing at the point of impact," Bolvinov says. "A half-ton, highly explosive aerial bomb. This is a bomb that is used to destroy buildings."

It dropped from the sky at 3:20 p.m. In its path was 18-year-old Veronika Kozhushko, or "Nika" to friends. An artist and poet, she was waiflike and gentle, with bobbed hair. She made sense of the war in sketches — a ruined apartment building in blue ink, ghostlike figures superimposed in white. Two buildings tattooed on an arm, the windows bleeding red.

"She would speak quickly, as if she was running out of time to finish her sentences," said her friend Maryna Grachova, who works at the Kharkiv museum where Nika volunteered. "She wanted to put as much in her time as she could."

That afternoon, she'd been mailing a package.

Bolvinov keeps walking. He points at a golfball-sized hole wrenched through a metal swing set, at the bark shaved off the maples.

"You can see that the trees still bear the marks of the bomb," he says. "Forty-one people were injured. Some lost limbs. Now let's walk the trajectory of the shrapnel."

He walks toward a bench lined with flowers and stuffed animals. This was where the other victim, 14-year-old Sofia Hlyniana, was sitting. Dressed in all white, taking photos with a friend at sunset. A moment of ease after so much loss — fleeing her hometown of Kupyansk, learning her father was missing in action in the Donetsk region. Still, she tried to be strong for her mother and younger sister.

"Sofia was constantly in movement," said Natalya Lysenko, a family friend. "She would draw and ride horses and write poetry that she didn't want to read out loud. She was shy."

She had recently decided to become a psychologist to help others.

"Every day Russia takes someone's life," Bolvinov says. "The life of 14-year-old Sofia or 18-year-old Veronika. In a normal world, we do not have to collect the bodies of girls in parts."

Bolvinov gestures at the bench, where Sofia's backpack had been. Her cellphone was inside, a dozen missed calls on the screen. An officer used it to call her mother.

A funeral, a siren

The next day begins with a funeral. Bolvinov's colleague was hit by a drone in his police car. Now, Bolvinov stands with other officers near the open casket, holding a cluster of red roses, the stems duct-taped together. Music plays softly on a speaker. The officer's mother cries.

Bolvinov knows that Russian weapons leave damage that can't be easily captured as evidence, rupturing the lives of those left behind — forced to make sense of a war they didn't want, to feel around the hole left by their loved one's absence.

It never gets easier.

"We're all victims," he says later.

The casket hadn't yet been loaded into the hearse — which would take the officer to the same cemetery as 14-year-old Sofia — but Bolvinov has to get back to work.

The air attack alarm sounds. Another missile in the air.



The gravesite of Sofia Hlyniana, 14, who was killed in a Russian bomb attack in Kharkiv on Aug. 30. She had been sitting on a park bench and taking photos with a friend at sunset.

Oksana Parafeniuk contributed to this report.

DIGEST

POLAND

Flood kills 18 as town fortifies flood walls

Volunteers in the Polish town of Nysa fortified flood walls to stem swollen rivers on Tuesday after heavy rain and flooding round central Europe that has killed at least 18 people.

Overnight, volunteers helped rescue workers heave sandbags to build up the broken embankment around Nysa, a town of 40,000 in southern Poland.

Some residents were looking to check homes after evacuations were called on Monday.

"We had to escape, even though we have several floors," 45-year-old resident Sabina Jakubowska said.

Polish authorities have filled 75 percent of a giant reservoir near the Czech border, aimed at cutting water levels and preventing flooding waves on the Odra and Nysa from overlapping, which is what happened in massive flooding in 1997 that hit Wroclaw.

Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said more than 13,000 people had been evacuated. Tens of thousands of Czech and Polish households were still without power.

— Reuters

WEST AFRICA

Militants attack training camp

Islamist militants attacked a military training camp near the airport in Mali's capital on Tuesday as explosions were heard in the area. Within hours, the government said it was temporarily closing the airport in Bamako. A security official said there was unspecified loss of life and significant damage, without elaborating.

Later, the military confirmed that the attack took place in "multiple locations," without providing details. JNIM, which is linked to al-Qaeda, claimed responsibility for the attack. Through its media arm, the website Azallaqa, the group claimed inflicting "major human and material losses" and set aircraft on fire. At least 15 suspects were arrested, said the official. He spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

Soon after the attack, Mali's authorities closed the airport. Mohamed Ould Mamouni, communications officer at the ministry of transport, said flights were suspended indefinitely because of the exchange of gunfire that took place near it.

— Associated Press

INDIA

Chief minister resigns after leaving prison

One of India's leading opposition figures resigned his post as New Delhi's chief minister on Tuesday, days after he emerged from prison on bail in a bribery case.

Arvind Kejriwal, a fierce critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was arrested in March on charges of receiving bribes from a liquor distributor. Kejriwal has denied the accusations.

Opposition parties condemned Kejriwal's arrest as politically motivated, accusing Modi's government of misusing federal investigation agencies to harass and weaken political opponents.

On Tuesday, Kejriwal's Aam Admi — or Common People's — Party chose his ally Atishi as his successor. A close aide to Kejriwal, she uses one name.

Kejriwal handed his resignation to Delhi's Lt. Gov. V.K. Saxena after serving the post for more than nine years.

India's Supreme Court ordered his release on bail on Friday, saying his trial would likely take time.

— Associated Press

Afghanistan's embassy in Oman has reopened, an official in Kabul said Tuesday, the latest sign of the growing inclusion of the Taliban among Gulf Arab countries following the United Arab Emirates' acceptance of a Taliban ambassador last month. According to Zia Ahmad Takal, deputy spokesman of the Foreign Ministry in Kabul, the embassy in Muscat, Oman's capital, resumed operations on Sunday. There was no immediate confirmation from Omani authorities and no reports from the sultanate's state-run news agency about the embassy's reopening.

Doctors Without Borders said Tuesday it has closed its operations in Russia after 32 years, citing a Justice Ministry letter that said the medical aid group had been removed from a register of foreign nongovernmental organizations. The aid group, also known by its French name Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), said it will retain its branch office in Moscow, but operations have stopped. It was MSF Netherlands whose registration was withdrawn, a spokesperson said in an email. Norman Sitali, the operations manager for MSF programs in Russia, said the aid group was "very sad" to end the programs. "MSF would like to still work in Russia again if and when possible," Sitali said.

— From news services



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Gisèle Pélicot, center, arrives with her lawyers at court in Avignon, France, on Tuesday.

'I am a rapist,' man tells French court

He says the 50 others accused in trial involving his ex-wife are as well

BY LEO SANDS

A man on trial for repeatedly drugging his wife and recruiting dozens to rape her while she was unconscious told a French court that he is a rapist — and that the other accused men are, too.

The testimony from Dominique Pélicot — his first in the mass rape case that has sent shock waves through the country — appeared to contradict claims from many of the 50 other men who have previously said that they did not know his wife was drugged and that she did not consent to the sexual acts.

"I am a rapist, like everyone else in this room. They cannot say otherwise," Pélicot, 71, said in a courtroom in Avignon, in southern France.

Investigators have said that Gisèle Pélicot was raped while unconscious at least 92 times by at least 72 people; they have identified and charged 51 suspects. The assaults allegedly took place between 2011 and 2020.

Dominique Pélicot, who prosecutors said recruited the men over online platforms to the couple's homes and other locations where they would assault her, faces a litany of charges, including rape. In total, prosecutors have charged 49 men with rape, one with attempted rape and one with sexual assault. The vast majority of the defendants are charged with crimes punishable by up to 20 years in prison, Le Monde reported.

Prosecutors accused Dominique Pélicot of regularly sedating his wife using crushed anti-anxiety medication, without her knowledge. Police said that he laid out strict rules for the men accused of raping his wife, instructing them not to smell of perfume or smoke so as to avoid inadvertently awaking her, a lawyer representing her, Stéphane Babonneau, previously told The Washington Post.

At least 35 of the defendants are contesting the charges, Le Monde reported. Some of the defendants have said they thought the couple were living out a sexual fantasy.

Pélicot testified that he never forced his co-defendants to do anything. "They came looking for me themselves. They asked me, I said yes. I didn't put handcuffs on anyone to force them to come," he said, according to local media covering the trial.

Although The Post typically does not name victims of sex crimes, in this instance, the woman asked to be identified by her married name, and her lawyer said she asked for the trial to take place in open court so the world could know what had happened to her at the hands of her now ex-husband.

According to prosecutors, the years-long alleged sexual assault left Gisèle Pélicot with physical and psychological scars that — unaware of what had happened — she struggled at the time to explain, prosecutors said.

She said she only learned of her own alleged mass rape after a separate incident in 2020, when her husband was caught filming three women under their skirts. After police searched his electronic device, they found hundreds of photos and videos showing the alleged sexual assaults against his wife.

In court earlier this month, Gisèle Pélicot told judges that the recordings amounted to "rape scenes."

"When you see this woman, drugged, mistreated, dead on a bed — of course the body is not cold, it is warm, but I am like dead," she said. "These men are defiling me, taking advantage of me."

In court Tuesday, Pélicot said her former husband's admission was hard to hear. "For 50 years, I lived with a man who I couldn't imagine for even a single second could have committed these acts. I trusted this man completely," she told the courtroom.

Babonneau, her lawyer, previously told The Post that Dominique Pélicot has not disputed any of the facts of the case.

He told the court that he regretted what he did. "I ask for forgiveness even if it is not forgivable," he said. His former wife, Pélicot added, "did not deserve this."

Annabelle Timsit contributed to this report.



SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES,

Tesla chargers in 2020 in Skei, Norway. More than a quarter of the country's 2.8 million passenger cars are fully electric, with EVs now making up more than 90 percent of new-vehicle sales.

Norway has more EVs than gas cars

Nation leads world in part due to incentives funded by oil, gas sales

BY NICOLÁS RIVERO

Norway is the first country in the world with more electric vehicles than gas-powered cars on the road, according to vehicle registration data the Norwegian road federation, known as OFV, released Tuesday.

Of the 2.8 million passenger cars registered in the country, 26.3 percent are fully electric, just edging out the share of gas vehicles. Diesel remains the most common vehicle type, making up more than a third of Norwegian vehicle registrations.

"The electrification of the passenger car fleet is keeping a high pace, and Norway is moving rapidly towards becoming the first country in the world with a passenger car fleet dominated by electric cars," OFV Director Oyvind Solberg Thorsen said in a statement. He predicted EVs will outnumber diesel cars by 2026.

Norway leads the world in EV adoption, thanks to government incentives that include exempting electric cars and trucks from sales and emissions taxes, lowering tolls and parking fees for these vehicles, and allowing EV drivers to use bus lanes. The country is also one of the world's wealthiest, which helps defray the higher upfront cost of EVs. Electric cars now make up more than 90 percent of new-vehicle sales.

The Norwegian government has said it hopes its tax incentives — which are funded in large part by the money the country makes selling oil and gas to other countries — will allow Norway to end all new gas and diesel vehicle sales by next year.

Norway's tax incentives for lower-emission vehicles, introduced in 2007, spurred a decade-long spike in sales for diesel vehicles, which were calculated to have lower carbon dioxide emissions than gas-powered cars. Diesel sales peaked in 2017 and then sharply fell in favor of the growing EV market. But there are still almost 1 million diesel cars on the road, according to OFV.

"Many of these will be rolling on Norwegian roads for years to come," Solberg Thorsen said.

Globally, about 18 percent of all new cars sold last year were EVs, according to the International Energy Agency. Electric cars and trucks made up 60 percent of new vehicle sales in China, about a quarter of vehicle sales in Europe and just under 10 percent of sales in the United States.

Although global EV sales are growing quickly, they're not rising as quickly in the United States as some carmakers expected. Rising interest rates, a lagging charging network and growing partisanship have cooled some of Americans' enthusiasm for electric cars, prompting automakers to slow-roll their plans for new EV lineups.

The automotive consulting firm J.D. Power lowered its expectations for U.S. EV sales this year from 12 percent of new cars to 9 percent. Less than 1 percent of the cars on the road in the United States are electric, according to the firm.



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Pager supply chain likely infiltrated, experts say

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overrun. Casualties were reported in Beirut, the capital; towns in southern Lebanon, near the border with Israel; in the coastal city of Tyre; and in the northern part of the country. The wounded included children and elderly people.

The Ministry of Public Health said hospitals were being placed on "maximum alert" and requested that "all citizens who own wireless communication devices stay away from them." Health workers were directed to go to work to provide "emergency treatment," the ministry said in another statement, and appeals were being made for blood donations.

The U.N. security management system advised personnel in Lebanon to switch off their VHF (very high frequency) devices and remove all batteries until further notice, temporarily severing the agency's radio network.

Hezbollah, in back-to-back statements, said that an unspecified number of pagers owned by "employees in various Hezbollah units and institutions" exploded at about 3:30 p.m. The cause was unknown, the group said, adding that a girl and her two brothers were among those killed.

The group was conducting a "wide-ranging" investigation to determine the reason for the explosions, the statement said, warning against the spread of "false and misleading information" that could serve Israel.

In a subsequent statement, Hezbollah said that "after examining all the facts, available data and information about the heinous attack that took place this afternoon, we hold the Israeli enemy fully responsible for this criminal aggression that also targeted civilians and led to the martyrdom of a number of people."

Videos posted on social media showed what appeared to be pagers heavily damaged by explosions and instances in which the devices appeared to explode in shops while being carried by their owners. One video, filmed inside a supermarket, showed an explosion as people gathered around fruit carts. Afterward, a man can be heard yelling in pain as bewildered shoppers watch.

Footage from hospitals also showed people with severe injuries, such as missing fingers or deep gashes to their body, including badly injured children. Video filmed inside Bahman Hospital in Beirut's southern suburbs depicted bedlam, as dozens of injured people crowd the hospital's rooms and corridors. Some of the injured lie on the floor covered in blood, while others use paper towels to cover their wounds. Several more injured men are carried through the hospital entrance on gurneys or bloodied sheets as sirens ring out in the distance.

The American University of Beirut Medical Center received more than 160 "seriously injured" people "with more to come," a hospital statement said. Bloodied bandages could be seen outside as at least 20 ambulances arrived early Tuesday evening. An elderly woman, apparently unconscious, with cuts and burns, was wheeled to an ambulance so she could be transferred to another hospital.

Tensions between Israel and Hezbollah have soared after months of tit-for-tat strikes across the Lebanon-Israel border. Tens of thousands of people have been displaced in both countries. This week, top Israeli officials who met with a senior White House adviser said that military action against Hezbollah will be needed to allow thousands of residents to go back to their homes along Israel's northern border, in a sign that Israel was shifting its focus from the war against Hamas in Gaza.

Hezbollah says it will halt its attacks against Israel if a ceasefire is reached in Gaza. But as U.S.-led negotiations between Hamas and Israel have faltered, the Biden administration, despite its efforts, has been unable to broker a truce between Hezbollah and Israel, amid fears that their conflict will tip the Middle East into a wider war.

In late July, Israel assassinated a senior Hezbollah commander in the suburbs of Beirut. Hezbollah's retaliation included what it said was an attack on a sensitive Israeli intelligence site. On Tuesday, before the pager explosions, the Israel Security Agency said it had "thwarted" a planned Hezbollah attack on a "former senior official in Israel's security establishment," using a remote-controlled explosive device that it said was "known to be used by Hezbollah."



HUSSEIN MALLA/AP

First responders carry a wounded man whose pager exploded in Beirut on Tuesday. Videos appeared to show heavily damaged devices.

Current and former U.S. and Israeli officials described the attack as unprecedented in scope and apparent sophistication. "My sense is that this was designed to send a message, and not necessarily operational preparation of the environment for a move into Lebanon," said Marc Polymeropoulos, a former CIA senior operations officer who served in counterterrorism roles in the Middle East.

Israel delivered "a stark and brutal warning to Hezbollah that they have them totally compromised, and that war would be disastrous," he said.

Emily Harding, deputy director of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said that while much remains unknown about Tuesday's attack, it is likely that Israel infiltrated the supply chain that Hezbollah uses for its pagers, finding a way to physically rig them.

Although a cyberattack is possible, she said, it is unlikely given the "extremely low-tech" nature of the pagers, which Hezbollah members use in part to avoid digital surveillance.

Since pagers cannot capture sound and don't have cameras, they present less of a risk than cellphones when it comes to surveillance of movements and meetings, she said.

Dmitri Alperovitch, chairman of the Silverado Policy Accelerator, a national security think tank, said: "This looks to be perhaps the most extensive physical supply-chain attack in history — substituting imported devices with those containing explosives and triggering them all at the same time through some sort of command and control channel."

Still, the operation required "intelligence gain/loss decision-making," he added, saying Israel would have had to weigh the benefits of wounding Hezbollah operatives against the benefit of "gaining access" to their communications devices for a longer period, which "could have perhaps produced even greater intelligence advantage."

Lebanon's education minister announced the closure of schools and universities in the country Wednesday, "in condemnation of the criminal act" by Israel, according to a statement. The casualties from the explosions included the son of a parliament member representing Hezbollah, and the Iranian ambassador to Lebanon, who was lightly wounded, Iranian media reported.

William Wechsler, senior director for Middle East programs at the Atlantic Council, said the pager explosions were "hugely embarrassing for Hezbollah," and could trigger a potentially substantive escalation.

Even though the explosions were "highly targeted," the psychological impact of the attack could be more important than its practical implications. "Hezbollah will feel it needs to respond," he said. Neither side wants a full war to break out, Wechsler said, but if it does, then casualties on both sides, including among civilians, will potentially be quite high.

Thanassis Cambanis, director of Century International, a global policy think tank, said it seemed "like Israel has launched the war it was hungering for. Hezbollah and Iran have exhibited a great deal of restraint until now. But at this point it's clear that Israel is determined to escalate, with what its security establishment mistakenly believes will be a preemptive strike that limits Hezbollah's ability to balance Israel."

"I don't believe that Israel will achieve its security goals; Hezbollah is strong, strategic, and prepared — it will inflict serious damage on Israel in a full-out escalated war," he said. "Civilians in Lebanon and also Israel will bear the worst brunt of this Israeli escalation."

Fahim reported from Istanbul, Chason from Jerusalem and Nakashima from Washington. Imogen Piper in London and Cate Brown and Shane Harris in Washington contributed to this report.

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Israel expands war goals on Lebanese border as U.S. tries to calm tensions

BY RACHEL CHASON, LIOR SOROKA, KELLY KASULIS CHO AND JENNIFER HASSAN



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Rockets launched over the Lebanese border at Israel are intercepted on Monday. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said this week his country would "do what is necessary to safeguard its security and return the residents of the north securely to their homes."

JERUSALEM — Top Israeli officials who met with a senior White House adviser said that military action will be needed to allow thousands of residents to go back to their homes along Israel's northern border with Lebanon, part of a growing focus by the government on the volatile region.

The warnings by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant to Amos Hochstein, who was in Israel on Monday to try to calm tensions between Israel and Hezbollah, came against the backdrop of flaring frictions within Israel's government and political pressure that analysts say could be pushing Netanyahu to further expand the scope of the war.

Netanyahu, who had in the wake of the Oct. 7 Hamas attack urged restraint in escalating fighting with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia, told Hochstein this week that Israel appreciated U.S. support but would ultimately "do what is necessary to safeguard its security and return the residents of the north securely to their homes," according to a statement from Netanyahu's office. Meanwhile, Gallant said time is running out for an agreement with Hezbollah as the group continues to "tie itself" to Hamas. The only way to return tens of thousands of residents to their homes, he told Hochstein, is "via military action," Gallant's office said in a statement.

In an early Tuesday announcement, Israel's security cabinet said it updated its war objectives to include "returning the residents of the north securely to their homes," making official the expansion of aims that originally focused on eliminating Hamas and returning the hostages taken on Oct. 7.

The increased attention to Israel's northern border — where Israeli forces and Hezbollah have been exchanging near-daily fire since Oct. 8 — came as Netanyahu's office swatted down rumors that he plans to replace Gallant with United Right chairman Gideon Saar. Right-wing Israeli politicians cited the situation in the north while publicly urging Netanyahu to fire Gallant, but analysts said the flaring turmoil has more to do with internal politics.

Gallant, who is in Netanyahu's Likud party, has emerged as one of Netanyahu's most vocal critics on the war, publicly pushing for a cease-fire and hostage release deal with Hamas and warning last week that the window for any such agreement was closing.

Alon Pinkas, a veteran Israeli diplomat and former senior government adviser, said a sticking point between Netanyahu and Gallant was the defense minister's refusal to support legislation that would protect ultra-Orthodox Israelis — who are key to Netanyahu's coalition — from military service. Netanyahu also fears, Pinkas said, that Gallant could gather enough support within the coalition to oust him with a vote of no confidence.

"It is all political — it has to do with Netanyahu's survival," Pinkas said. "He knows that a war with Hezbollah is not going to expedite the return of people to their homes. In fact, a war with Hezbollah would be deadly, messy, problematic, and it could indefinitely delay people from returning to their homes."

War with Israel would also be devastating in Lebanon, which is already suffering from a protracted economic collapse. The escalating tensions have already hit Syrian refugees in the impoverished south especially hard.

But Pinkas said the "atmosphere of war" helps shield Netanyahu from both problems within his coalition and potentially from the escalation of antiwar demonstrations. "He wants to prolong it," he said.

Gayil Talshir, a professor of political science at Hebrew University, said pressure is likely coming from the United States not to replace Gallant with Saar, who has no military experience and has vowed to continue the war in Gaza and escalate fighting along the northern border. Gallant, meanwhile, has advocated for a cease-fire in Gaza, which could either calm tensions with Hezbollah or free up resources to expand the fight in the north.

"If Saar becomes defense minister, there is no finish to the war in Gaza, no bringing the hostages home and potentially a full-blown war with Lebanon," she said. "It's a completely different approach from what Israel wants from its warfare."

Even though Netanyahu initially hoped to de-escalate along the northern border, it has become politically untenable to have so many of his supporters in the north displaced, Talshir said.

"It is not about what Netanyahu wants but who has the leverage to drag Netanyahu into doing what they want," she said. "And his most extremist supporters want Israel having a military occupation of Gaza and a security zone in the southern part of Lebanon."

Israel's far-right national security minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, said Monday on X that he has been calling on Netanyahu to fire Gallant for months. "A decision must be made about the North and Gallant is not the right man to make it," he said in the post.

Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid told reporters Monday after meeting with Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Washington that Israel is trying its best "with our American friends to figure out a way to solve the conflict up north ... without a full-scale war."

"If not," he said, "then we will have to act against Hezbollah."

Pinkas said that on the northern border, Gallant was originally more hawkish than Netanyahu. Now, Pinkas said, Netanyahu's bullish rhetoric on returning residents to their homes in the north by any means possible seems to have more to do with politics than a genuine belief in a war with Hezbollah.

Israel's Defense Ministry announced Monday that as part of its security efforts along the northern border, 97 rapid-response units have been reequipped and more than 9,000 "cutting-edge 'Arad'" rifles procured at a cost of about $13.5 million. The ministry said in a statement that the initiative — which includes providing combat and rescue gear, medical supplies and protective equipment — is "part of our policy to bolster border defense while enhancing self-reliant production capabilities."

Here's what else to know

At least 2,800 people were injured Tuesday in Lebanon when electronic pagers used by Hezbollah simultaneously exploded across the country at 3:30 p.m., Lebanese officials said. At least nine people were reportedly killed in the explosions, which the militant group accused Israel of perpetrating.

Blinken traveled to Egypt on Tuesday, the State Department said, adding that he will "meet with Egyptian officials to discuss ongoing efforts to reach a cease-fire in Gaza that secures the release of all hostages." He is expected to stay through Thursday.

At least 41,252 people have been killed and 95,497 injured in Gaza since the war began, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but says the majority of the dead are women and children. Israel estimates that about 1,200 people were killed in Hamas's Oct. 7 attack on Israel, including more than 300 soldiers, and it says 342 soldiers have been killed since the launch of its military operation in Gaza.

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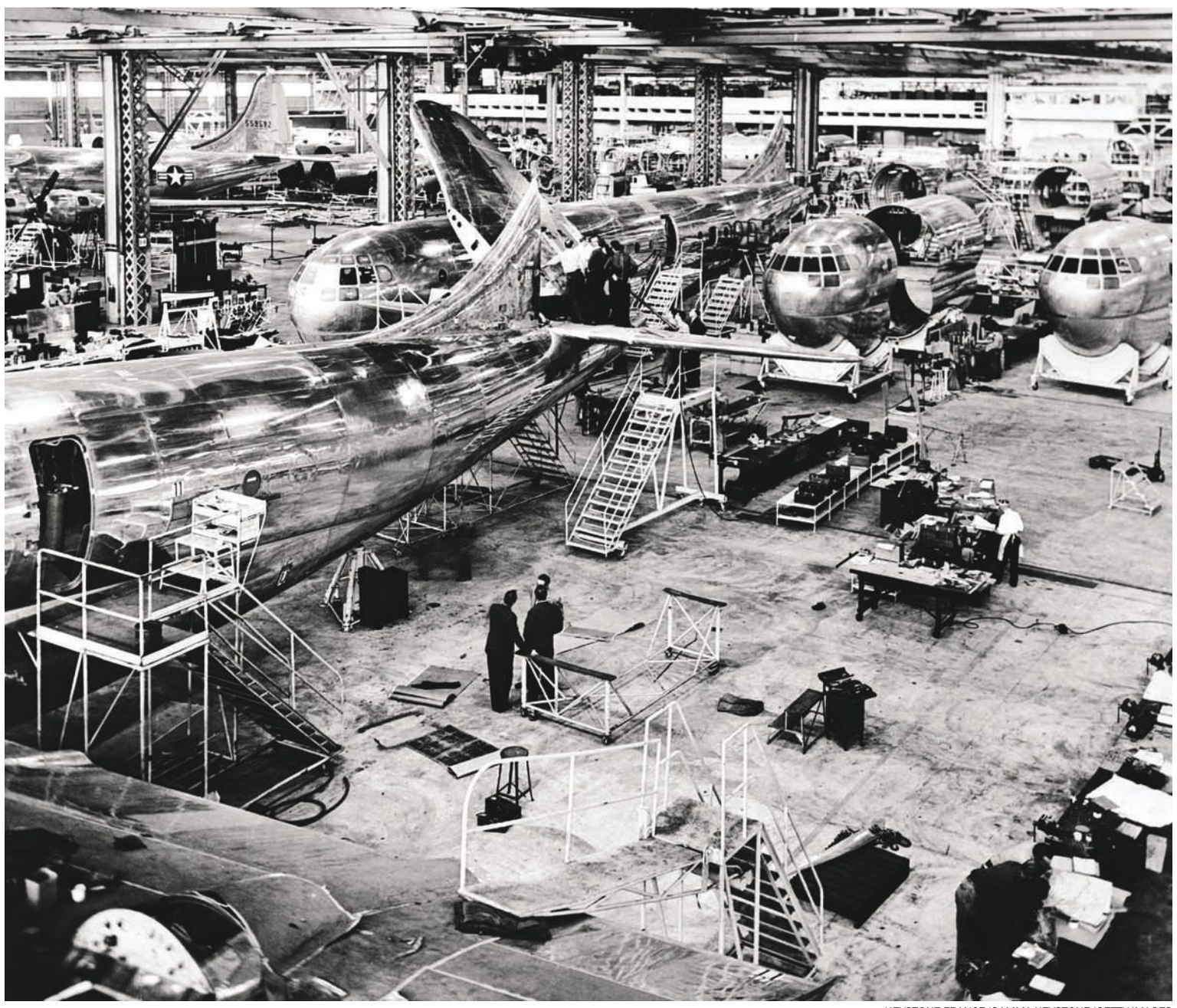
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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Boeing jobs once meant prosperity. No longer, workers say.

Company has wrung concessions from union, and housing costs have exploded, putting prior generations' comfortable life out of reach

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Workers at the Boeing plant in Seattle in 1947. For generations of workers, going to work in the company's cavernous factories promised economic security and the pride of working on the world's most iconic planes.

Ariel McKenzie recalls that it was a big deal when her father landed a job at Boeing 20 years ago. So when he suggested she also join the company, it seemed like a smart move: Working at the company had given her dad and the other Boeing long-timers a good life, paying for roomy houses, nice trucks, motorbikes and vacations.

But after a decade making aircraft parts at a factory in Auburn, Wash., McKenzie, 35, said the job hasn't given her the same financial boost.

"It's a very comfortable upper-middle-class family that these Boeing jobs used to create. … It's just not the case anymore," McKenzie said. Only working a second job or logging massive overtime hours could match it, she said. "It feels demoralizing."

Generations of workers coveted Boeing jobs in the Seattle area, where the company was founded over a century ago and helped usher in the age of global air travel. Going to work in its cavernous factories promised economic security and the pride of working on the world's most iconic planes: the ubiquitous 737, the giant 747 Jumbo Jet and the high-tech 787 Dreamliner. The economic benefits passed down within families, as children and grandchildren landed jobs with the aerospace giant.

But many of the 33,000 workers who went on strike last week after rejecting the company's four-year contract offer said that sense of shared prosperity has all but evaporated in the past two decades. Company managers, focused on financial performance, won costly concessions from the union including ending traditional pensions and wage increases that have not kept pace with inflation. At the same time, the Puget Sound region experienced a tech boom that has sent housing costs skyrocketing.

Reeling from the blows, bitter Boeing employees say they have been left behind even as executives claimed huge pay packages.

The strike that began Friday, the first for Boeing in 16 years, comes at a pivotal moment for the jet manufacturer as a new chief executive tries to chart a course out of a deep crisis in the wake of two 737 Max crashes five years ago that killed 346 people and January's midair door-panel blowout on an Alaska Airlines jet that renewed scrutiny of manufacturing and safety failures.

Boeing said Monday it is preserving cash with a hiring freeze and other measures during the strike, which analysts say could last two to five weeks. Negotiations, with the assistance of a federal mediator, were scheduled to resume Tuesday.

Factory workers say they're ready to help the company achieve excellence again — if they get a favorable contract that makes up for years of labor tensions.

"This is about addressing the past, and this is about fighting for our future," Jon Holden, the president of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 751, said as he announced the vote to strike.

That past includes what many workers now see as a 20th-century golden age, with the launch of the 707 in the 1950s heralding the beginning of the jet era. But it has also seen more recent rounds of divisive labor negotiations that led to the machinists narrowly voting to give up their pensions in 2014. The offer Boeing machinists rejected Thursday included 25 percent wage increases over four years and improved health and retirement benefits. But the raises were less than what many workers had hoped. The deal eliminated a bonus program, and it didn't restore fixed-benefit pensions, which have been phased out across much of the United States in favor of contributions to 401(k) stock plans.

The average pay for Boeing machinists has risen roughly 15 percent over the past decade to $75,000, a pace that is far behind soaring costs in the Seattle area, according to figures provided by the union and company. The region's housing price index rose 128 percent in the past decade; the average home sale price in Seattle last month was $835,000.

Asked about workers' shifting views of their prosperity, Boeing said the average pay for union members in Washington and Oregon would have topped $106,000 by the end of the contract, before overtime. The company also pointed to education benefits it offers, including allowances for college programs.

Despite its challenges, Boeing remains a global behemoth, with just one major competitor, Europe's Airbus. It has a backlog of 5,400 commercial planes on order, valued at $437 billion.

McKenzie's dad, who worked in machine maintenance before taking on a full-time role with the machinists union, touted Boeing's benefits in 2014 to his daughter. For a single mom with a young daughter, she said, the money was good at first — perhaps as much as she could have made as a nurse. So she stayed. But with inflation, McKenzie said her income hasn't kept up.

Now McKenzie's daughter is 15, and McKenzie said she couldn't picture recommending the job to her.

"It makes me kind of sad that's the case," she said. "These jobs have fed families in this community for generations and generations, and most people now don't want to recommend their kids to go and work there."

While Boeing has its own unique troubles, people in factory jobs around the country, especially at the big automakers, have seen only limited gains in wages and the erosion of their benefits. Pay for most manufacturing jobs had fallen behind pay for all private-sector jobs by 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"What makes the decline in wages and conditions in factory work particularly striking is that factory jobs used to be good," said Eric Blanc, an assistant professor of labor studies at Rutgers University. "You used to be able to have what was considered a middle-class life."

Blanc said the surging wealth in the Seattle area, driven by the likes of Microsoft and Amazon, and the accompanying soaring housing costs magnify the impact on Boeing workers.

Mylo Lang, 24, recalled how his grandfather sustained a middle-class lifestyle on a Boeing janitor's pay, living in a home in a middle-class part of Seattle. Lang stayed in that home in his own early days working at Boeing, helping him get on his feet. But, he said, as an apprentice machinist at a parts facility, there's no way he could hope to afford somewhere of his own in the same neighborhood.

"The material conditions available to people are very different now than they were then," said Lang.

In 2001, Boeing moved its corporate headquarters to Chicago, putting thousands of miles between the people who built its airplanes and those making decisions at the highest levels. Since then, it has used the threat of moving jobs elsewhere to wring concessions from the union. The company decided in 2009 to open a production line for its 787 Dreamliner in South Carolina, a step the National Labor Relations Board alleged was taken to avoid labor unrest and was "inherently destructive" of workers' rights. Then, in negotiations in 2011, it raised the prospect of manufacturing the new 737 Max outside the Seattle area.

The next round of bargaining, in 2014, was especially contentious. The company said it might move work on a new version of the 777 out of the state and pressed workers to give up the traditional pensions that guaranteed them a steady income in retirement. Union members narrowly backed the deal and took a strike off the table until its expiration this year.

"Boeing's track record of engaging with its workforce has not been successful over the last two decades," said Michel Merluzeau, director of aerospace and defense market analysis at AIR Intelligence and Research. "The relationship has been excessively transactional in nature."

The question of where to build Boeing's next airplane was again a factor in the current negotiations with the machinists. The offer workers rejected last week included a commitment to the Seattle area, but with plans for a new plane still hazy, some employees said the guarantee was worth little.

While younger workers say they're struggling, 65-year-old Francis King remembers a different Boeing. King has worked at the company for 37 years and recalled how it was a place people came to build a long career. King is approaching retirement, but his son is preparing to start work at Boeing in November, and he's seen younger workers take the view that "it's a job, it's not a career."

"When I was hired on, buying a house was in sight. Buying a car. Living in this area," King said. "Who wouldn't want to come here? Then the tide turned."

Like both analysts and longtime workers, King traces the change to Boeing's 1997 merger with McDonnell Douglas. It was a smaller company, but its management team rose to power at Boeing, bringing with it a new focus on financial performance.

Workers have denounced what they call exorbitant executive compensation. Dave Calhoun, the former Boeing chief executive who stepped down this year in the wake of the Alaska door-panel blowout, received a $32.8 million compensation package last year.

In recent months, the company, after agreeing to plead guilty to defrauding U.S. regulators in connection with 737 Max crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, has vowed to put a greater emphasis on safety and quality. Robert "Kelly" Ortberg, who took over as chief executive in August and stands to make $22 million next year, is an engineer and spent his first day at the 737 factory just outside Seattle. The company is also moving to acquire Spirit AeroSystems, a key supplier that was once a part of Boeing but spun out in an efficiency drive. Securing a labor deal was a key next step in Boeing's recovery, analysts say, and a prolonged strike will prove costly.

Members of Seattle's Boeing families, even while on strike, say they want the company's stature restored. Machinist Jeremy Caldon followed his grandfather and uncle to work at Boeing more than 15 years ago.

"I always wanted to work at Boeing because he was there," he said of his grandfather, who was a member of the engineers union. "Because they gave him a great life there. It was something to do, something to honor."



FAMILY PHOTO

Mylo Lang, 24, second from right, with co-workers. Lang said that as an apprentice machinist, he can't afford to buy a home in the same neighborhood his grandfather once lived on a Boeing janitor's pay.

DIGEST

STOCK MARKET

Stocks are stuck as rate cut approaches

U.S. stock indexes remained stuck in place on Tuesday as Wall Street made few big moves ahead of what's expected to be the first cut to interest rates in more than four years.

The S&P 500 edged up by less than 0.1 percent, to 5,634.58. It remains 0.6 percent below its all-time closing high set in July, and it briefly rose above that mark during the morning. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped less than 0.1 percent to 41,606.18 from its own record set the day before, while the Nasdaq composite edged up by 0.2 percent to 17,628.06.

The mixed trading came as Wall Street continues to expect big relief for the economy to arrive Wednesday through a cut to interest rates from the Fed The rate has sat in a range of 5.25 percent to 5.50 percent for more than a year.

Intel helped drive the market with a gain of 3.3 percent following a series of announcements, including an expansion of its partnership with Amazon Web Services to produce custom chips. The 10-year Treasury yield rose to 3.64 percent from 3.62 percent late Monday.

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BANKS

JPMorgan in talks with Apple on card program

JPMorgan Chase is talking with Apple about taking over the tech giant's credit-card program from Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street Journal reported.

The talks started earlier this year and have advanced in recent weeks, but a deal could still be months away. After its foray into consumer banking flopped, Goldman has refocused on its mainstays — investment banking and trading. Goldman and Apple pulled the plug last year on their partnership.

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RETAIL

Government urges block of retail merger

The federal government urged a U.S. district judge on Tuesday to temporarily block a proposed merger between Kroger and Albertsons, saying the combination would "almost certainly" benefit shareholders but not everyday shoppers.

The FTC wants U.S. District Judge Adrienne Nelson to issue a preliminary injunction that would block the deal while its complaint goes before an in-house administrative law judge.

FTC attorneys have noted that the two chains currently compete in 22 states, closely matching each other on price, quality, private label products and services like store pickup. Attorneys said shoppers would lose those benefits.

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

Google on Tuesday said it would halt plans to develop a major $200 million data center in Chile to address environmental grievances, a decision reflecting concerns about the impact of the power-thirsty projects around the world. Months after a Chilean court partially reversed the center's authorization over water usage concerns, Google announced that it would revise the project to comply with environmental requirements.

The European Union's newly announced Energy Commissioner will lead an E.U. housing division and other duties, such as seeking to lower fuel prices and implement green policy. Dan Jorgensen, named by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, is a climate leader in his native Denmark, which has a track record of linking energy and energy-efficient housing policy.

— From news services

Not 'a lot of other options': Hundreds of jobs lost as plant closes in Virginia

JARRATT FROM **A1**

Spanish, adding that she was worried about paying her rent, water and electric bills.

The effects could ripple out well beyond those who lost jobs at the sprawling plant in Jarratt, a once-bustling railroad town about 60 miles south of Richmond that lost its most infamous workplace — the execution chamber at Greensville Correctional Center — three years ago, when Virginia abolished capital punishment. The Exxon station housing the Blimpie and Pizza Hut that drew Boar's Head workers at lunchtime, the new Mexican restaurant and the old-time hardware store in Jarratt's otherwise moribund downtown, the local auto shop, the Ford dealership, the concrete company that just rolled at least six truckloads of the stuff into the plant: All expect to feel the pinch.

"We can't fix their cars if they ain't got no money," said Mike Wilkens, 63, an auto technician in Jarratt. "We worked on them folks' cars. Everybody's got to get a job, otherwise it'll be a ghost town with everybody riding a horse and buggy."

In recent years, the facility had been cited repeatedly by Agriculture Department inspectors for health and safety violations, including having "dirty" machinery, flies in pickle containers, "heavy meat buildup" on walls, blood in puddles on the floor, and multiple instances of leaking pipes, clogged drains and heavy dust buildup in certain areas.

The failures have led some residents to believe that, on some level, plant workers bear responsibility for the closure.

"There wasn't a whistleblower," said Tanisha Bailey, 50, who works at a local mental health facility. "We had to wait to see people die: A woman who made it through the Holocaust dies from listeria. … This is the cost you pay and the consequences when you don't do your job effectively."

On its website Friday, Boar's Head posted a message: "Comprehensive measures are being implemented to prevent such an incident from ever happening again."

State Del. Howard Otto Wachsmann Jr. (R-Sussex) issued a written statement saying that he was "devastated" by the closure and that he personally knows many who had "worked very hard at this plant."

"This is a tragic situation overall and a major impact to our district," he said.

State Sen. Emily M. Jordan (R-Isle of Wight), who also represents the area, said state officials were on the ground Monday helping the workers file unemployment claims and trying to match them with other jobs in the region, which still has manufacturing plants for tools, machinery and safety glass. Jordan said she met the state's economic development arm earlier this year to encourage it to market industrial sites that are ready for development.

"It's going to be an obvious, major shift in the community, and these are the times where we get to use our positive relationships for good," she said.



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A train crosses Jarratt Avenue in Jarratt, Va. The Boar's Head plant there was the largest private employer in the small town and in overlapping Greensville County. Boar's Head announced that it was shutting the plant down indefinitely following a listeria outbreak.

Jarratt, which grew up around a railroad depot before the Civil War, has recovered from previous setbacks. After Union forces burned the station, houses, a church and a railroad bridge in 1864, the town "rebuilt and grew in the 20th Century," a historical marker on the edge of downtown proclaims today.

From that metal sign at sunset Friday, as a CSX train loaded with gravel rumbled past, downtown looked charming, a gray water tower with "Jarratt" in blue lettering looming over one- and two-story red-brick buildings lining Jarratt Avenue. But most of the storefronts were empty, except for a hardware store and the newly opened Agave's restaurant.

Residents said there is no quick fix for replacing the jobs, even as some wondered why the community has failed to capitalize on its proximity to freight rail lines and Interstates 95 and 85.

"We've got all highways, major shipping points, but we ain't got nothing here," lamented Roy Key, 75, while chatting with a friend outside the Jarratt post office.

Key lives in Sussex County, which extends to a part of Jarratt north of the Boar's Head plant. He got a job out of high school at Honeywell in Hopewell and stayed there as a machine operator for 32 years. The plant remains open, but, as the equipment aged, the company moved most of the jobs to a newer plant in South Carolina, he said.

"We ain't got nothing but farmers, and they don't employ a lot of people now, because … it's a lot of automated equipment," he said.

As he spoke, a young woman approached with a paper menu from Agave's, which opened eight days earlier just down the block. It was Friday afternoon, and by that evening, the place was filled with customers excited about the new eatery.

Customers departing after dinner gushed over its guacamole and quaint interior, including a bright mural on one wall that portrayed the picturesque Jarratt downtown in its heyday. At the same time, they worried how the plant closing could hurt the restaurant and other local businesses.

"It's going to be a big hit because it's a huge employer," said Traci Morris, a nurse manager at the prison.

Another diner, leaving the restaurant with his young family, said he had just recently delivered concrete to the plant, part of a load he estimated at six to nine trucks. "That kills us around here," he said of the closure.

Maxie Moore, 84, recalls a time when lots of people in the community made their living in peanut farming — a history that will be celebrated this weekend at the 62nd Annual Virginia Peanut Festival in nearby Emporia.

"The Virginia peanut is the biggest and best and prettiest peanut," said Moore, whose pride in what he calls "the Cadillac of all peanuts" led him to help launch the local festival in 1963.

Local peanut production has grown since then, but advances in herbicides and mechanization have allowed farmers to harvest more with fewer hands.

"In Greensville County, I'm going to say 12 to 15 farming operations are doing what probably 200 did 20, 25 years ago," he said. Over that time, textiles and most wood-product operations moved out of state or overseas. There is still one plywood plant in town, and a composting facility is getting off the ground, but that hardly cushions the blow from Boar's Head.

"We're going to miss the Boar's Head payroll in the community," he said.

"This is a challenging time, but we are a resilient community, and we will navigate and get through this together," James Brown, chair of the Greensville County Board of Supervisors, said in a news release. County Administrator Charlette T. Woolridge said the county was focused on supporting workers after the departure of a plant that "has been an important part of our local economy, providing jobs and stability for many families for decades."

Landscaper Roger Mason, 70, sat in his truck outside the Exxon. He's used to seeing Boar's Head workers come and go at the gas station's two restaurants.

"It's going to be hard for them to make it," he said. "I hate it for them. I really do."

At a small trailer park not far from the plant, Michael Porter said he was worried about a friend — a father and breadwinner — who had been working there.

"Your kids depend on you," said Porter, 26, who is unemployed but has done tree work in the past. "Everybody depends on you, and you've been working here for years, and now you just got to figure something else out, right?"

Gregory S. Schneider in Richmond contributed to this report.

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Instagram's latest safety effort: 'Teen accounts' with new protections

Program largely panned by regulators, activists seeking bolder changes

BY NAOMI NIX AND CRISTIANO LIMA-STRONG

Instagram introduced updates Tuesday designed to give parents more oversight into what their teenagers are doing online, but the changes did little to assuage critics who say the social media network is compromising adolescents' well-being.

Meta, which owns Instagram, introduced a new "teen accounts" program that aims to limit the time minors spend on the site, what content they see, and which strangers are able to find their accounts and talk to them. The new system also expands parents' ability to monitor their children's activities, including the types of content they see and the people they are messaging.

"We are changing the experience for millions of teens on our app," Antigone Davis, Meta's global head of safety, said in an interview. "We're reimagining that parent-child relationship online in response to what we heard from parents about how they parent, or want to be able to parent."

But the new teen accounts were largely panned Tuesday by regulators and activists pushing the social media giant to take bolder steps to protect young people from harmful content and from becoming hooked on the app — and to face accountability when those measures fail.

"It's actually not the parents' job to make sure that the content for kids is safe. I think it is Instagram's job," said Arturo Béjar, a former consultant for Meta who testified before Congress last year about his failed efforts to push the company to embrace stronger youth protections after his then-teenage daughter experienced abusive comments on Instagram.

Instagram's new tools were announced a day before a key House committee is scheduled to weigh amendments to the Kids Online Safety Act and other child privacy legislation passed by the Senate in July, which would amount to the most significant such update to relevant federal law in decades if the House follows suit. The measures reflect rising concerns among parents and political leaders of both parties that social media sites are contributing to a youth mental health crisis in the United States, and that tech companies are prioritizing keeping younger users engaged over their safety and well-being.

Last year, 41 states and D.C. sued Meta, alleging that the company harms children by building addictive features into Instagram and Facebook while exposing them to harmful content. School districts and hundreds of families have also sued Meta over how its services have affected young people.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong (D), one of the dozens of state law enforcement officials who has sued Meta over its child safety practices, said the moves were "not nearly enough." Meta, he said, "is doing the very least it can do to look like it is doing something."

Previn Warren, a Motley Rice lawyer who represents families who have sued Meta over how it has handled youth safety issues, welcomed the measures but said that "they should — and could — have been implemented years ago, before the hundreds of families that we represent experienced the harms of social media addiction."

Meta's new default protections for teens are meant to help address long-standing allegations that Instagram is intentionally designed to keep teens addicted to its services while hurting their well-being. But some experts say teens may find ways around the new standards, which they say leave some safety issues unaddressed. Some critics earlier suggested that tougher rules for teens on Instagram could infringe on their privacy and free speech.

"All this is better than it was before," said Zvika Krieger, a former director of Meta's responsible innovation team who now works as a consultant for technology companies. "I don't want to say that it's worthless or cosmetic, but I do think that it doesn't solve all the problems."



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Meta, which owns Instagram, announced a program that aims to limit the time minors spend on the platform, what content they see, and which strangers are able to find their accounts and talk to them.

Some child safety advocates criticized Instagram's changes as an effort to ward off more stringent regulation.

"We hope lawmakers will not be fooled by this attempt to forestall legislation," Josh Golin, executive director of the advocacy group Fairplay, said in a statement Tuesday.

While action in Congress has stalled, dozens of states have passed their own laws expanding safety and privacy guardrails for children and teens online. But many have been challenged and halted in court in line with industry groups' arguments that the laws ran afoul of users' First Amendment free-speech protections.

Meta and other social media giants have long struggled to gain traction for their parental control tools. Child safety critics have argued the companies impose weak default settings for teens while forcing parents to do the heavy lifting to protect their children. Meta's own internal research has demonstrated that parents often lack the time and technological understanding to properly supervise their children's online activities. By the end of 2022, fewer than 10 percent of teens on Instagram had enabled the parental supervision setting, The Washington Post has reported. Meta has repeatedly declined to offer statistics on how many teens are being supervised by their parents on Instagram.

Other companies' parental control adoption rates are also low. Earlier this year, Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel told Congress that 20 million teens in the United States use the messaging app but that only 400,000 have linked their accounts to their parents, representing a 2 percent adoption rate.

Under Meta's new approach, the company will force both new sign-ups and existing users under 18 into the new "teen accounts" with stricter safety default standards. Meta, which has often shied away from changing the default settings of existing teen users, expects that millions of teenagers will end up in the new accounts.

All "teen accounts" will be set to private by default. Users who are 16 and 17 years old can make those accounts public, but users under 16 won't be able to do so without parental approval. By requiring younger teens to obtain supervision before changing any of their safety settings, the company expects that more teens' accounts will be supervised by their parents.

"What we heard in talking to parents is how their parenting … and involvement shifts as a teen matures," Davis said. "This is really designed to reflect that shift of the parent-child relationship."

The new rules won't immediately apply to Meta's original social network, Facebook, which is larger than Instagram but less popular among American teenagers.

The company plans to place teens in the new restricted Instagram accounts within 60 days in the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia, and in other regions in January. Meta, which also owns WhatsApp, said it would put other apps under similar new rules in the coming months.

Meta also said it plans to use artificial intelligence to proactively find teens it suspects of lying about their age. As part of that effort, the company says it will more often ask suspected teenagers to verify their identity through an outside contractor, Yoti, one of several companies that ask users to take video selfies or hold up government IDs to verify their ages. Critics have expressed concerns about privacy lapses and fairness issues for young people who might not have an ID.

For users who end up in Instagram's new teen accounts, the company will stop notifications between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. That feature, called "sleep mode," replaces earlier features that reminded teens to close Instagram at night. That change might not quell parents' concerns that teenagers will simply keep checking the app when they should be sleeping, Krieger said.

The company will also start reminding teens to get off the app after an hour of usage a day, streamlining its existing approach to time limit reminders. Parents will be allowed to block their teens' Instagram usage after a certain amount of time, or within certain windows of time.

The company is also asking teens to proactively choose the topics — such as the arts or sports — they favor for recommended content. Supervising parents will be able to see what topics their teens have chosen to see.

Parents will now also be able to see with whom their child has been recently messaging but not the messages themselves. Previously, they could only see lists of whom their children follow, who follows them and blocked accounts.

Meta's new teen accounts largely streamlines and builds on its other teen safety efforts. In recent years, the company has tightened its standards on showing teens less "sensitive content," such as posts that are violent or sexually suggestive. The company also restricted adults' ability to contact them and pre-checked the private account option for new teen sign-ups.

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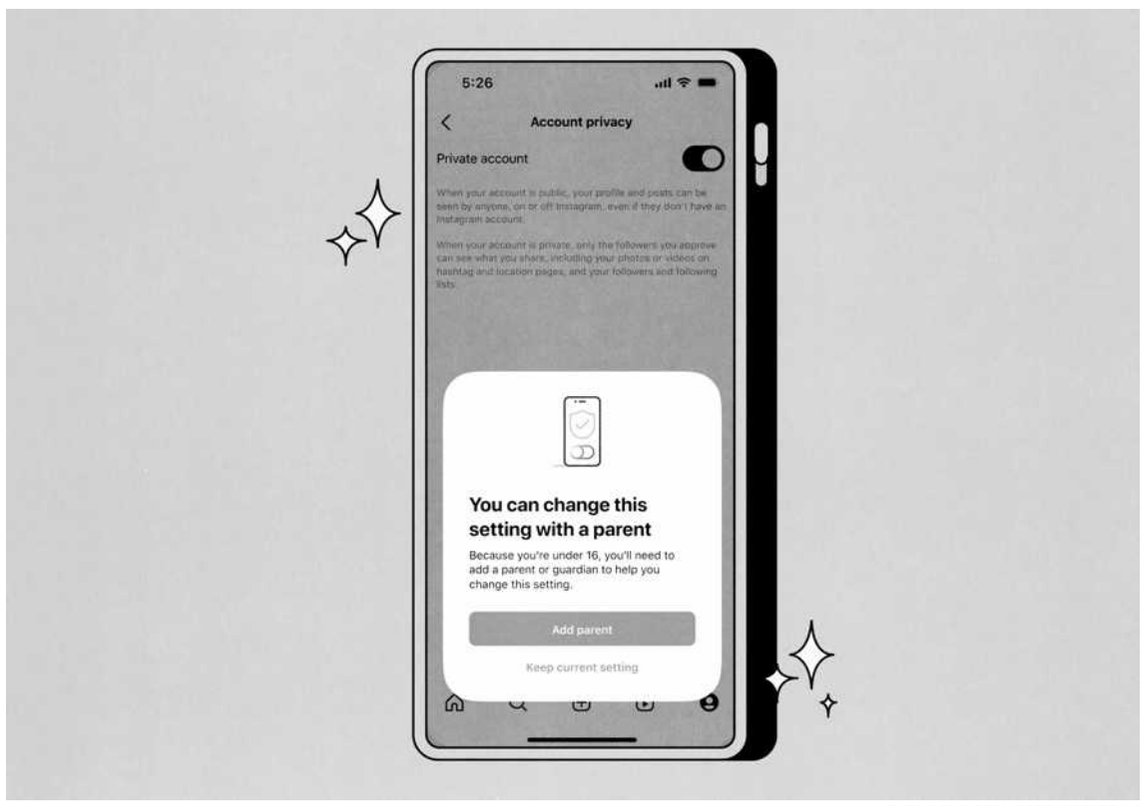
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How to set up the latest teen safety features from social media platforms

BY TATUM HUNTER



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Instagram is once again rolling out safety features for underage users — this time, automatic "teen accounts" for underage users.

Those under 18 will automatically be subject to limitations on who can message them, how much "sensitive" content is recommended and who can see their profiles. Users under 16 won't be able to change these settings without permission from a parent account — unless they successfully misrepresent their age at sign-up. (Parents will receive a notification about the attempted change, which they can approve or deny.)

It's the latest in a number of incremental changes to the app's privacy settings and algorithmic recommendations in the name of child safety — some of which debuted just days before congressional hearings about risks to kids online. But Meta-owned Instagram isn't the only app that claims to be beefing up its protections for young users. Snapchat, YouTube and Spotify have also recently introduced new settings for parents to keep an eye on their teens. Many of these features require some setup, so parents must take the initiative to turn them on.

It's still unclear how effective these features are at minimizing negative experiences for young people on social media — and how often teens can work around them. In 2022, for instance, Instagram added an age verification step when underage accounts try to change their birthdays to appear older — but kids could still choose whatever birthday they wanted when setting up a new account. In conjunction with the new teen accounts, Meta says it will require an ID check any time teens try to use an adult account, which could stop them from spinning up fake parents.

Here's how to use the latest teen safety features from Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.

Teen accounts on Instagram

Your teen's account will automatically be subject to age-based restrictions — Instagram even claims it will use artificial intelligence to scan accounts for teens lying about their age. (This may also help advertisers, who can target teen accounts based on age and geography.)

But you'll need to visit Meta's Family Center if you want to tweak any of the settings or prevent your 16- or 17-year-old from opting out of the restrictions.

For example: Teen accounts come with a new "sleep mode" that mutes notifications automatically between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., but your teen can still scroll away at night if you don't select the "block teen from Instagram" option under Time Management. You can adjust the time windows when the app is blocked or set daily time limits for Instagram use.

Now, Family Center will also show which accounts your teen has been direct messaging on Instagram, though not the content of those messages.

Public posting on Snapchat

This month, Snapchat started letting 16- and 17-year-old users post publicly, rather than only in private stories and messages to friends. They can create public posts from their stories or post short-form "spotlight" videos.

With the change comes some built-in limitations (teens' public posts won't get recommended to people they don't share any social connections with, the company says) as well as oversight options for parents. To use them, you'll need to create an account in the Snapchat app. Then go to the main tab and tap the Settings gear icon in the top right corner. Scroll down to the cluster of options under Privacy Controls and select Family Center. Tap Continue and invite your teen to link accounts. Once they accept, you'll be able to go to the Content & Privacy section of Family Center and see whether your teen has been posting publicly. The idea is to talk with them about the benefits and risks of sharing publicly, including possible ramifications for school sports, college admissions and future jobs.

Public posting on YouTube

This month, YouTube, the most popular app among teens, according to 2023 data from Pew Research, launched linked accounts that give parents more visibility into their teens' activity on the app. The update is still rolling out, so you might have to wait a few weeks before it shows up.

The new feature focuses mainly on teens who share their own videos on YouTube, allowing parents to see the number of video uploads, subscriptions and comments on teens' accounts. It will also alert parents if teens start a live stream or post a new video. Parents still can't see which videos their teens watch, though last year the app said it would cut back on recommending videos that "could be problematic" if viewed repeatedly, such as content comparing different bodies.

To set up linked accounts, you'll need to create a YouTube account, go to Settings in the main menu, then scroll down to Family Center.

Meta bans RT, related Russian state media for 'foreign interference'

U.S. says outlet's parent companies act as arm of 'intelligence apparatus'

BY NIHA MASIH

Meta — the owner of Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram — said Monday that it is banning Russian state media outlets such as RT from its platforms, days after the United States imposed sanctions on RT's parent companies and accused them of acting as an arm of Moscow's intelligence operations.

"After careful consideration, we expanded our ongoing enforcement against Russian state media outlets: Rossiya Segodnya, RT and other related entities are now banned from our apps globally for foreign interference activity," Meta said in a statement.

In a response to the ban, RT told The Washington Post that Meta's move follows up on its blocking the network in Europe two years ago. "Don't worry, where they close a door, and then a window, our 'partisans' (or in your parlance, guerrilla fighters) will find the cracks to crawl through."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, meanwhile, described the move as "very negative."

"Meta discredits itself with these actions. And, of course, such selective actions against Russian media are unacceptable. That is why we have an extremely negative attitude to this," he said. "This complicates the prospects for normalizing our relations with Meta."

The sanctions on RT's parent companies, Rossiya Segodnya and TV-Novosti, were announced Friday by Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Blinken said RT is used by the Kremlin to carry out international cyberintelligence and covert influence operations as well as to help obtain arms for Russia's war against Ukraine.

New information revealed, Blinken said, that these entities "are no longer merely fire hoses of Russian propaganda and disinformation. They are engaged in covert influence activities aimed at undermining American elections and democracies, functioning like a de facto arm of Russia's intelligence apparatus."

In a statement, the State Department said RT and its employees have coordinated with the Kremlin to influence next month's elections in Moldova.

Russian state media outlets have faced increasing scrutiny in recent years over concerns about disinformation, with the aim of influencing elections in other countries as well as the spread of propaganda over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Meta said in 2022 following the invasion that it was "restricting access" to RT and Sputnik, another Russian state-owned media outlet, across the European Union upon requests from governments and E.U. officials. At the time, YouTube and TikTok enforced similar bans in Europe.

Earlier this month, U.S. intelligence officials said Russia's covert efforts to influence the 2024 presidential election are the most active foreign threat this political season.

The Biden administration recently indicted two Russian employees of RT, accusing them of paying an American media company to distribute English-language videos on social platforms including YouTube, TikTok, Instagram and X. YouTube subsequently took down several right-wing politics channels linked to the allegations.

Separately, the Treasury Department this month announced actions against RT executives and Russian state-owned media outlets as part of a coordinated U.S. response to "Moscow's malign influence efforts targeting the 2024 U.S. presidential election."

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OceanGate CEO had crashed a prior submersible, whistleblower testifies

Former employee details hubris amid harrowing ride into ocean floor

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

The CEO of a deep-sea exploration company who piloted the Titan submersible that imploded last year — killing him and four passengers — had previously crashed a different submersible into a shipwreck, a company whistleblower testified Tuesday.

In 2016, OceanGate CEO Stockton Rush steered paying customers in the Cyclops I, a Titan predecessor, to the wreckage of the Andrea Doria, a ship that sank in 1956 off Massachusetts, former OceanGate operations director David Lochridge said during a hearing about the Titan's implosion.

Lochridge was the only witness to testify Tuesday, the second day of the U.S. Coast Guard's probe into the Titan, an experimental submersible that disappeared during a dive to the wreckage of the Titanic in June 2023. The days-long search for the vessel drew global attention and shone a light on the unregulated industry of deep-sea tourism. The hearing by the Marine Board of Investigation, the Coast Guard's highest level of investigation, is expected to last two weeks and could result in anything from new regulations on deep-sea diving to criminal charges. During the first day of testimony on Monday, OceanGate's former director of engineering testified that he refused Rush's request to pilot Titan missions to the Titanic wreckage because he didn't trust Rush or the vessel's operations crew.



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David Lochridge, OceanGate's former director of marine operations, testifies Tuesday at the hearing.

And the company's former director of finance and human resources testified that Lochridge told another person in the company that the Titan was "unsafe."

Lochridge elaborated on Tuesday, testifying about a culture in which his safety concerns were shrugged off to feed Rush's ego — by accomplishing feats no other reputable deep-sea exploration company had tried because they were dangerous. "It was disgusting," Lochridge said, adding that Rush dismissed his concerns about safety, calling him "anti-project," eventually icing him out and then firing him because he "embarrassed the CEO" during the 2016 dive to the Andrea Doria.

"It's total disregard for safety, not just for himself, but everybody else," Lochridge said. "He didn't care."

In 2016, Rush wanted to take four paying customers to the Andrea Doria, ostensibly to create 3D images of the wreckage with sonar to help divers more safely navigate it. Lochridge said he implored Rush not to go. He failed to persuade Rush to cancel the trip but did get Rush to let him accompany the group.

"Sometimes he could do things to please himself," Lochridge said, adding that Rush responded to his objections by telling him, "Remember, I'm the CEO. You're just an employee."

The journey to the Andrea Doria got off to an inauspicious start. The weather was bad, and the wreckage was "falling to bits," presenting hazards to the submersible. Rush incorrectly separated the Cyclops from its host, badly bending the drive skids on the bottom of the submersible, Lochridge said. That forced them to wait until a diver gave them the all clear to continue.

Once they did, Lochridge implored Rush to keep his distance from the wreck, but his boss repeatedly responded by scolding him, "Don't tell me what to do," Lochridge said. Rush dove the submersible straight into the ocean floor, getting the skids stuck under a metal panel, Lochridge added.

Rush then lifted the Cyclops and spun it 180 degrees while it was traveling at full speed, all without looking around, Lochridge said. He rammed the craft into the port side of the wreckage, jamming it underneath.

Rush panicked, telling everyone they were stuck while asking Lochridge whether they had enough life support on board and how quickly a dive team could rescue them. Lochridge said he responded that there was no need. If Rush gave him the PlayStation controller that piloted the submersible, Lochridge could take them out of the wreckage and back to the surface.

But every time Lochridge reached for the controller, he testified, Rush pulled it away. Finally, one of the passengers swore and shouted at Rush, demanding that he let Lochridge take over. Rush allegedly threw the controller at the right side of Lochridge's head, causing it to drop to the ground. Lochridge picked it up, pushed in a button that had popped out and wriggled them out of their jam over the next 10 to 15 minutes.

Once they were back aboard the Titan's support ship, Rush told Lochridge that he owed him one, Lochridge testified. But he added that when others cheered Lochridge for saving them, his relationship with Rush quickly soured.

Lochridge said he kept expressing his concerns about the safety of the Cyclops and then the Titan, which were increasingly ignored. Eventually, he added, Rush fired him in January 2018.

Lochridge then approached the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to become a whistleblower about safety concerns at the company. OSHA said it would investigate.

For his part, Rush did an interview with Ocean News & Technology in 2016 about the Andrea Doria trip without mentioning how he crashed into the wreckage. Instead, he said the technology "worked beautifully" and said the voyage heralded a new age of deep-sea exploration. "We're going to take mankind to the bottom of the ocean," Rush told the outlet, "and discover things that no one can even imagine."

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White House formally extends review of U.S. Steel deal to past Election Day

BY JEFF STEIN AND DAVID J. LYNCH

The Biden administration on Tuesday extended its review of Nippon Steel's proposed $14.9 billion acquisition of U.S. Steel, effectively pushing a final presidential decision on the matter past Election Day.

U.S. officials have decided to permit Nippon Steel to resubmit its application for a national security review of its plan to buy U.S. Steel, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe a matter not yet made public.

President Joe Biden had been preparing to announce that he would block the transaction, but the administration appeared to backtrack after an outcry over the potential economic and political consequences of the deal falling through.

The interagency Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), which is led by Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen, has been reviewing the potential transaction.

The secretive review was scheduled to conclude by Sept. 23 with a recommendation to the president. Tuesday's announcement effectively adds an additional 90 days to the process, pushing a final decision well past Election Day. Vice President Kamala Harris, former president Donald Trump and Biden have all said they oppose U.S. Steel being purchased by the Japanese firm.

A White House spokeswoman insisted there had been no delay, as the CFIUS review had not concluded. Under the law, the president can reject a transaction involving a foreign company only after receiving a formal recommendation from CFIUS.

"The President's and the Vice President's position is that it is vital for U.S. Steel to remain an American steel company that is domestically owned and operated," White House spokeswoman Saloni Sharma said in a statement.

Biden, who describes himself as the most pro-union president in the nation's history, opposed the deal after the United Steelworkers union objected to it. Union officials said the Japanese steelmaker would favor U.S. Steel's nonunion plants in the South at the expense of its union facilities in the Pittsburgh area.

Earlier this month, Biden had begun preparing to kill the deal, alarming industry executives. After investors, local officials in Pennsylvania steel towns and some union members objected, fearing the loss of Nippon Steel's promised $2.7 billion investment in U.S. Steel's aging blast furnaces, the administration appeared to back off plans to move imminently.

Nippon Steel had earlier asked to withdraw its application and resubmit it to CFIUS, a frequent maneuver companies use to obtain extra time to resolve government concerns.

In letters to both Nippon Steel and U.S. Steel, CFIUS said it had identified serious national security problems with the proposed takeover, according to a person who had seen the letter but was not authorized to discuss it publicly.

The panel concluded that the merger could reduce domestic steel production and potentially interrupt steel supplies for "sectors critical to national security, particularly transportation, infrastructure, construction and agriculture."

Both companies have disputed that conclusion, pointing to the Japanese company's plans to modernize U.S. Steel's traditional steelmaking operations.

Many independent analysts also are skeptical that the deal with a company from Japan, a close U.S. ally that is home to 55,000 American military personnel, could represent a national security threat. Under a 1951 mutual defense pact, the United States is bound to defend Japan militarily if it is attacked.

Restarting the CFIUS clock gives lawyers from Nippon Steel and U.S. Steel more time to seek potential remedies that would ease the government's security concerns.

Opposition from the United Steelworkers, however, is unlikely to change. On Tuesday, the union leadership repeated its call for the administration to block the deal.

"Ultimately, nothing has changed regarding the risks that Nippon's acquisition would pose to national security or the critical supply chain concerns that have already been identified," said David McCall, the USW president.

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One of the buildings at the Equinix data center in Ashburn. The company owns 264 data centers in 33 countries.

One big drawback of data centers: Heat

DATA CENTER FROM **A1**

one of its facilities in Northern Virginia — home to the largest concentration of data centers in the world — for a rare glimpse inside how the tech industry's backbone works.

The data center industry has grown exponentially during the past decade, particularly in Northern Virginia, where some of the massive buildings are a short walk from surrounding homes.

More than half a million people in Northern Virginia live in a neighborhood that's less than a mile from a data center. That's more than 1 in 5 residents.

Different types of data centers meet different demands. Many are connected to one another via a labyrinth of underground fiber-optic cables that make up the public internet network, or to private cables that are accessible only to specific customers. All are geared to minimize latency, or the time it takes for data to get from its source to you, the end user. There are four main types of data centers:

- An "enterprise" data center serves the needs of the company that owns it. Think of a corporation that stores in-house information on its own computers.
- Larger "hyperscale" data centers, owned by companies such as Amazon or Meta, have computer servers that cater solely to the company's customers.
- "Edge" data centers are smaller buildings in or near major population centers, where digital connectivity becomes almost instantaneous for, say, a passing driverless car.
- Equinix is among the world's largest owners of "colocation" data centers. Those facilities lease space to other businesses that hook up their servers to cables that belong to the data center company.

Inside DC12 and an adjoining DC15 building — both named after the D.C. region they cater to — are rows of server "cages" that cover almost the entire floor.

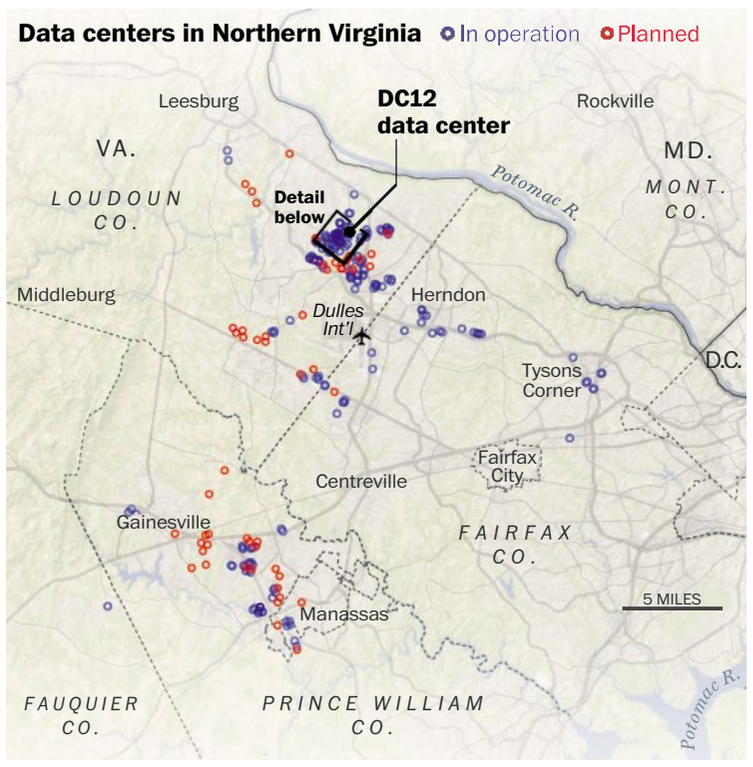
Each one houses the servers of individual companies, whose technicians sometimes visit to check on the equipment, many wearing backpacks stuffed with laptops and tools.

Netflix is a customer. So are Zoom, Hertz, Red Bull, Nasdaq, and several banks and healthcare companies.

Companies come to colocation data centers "because they're trying to communicate with others," said Chris Kimm, Equinix's senior vice president of Global Customer Care and Experience.

For example, a company with a retail clothing website would want its servers to connect to those of a bank that offers financing for those purchases and to advertisers who want to use the company's website to pitch customers on a different product.

The connections are made by fiber-optic cables that run above the cages, all of them tied to larger below-ground cables that connect to the internet or to other data centers on private lines. The links between companies can happen inside the same building, through underground cables that connect to different buildings on the same property, to buildings in other parts of the country or via undersea cables to buildings in a different country.



But all that computing power from the servers and routers inside a data center comes with a major drawback: massive amounts of heat.

Data center companies deal with that problem by using fans, water or both. Each has its own benefit and downside. Cooling systems that depend on air are more energy intensive. They release the building's heat into the outside air and are a source of complaint from neighbors who can hear those fans.

Systems that use water are more efficient and less expensive. But they can become a problem in places where water is scarce by using too much of it.

Data center companies often factor in the surrounding climate when choosing a cooling system. Buildings in arid areas, such as Arizona, are likely to use air-based systems. In places such as Virginia, where droughts are not as common, a water-based cooling system might be more appealing.

Equinix typically uses a mixture of air and a closed-loop, non-evaporative water system for its cooling that, inside DC15, uses 85,000 gallons of water, with no refills. Here's how that works:

To keep their expensive equipment from overheating, data center companies channel that hot air into a cooling system.

In the Equinix closed-loop system, the rising hot air from the servers enters a heat exchanger near the building roof that merges the air with cool water. The water absorbs most of the heat and is cooled again by chillers.

The cool water is piped into computer room air handler, or CRAH, units on the floor, which blow cold air into the room that is sucked in by the servers to keep the chips inside them cool.

The process begins again with the servers expelling hot air into an isolated "hot aisle," where it again rises toward the roof and into the heat exchanger.

Some data centers use an evaporating water cooling system that allows steam from the water that is warmed by the servers' hot air to leave the building through vents into the outside air. Those less-expensive systems require regular refills of water.

All that activity — the servers processing data and the elaborate systems built to keep them cool — requires a massive amount of energy that has prompted concerns about the industry's growing effect on the nation's already struggling electric grid.

DC12 alone is equipped to ramp up to 18 megawatts of energy usage, enough to power 14,400 homes, with most of that energy used by the servers. DC15 has a capacity of 28.8 megawatts. Data centers owned by other companies use as much as 100 megawatts, while data center campuses use as much as 1 gigawatt, enough to power most of San Francisco.

The industry has been working to offset the environmental effects of that usage by investing in renewable energy projects.

Some companies also use the released heat for other purposes, such as rooftop greenhouses or to warm surrounding homes.

As part of a program Equinix operates in several European countries and Canada, the expelled heat from a data center in Paris was used to keep the pool water warm at the Olympic Aquatic Center during the recent Summer Games.

In 2014, there were about 20 data centers near where the Equinix facility that The Post toured now exists.



Ten years later, the area is transformed, with more than 50 data centers shown in this satellite image.

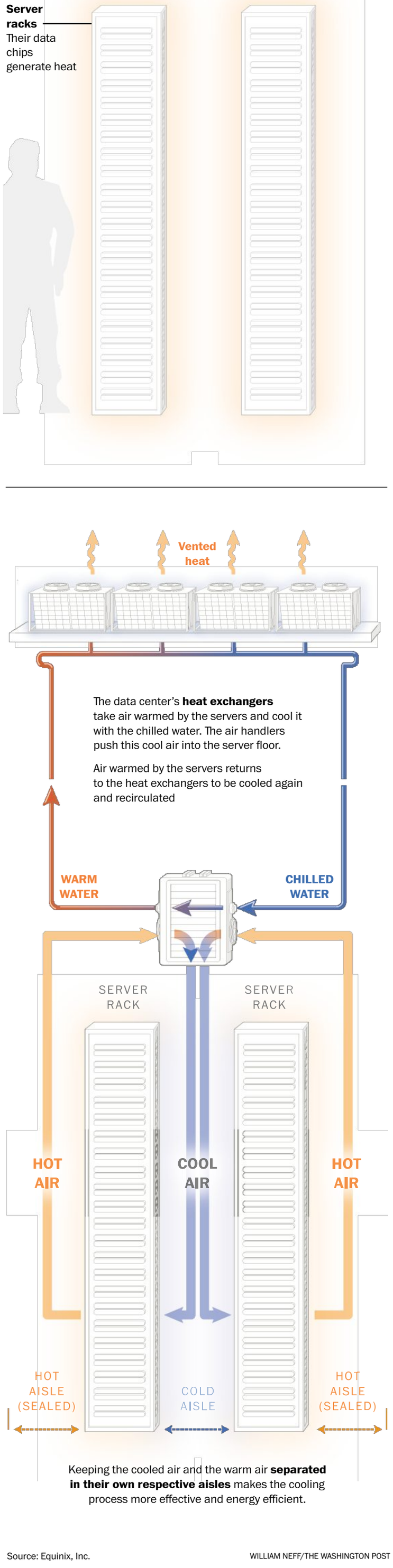
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About this series

The artificial intelligence industry is driving a nationwide data center building boom. These sprawling warehouses of computing infrastructure are creating explosive demand for power, water and other resources. Power Grab investigates the effects on America and the risks AI infrastructure creates for the environment and the energy transition.

A water-efficient way to cool data centers

Banks of computer chips generate a lot of heat. Dissipating that heat using evaporative-cooling systems can require a tremendous amount of water. Equinix Inc. employs a **closed-loop cooling system** that cycles a set amount of water to cool its server racks with chilled, circulated air.



Keeping the cooled air and the warm air **separated in their own respective aisles** makes the cooling process more effective and energy efficient.

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POWER GRAB

Firefighters of the digital world, ever on watchful alert

When alarms sound in enormous data centers, technicians rush to stamp out issues that flare up so services critical to society can keep running

BY DANIELLE ABRIL

SAN JOSE — It's 85 degrees on a sunny July day, but you'd never know deep inside the big black box of a data center housed here. The temperature sits at a cool 70 degrees inside the Equinix facility, which stores servers and hardware that power some of America's network connections and houses data for critical services.

There are no windows for security purposes. Lit by motion-sensitive overhead fluorescent and blue ambient light, Renan Casaca, one of a handful of technicians on the clock, unravels cables inside a gated area stacked with equipped racks. Machines and fans hum in the background as Casaca, 40, climbs up a ladder to thread a cord through the rack, responding to a service ticket.

Watching the servers' lights turn green, which indicates a successful connection, is his favorite part of the job.

"It might sound nerdy, but I like completing the connections," said Casaca, who has a criminal justice degree and first worked as a security guard at a data center. "It gives me a sense of satisfaction."

After seeing the camaraderie and ability to geek out on technology all day, he went back to school to get certified as a data center technician. Casaca's unconventional path to working at a data center isn't unique. Many workers who find jobs at data centers have no prior knowledge about the career.

Quietly tinkering in large, tucked-away warehouse-looking buildings, data center workers like Casaca are a vital part of a multibillion-dollar industry that makes digital systems run smoothly in modern society. These workers are critical to ensuring that digital services, network connections, data processing and storage seamlessly function to keep everything from grocery stores to hospitals to banking systems to even cellphones operating. The spotlight on them is increasingly coming into focus as companies around the world invest heavily in data centers amid the artificial intelligence boom. And competition for qualified talent is intensifying.

More than 468,000 people work at data centers in the United States, according to estimates PwC published in a report for the Data Center Coalition. Direct employment in data centers increased 17 percent from 2017 to 2021 compared with 2 percent in overall growth of U.S. employment during the same period. Analysts predict that revenue in the data center industry will grow exponentially as more companies invest in data centers to support their AI and cloud-computing initiatives. Amazon plans to invest $100 billion in data centers over the next 10 years, while Meta plans to spend up to $40 billion on digital infrastructure, including data centers. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

"People have the expectation in 2024 that tech is just going to work, almost like magic," said Alex Lokey, 32, who works for International Game Technology's Pueblo, Colo., data center, which runs the data infrastructure for the Colorado lottery. "But there are a lot of things that go in on the back end to make sure it works and is consistent, and we're some of the primary people for that."

While a single data center doesn't usually directly employ many — some can operate with 15 crew members or less during day shifts — the types of jobs vary from technical to more general roles like security guards. For higher-paying jobs that are more technical, salaries can range above $150,000, according to the Data Center Coalition.

Inside the black box

Lokey compares his job as a data center operator to that of a firefighter, without the physical danger. Many days he's just on watchful alert, waiting for a fire, or in his case a technical issue like an outage, to set off alarms. When it happens, he's on the front line. But a lot of people, some within his own social circle, have no idea what he does.

"Some people think we sit at our desks and scroll on our phones all day," Lokey said. "We can feel invisible at times."

Lokey is part of one of the first unionized data centers, under the Communications Workers of America, which is fighting for more equitable pay. Lokey said workers at his level are paid about $50,000 at the higher end, which he estimates is about $40,000 less than the national median.

The interest for Bret Burns, a 37-year-old data center worker in Phoenix, spurred after realizing he loved learning as a Best Buy salesman how TVs, cameras and car stereos work. After a series of jobs, including in technical support, he eventually became certified and employed as a data center technician — a role he didn't even know existed. To Burns, the autonomy to fix problems without having to wait on anyone else is rewarding. He likes that he also has a greater sense of purpose knowing he plays a role in keeping some of society's most important services running.

"What I'm working on is important," said Burns, who has spent the past seven years at a Big Tech company and now serves as a global product lead at data centers. "You feel a part of something bigger."

Not everything about the job is rewarding. It's not uncommon for data center workers to be drained by back-to-back 12-hour shifts. On challenging days, workers may be inundated with complex problems like why something isn't connecting properly. And in some cases, the job can be physically taxing when workers may have to combat several hours of heat in the hot aisles, the designated areas where heat exhausts from servers collect, or load heavy equipment onto racks. Some eco-conscious workers also worry about their industry's impact on the environment. Then, there's the concern about good pay and benefits.

"You're not at the top of the food chain," Sean Graham, IDC's research director of data centers, said about data center jobs compared with other high-paying tech roles. "But you can make a decent living if you're an electrical or mechanical engineer or in data center operations."

But workers who have specialized skills, like HVAC technicians, could earn a higher salary. Earning more money was one of the draws for Tyrell Cooper, who works nights in critical facilities operations, monitoring power and temperature for a Big Tech company. Cooper, 33, has worked similar roles for 14 years, three at data centers and 11 within other industries.

He has been comfortably making six figures for the past 10 years and has been tapped by recruiters from Amazon Web Services, Meta and other large tech companies for similar positions. While he considers his job mostly low stress, he said it can quickly change.

"I really get paid for when [stuff] hits the fan," he said, adding that he constantly considers how factors like temperature or precipitation could affect the data center. "If you see me running, that's not good."

Talent war

Some municipalities see data centers as a source of job creation, additional tax revenue, and an opportunity to lure tech talent and companies. In some cases, local leaders have offered tax incentives to build data centers. Opponents argue that data centers don't provide the big economic boom or jobs that most expect.

"There's much better low-hanging fruit to bring business to the area," said Republican state Rep. Andrew Beeler, who opposed a proposal for data center tax breaks in Michigan in favor of making state regulations more business friendly. "It never ends up being a silver bullet."

But for some, working in a data center has made them feel like they've had a front seat to digital transformation — an ongoing process that will continue to require skilled workers.

When Detlev Geuss began his career as a director of site operations at an Equinix facility, what later became known as "Data Center Alley," the nickname Virginia's Loudoun County garnered for its large concentration of data centers, was still developing.

"It's about being a part of the past 15 to 20 years, having an impact, seeing the internet of things grow and being able to say I was there," said Geuss, 64, now vice president of data center operations.

Even in regions where the industry is saturated, leaders believe more growth could be coming. In Data Center Alley, through which 70 percent of global internet traffic flows, the industry serves as the largest tax revenue source for Loudoun County, generating $875 million in property tax revenue in fiscal 2024, said Buddy Rizer, who serves as the county's executive director of economic development. Though the region is also focused on developing other parts of its economy, leaders recognize the value the industry will continue to hold.

"There's still a ton of growth thanks to AI and the way we use digital information," Rizer said. "By 2027, an estimated $8.77 trillion of the global economy is going to be dependent on data centers."

Workers aren't always easy to find. "There's a real need for talent, and there's a talent shortage," said Nick Mailey, a former executive at Equinix who noted that technical roles like mechanical engineers and HVAC specialists are in demand. "There's still competition for experienced data center talent."

Some data centers are taking unconventional steps to fill openings — working with active military branches, veterans, high schools and trade schools, and offering courses and internships to educate and certify others. Some are increasing pay for specialized roles.

Given the demand, Northern Virginia Community College, which runs a data center operations program, says that companies are lining up to hire its students.

"We have people waiting at the door for our graduates to move into their sites," said Chad Knights, the school's vice president of information and engineering technologies and college computing. "Students are getting snapped up for jobs before program completion."

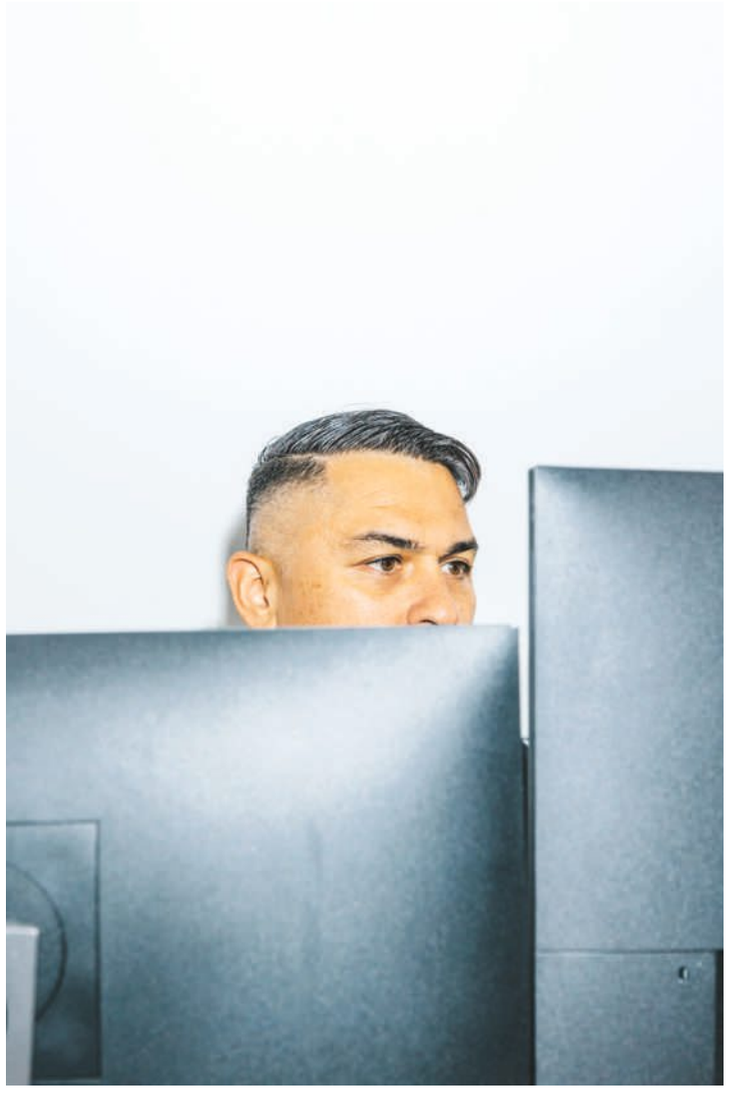
For self-proclaimed tech nerds like Kyle Willett, the joy of being able to tinker with hardware and software was a draw in and of itself. The 33-year-old Oklahoma resident who spent 2½ years as a data center technician was going to school to become a computer scientist, but the sheer excitement of stepping inside data centers made him switch careers.

Asked to explain why he liked his job, he answered: working mostly alone and his love of Linux.

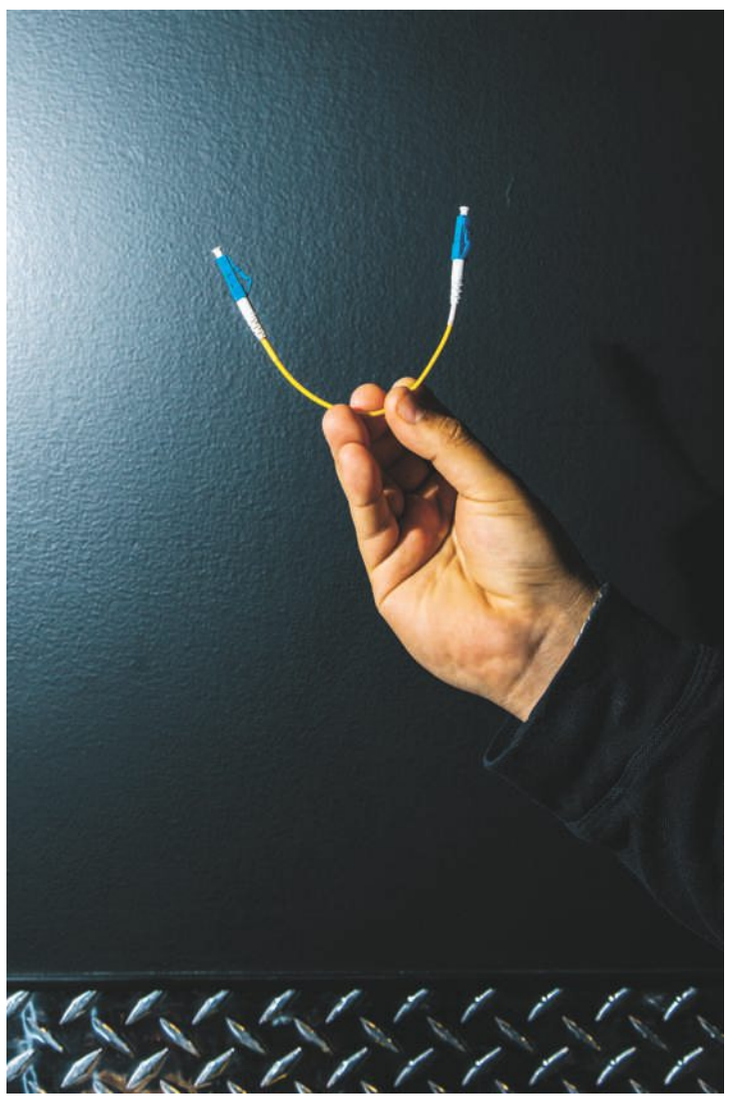


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Renan Casaca worked as a security guard at a data center before becoming a technician at an Equinix facility in San Jose.



Rene Ocon and other techs at the San Jose Equinix site ensure that issues like power outages won't shut down digital systems.



A fiber loop that is used for testing at the Equinix facility. Such data centers are increasingly in the spotlight amid the AI boom.

WEDNESDAY OPINION

ROBERT GEBELHOFF

How Harris is letting a winning issue go to pot

Vice President Kamala Harris has earned the distinction of being the first presidential candidate to have supported legalizing marijuana federally. Yet she seems to think this is a liability rather than the opportunity it really is.

In 2019, Harris co-sponsored a bill that would have lifted the federal ban on pot. But since launching her presidential campaign, she's been silent on the issue. She said not a word about it in her acceptance speech at the Democratic convention or during the debate with Donald Trump. The policy section on her campaign website is mum on marijuana, too. Asked to clarify her current position, a campaign spokesperson ducked the question and criticized Trump's policy instead.

Harris is missing a moment. Not only would it be good politics for her to champion this cause, but it would be good for the country, too.

There's been a sea change in public opinion on marijuana legalization — one nearly as stunning as the public's turnabout on same-sex marriage. Twice as many people support recreational use of marijuana now than did 20 years ago.

Polling shows that 66 percent of voters — including two-thirds of independent voters and more than half of Republicans — support federal legalization. The issue is especially popular among young voters, whom Democrats have been losing in recent years.

With the polls neck and neck, Harris shouldn't be missing any opportunity to talk about her record on this topic. Yet when Trump recently threw his weight behind an initiative to legalize recreational use of the drug in his home state of Florida, Harris's campaign spokesperson merely dismissed it as "blatant pandering" given his attempts to stymie marijuana reform efforts as president. That analysis might be correct, but it's also an acknowledgment that Trump is picking up on a popular issue.

By not more forcefully critiquing Trump's new stance on marijuana, Harris's team has unwittingly ceded ground to him. That's particularly frustrating because his position is Grade-A terrible. His statement supporting the Florida measure emphasized "states rights to pass marijuana laws" while keeping the substance illegal at the federal level.

This "leave it to the states" stance, which has essentially been the position of Democratic candidates for years (including President Joe Biden, which probably explains why Harris has focused more on decriminalization as his vice president), has been a disaster. By abdicating the federal government's responsibility to regulate drugs, this view has granted the cannabis industry freedom to sell their products with little oversight.

The result: Marijuana companies have been cultivating ever-more potent — and therefore more addictive — versions of the drug. Marijuana plants today can have upward of 20 times the amount of THC (the drug's primary psychoactive ingredient) that they did in 1980. Oil forms can be far more powerful.

That should make anyone nervous. Recent data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that more people are now using marijuana on a daily or near-daily basis than there are people who drink alcohol daily. And scientists are only now just uncovering the negative effects of heavy cannabis use: increased risk of heart attack and stroke, increased risk of developing chronic psychiatric disorders, increased risk of developing head and neck cancers. No wonder Americans increasingly view the drug as harmful.

Federal legalization is the first necessary step to address these problems. That's because removing marijuana's status as a controlled substance would finally allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate the ubiquitous drug. In other words, Harris's stance — or at least, the one she's expressed in the past — is the *only* responsible position going forward. (To anyone who wants to go back to the days of prohibition, well, good luck with that.)

The savvy move would be for Harris to combine the popularity of federal legalization with the need to confront marijuana's public health implications. This could include, for example, strictly regulating its potency and how it is marketed.

Adopting such a campaign message would require no small feat of courage from Harris. Yes, marijuana is popular, but there's no guarantee legalization would win over many voters. The same goes for promises to make it safer to use; polling about the details of legalization (e.g., how it's regulated) are virtually nonexistent.

Moreover, Harris might be reluctant to touch the issue because of her own complicated evolution on pot (as district attorney in San Francisco, her office prosecuted more than 1,900 people for cannabis offenses). Plus, Harris's goal right now is to woo moderate voters, so leaning into a traditionally "liberal" policy might seem unnecessarily risky.

Here's the upside: Legalization is the right policy the country needs now. Prudent presidential candidates are careful not to venture too far ahead of public opinion, but they also cannot become enslaved to it. They must recognize moments where they can *lead* the public and generate excitement.

Legalizing marijuana can be that moment. Harris can make the case that the government shouldn't be micromanaging people's personal consumption habits but should instead be helping people make *safe* decisions. For a campaign that's running on "freedom," that message fits nicely.

FDR's defeat of Lindbergh was lasting — but not permanent

BY H.W. BRANDS

Eighty-four years ago, America experienced a presidential election campaign that was historic in two regards. Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940 was trying to break the unwritten ban on third terms that dated to George Washington. And the central issue of the campaign was whether the United States should set aside a century and a half of diffidence and seize the leading role in world affairs.

Roosevelt believed the United States should. He cautiously nudged a skittish American public toward deeper involvement in the war that had been underway in Europe since September 1939. At the outbreak, when Adolf Hitler's troops invaded Poland, prompting Britain and France to declare war against Germany, Americans were strongly opposed to intervention. Roosevelt's statements endorsed this opposition. But he took steps to align the United States with Britain and France, making it harder for America to remain aloof. The summer of 1940 brought the collapse of France and the near-capture of much of the British army. Roosevelt concluded that American interests required greater aid to Britain — and a third presidential term for himself.

Roosevelt's nominal opponent was Republican Wendell Willkie. But his most outspoken critic was Charles Lindbergh, the aviator who was to his generation what astronauts would be to a later one. Lindbergh loathed politics, but he was the world's foremost expert on air power, and he felt obliged to correct the common misperception that planes had rendered America suddenly vulnerable to foreign attack. If anything, he explained, intelligently deployed air power made America *more* secure. With data and logic, he mocked the idea that American defense might require sending troops to Europe. A perimeter defense on the western side of the Atlantic, he argued, would be surer and less likely to produce permanent American entanglement in European affairs.

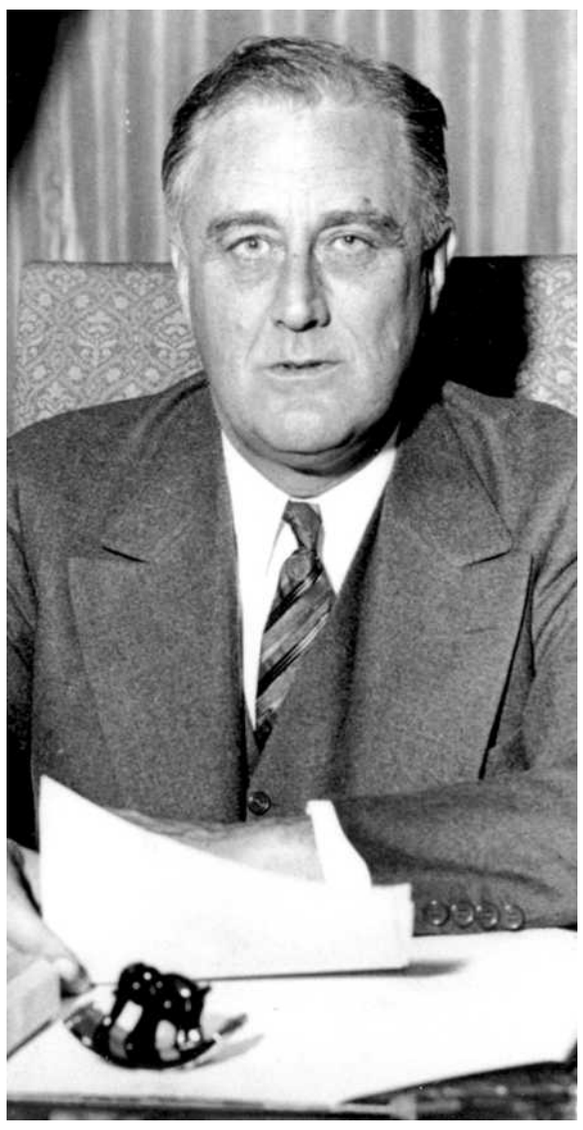
Lindbergh distrusted Roosevelt, believing the president was using the war as a pretext for clinging to power. Lindbergh warned that if Roosevelt were elected a third time, he'd run a fourth time and be president till he died. Lindbergh also feared Roosevelt's aggrandizement of the presidency at the expense of Congress. Wars always tended to centralize power. This one might do so irretrievably. Lindbergh predicted that a Roosevelt victory would be followed by new aid to Britain, which would lead inevitably to American belligerence against Germany.

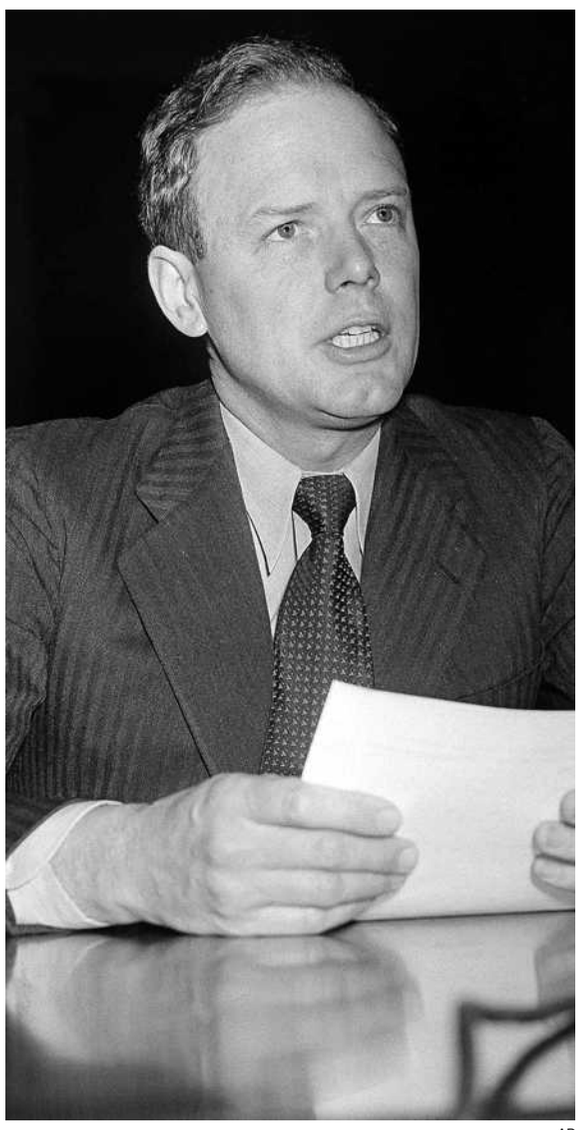
Roosevelt won the election, defying the hoary taboo. His first request upon his third inauguration was for a blank-check program of aid to Britain and other countries fighting Germany and its allies, Japan and Italy. When Germany attacked the Soviet Union in the summer of 1941 and Roosevelt directed American aid to the communist dictatorship, Lindbergh observed that Roosevelt's previous argument for America's need to defend democracy against tyranny — an argument that required ignoring Britain's enormous and utterly undemocratic empire — now beggared belief entirely.

Roosevelt usually delegated counterattacks to subordinates in his administration and friends in Congress. Lindbergh and the antiwar activists were called Nazi stooges and antisemites. The charges were exaggerated for political effect, but in Lindbergh's case, a stubborn respect for German order and occasional trafficking in stereotypes allowed them to stick. When Roosevelt did weigh in, he employed the terms "fifth-columnist," from the Spanish civil war, and "copperhead," from the American Civil War, both connoting enemies within.

Roosevelt's strategy succeeded brilliantly — so brilliantly that even before Pearl Harbor blew the antiwar argument out of the water, most Americans had adopted his view that the United States must be the leader of the world and that any who disagreed were un-American or worse. "Isolationist," the pejorative tag for the anti-interventionists, signified not simply a dubious political persuasion but a worrisome state of the soul. As World War II unfolded to reveal the full evil at the heart of the Nazi regime, the reputation of Lindbergh and the antiwar movement fell further.

The effect has persisted. Even today, to brand a person an isolationist is to dismiss that person's argument as beneath regard.





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President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933; at right, Charles Lindbergh in 1941.

Yet the efforts of Lindbergh are worth revisiting. Nearly everyone who lived through the debate before the United States' entry into World II is dead. Persons who want the Roosevelt consensus on American leadership to continue can no longer rely on the memory of listeners and readers to make their case. A significant wing of the Republican Party apparently requires convincing.

This is a good thing. Democracy is about people governing themselves, not being governed by their grandparents. The world of 2024 isn't the world of 1940. Should America make Ukraine's cause its own?

Our country's role in the world was central to the 1940 election. The debate continues in 2024.

Should we defend Taiwan against China? Evidence both for and against ought to be contemporaneous rather than historical, based on demonstrable facts rather than dubious analogy. Is Russian President Vladimir Putin another Hitler? Maybe. But the case can't merely be asserted. It must be made.

Related to this is an aspect of Lindbergh's argument whose merits even his critics were forced to acknowledge. Roosevelt set a pattern for presidential domination of foreign policy that has lasted until today. The Constitution charges Congress with responsibility for declaring war, but since Roosevelt, Congress has abdicated this role to the executive. Presidents committed the United States to war in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq without congressional declaration. Congress eventually endorsed the conflicts, sometimes expressly, sometimes simply with funding. But the initiative was clearly with the executive branch rather than the legislature.

Fear of being labeled isolationist was a big part of the reason the lawmakers let the presidents accomplish their coup — which had the additional benefit, from the congressional viewpoint, of letting presidents bear the blame when the result was bloody stalemate (Korea), ambiguous muddle (Iraq) or dismal defeat (Vietnam, Afghanistan).

It's hard to argue that these post-Roosevelt wars, taken together, have made America more secure. They've certainly been expensive. And they've done grave damage to the image Americans like to project of being the good guys, favoring peace over war.

The problem isn't confined to war. Presidents have acquired control over trade, immigration and other facets of foreign policy traditionally handled by Congress. Here the main issue is the capriciousness the devolution injects into policy. One president imposes tariffs. The next president lifts them. One strikes a deal with Iran over nuclear weapons. The next disavows it. One affirms the United States' commitment to its alliances. The next threatens to renege.

Returning Congress to the center of the decision-making process would restore stability to U.S. foreign policy. Whether you're an unreconstructed Rooseveltian, insistent on America's global leadership, or a neo-Lindberghian, skeptical that such American leadership can or should continue, you ought to prefer stability to instability.

The election of 1940 produced a first great debate over America's world role. The election of 2024 contains another. The Republican ticket, headed by the man who revived the "America First" label from the antiwar committee for which Lindbergh spoke, describes a very different vision from the one espoused by the Democratic heirs of Roosevelt. The first debate was often angry and sometimes nasty, but it was also serious and searching. If you believe in democracy, or merely want your side's victory to be sustainable, you should hope the second debate is, too.

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LEANA S. WEN

Five medical innovations that give me hope

Infectious diseases have dominated this year's health headlines: bird flu, mpox, Eastern equine encephalitis — and of course, the coronavirus. But while dangers from new and emerging pathogens are very real, there has also been good news on the health front.

Here are five innovations that give me hope:

Self-collection tests for cervical cancer screening

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 13,000 cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year. More than 4,000 women die of the disease annually.

Early diagnosis is crucial. However, as a recent study found, 60 percent of patients with cervical cancer did not receive recommended screenings before their diagnosis.

One reason for putting off screenings is the perceived discomfort associated with speculums, the medical tool used in cervical exams. That's why it's a good thing that, in May, the Food and Drug Administration approved a method for women to use cotton swabs to test themselves. At the moment, patients still need to have an order from their doctor for this test, and they must still go into the office or clinic to use it. But home tests are being evaluated and might become available soon, too.

Women who are already seeing their gynecologist or primary-care physician for regular cervical exams should continue doing so, but these self-tests could reach many women who otherwise are not getting screened.

A blood test for colon cancer

Colorectal cancer is the second-most common cause of cancer death in the United States. Yet, 1 in 3 people who should get tested have never received any screening.

Colonoscopy remains the gold standard for diagnosis, but for people who are putting off the exam, a new blood test offers a convenient alternative. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine shows it detected more than 87 percent of early-stage cancers.

In July, the FDA approved this test, which can now be added on to routine blood draws at doctors' offices.

Needle-free epinephrine

As soon as next month, people at risk for severe allergic reactions could be prescribed needle-free epinephrine.

For years, these individuals have been carrying around Epi-Pens, which require intramuscular injection. Not everyone is comfortable with these devices, and they pose a particular challenge for bystanders not trained in needle use.

Last month, the FDA approved an epinephrine nasal spray for treatment of life-threatening allergic reactions that is comparable to the injections. It will soon be available in pharmacies and will offer a sound alternative not only for patients but also for community members such as school administrators who want to have epinephrine on hand but would prefer not to use needles.

AirPods that can function as hearing aids

Last year, I wrote about how hearing aids can dramatically improve well-being by cutting the risk of falls, decreasing cognitive decline and reducing depression and social isolation. Research published this year in the journal Lancet concluded that wearing hearing aids lowered the risk of early mortality by 24 percent.

Unfortunately, uptake is dismal. Only 1 in 3 older adults who could benefit from the devices actually use them.

The good news is that some are now being sold over the counter. I am particularly enthusiastic about the FDA's approval last week to allow Apple's AirPods Pro 2 to double as a hearing aid.

After downloading a software update, users will be able to use AirPods to take a hearing test. If they are found to have mild or moderate hearing loss, the devices can function like a clinical-grade hearing aid to reduce background noise and boost conversational sounds.

People loath to admit that they have difficulty hearing might be willing to give these AirPods a try, which could have marked benefits for their health down the line.

Pig-to-human organ transplants

Two terminally ill patients received pig kidneys this year, one at Massachusetts General Hospital and other at NYU Langone Health. The organs had been genetically modified to be more compatible with humans, reducing the chance of the human immune system attacking the transplanted organ.

Both individuals died, though one death is believed to be unrelated to the new organ. This follows the experience of two people who received transplanted pig hearts at the University of Maryland, both of whom also died weeks after the surgery.

These patients have given a remarkable gift to advance science and help humankind. Right now, more than 100,000 Americans are on the transplant waiting list. Many will die because there are far fewer donors than people in need of organs. Animal-to-human transplantation could save countless lives, and I expect there will be more attempts with courageous human volunteers soon.

This last innovation is the furthest from prime time. More research needs to be done on all of them, and there are still many unanswered questions: How much they will cost? Will they will really improve access? Nevertheless, these and other breakthroughs symbolize the sincere aspiration and real progress underway to advance well-being.

OPINION

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The Obamacare war might be ending. Obamacare won.

EDITORIAL

FORMER PRESIDENT Donald Trump made what would once have been a shocking acknowledgment during last week's presidential debate: He has essentially accepted that the 2010 Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, is here to stay. Meanwhile, Vice President Kamala Harris has repudiated her past advocacy of Medicare-for-all. Instead, the Democratic nominee promises to preserve private insurance markets and strengthen the ACA. The 2024 election still has big implications for health-care access and affordability. Yet both parties are moving away from their past extremes on the ACA. After a decade and a half of partisan wrangling, Obamacare won.

Mr. Trump said last week that he will keep Obamacare unless he can come up with a replacement that offers better care at a lower cost. He also said that he has only "concepts of a plan" to replace it. Even he implicitly acknowledges the unlikelihood of repeal. "Until then, I'd run it as good as it can be run," he said at the debate.

The 2016 Republican platform declared that "any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal." The 2024 version promises to "expand access to new Affordable Healthcare." Even Project 2025 stops short of calling for the repeal of the ACA. Instead, the Heritage Foundation initiative offers "policy suggestions to curb the abuses" of the law.

For its part, the 2024 Democratic platform dropped references to Medicare-for-all and a public option from the 2020 version. Now it says: "We'll never quit fighting to protect and expand the Affordable Care Act." During the debate, Ms. Harris quickly pivoted when asked about her past support of the single-payer health-care proposal from Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.). "I absolutely support … private health-care options," she said. "What we need to do is maintain and grow the Affordable Care Act."

While imperfect, the ACA has been extraordinarily successful. Government data released last week showed nearly 50 million Americans have been covered by health insurance plans through the ACA's marketplaces. The share of Americans without coverage is down to 8 percent, about half what it was before Obamacare.

Republicans fought hard to stop President Barack Obama's signature initiative 14 years ago because, historically, entitlement programs cannot be taken away once the public becomes accustomed to them. Conservatives raced to repeal the law before it gained widespread acceptance. They came close. Ultimately, the ACA was saved by a single vote in 2012 (from Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., in the biggest legal challenge to the law) and again in 2017, when Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) gave a thumbs-down to repeal on the Senate floor amid congressional Republicans' attempt to kill the law legislatively. But the window probably closed when Republicans suffered heavy losses in the 2018 midterm elections after that repeal attempt.

While imperfect, the Affordable Care Act has been extraordinarily successful — and now, both parties are moving away from their past extremes on it.

Yes, Mr. Trump tried hard to destroy the ACA when he had the chance. He got rid of its "individual mandate" as part of the 2017 tax bill, stopped payments for cost-sharing subsidies (an act that increased premiums), cut funding for outreach and advertising plans, and proposed budgets that would have weakened protections for people with preexisting conditions. In 2020, the Trump Justice Department also asked the Supreme Court to overturn the law. In a second term, he could again try to undermine the system by neglect or sabotage. Mr. Trump's running mate, Sen. JD Vance (Ohio), proposed Sunday to deregulate the Obamacare marketplaces in a way that could explode costs for older Americans or those with preexisting conditions — though, as ever, it was unclear whether he was really speaking for Mr. Trump.

After Mr. Trump left office, Democrats expanded eligibility for and increased subsidies for people to buy insurance on the ACA marketplaces. Enrollment in these plans has nearly doubled since 2020. But these credits will expire in 2025 unless Congress acts. Democrats rightly want to extend them. But Republicans remain unlikely to support doing so.

Moreover, 10 GOP-run states still refuse to expand Medicaid under the ACA — including Florida, Texas and Georgia. Ongoing litigation also threatens to weaken the law. In June, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit opened the door to rolling back an ACA mandate that insurance companies cover preventive services.

All this shows why vigilance is warranted — and why Mr. Trump should be pressed on health-care specifics.

Even so, the substantial shift in rhetoric and, perhaps, in intent is good news for the tens of millions of Americans who benefit from Obamacare.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Most of us think the electoral college is broken. Let's fix it.

Kudos to Theodore R. Johnson for his critique of the electoral college in his Sept. 4 op-ed, "The electoral college gets a failing grade," and for drawing attention to the winner-take-all system used by 48 states for allocating electoral votes.

In my view, that is the biggest flaw in the current system for electing U.S. presidents. It effectively disenfranchises tens of millions of voters who don't vote for their state's winning candidate, encourages candidates to focus almost exclusively on a handful of swing states, discourages turnout in other states, distorts the results of the election and allows the winner to exaggerate their mandate.

The electoral college is part of the Constitution, but the winner-take-all system is not. Each state is free to change its method for allocating its electoral votes. I favor Mr. Johnson's third alternative, a proportional system that would award electoral votes in each state based on each candidate's share of the vote. To avoid scenarios where no candidate gets a majority of electoral votes — a plurality — I suggest awarding electoral votes only to the top two vote-winners. Such an allocation system could be achieved nationwide, either through a constitutional amendment or an interstate compact that would become effective when adopted by states controlling 270 electoral votes.

Michael Lee, *Towson, Md.*

Throughout our national history, there have been five electoral disasters in which the public got a president whom they did not elect by the popular vote. The most recent case (and, by far, the most dramatic) was the election of Donald Trump in 2016. In all of our lower-level elections — from town council to senator — a majority of the popular vote (whether simple or relative) determines the winner. Yet, we have opted to use a dangerously byzantine, biased and error-prone electoral college for the most important of all our public offices: the presidency.

In his column, Theodore R. Johnson proposed that each state grant a number of its "electors based on each candidate's share of the statewide vote." This would combine both simplicity and fairness. Importantly for democracy, "losing candidates can still receive the electors they earn," and "it's even good for third parties." Would we need a constitutional amendment to implement this change nationwide? Yes. What would be needed? First, each of the two chambers of Congress would have to approve this proposal by a two-thirds majority. Then, three-fourths of the states would also have to approve it, which is 38 states. Provided Congress can agree and no more than 12 states hold out, this belated sane approach to voting might finally put an end to the harmful, deceitful electoral college relic. We have it within our power to rescue ourselves from an ominous, destructive anachronism. Let's use that power.

Stan Pearson, *Newport News, Va.*

Benefits of the electoral college

Theodore R. Johnson suggests that the dissonance between the electoral votes and popular votes is a bad thing. This kind of thinking fails to recognize the tremendous benefits we have derived from it. It has: prevented the formation of a fragile multiparty system; demanded that parties develop wide national reaches in policy and geography; precluded small minority parties from acquiring power beyond their measure; and eliminated the risk of small factions from becoming kingmakers.

Over the longer term, the electoral college more or less demands a national, two-party system. If the college disappeared tomorrow, what would happen? The two parties would be weakened, especially the Democratic Party. In all likelihood, majority elections would become rare. This would result in the House deciding races, where each state gets one vote, and where Republicans hold a decisive edge.

Mr. Johnson gets one point correct, though. The issue is with how the states choose to allot their electors, usually by an all-or-nothing approach. He outlines one way to address the problem by going to proportionate distribution of electors. A better approach would be this: The second-place finisher in a state's vote gets their share of the state's electors, but the winner gets the remaining balance. This math precludes minor parties from gaining disproportionate power.

Patrick Rhoads, *Alexandria*

More votes, more representation

While Theodore R. Johnson's criticism of the electoral college is correct, his suggestions for improving it all suffer from the same two flaws. The first is that there will always be a chance for the second-place finisher getting the most electoral votes so long as the system exists. Political scientists have modeled these and other improvements for decades and always come to that conclusion.

Second, even these modest improvements will never be adopted by the states and political party that benefits from the current system. Since the founding of the Republican Party, its candidates have won the presidency four times while finishing second in the popular vote. Two victories came from the natural workings of the system, and two received a boost from conservative members of the Supreme Court. The most widely accepted proposal, having states commit to assigning their electors to the winner of the national popular vote, has been adopted only by reliably blue states, not red ones.

Mr. Johnson weakened his arguments with some odd biases. A popular vote in California would somehow be less "representative" than the system used by Nebraska and Maine to apportion their electors, even though he admits that the latter system is subject to gerrymandering. He also notes most Americans favor scrapping the electoral college by a 2 to 1 margin, but he doesn't say how this margin would change if the opinions of Californians were discounted. Mr. Johnson also ignored this crucial fact: Each California elector represents 732,189 people, as of the 2020 U.S. Census. Each Nebraska elector represents 392,301. Each Maine elector represents 340,590 people. And they're not even the worst examples. Each Wyoming elector represents 192,284 people. Wyoming's electoral votes are nearly four times stronger than California's, but Mr. Johnson's proposals would do nothing to fix that.

Furthermore, Mr. Johnson's proposal would give minority parties a better chance of getting electoral votes. This would increase the chances that no presidential candidate would get a simple majority. That would send the choice to the House of Representatives, where — voting by state — Republicans have the edge. A Republican candidate who came in second, or even third, in the popular vote would then become president. How is that an improvement?

Given the political realities, there is only one plausible path to improvement. The House, whose number of representatives provides the majority number of electoral votes, must be expanded to match the U.S. population. Following the 1910 Census, when the population was 92 million, the House grew to 435 members. The 2020 Census revealed a population roughly 3.5 times greater. Yet, the House remains at 435 members.

Even by expanding the House, an unrepresentative outcome would still be possible. However, the chances would be reduced, and there'd be much less room for political meddling.

Jack M. Hirsch, *Silver Spring*

Republicans want it gone, too

Theodore R. Johnson perspicuously highlights how this "antiquated" system has "become increasingly unrepresentative." This has led many Americans to conclude that "the electoral college is a disaster for a democracy," as Donald Trump tweeted in 2012, because it distorts our democracy's "one person, one vote" pillar. It also probably contributes to low voter turnout nationwide.

It's widely accepted the 2024 presidential election hinges on Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. In 2020, these three states garnered an impressive average voter turnout of 74 percent (exceeding the national average of 67 percent by 7 percentage points) arguably because these states' citizens know their votes matter more than those of average Americans. Nationwide voter turnout would probably surge to comparable levels — and nationwide faith in our democracy would correspondingly increase — if presidents were elected via the popular vote instead of the electoral college.

When endorsing such an initiative in 2014, former speaker of the House Newt Gingrich wrote, "America would be better served with a presidential election process that treated citizens across the country equally." Hear, hear, Mr. Speaker.

T. Michael Spencer, *Washington*

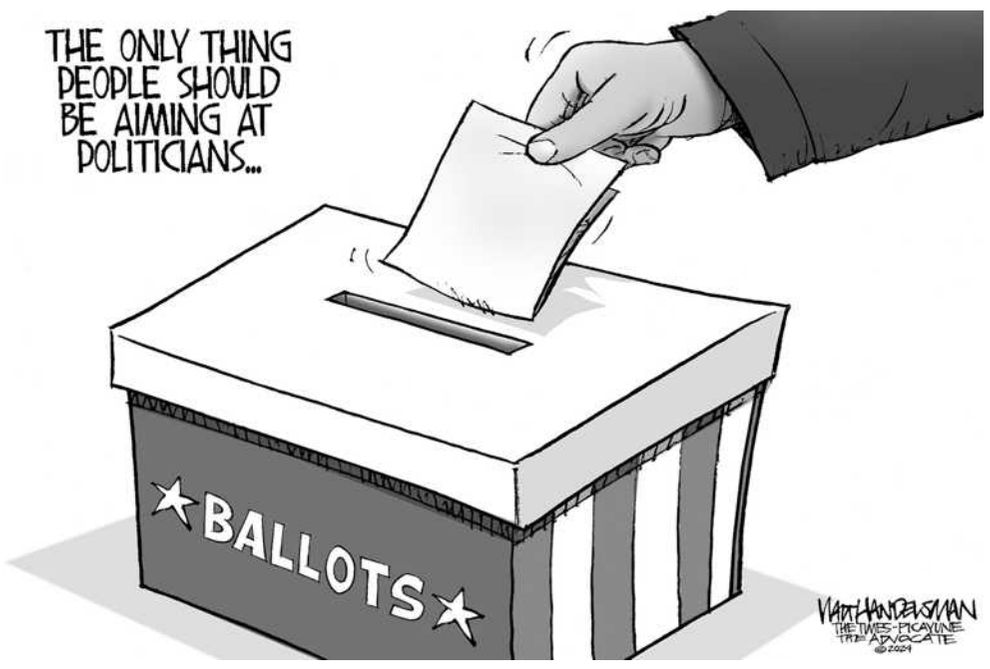
A way to fight election fraud

Theodore R. Johnson's proposal to "assign electors based on each candidate's share of the statewide vote" carries even more benefits than he observes. Candidates would need to appeal to all Americans, not just those in the battleground states. Furthermore, perpetual minority groups of voters (Republicans in California or Democrats in Alabama) would know that their votes counted toward the election of their president. Even potential election fraud would have a minimal impact, as switching a few thousand votes in a tight race would have a much smaller effect in the absence of a winner-take-all system.

Keith Ord, *Potomac*

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Read it again

BY KEITH GOLDSMITH

I had never been someone who goes back to reread a favorite book. My library was always beckoning with something unread, or the local bookstore heralding the latest must-read, with the seductive promise of fresh experiences and new knowledge. How could I have not read [fill in the blank] yet? The number of authors to read is unlimited; time is not.

But then came retirement, earlier than I had anticipated, but not unwelcome. Approaching 70, I found my thinking and perspective of time subtly — and not so subtly — altered as I was freed of the repetitive cycle of work routines, deadlines and planning. My temporal horizons expanded. Surveying my bookshelves, I spotted "The Alexandria Quartet," British novelist Lawrence Durrell's intoxicating, kaleidoscopic fever dream of expatriate intrigue and romance set mostly in pre-World War II Egypt. Durrell called it "an investigation of modern love."

I had read these four linked novels, published between 1957 and 1960, nearly 50 years ago while in college. The first of them, "Justine," was fixed in my memory as the first book that had floored me. It had moved me unlike any book had ever done before (or since?). Its lingering effect was akin to the cosmic microwave background radiation — that faint hum in my universe, speaking to my early origins.

Would revisiting "The Alexandria Quartet" tell me something about that young enthusiast, or about who he had become? Maybe I would rediscover a lost self — more innocent and less jaded perhaps, but more dynamic, more alive to the world — and experience only regret. Or maybe I would experience a rekindled joy that would set my world alight once more.

The most likely result, I feared, was disappointment: The tetralogy — or rather the experience and emotions elicited by the books — not living up to my memory and stirring only embarrassment at a literary misjudgment by an overconfident, callow adolescent. Maybe the anticipated disillusionment was the real reason I had resisted rereading books I had once treasured. There was only one way to find out.

I read with eagerness. The plot revolves around Darley, a British teacher swept up in the demi-world of Alexandria and his impossible, quixotic affair with the married Justine. His immediate understanding of the romance and its fallout, which are described in the first volume, turns out to be undermined and revised in the subsequent novels as other perspectives and new information come to light. It is ultimately the story of Darley's initiation and apprenticeship as a writer.

I had forgotten enough of the storyline to be continually surprised by events in the novels. My surprise, though, quickly resolved itself into an acknowledgment of the inevitability and rightness of Durrell's choices. "Of course," I kept saying to myself as I moved from "Justine" to "Balthazar," then "Mountolive." My original dismay with the final volume, "Clea," where the multiple points of view seemed to collapse into a final, singular and conclusive version of events, registered again. The earlier volumes, which had so delighted by their shimmering instability whose irresolution left open endless possibilities, now were fossilized in amber. The memory of that letdown felt like a reprise recalling a melody in a minor key.

My rereading was inevitably informed by the intervening half-century of study, knowledge and life that I had lived. The British imperial world of the 1930s and '40s now strikes me as distinctly colonialist and Orientalist — ideas that meant little to me on first reading. Whereas fiction using multiple points of view would become fairly commonplace, I could still sense how invigorating and exciting the approach had been in that first encounter.

The book's florid prose was a bit trying on second reading, something I savored originally and uncritically accepted, but that in itself was revealing. I had been a more unguarded, tolerant reader, allowing myself to be totally immersed in Durrell's (over)indulgences. He could take flight with a passage such as: "And then: the first pure draughts of desert air, and the nakedness of space, pure as theorem, stretching away into the sky drenched in all its silence and majesty, untenanted except by such figures as the imagination of man has invented to people landscapes which are inimical to his passions and whose purity flays the mind."

Still, there were moments of pure beauty that could also land with epigrammatic force: "Reality, he believed, was always trying to copy the imagination of man, from which it derived."

Reading always has afforded the opportunity to step out of both space and time, but this exercise was different. An eerie, unworldly feeling, clarifying more than disorienting, crept up on me. Like two quantum entangled particles separated by light-years, I was still connected in a fundamental way with my earlier self — but now I could no longer uncritically read a book. Some part of me is always standing outside, judging. I understood better what I had gained, but also what I had lost.

The rereading experience was both a reawakening and a recognition. That long-dormant younger version of myself awoke — beyond simply recalling a memory as I read, I hummed with same excitement and nervous expectation that I had originally felt as I connected with the story and characters. I marveled as the books again stirred thoughts about the passions and betrayals I knew when young. I recognized that younger self and relished the reminder of who I had been and who I had become.

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DAVID IGNATIUS

Pager attack against Hezbollah has ominous implications

The scene in Lebanon on Tuesday was like something out of a bizarre James Bond movie — with pagers exploding simultaneously in the pockets of hundreds of Hezbollah fighters around the country in what appeared to be an ingenious Israeli operation that combined cyberwar with sabotage.

But Hezbollah gets to write the next chapter in this real-life thriller. And Israeli officials were preparing Tuesday night for retaliatory attacks that, if not contained, could trigger the all-out regional war U.S. officials have been trying to head off for nearly a year.

Israel didn't take credit for Tuesday's attack, but it didn't need to. An attack of this sophistication and daring in Lebanon could not have been staged by any other nation. The video scenes of Hezbollah fighters blown to the floor by their own communications devices sent an unmistakable Israeli message to the Iranian-backed militia: We own you. We can penetrate every space in which you operate.

"When Hezbollah considers how to respond, they should consider that Israel may have more surprises for them. And Israel does," said one source familiar with Israeli thinking, during an interview on Tuesday.

Biden administration officials were quick to distance themselves from the attack in Lebanon, saying they had not been given any prior notice. For President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the timing couldn't be worse: This sharp escalation and risk of a wider war comes less than two months before the presidential election — and it might detonate any chance of a Gaza cease-fire deal and the release of Israeli hostages.

U.S. officials were in contact with Iran through a back channel on Tuesday to convey that the United States did not have any role on the attack. The administration's sense, for now, is that Hezbollah is confused and panicked, and that it won't make an immediate miliary response. If there is an attack, U.S. officials believe Israel can contain the damage — and that, if necessary, the United States will help defend Israel.

Israel's apparent decision to launch the attack was probably driven by both political and operational factors. The U.S.-led cease-fire plan is stalled, and with it the hope of a diplomatic deal with Hezbollah to calm the border. And having developed the extraordinary ability to turn their adversary's communications devices into bombs, Israel might have judged that this capability must be used before it could be discovered and the pagers disarmed, as the newsletter Al Monitor reported on Tuesday night.

Israel's desire to strike Hezbollah harder reflects a broad view among Israelis that the country can't afford what has become a prolonged war of attrition with Lebanese militia members. Though Israel has effectively neutered Hamas militarily in Gaza, Hezbollah has continued to expand its rocket attacks against northern Israel. More than 60,000 Israelis have been forced to evacuate their homes in the north, leaving behind what amount to ghost towns.

The political pressure to deal with "the north," as Israelis call it, has become nearly as intense as the desire for the hostages' freedom. "When it comes to Lebanon and the north, there is a growing consensus in Israel that something needs to be done," said the source familiar with Israeli thinking. The source also noted that the Israeli cabinet on Monday had added a new goal to its list of war aims: The return of Israelis to their homes near the border with Lebanon.

The ingenuity of the pager attack was Israel's apparent penetration of Hezbollah's secretive supply chain — which had distributed the exploding devices. The group's leader, Hasan Nasrallah, had warned his operatives in a February speech to stop using cellphones, which had "become like everyone's oxygen," but which gave away the fighters' positions and sometimes acted as Israeli spying devices.

"Israel no longer needs collaborators," Nasrallah said. "Its surveillance devices are in your pockets. If you are looking for the Israeli agent, look at the phone in your hands and those of your wives and children." Nasrallah knew that mobile devices send signals to commercial cellphone towers that can easily be intercepted.

Hezbollah rushed to protect its military network by providing members with special pagers that used a system that was harder to crack. The militia surely never imagined that Israeli operatives could penetrate their supply chain for the pagers. But that's what appears to have happened, U.S. cyber experts told me. Hezbollah sent a telling message late Tuesday to its operatives: "Each one who received a new pager, throw it away," according to a source quoted by The Post.

What caused the devices to explode at about 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday? When the attacks began to flood Beirut hospitals with what would be more than 2,800 casualties, several U.S. analysts told me they initially suspected that Israeli malware might have triggered explosions of lithium batteries in the pagers. But videos that captured several of the detonations make that theory unlikely. Lithium batteries get very hot before they explode — so hot that nobody would keep them long in their pockets. And the explosion was typically preceded by smoke and then fire, the videos appear to show.

What likely happened, U.S. sources told me, was that Israeli agents managed to get access to the pagers themselves before they were distributed and inserted small amounts of very powerful explosives. Malware inserted into the pagers' operating systems likely created a cyber trigger, so that when the pagers received a call from a particular number — or some other signal — the explosives detonated, the sources said.

From a technical standpoint, it was a brilliant operation. Everyone on the military network was a target — including, it appears, the Iranian ambassador to Lebanon, who was shown on videos entering a hospital after being wounded. The Hezbollah network has now lost its special internal communications system. And because it appears to have Hezbollah's number, quite literally, Israel can send messages warning surviving operatives that they will be killed if they try to retaliate, one U.S. source noted.

Beyond its devastating effect on Hezbollah, the attack signals the beginning of a new and very dangerous era in cyberwarfare. Any device that is connected to the internet can potentially be transformed into a weapon. The circuits of a "smart" appliance can be manipulated so that they malfunction in a dangerous way. In the Stuxnet cyberattack against Iran's nuclear program, malware caused centrifuges to spin so wildly that they became unstable and self-destructed. In the future of what's called of the "Internet of Things," the errant device could be your phone, refrigerator or television.

With each new advance of weapons technology, designers imagine they'll have exclusive use of the deadly tools of war. The United States once had what seemed a monopoly on drones, for example, but they're now a pervasive instrument of war. Even the audacious 007 would know that his enemies can turn his weapons against him.

HEATHER LONG

Harris can win with 'middle-class capitalism'

Vice President Kamala Harris has been exuding confidence and momentum on the campaign trail, except when it comes to the economy. In her debate with former president Donald Trump, she dodged the first question about whether Americans are "better off" now than they were four years ago. And swing-state voters say they still don't understand her plan for the economy.

To fix this, experts keep telling Harris that she needs to release more policy details. What's her plan for trade? For child care? For technology? For the deficit? This is lousy advice — because most voters don't spend much time in the policy weeds. Those who do know that Congress will change the minutiae anyway. What Harris needs most is a clear economic philosophy. Voters want to understand her guiding values on the issue that matters to them most. What is her answer to "America First"?

Harris has a catchy slogan in the "opportunity economy," but it seems intentionally vague. Everyone supports more opportunity, just as every American likes freedom. Similarly, Harris excels at using her personal story, and especially her mother's story, to connect with voters. It resonates with people that Harris once worked at McDonald's, and that her mother saved for over a decade to buy a home. But none of this clarifies what she would prioritize as president.

Until she defines her vision, others will keep doing it for her. Trump tries to paint her as a socialist or, worse, a Marxist. Harris's surrogates cast her in different lights based on the audience. Investor Mark Cuban makes her sound like a pro-business moderate. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) insists she's a fellow "progressive."

To set out her own vision, Harris needs to do two things. First, she should play up the good news about the U.S. economy. There's a lot of this right now: Wages and incomes are up, especially for the middle class. Unemployment has been incredibly low, and many people have been able to find better jobs. The inflation battle has been won; Americans are seeing prices fall for gas, cars and other goods, and the Federal Reserve is ready to lower interest rates. This looks like a soft landing.

Second, she needs to emphasize that, now that the economy has healed, the president and Congress have an opportunity to fix the country's long-standing problems and invest in the jobs of the future.

Harris has released several narrowly targeted plans. There's one to help first-time home buyers. There's one to help entrepreneurs launch small businesses. There's one to help new parents in the first year of their child's life. There's one to go after "price gouging." And there's one to tinker with the capital gains tax (to raise it, but less than President Joe Biden would). Many of these ideas are popular with voters, but Harris has no narrative to show Americans how they fit together. This is why a sizable share of voters say they still don't know what Harris wants to do.

As an undecided voter named Stephanie told C-SPAN after the debate: "What I was looking for most was a plan for the way forward. What I got [as an undecided voter] is that Kamala, she kept on repeating her two-step plan. From what I understood ... she was going to give $25,000 to new homeowners, which doesn't affect me, and she also was going to give $50,000 for small business start-ups, which also does not affect me."

The bigger philosophy Harris *appears* to favor is along the lines of something I would call "fair capitalism" or "middle-class capitalism." She is rejecting neoliberalism. Trump and Harris agree that free trade resulted in too many losers and left the United States vulnerably reliant on China. Trump is doubling down on tariffs as well as a level of anti-immigrant sentiment that the United States hasn't seen in a century. On top of this, he pushes the traditional Republican ideology of tax cuts and fewer regulations. His is an old playbook, but a known one. Harris wants to talk about the future.

Her agenda calls for bold, strategic investments in the economy of tomorrow. She wants 3 million new homes. She wants more start-up businesses. She champions industrial policy to bring advanced manufacturing back to the United States. In the debate, she even embraced investing in "diverse sources of energy." This build-build-build mentality is largely bipartisan and pro-business (and it draws on what has been dubbed the "abundance agenda").

Another facet of Harris's strategy is to provide aid for Americans who are struggling. This is where her bigger child tax credit comes in, as well as her push for affordable child care and elder care. All of this underscores her belief that the federal government should more aggressively police large companies that break the law with anticompetitive practices. This part of her agenda looks more traditionally Democratic.

But for the most part, Harris's economic views don't fall neatly on the liberal-to-conservative spectrum (Trump's don't, either). Her plan is broader than government handouts. Former Biden adviser Jen Harris calls this vision from the vice president "build and balance." I still like "middle-class capitalism." Whatever Harris ultimately calls it, she has to do a better job of selling it.

Harris needs to define her economic philosophy so that voters can see it — and understand how they fit into it.

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As an advocate who takes pride in being the primary line of defense for millions of Americans against rising health costs, we feel we have no choice but to sue the Federal Trade Commission.

This was an extremely difficult decision to make, so we want to make ourselves unequivocally clear as to why.

Until recently, we believed the FTC was our partner in the fight to make medications more affordable and accessible for the American people. But their report about the Pharmacy Benefit Manager industry published on July 9, 2024,[1] leads us, as well as an FTC Commissioner, to believe that the agency is not acting in the public interest. That is why we are calling on the FTC to retract the report.

The FTC is supposed to "protect the public from deceptive or unfair business practices and from unfair methods of competition"[2] — all things that we value immensely and make possible every day. Unfortunately, this report not only falls short on both counts, but jeopardizes the ability of PBMs to advocate for the health of the American people.

We're advocates for affordability, not misinformation.
PBMs make life-changing medications more affordable for the American people, as proven by third-party reports. Reports outlining how PBMs pass nearly 100% of rebates and fees to employers, labor unions, government agencies, and health plans.[3] That highlight how PBMs inspire innovation and foster competition to keep prices low. That explain in detail how PBMs benefit both plan sponsors and patients. And how programs we've developed result in up to 27% higher medication adherence[4] and 23% fewer inpatient hospitalizations.[5] The FTC's report fails to acknowledge any of these findings — and is just one example of the failure of the Commission's leadership to protect the American people.

We're advocates for facts, not conjecture.
Over 75% of the citations in the FTC's report come from public comments,[6] including over 160 of which were anonymous, treated like fact, not empirical, quantifiable evidence.[7] Only by disavowing its longstanding practice of applying rigorous, economic analysis to verifiable evidence was the FTC able to reach these unfounded conclusions, which contradict the agency's own previous fact-based reports. For example, in 2005 the Commission found that PBMs play a significant role in making health care more affordable and encouraging competition – and nothing has changed.[8] The health of the American people is on the line. They deserve better.

We're advocates for objectivity, not bias.
One of the FTC's own Commissioners dissented from the report because it favors "ideological buzzwords" over the physical and financial well-being of the American people.[8] Even the inflammatory name of the report has been called into question. All of which supports prior red flags raised by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee over the biases, mismanagement, and inexperience of the Commission's leadership.[9] We second these observations.

We're advocates for due process, not convenient timing.
Billions of data points were provided by PBMs to the FTC in response to their demands.[6] Everything from benefit design information and itemized out-of-pocket costs to drug reimbursement details. The majority of this data was not included in the report, much less analyzed by the FTC. It's no wonder bipartisan analysts agree that the published report was released before key analyses were finished. It was.

We're advocates for people. We're advocates for health.
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The facts are the facts. Pharmaceutical companies set and raise drug prices. PBMs lower them. And the FTC's leadership has ignored that PBMs do more to lower drug prices for Americans and foster competition than any other participant in the marketplace, wasting government resources on a report that appears to side with and support those responsible for skyrocketing drug prices. Which is why, as your advocate, we could not stand idly by and do nothing.

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A fallen span, a widow's lament

María del Carmen Castellón Luna recalls a wistful 6 months since her husband's death in Key Bridge collapse

BY TEO ARMUS AND KATIE METTLER

Since that cold March morning, when María del Carmen Castellón Luna learned her husband was among those who died in the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, her grief has been eased by unexpected warmth.

Much of what has happened during the past six months might have seemed like a blessing, she said, if it had all happened for a different reason.

Family members she had not seen in decades visited from El Salvador, getting to witness the life she and Miguel Luna had built in suburban Maryland. Strangers donated to help with the mortgage on their house, and elected officials, even President Joe Biden, gave her hugs or flags and called her husband a "hero."

Most significantly, the federal government initiated immigration proceedings for Castellón, offering her a foothold in the country she had called home since 2003. It was something she had long dreamed of, just never like this — leaving her so heartbroken that she had waited until now, six months later, to speak up about it publicly.

"It's joy, and it's pain at the same time," Castellón said tearfully in Spanish during an interview with The Washington Post. "Every time I get a piece of good news, I think about how I wish I would have gotten it earlier. To be able to share it with him."

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TOP: María del Carmen Castellón Luna visits the gravesite of her husband, Miguel Luna, on Sunday in Glen Burnie, Md. He was one of six construction workers who died in the March 26 collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Life without Luna, Castellón said, is "joy and it's pain at the same time." ABOVE: A memorial includes a photo of Castellón and Luna, a reflective vest and other work gear.

Council fixes on accused member

TRAYON WHITE-LED PANEL DISBANDED

Officials open inquiry into bribery allegations

BY MEAGAN FLYNN

The D.C. Council on Tuesday voted to disband the youth affairs committee chaired by council member Trayon White Sr. (D-Ward 8) after his arrest last month on federal bribery charges, and began its own investigation into the allegations — which could lead to White's possible removal from the council.

"The allegations laid out against council member Trayon White are serious," council member Kenyan R. McDuffie (I-At Large), who is chairing the ad hoc committee investigating White, said during a council breakfast meeting Tuesday, "and not only indicate potential violations of law, but also potential violations of the council's code of conduct, policies or rules."

It was the council's first meeting since the explosive accusations from the FBI that White agreed to accept roughly $156,000 in bribes in exchange for using his influence as a council member to try to secure lucrative contracts for an associate, who was working as an informant for federal officials. White pleaded not guilty last week.

The contracts at the center of the bribery case were for violence-intervention work at two agencies — including the Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services, which White had oversight of as chairman of the Committee on Recreation, Libraries and Youth Affairs. Given that leadership role, Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) sought to disassemble the committee and put all agencies under the entire council's purview instead. Council members Matthew Frumin (D-Ward 3) and Zachary Parker (D-Ward 5) will chair a pair of subcommittees on recreation and community affairs, and libraries and youth affairs, respectively.

After Mendelson moved the resolution, he asked whether anyone wanted to speak on the measure. No one did.

White watched from a Zoom screen. He unmuted his mic to ask whether Mendelson could mark him down as voting "present."

The measure passed unanimously, with McDuffie also voting present.

Before the council meeting, the ad hoc committee probing

SEE COUNCIL ON B3

TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
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Precip: **85%** Wind: **NE 7-14 mph**

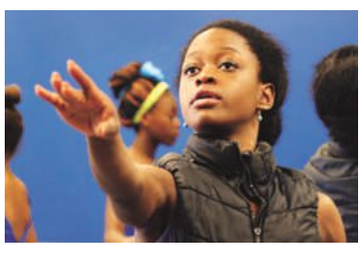
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A boy was punished after waiting to report a classmate's bullet. **B4**

OBITUARIES

War orphan Michaela DePrince, 29, rose to fame as a ballerina. **B4**



U.-Md. sued over canceled Gaza vigil

Oct. 7 event was planned to mark the thousands of deaths in the enclave

BY ELLIE SILVERMAN

A pro-Palestinian student group has accused the University of Maryland in College Park of violating students' First Amendment rights by canceling a vigil planned for Oct. 7 to mourn the people who have died in the Gaza Strip over the past year.

The date of the vigil marks one year since Hamas militants attacked Israel, killing about 1,200 people and taking about 250 hostage, according to Israeli authorities. In response, Israel launched a war that has led to a year of nearly continuously fighting and killed more than 40,000 people in Gaza, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations filed the lawsuit Tuesday in the U.S. District Court in Maryland on behalf of the U-Md. chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SPJ), which alleges the university canceled the event after complaints from Jewish groups that a possible demonstration would be painful for mourning students. This decision, the suit argues, amounts to censorship.

"The University of Maryland

SEE SUIT ON B2

JULIA NIKHINSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A Nov. 9 protest at the University of Maryland. The federal lawsuit filed Tuesday says canceling the Oct. 7 vigil amounts to censorship.

Fairfax County man charged in alleged homicide scheme

BY PAUL DUGGAN

An IRS criminal investigator was charged with murder in Fairfax County on Monday in what authorities have described as an elaborate scheme in which the investigator's wife was fatally stabbed in their Herndon home and a stranger also was killed after being lured to the brick-front Colonial and falsely portrayed as an intruder.

In announcing the arrest of Brendan Banfield, now 39, Fairfax Police Chief Kevin Davis and Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano offered few details of the 19-month investigation into the stabbing of Banfield's wife, Christine Banfield, 37, and the fatal shooting of Joseph Ryan, 39, who authorities have said was unwittingly drawn into the scheme.

The Banfields' au pair, Juliana Peres Magalhães, who cared for the couple's young daughter, was charged late last year with one count of second-degree murder in the 2023 killings for what authorities allege was her role in shooting Ryan. She is being held in the Fairfax County jail, awaiting a trial, and has pleaded not guilty.

At a news conference Monday, Davis said Magalhães, then 22, and Brendan Banfield "were involved in a romantic relationship at the time of the murders."

Nearly two years ago, Davis told reporters, "I stood in the middle of a cul-de-sac street in Fairfax County and described the deaths of two persons inside of a residential home. Now, 570 days later, we know the deaths of Joseph Ryan and Christine Banfield were both, in fact, murders."

A grand jury on Monday indicted Brendan Banfield on charges that include aggravated murder in each death and using a firearm to commit a felony. Like Magalhães, he is being held in the Fairfax jail. He will be arraigned

SEE CHARGED ON B3

‘Real justice’ out of reach for widow

WIDOW FROM **B1**

Castellón shared her story more widely at a news conference in Baltimore on Tuesday afternoon, holding a white rose in one hand as she outlined how she hoped to seek justice for Luna and the five other construction workers who died when a ship collided into the bridge.

Her attorneys argued that the owners of the Dali container ship — Grace Ocean Private Ltd. and Synergy Marine Pte Ltd. — should be held liable for damages from the crash beyond the $43.6 million cap that they have sought from a federal judge, saying the Dali should have never been allowed to leave port.

Advocates at the immigrant rights group CASA, which Luna belonged to, said the tragedy underscores the need for stronger workplace protections and language access rules for immigrant workers of all kinds — day laborers, roofers and welders, including some of those who stood behind Castellón in yellow construction vests at the news conference.

And Castellón said she chose to speak out about her pain — the early-morning news about Luna’s death, the weeks-long wait to find her husband’s body, the ache of the funeral — in hopes that other immigrant families might also receive the fortune she’s been graced with over the past months.

She said justice in this situation meant holding wrongdoers accountable, lifting up essential workers like her husband, and preventing future tragedies like the one that changed her life. She also mentioned the promise she said Biden made her in April: that the victims will not be forgotten.

“If there was real justice,” she said, “my husband would still be alive, sharing a life filled with love and a brilliant future.”

A Glen Burnie love story

Castellón, 46, grew up only a dozen miles apart from Luna in the Usulután department of El Salvador, where gangs were rampant and opportunity was limited.

A search for greater possibilities brought them separately to Glen Burnie, a working-class suburb of Baltimore. They attended the same Pentecostal church and even lived in the same apartment complex, her unit directly above his.

But the two did not really talk to one another until 2009, when Castellón was having car troubles on her way to a soccer game and her brother arranged for Luna, his friend, to pick her up and drive her there. Their friendly banter during that trip turned into phone calls and meetups for breakfast at a Denny’s restaurant. By the end of that year, they were officially dating.

Her two daughters joined them. His three kids joined, too. They got married in 2017, blending their lives as newlyweds with the sacrifice and hard schedules of immigrant workers seeking more stability.

He was a welder at construction sites. She cooked in restaurant kitchens. Both worked long hours hoping to save up the money necessary for a down payment on the one-story brick house in the Maryland town that became their home.

Castellón said there were weeks when they barely saw each other. He would be up before dawn, while she would get home from 14-hour shifts in restaurant kitchens past midnight.

And the work left its scars: Luna had to get surgery on both wrists last year, she said, and that led him to drink a glass of milk every day upon arriving from work, hoping that would help fix the problem. The sparks that flew onto him at work had singed holes and burn marks on a forest-green work over-shirt that she pulled out from her closet.

“The two of us were a team,” she said. “We did it all together and for each other, even if there was never enough time for us.”

On the rare quiet weekend, they would treat themselves to crab cakes at the Bonefish Grill down the street and invite friends and family to enjoy the carne asada and pupusas she loved cooking. Luna helped cook, too, preparing the casamiento — a Salvadoran mix of rice and beans — that he learned how to make under her expert eye in the kitchen.



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Six hard hats, representing the six construction workers killed in the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, at a news conference Tuesday.

In March 2020, just as the coronavirus pandemic was shutting down the world around them, they achieved another dream: Castellón, who for years had yearned to run her own kitchen, opened a food truck. It was pink and white, with a logo that honored her husband’s last name through a smiling cartoon moon on the side of the vehicle.

Interrupted dreams

In the days before the bridge fell, Castellón and Luna had been planning for an even brighter future.

They had looked at a storefront in the area where they hoped to turn their food truck into a permanent restaurant, serving up Castellón’s food to even more customers. Luna, by now working nights on a road improvement project on the Key Bridge, splurged on tickets to see his favorite pro soccer team, Real Madrid.

The couple had even received some unexpected good news: Castellón, who had not been able to make it home since leaving El Salvador nearly two decades ago, learned her parents had finally received tourist visas to visit.

“I remember wishing I had wings, so I could have been the one to fly over and rescue him.”

María del Carmen Castellón Luna, whose husband, Miguel Luna, died in the March 26 collapse of Baltimore’s Key Bridge

Luna put up photos of them in their living room in early anticipation of meeting his in-laws for the very first time.

Three days later, the Dali collided with the bridge while Luna was on it as part of a team fixing the road. Castellón — who often slept with her phone on silent so as not to disturb Luna when he was asleep — awoke early that morning to the sound of Luna’s son tapping on the glass of her bedroom window.

What followed over the next month was a blur — driving to a site near the bridge, meeting the governor, hearing how the bridge came down. “I remember wishing I had wings, so I could have been the one to fly over and rescue him,” she said.

Even weeks after the collapse, she got together with her church group to pray that, by some miracle, Luna, 49, might still be alive.

A new reality

Eventually, it was clear that miracle would not come. Castellón would instead find herself regularly driving her red SUV to a local cemetery, where Luna was buried after his body was found in May inside a submerged truck in the Patapsco River.

Now she heads to visit his grave every time her heart calls her to do so — often on Sundays, her day off from the food truck that she is continuing for both of them. “I know he can’t hear me,” she said, “but I like to talk to him anyway. I imagine him watching over me.”

This past Sunday, Castellón walked over to her husband’s grave, which she had decorated with solar-powered lights, vases of yellow carnations and other flowers and googly eyed lawn decorations — a reminder of a playful way he would joke around with her when they started dating.

As cars zoomed past on the road and the sun peeked out from the clouds, she silently studied the decorations and cleared off a few fallen twigs. Two photos were attached to the gravestone — one of Luna with Castellón on their wedding day, the other of him with his children.

Then she knelt closer, and started quietly crying.

U.-Md. Jewish group ‘relieved’ that vigil canceled

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cannot ignore the Constitution to censor Palestinian and Jewish students, simply because anti-Palestinian groups complain,” Palestine Legal staff attorney Tori Porell said in a news release. “It is the job of universities to seek out, not censor, robust debate on pressing social issues.”

The conflict unfolding at the University of Maryland reflects how outrage and grief over the Israel-Gaza war has continued to spill into academic life, spurring backlash against university administrators who are tasked with balancing concerns from students across the ideological spectrum alongside safe expressions of speech.

The Diamondback, the independent student newspaper at U-Md., reported that students have held sit-ins and walkouts calling for a cease-fire in the war and advocating for Palestinians in Gaza. Pro-Palestinian students have also protested the annual Israel Fest event.

Asked to comment on the lawsuit, U-Md. spokeswoman Katie Lawson pointed to University President Darryll J. Pines’s Sept. 1 message to the campus when he announced that “only university-sponsored events that promote reflection” would be permitted Oct. 7.

Pines acknowledged that “numerous calls have been made to cancel and restrict the events that take place” on Oct. 7, spurring him to request a safety assessment from the university police.

Ultimately, he wrote, the decision to restrict events was made “out of an abundance of caution” and alongside the University System of Maryland, which encompasses the state flagship campus in College Park and 11 other public institutions.

University System of Maryland spokesman Mike Lurie said the system does not comment on pending litigation.

According to the lawsuit, the U-Md. chapter of SJP planned to co-host the vigil with Jewish Voice for Peace at the university’s McKeldin Mall.

The group planned several activities such as “teach-ins about Palestinian history, culture and solidarity between Palestinians and other marginalized groups; tables highlighting Palestinian art and traditional crafts; a visual display of kites, a motif in Palestinian poetry; as well as a vigil and inter-faith prayers,” the suit says. Several students who lost family in Gaza were invited to speak.

“The First Amendment does not allow campus officials to establish free expression-black-out days, even on occasions that may be emotional or politically polarizing,” the suit says.

But the date of the event — which corresponds to the deadliest attack on Jews since the Holocaust — concerned many in the campus Jewish community. The university’s Jewish Student Union said in a Sept. 1 statement that it was “relieved” that the SJP event was canceled.

Oct. 7 “is a day of mourning for the Jewish and Israeli community,” the Jewish Student Union wrote.

In response to a request for comment on the lawsuit, Rabbi Ari Israel, executive director of the University of Maryland Hillel, expressed his gratitude for “Pines’ and his administration’s supportive leadership.”

“Under the circumstances, we believe the University emphasized being thoughtful about student safety and are appreciative of the University’s decision regarding student gatherings on October 7th,” he said in a statement.

University of Maryland student Daniela Colombi, a member of the SJP chapter, wore a kaffiyeh as she spoke at a news conference Tuesday. She described the group’s values as “equality, justice and liberation, not just for Palestine, but for all.” She called on the university and the statewide system to reverse their decisions and allow the vigil.

In the suit, the SJP chapter requests that the court find the restrictions on Oct. 7 events unconstitutional and award damages for violating the group’s First Amendment rights, plus attorneys’ fees.

Colombi, a third-year student studying physics and astronomy, said she viewed Oct. 7 as an opportunity to educate the campus community about the tens of thousands of people who have died in Gaza.

“We sought to use this reservation to awaken in our community the understanding that these people are not merely numbers, and they never were,” she said. “They had dreams, loves and futures.”

THE DISTRICT

Official who axed Connecticut Ave. bike lanes confirmed as DDOT head

BY RACHEL WEINER

The D.C. Council on Tuesday confirmed as head of the city’s Department of Transportation an interim leader who sparked controversy this summer for axing long-planned bike lanes on busy Connecticut Avenue NW.

The vote on Sharon Kershbaum, who has been acting director since Everett Lott stepped down last fall, was unanimous even as lawmakers described her agency as making disappointing decisions with little transparency.

They raised the handling of the Connecticut Avenue plan and the way the city is shutting down Circulator bus service this fall over their objections as prime examples. But lawmakers indicated that their complaints were primarily with Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), not Kershbaum herself.

“To be blunt, many of the decisions that are disagreed with are above the DDOT director, and it’s a failure of the executive branch,” Charles Allen, heads of the council’s transportation committee, said during a meeting on the confirmation Monday.

Despite deep disagreements, he praised Kershbaum on Tuesday as “responsive, candid and willing to collaborate. … I cannot overstate how rare and refreshing that kind of interbranch communication is.”

Christina Henderson, an at-large council member, described Kershbaum as “someone who moves projects along within the realm of her ability to do so” and “innovates where she can.”

Lawmakers faulted both the mayor’s office and DDOT for failing to release a plan winding down Circulator service until last week.

It is still unclear what will happen to workers and the buses they drive; a spokesman for the union representing most Metro employees said that, after confirmation, Kershbaum’s “first official action must be to right the ship and negotiate a full transition of service to Metrobus.”

She previously served as DDOT’s deputy director; earlier in her career she worked in the city’s Department of Human Services, its contracting and procurement office, and the city administrator’s office.

She has also worked for Fannie Mae and the U.S. Treasury. She confronts a Metro system in financial crisis, rising deaths on city roads and large budget cuts.

She has promised to focus on adding sidewalks to every city street, develop a more “strategic” plan to connect bike lanes across the city and make it easier to request and stay informed on street changes.

She also touted the expansion of traffic cameras and dedicated bus lanes in the city. “There’s nothing that we’re doing that is pivoting or reducing our commitment” to safe streets, she said at a hearing on her nomination in June.

But the decision not to build the Connecticut Avenue bike lanes came to dominate Kershbaum’s year as acting head of the transportation department. At the June hearing, which lasted seven hours, nearly every member of the public cited the death of the project as evidence of either a cowardly capitulation to drivers or a brave stand against the bicyclist lobby.

The plan underwent extensive study and public discussion over the past six years, and had the support of local elected officials.

But after intense pushback, largely involving concerns over slower traffic and less parking but also some from pedestrians concerned about contending with bicycles, the city last summer said it was doing further review. And in April, Kershbaum announced at a council committee hearing that the bike lanes would not be put in.

“I recognize … there are people who feel strongly about this issue on both sides,” Ward 3 council member Matt Frumin said. “But there was a plan that got developed, and a key part of that plan was to slow traffic on Connecticut Avenue and to increase options for transportation for everyone and promote safety.”

Others argued that Kershbaum, who comes from a management rather than a transportation background, lacks a deep understanding of traffic-related issues.

But many critics acknowledged, as the council did, that Kershbaum answers to the elected mayor.

“Ms. Kershbaum could have refused to announce the policy, but that would not have saved the bike lanes from the Mayor’s decision,” Chuck Elkins, an Advisory Neighborhood Commission member for Wesley Heights, said in his statement at her confirmation hearing. “Having worked with several previous directors of the department, I have not felt that their strong suit was listening well to problems and trying to solve them or in managing an unwieldy department. In contrast, I do see this as Ms. Kershbaum’s strong suit.”

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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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Council to probe residency

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White met for the first time to discuss the scope of the investigation, which will look at both the bribery allegations as well as White's residency. White, who owns a home in Ward 8, was arrested at a luxury Navy Yard apartment in Ward 6 where authorities said he had been living, and it's unclear why he was living or staying there. Council members must live in the ward they represent.

All council members except for White sit on the committee.

The council also voted to authorize hiring a law firm, Latham & Watkins, to assist in the probe; it's unclear how much money the firm will be paid.

The committee is expected to deliver a report on its findings by Dec. 16. White will have 30 days to prepare a defense. Then the council will vote on whether to punish White, which could include censure or expelling him from the council — a move that would require a supermajority of 11 votes on the 13-member council.

In brief remarks before closing the committee's meeting to the public, McDuffie, who is an attorney, stressed that the committee does not have to prove allegations beyond a reasonable doubt, as in the criminal justice system, but said lawmakers still owed White due process. McDuffie said he would not "prejudge" White or the outcome of the investigation.

> *"The allegations laid out against council member Trayon White are serious."*
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> **D.C. Council member Kenyan R. McDuffie (I-At Large)**

"While this is not a court of law, it's still important that any person be provided a fair and thorough process before adverse action can be taken, including possible censure or removal from office," McDuffie said. "We owe it to the rest of the District of Columbia to conduct an independent investigation with integrity before making our recommendations. This is a serious matter and requires a serious response, not one that is politically expedient or looks best in the newspaper."

In other council action, the council voted to confirm Sharon Kershbaum as director of the Department of Transportation; to create a "Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights" by January, providing additional protections for borrowers and expanding consumer protections to also cover student loan servicers; and took an initial vote to advance a large package of changes to the medical cannabis system in D.C.

The marijuana package would make permanent various temporary measures the council passed to create enforcement mechanisms to shut down "gifting" shops and bolster the medical marijuana industry. One amendment put forth by Parker also aimed to create restrictions on packaging to ensure the products are not attractive to children who may think the cannabis is candy or other treats — a measure Mendelson agreed to work on with Parker and council members Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2) and Anita Bonds (D-At Large) before the next meeting. The measure would also allow day-care centers within 400 feet of a cannabis shop seeking a medical license to formally protest if they have concerns.



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D.C. Council member Trayon White Sr. (D-Ward 8), seen in 2017, was living in Ward 6, officials said.

In the few comments White made throughout the day, he chimed in about the bill during the council's breakfast meeting — joining only after its closed-door session regarding its investigation of him.

"Welcome back, everyone," he said, before noting he was concerned about the gifting shops, and wanted to learn more about how licensing and enforcement targeting gifting shops was going, given, as Axios reported, there is just one inspector.

The council also had to pass the fiscal year 2025 budget, again, on an emergency basis as a stopgap measure because Congress — which has the final say on all D.C. legislation — has yet to finish its review period of the budget legislation before the city's new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Fairfax County man is charged in double homicide

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this week in Fairfax General District Court, Descano said.

At an April pretrial hearing in Magalhães's case, Banfield declined to answer a prosecutor's questions, invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. He and his attorney have not responded to interview requests from The Washington Post.

"I've been exposed to a lot of homicide investigations throughout my career," Davis said Monday, adding, "I think I shared this on the day of the murders, on February 24th, 2023: I knew, I suspected, I had a feeling that there was a lot more to what met the eye that morning."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kelsey Gill has said that Magalhães and Brendan Banfield began a romantic affair "several months" before the killings, based on photos of the two that authorities found on the au pair's cellphone.



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

Brendan Banfield

Prosecutors have said that Magalhães appeared to have been part of a ruse in which Ryan, of Springfield, was lured to the Banfields' home by a posting on a website for people with sexual fetishes.

According to prosecutors, Magalhães admitted to shooting Ryan, whom she described to police as an intruder, in the main bedroom of the family home, where Christine Banfield was found fatally stabbed. But until Monday, no one had been charged in Christine Banfield's death.

Magalhães told investigators that she and Brendan Banfield shot Ryan after they discovered him attacking Christine with a knife. Almost from the start, though, police questioned her account. They have said there was a confusing sequence of 911 calls that day from Magalhães and Brendan Banfield that did not support the claim that they were warding off a random attacker.

Descano said Monday that Brendan Banfield's arrest was prompted by "new information" developed by investigators. He declined to elaborate.

Ryan went to the Banfield home that day for a planned rendezvous with a woman identified in a dating app as "Annastasia9," portrayed in a profile photo on the online platform FetLife as a petite woman in a one-piece bathing suit, authorities have said. They said there is no evidence to suggest that Christine Banfield created that profile or knew about it.

According to the account Magalhães gave detectives, she had left the house that morning with the Banfields' daughter but returned when she realized she had forgotten their lunches, authorities said in court. She told police that she saw a man walk in. She said she called Christine Banfield, who did not answer.

Magalhães next called Brendan Banfield. After he arrived at the home, the two found Ryan hunched over Christine Banfield with a knife at her throat, Magalhães told detectives. She also said she saw Brendan Banfield pointing a gun at Ryan.

She then told detectives that Brendan Banfield shot Ryan once while Ryan stabbed Christine Banfield. Brendan Banfield then asked the au pair to retrieve a Glock stored in a safe in the main bedroom's closet, which Magalhães soon fired at Ryan, she told authorities.

By the time Magalhães was arrested, eight months after the killings, she had moved into the main bedroom of the home, authorities said. A framed picture of her and Brendan Banfield was perched on the nightstand, police evidence photos show, and her clothes hung in the closet once used by Christine.

Magalhães and her attorney have not responded to interview requests from The Post. In an interview from her home country of Brazil earlier this year, her mother questioned why no one other than her daughter had been charged.

"I pray for the prosecutors and the judge to understand who is guilty in this case, because it is not Juliana," Marina Peres Souza said in Portuguese.

Descano on Monday said he was "just glad we've been able to get to the point we're at now."

"I can tell you that this case is something that's been on my mind — I know it's been on the chief's minds, on my prosecutors' minds — since that day it happened," Descano said. "We've had meetings, discussions, every week, and probably a day hasn't gone by that I haven't thought about the victims in this case."

Olivia Diaz and Marina Dias contributed to this report.

THE DISTRICT

Students and staff sickened by fumes near elementary school

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

Fumes from a construction project near a D.C. elementary school sent one staff member to a hospital, sickened children and triggered an evacuation of the campus, fire officials said.

Fire crews arrived at Cleveland Elementary School in the Shaw neighborhood around 10:35 a.m. Tuesday after people inside reported feeling sick, authorities said.

Crews said the smell was coming from a nearby construction site, where workers were laying hot asphalt.

"The HVAC system in the school sucked the odor in, that's what was making people feel ill," said Vito Maggiolo, a spokesman for the D.C. fire department.

A spokesperson for D.C. Public Schools said the elementary school will reopen Wednesday.

Exposure to fumes that come from asphalt — which is made with petroleum — can cause headaches, fatigue, throat and eye irritation, and other symptoms, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Students and staff from Cleveland were evacuated to a nearby church while fire crews ventilated the school building. Emergency responders evaluated 24 children and four adults; they did not need additional medical attention, officials said on social media.

Cleveland closed for the day, and families picked up their waiting children from the church, parents said.

Jessica Kahanek, who has a kindergartner at the school, said she watched the evacuation unfold while working at home across the street. When she went outside to figure out what was going on, the air smelled like gas, she said.

"I just happened to be here and see it," she said. She quickly messaged other kindergarten parents.

Kahanek said her son was feeling "fine," but by midafternoon, she and other parents were still waiting to learn more details from D.C. Public Schools. "They lost a day of learning, parents lost a day of work, and we don't know what tomorrow holds," she said.

Kahanek said the construction site that spewed the fumes has caused other issues for the school of about 300 children — from rats to the stench of nearby temporary bathrooms. "This just sort of feels like the latest in an ongoing beat of 'our students deserve better,'" she said.

The issues at Cleveland follow similar problems at Shirley Chisholm Elementary School, where gas odors caused several evacuations in the spring. An inspection of the Southeast Washington building found a leak in an abandoned gas line that corroded behind a wall inside the school, officials told parents in June. The line — and four other unused lines — were removed.

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VIRGINIA

Boy, 11, suspended over delay in reporting bullet

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

An 11-year-old boy was punished this month for reporting a classmate for having a bullet at school because, according to administrators, he waited too long to do so.

School officials at St. John the Apostle Catholic School in Virginia Beach suspended a sixth-grader for 1½ days for waiting about two hours to report a bullet his friend had shown him, according to Tim Anderson, a lawyer representing the boy and his mother, Rachel Wigand.

News of the boy's punishment led last week to threats of violence against St. John's, a two-day closure of the Catholic school and the arrest of a man in North Carolina accused of making the threats, all while administrators tried to reassure parents who might find the whirlwind "deeply unsettling."

School officials defended the punishment, saying they held the boy accountable for the kind of delay in reporting that could have catastrophic consequences, citing the recent school shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Ga., that left four people dead and nine injured. Anderson contended that punishing the boy for "doing the right thing" makes the school less safe by disincentivizing students from coming forward.

"The message it sends is, instead of 'See something, say something,' the kids are better off not saying anything," Anderson said, adding that "it's creating a more dangerous environment."

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, of which St. John's is a part, defended punishing the boy.

"The school's culture of safety requires that students and adults alike report potential threats as quickly as they are made aware of them; in a real emergency, gaps in reporting time — especially hours-long gaps — could have major consequences for school safety," the diocese said in a statement.

On the morning of Sept. 5, Wigand's son's class prepared to take a standardized test by moving desks into a different formation, Anderson said, and while doing so, a classmate showed him a bullet. Wigand said the other boy was showing it off after finding it in his parents' coin jar, and her son didn't perceive it as a threat.

Even though he was shocked, he decided to wait until he could report the bullet anonymously, Wigand said. So he took the standardized math test for the next 1½ hours, then attended an art class which the boy with the bullet was also taking.

A fire drill followed, during which Wigand's son went to interim principal Jennifer Davey to tell her about the bullet, Anderson said. Police came to the school, searched the other boy's bag and found it, he added.

The principal commended Wigan's son but also told him he was being suspended for 1½ days because he hadn't made the report immediately, Anderson said. The other boy was suspended for the same amount of time, he added.

Wigand said that when her son had told her why he had been suspended, she suspected he wasn't telling her everything and interrogated him.

"There's no way somebody would suspend you for reporting something," she said, describing her reaction at the time. "I couldn't believe it."

But Wigand confirmed what her son had told her when she spoke to the principal that night at a school open house. She reviewed the student handbook, found nothing about a requirement to report anything other than sexual harassment and pointed that out to school officials, Anderson said. The principal was nevertheless "adamant" that Wigand's son be punished, the lawyer said.

On Sept. 6, a day after the bullet was found, Wigand contacted Anderson, who that afternoon emailed Superintendent Michael Riley, Davey and other Catholic and school officials a letter saying what had happened to the boy was "100% wrong" and threatening legal action if the school didn't reverse itself.

On Sept. 9, a lawyer representing the diocese replied saying school officials would not budge. The boy could have told his teachers during the test or in art class but waited to report what he had seen, potentially putting himself, his classmates and his teachers in danger, the diocese lawyer wrote.

"Failure to report a safety concern affects the safety of everyone in the school," diocese lawyer Leslie Winneberger wrote in a letter obtained by The Washington Post. "… The school cannot, and will not, take chances when it comes to student safety, especially true in light of the school shooting in Georgia this past week."

St. John's closed Thursday and Friday after the school received an email threatening violence because Wigand's son had been disciplined. On Friday, law enforcement arrested a man in North Carolina who is accused of making those threats. St. John's is temporarily hiring private security to patrol the school, Riley told parents Friday.

Wigand, who has been a law enforcement officer for 21 years, said she has repeatedly tried to talk to school administrators about removing the suspension from her son's disciplinary record and training students on how to report a possible threat beyond "See something, say something." She said she hasn't gotten a response to her phone calls and emails.

If the school doesn't budge, Anderson said, Wigand plans to sue.

Wigand said her son waited because he wanted to make the report anonymously to avoid being bullied. Because he and the boy with the bullet disappeared from class at the same time and served their suspension the next day, students deduced that her son was the one who told the school.

"He's upset, because one of the things he didn't want was to be bullied and didn't want to be labeled a 'snitch,'" Wigand said, "and the school took all that away from him." Everybody at the school knows her son reported the other boy, so he has to take ownership of that, she said. She told him to tell others he did the right thing and would do it again while encouraging others to do the same.

"I told him to stay strong and he did right. Let others know, if you see something that's unsafe, you need to report it." Wigand said. "Hold true to his belief that he did the right thing."

OBITUARIES

MICHAELA DEPRINCE, 29



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Michaela DePrince, seen in South Africa, was an orphan from Sierra Leone who danced to global fame.

Ballet star born amid war

BY HARRISON SMITH

Michaela DePrince, an orphan from war-torn Sierra Leone who danced to global fame as a ballerina, performing with the Dutch National Ballet in Amsterdam and collaborating with Beyoncé on the musical film "Lemonade," died Sept. 10 in New York City. She was 29.

Her sister-in-law Jess Volinski, a family representative, confirmed the death and said the cause was "not immediately clear." Ms. DePrince had performed with the Boston Ballet in recent years before parting with the company in May. "She was an advocate for what ballet can be, as a much bigger art form and a much bigger source of inspiration and hope for people," Ming Min Hui, the ballet's executive director, said in a statement.

Adopted by an American couple when she was 4, Ms. DePrince escaped a West African war zone to study classical ballet in Philadelphia and New York. By age 17, she had been featured in a popular dance documentary, "First Position" (2011), about the Youth America Grand Prix competition; performed on "Dancing With the Stars," to vocals from Natasha Bedingfield; and joined the Dance Theatre of Harlem, where she was the company's youngest dancer to star in principal roles, including as the Black Swan in "Swan Lake."

Ms. DePrince possessed what New York Times dance critic Roslyn Sulcas once described as a "spitfire quickness," along with a less readily definable quality that helped her stand out among young ballerinas at the Dutch National Ballet. Rising through the company's ranks in the 2010s, she appeared in productions of "The Sleeping Beauty" and "Cinderella," played Clara in "The Nutcracker" and soloed in George Balanchine's pas de deux "Tarantella."

"She has an amazing jump and great technical faculties," artistic director Ted Brandsen told the Times in 2015, after she performed a crowd-pleasing solo in "Swan Lake," "but mostly she had a radiance onstage."

Ms. DePrince was the company's only dancer of African origin, and a rare Black performer to become prominent in ballet. She recalled that at age 8, when she was preparing to play the heroine Marie in "The Nutcracker," she was told she had lost the part because "America's not ready for a Black girl ballerina." The next year, a dance teacher told her mother that Black dancers weren't worth the investment because they "end up having big boobs and big hips."

Ms. DePrince was undeterred by suggestions that she try modern dance or hip-hop instead of ballet, and said she was lucky to have role models such as Lauren Anderson and Misty Copeland, the first Black woman to become a principal dancer at American Ballet Theatre. Last year, she told Boston TV station WCVB that she wanted to inspire more Black girls and women to take up dance — hoping, she said, to spread "more poppies in a field of daffodils."

In addition to her stage performances, Ms. DePrince danced to her own choreography in Beyoncé's 2016 film "Lemonade," for a sequence accompanying the song "Freedom." She starred in the 2021 ballet film "Coppelia," which mixed animation with live-action dance; was sponsored by Nike; and served as a goodwill ambassador for the Dutch branch of War Child, a humanitarian organization advocating on behalf of children in conflict zones.

"Children walked and danced with her," the organization said in a tribute, recalling how Ms. DePrince — who visited Uganda, Lebanon and refugee shelters in the Netherlands — "helped many children cope with their invisible scars."

For years, she struggled with memories of her own traumatic childhood, which she recounted in a 2014 memoir, "Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina," co-written with her adoptive mother.

Mabinty Bangura, as she was first known, was born Jan. 6, 1995, in the Kenema district of southeastern Sierra Leone. Her father, who worked at a diamond mine, was gunned down by rebels when Ms. DePrince was young, amid a decade-long civil war that took the lives of an estimated 50,000 people.

His death led Ms. DePrince and her mother to seek shelter with an uncle, who mocked and abused the two women, especially Ms. DePrince. In her memoir, she said that he withheld food and beat her at times, disgusted by her skin condition, vitiligo, an autoimmune disorder that causes patches of skin to lose their color. Before long, Ms. DePrince's mother died of Lassa fever and starvation.

Abandoned by her uncle at an orphanage, Ms. DePrince was ostracized as "the devil's child" because of her skin disorder. In place of a name, she was frequently referred to by a number — 27 — that indicated her status as the least-liked of the orphanage's 27 young wards. When clothes and food were handed out, she was the last in line, just behind "26," a fellow orphan, also named Mabinty, who was bullied because she was left-handed. The two girls became friends and came to share a sleeping mat.

One day, a magazine blew into the yard of the orphanage. On the cover was a photo of a ballerina, dancing en pointe, who looked as happy and beautiful as anyone Ms. DePrince had ever seen. She ripped off the cover and, with nowhere else to put it, tucked it into her underwear, taking it out each night to look at the picture.

"It was my promise of a better life somewhere, away from all this madness," she told the Times of London in 2015. "I had no idea what ballet was but it was my hope, my light."

Because of attacks by militants, Ms. DePrince and the other orphans were forced to flee, walking some 100 miles to the neighboring state of Guinea. Ms. DePrince and her friend Mabinty, who became known as Mia, ultimately reached a refugee camp where in 1999 they were adopted by Elaine DePrince, a retired teacher and author, and her husband, Charles DePrince, an executive at a nutritional supplement company.

Ms. DePrince was one of 11 children raised by the DePrinces, including nine who were adopted. She was given the first name Michaela in honor of her late brother Michael, one of three adopted sons in the family who had hemophilia and, through contaminated blood used in their medical treatments, died after contracting HIV.

It took time to adjust to her new home in Cherry Hill, N.J. Ms. DePrince had initially believed that everyone in the United States was a ballet dancer, and went rummaging through her new mother's bag in search of pointe shoes. There were no shoes, but her parents soon bought her a DVD of "The Nutcracker," which she watched on a loop, and enrolled her in ballet classes.

Ms. DePrince studied at the Rock School for Dance Education in Philadelphia and the American Ballet Theatre's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School in Manhattan. She made her professional debut in 2012, dancing in "Le Corsaire" in Johannesburg.

Five years later, she was forced to put her career in Amsterdam on hold when she ruptured her Achilles' tendon. She said it helped to slow down, giving her time to seek therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder after years of recurring nightmares.

Ms. DePrince took a leave of absence from the Dutch National Ballet in 2020, after her father died of Parkinson's disease and dementia, and joined Boston Ballet the next year.

Survivors include five sisters and two brothers. Her mother, who had congenital heart disease, was in declining health in recent months and died Sept. 11, the day after Ms. DePrince, while undergoing what her family described in a statement as "a routine procedure in preparation for surgery."

"As unbelievable as it may seem, the two deaths were completely unrelated," her family added. "The only way we can make sense of the senseless is that Elaine, who had already lost three children many years ago, was by the grace of God spared the pain of experiencing the loss of a fourth child."

IN MEMORIAM

HARRELL



L. DAVID HARRELL
Happy Birthday, David!
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God has you in his arms
I have you in my heart!
Love Forever, Mom, Family, Zuri, Ayanna,and the Nupts in the bond



DEATH NOTICE

BENJAMIN

CATHERINE WARLOW BENJAMIN
On September 13, 2024, Catherine Warlow Benjamin passed away at home in Pinehurst, NC surrounded by her loving family. Cathy, age 82, was born on May 1, 1942 in Miami, FL to Mary Carter and Thomas Picton Warlow Jr. She was raised in Orlando, FL and later lived in Rockville, MD for many years, raising her three children and pursuing her talents and careers in interior design and residential real estate. In 1992, Cathy married Charles W. Benjamin and the two ultimately moved to Pinehurst, NC and lived out their years together, enjoying their love of golf, friendships and southern living. Cathy is preceded in death by her mother, father; sister, Gail Warlow Sessions; and brother, Thomas Picton Warlow, III. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Benjamin; her son Carter Mann (Chantal); her son Derek Mann (Lynn); her daughter Halle Mann Shourds; her stepsons, John Benjamin and Tom Benjamin (Ridgely); and her nine grandchildren who were her true joys (Juliette, Parker, Devon, William, Emily, Luke, Charlie, Lindsay and Abby) and seven nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, NC on September 30 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Catherine Benjamin's name to the Martin Andersen-Gracia Andersen Foundation, Inc., 244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 200, Winter Park, FL 32789.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

HEDGCOCK



CLAIRE BETH HEDGCOCK (Age 90)
A resident of Fruitland Park, FL for 35 years, died on the 16th of September 2024. Born on Augus 28, 1934 in Washington, DC, she was the youngest and last surviving child of Dr. Thomas David Gates, DDS and Estelle Frances Gates (McCuan). She graduated in 1952 from Calvin Coolidge High School in Washingto, DC and received her Bachelor of Arts from Western Maryland College (now MCDaniel College) in Westminster, MD. She met her husband of 65 years, Colonel Robert Eugene Hedgcock at college, marrying in December of 1956. Claire and Gene had three children Andrea, Kathryn and Thomas. They moved with the military every 12-18 months to Texas, Kansas, Virginia, Pennsylvania and had multiple tours in Germany. Claire and the children stayed in Maryland when Gene had tours in Korea and Vietnam. Claire worked in Virginia and New Jersey as a realtor. When Gene retired they moved to Fruitland Park, FL and Claire worked for ERA Keith Shamrock Reality and John C Thomas Reality where in 1999 she achieved one Million in sales. Claire was an advocate for mental health and volunteered with the Lake / Sumter National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Lake / Sumter Mental Heath Hospital Foundation, and Lifestream Foundation where she served on the Executive Board of Directors. She was honored by the Leesburg Business and Professional Women's Club with their Woman of the Year Achievement Award and also honored by Lake / Sumter Mental Health Hospital Foundation as Citizen Advocate of the Year for her volunteer work with the mentally ill and serving as a point of contact for families who were in need of help. Claire was was a lifetime Washington Redskins fan and an avid newspaper reader, collector of blue and white dishes and European treasures from her travels. She and Gene also collected quite a few orange tabby cats. Claire is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sibling Estelle Louise Hislop. She is survived by her three children, daughter Andrea Purdon and her husband Dr. Robert Purdon, daughter Kathryn Keeton and her husband Karl, son Thomas Hedgcock and his wife Kim; three grandchildren Mariel Purdon, Kyle Purdon, and Dr. Kira Purdon Hess and her husband David; three great grandchildren Kayden Purdon, Beckett Hess, and Adley Hess, and her beloved orange tabby cats Swifty and Sunny. The Hedgcock family sends sincere thanks to neighbors, friends, relatives, Hospice, and Waterman staff for their prayers and support these past weeks. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Lifestream Behavioral Center, AIMS Program, Post Office Box 491000, Leesburg, FL 34749 at (352) 315-7500 libc.net and/or Tavares Cornerstone Hospice 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778 (866) 742-6655. cornerstonehospice.org. Visitation will be Saturday September 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com.

DEATH NOTICE

BROOKS



ROSETTA ALBERTA BROOKS "Rosie"
September 26, 1946 - July 15, 2024
Rosetta "Rosie" Alberta Brooks loving mother, grandmother, colleague, teacher and friend passed away peacefully in her Vienna, VA home on July 15, 2024. A native Washingtonian, she was born to Joseph and Rosa Whalen and educated at Dunbar Senior High School and Howard University. She was an exceptional instructor and artistic director of St. Mark's Episcopal Church's Dance Studio, training countless students and successful performers for more than 60 years. She was an expert advisor to a number of national youth focused programs e.g., NBA and her distinguished service with local community schools and programs was recognized in 2009 with the Capitol Hill Community Foundation's Achievement Award.
Rosie is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Brooks, and daughter Antionette Stokes. She leaves behind her son, Joseph Brooks, Sr., grandson, Joseph Brooks, Jr., sister Denise Bradford (Larry), half-sister Bertina Drehner, nephew Grady Bradford, Jr., son-in-law Douglas Stokes, and long-term companion, Michael Gregory.
Memorial Service, Saturday September 21, 2024 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church 301 A Street, SE Washington, DC 20003

FRITSCHE



MARY AMBLER MONCURE FRITSCHE
9/27/1933 - 9/16/2024
Mary Ambler Moncure Fritsche of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on September 16, 2024, at age 90. Ambler was born September 27, 1933, in Alexandria, Virginia, the daughter of Henry Trevillian Moncure and Mary Albert Booth Moncure. She attended the former George Washington High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and she graduated from William and Mary University in Williamsburg in 1956, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a lifelong member of Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and was also a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of Virginia. Ambler was recognized as a Golden Dame, one of those members who have 50 or more years of membership in the Colonial Dames in Virginia.
She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Carl Craighead Fritsche, and is survived by her beloved sons, Carl Craighead Fritsche, Jr., of Clifton, Virginia and John Moncure Fritsche of Burke, Virginia; daughters-in-law Elizabeth Tart Fritsche and Mary Avera Fritsche, her four wonderful grandchildren, Olivia Moncure Fritsche Bean, Virginia Lyn Fritsche Lewis, John Moncure Fritsche, Jr. and Robert Ambler Moncure Fritsche; and also Olivia's husband, David Richard Bean II, Virginia's husband, Elijah Thomas Lewis, and Robert's wife, Margaret Morgan Fritsche; her great-grandchildren Henry Richard Lewisy Bean, Caldwell Charles Farris Bean, and Molly Moncure Lewisy Bean; her sister Nancy Houston Moncure Deiss and husband William Edward Deiss and brother Charles Braxton Moncure and wife Deborah Chemers Moncure; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and family members, all whom brought her much joy. She was also predeceased by her dear brother, Henry Boothe Moncure.
A funeral service will be held on September 20, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 118 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia, with a reception to follow in the adjacent Meade Room in the Parish Hall. Graveside services will follow at Aquia Episcopal Church, 2938 Richmond Highway, Stafford, Virginia. Memorial gifts can be made to ShrineMont Conference and Retreat Center, P.O. Box 10, Orkney Springs, VA 22845; or the Christ Church Foundation, 118 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia; or to the Goodwin Living Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311.

GREEN



LINDA M. GREEN
Linda M. Green, aged 88, a longtime resident of Reston, VA, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2024. Born on February 10, 1936, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Linda lived a life full of kindness, compassion, and passionate strength. She will be remembered for her unwavering love, her dedication to friends and family, and her generous spirit toward all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Linda was a devoted mother. She is survived by her sons, Adam Green of Washington, DC, and Aaron Green of Lakewood, Colorado, who will carry forward her legacy of love and grace.

A woman of many talents, Linda had a deep love for Reston, Virginia, where she was passionate about GRACE, the arts, printmaking, and the community to which she dedicated much of her life. She brought joy to those around her through her generosity and her determination to live a life that defied expectations. Her warmth and laughter left an indelible mark on everyone who knew her.

Linda was a remarkable success in an era when women of her education had limited opportunities. She rejected those limitations, and while raising two young boys, she founded the graphic design company 'Gestalt.' Although she could have retired early, Linda chose to continue her entrepreneurial journey by starting another successful business, 'Output Printing.' Her strength, independence, and triumph over poverty remain her greatest lessons to all who knew her.

Linda's family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the caregivers and medical staff who provided comfort and care in her final days. Her passing leaves profound sadness, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched. Those who wish to honor Linda's life and memory are invited to contribute to G.R.A.C.E (now known as the Tephera Institute of Contemporary Art) at https://www.tephraica.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Carewell Cremations. For inquiries, please contact (571) 300-2273. No services are planned at this time.

ROSSOTTI

JACK EDWARD ROSSOTTI

May 26, 1944 – September 14, 2024
Jack Edward Rossotti, beloved husband, stepfather, brother, uncle, friend, professor, musician, and devout Catholic, died on Saturday, September 14, 2024, following complications from leukemia. He was 80 years old.

Born on May 26, 1944, in New York, New York Jack attended St. Cecilia Catholic High School in Englewood, New Jersey. He received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University in 1966, and became a television reporter, producer, and anchor before deciding to study political science. He obtained both a Masters degree and a Ph.D from Syracuse University in 1969 and 1972, respectively. He also obtained a JD from Catholic University in 1979, and briefly practiced law.

But the highlight of Jack's professional career was his more than 25 years as a political science professor at American University. There, he taught undergraduate students from other universities who were studying in Washington for a semester. During the early 1990's, Jack developed a track within his program called the Washington Semester in Public Law, aimed at students who wanted to go on to law school. Jack directed this program for several years before he retired. His students responded to this program with enthusiasm, and Jack consistently received top teaching evaluations. He had a kind way of interacting with students. He would never embarrass a student in class discussions.

He was so beloved by his students that they planted a cherry tree on campus in his honor. It still stands today with a plaque that reads: "For Professor Jack Rossotti in Honor of His Dedicated Teaching" and is signed, The Public Law Semester. Jack was deeply moved.

Outside of his professional career, Jack had a passion for and deep knowledge of sports; music; and wine. He spent time in his early career calling games. He carried this love of sports, particularly football and basketball, throughout his entire life. He particularly enjoyed predicting which teams would make the NCAA men's basketball tournament and then following his picks.

Jack was also an accomplished pianist. Born with the gift of perfect pitch, he would lead groups in both public and family settings in singing rollicking versions of Broadway show tunes or Christmas carols, while he provided the piano accompaniment with gusto.

Jack was a true oenophile in every sense of the word: a collector, an enthusiast, and a deeply knowledgeable connoisseur. At one point his legendary wine collection numbered over 1,000 bottles. Of course it became his responsibility to provide the wine for family holidays, a role he took very seriously.

The family would like to thank the ICU team at Virginia Health Center for their excellent care and compassion for Jack at the end of his life.

Jack is survived by his wife, Valerie Evans, and step-daughter, Erin Evans; brother Charles Rossotti (Barbara); niece Allegra Rossotti Nethery (John); nephew Edward Rossotti (Lynn); grand-nephew Jed Rossotti; grand-niece Elizabeth Rossotti; and cousins Arlene Tiscornia and Edward Rossotti.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, September, 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Money & King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Ave. W, Vienna, VA. A funeral mass will take place on Friday, September 20, at 11 a.m. at St. John the Beloved Roman Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terr., McLean, VA. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to St. John the Beloved, or to catholiccharitiesdc.org

DEATH NOTICE

DRECHSLER



BARBARA ANN BEHRENS DRECHSLER
Barbara Ann Behrens Drechsler, 82, of Silver Spring, MD, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Barbara was born December 3, 1941, and raised in Washington, DC, daughter of the late George and Sara Behrens. Barbara was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Richard; her half-sister, Laurie Vavuris; and her grandson, Kurt Drechsler, Jr. She is survived by her sons Kurt Drechsler, Sr. and Mark Drechsler as well as five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A viewing will be held on Sunday, September 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, MD. The funeral will be held on Monday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m. with a brief viewing starting at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 222 M Street SW, Washington, DC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and mailed to Mary Essex, Financial Secretary at 2002 Trafalgar Drive, Ft. Washington, MD 20744 or at www.stmatthewdc.org/give; or to Feeding America at www.FeedingAmerica.org

TABORGA

PEDRO N TABORGA (Age 84)
Pedro N Taborga, 84, of McLean, VA, passed away on August 22, 2024. Survived by his sisters, and his three children. Services will be private.

WHARTON



FRANCES WHARTON
Frances Felton Wharton, born January 13, 1951, passed away on September 8, 2024. A dedicated civil servant, she retired after 45 years in the federal government. She is survived by her children, Shiree (Donta) and Duane, and four grandchildren. A memorial service will beheld at Marshall-March Funeral Home located at 4308 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD 20746 on September 20, 2024, visitation 2 p.m. followed by the memorial service at 3 p.m.

DEATH NOTICE

JONES

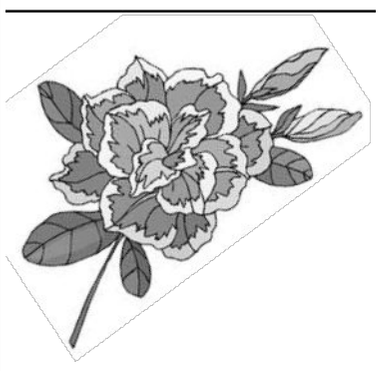


JEAN YAVIS JONES (Age 77)
Jean Yavis Jones died peacefully September 10, 2024. Jean's sisters were a constant, loving presence in the last weeks of her life. Jean is survived by her sisters Jane Yavis and Jodi Williamson (Harry) and niece Emily Williamson. She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel Joseph Jones. A visitation will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, September 24, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home, P.A., in Hyattsville, MD. A service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Hyattsville, MD with a burial following at 2pm at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, MD.
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ROBINSON



BARBARA ANN (BRISCOE) ROBINSON (Age 78)
Transitioned on Monday, September 9, 2024. Family will receive friends at Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024 on Friday, September 20, 2024. Viewing 10 a.m. followed by Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. Interment will be the next day, Saturday, September 21, 2024, 11 a.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery Suitland, MD 20746.



DEATH NOTICE

WHITTON



LINDA MILLER WHITTON
4/19/1943 - 9/12/2024
Linda Miller Whitton, 81, of Rehoboth Beach Delaware, formerly of Alexandria, VA, passed away on September 12, 2024. She was predeceased by her husband Monroe "Chip" Whitton; her father Frank Miller Jr.; her stepfather Dr. Marshall J. Waple Jr.; her mother Nancy Waple; her sister Anne Waple DeNitto; and her brother Braxton Waple. She is survived by her brothers Marshal J. Waple III, Joseph V. Waple, and James R. Waple, her beloved nephew Peter A. DeNitto, and over a dozen nieces and nephews.

Linda was born in Baltimore, Maryland and raised in Alexandria, Virginia, where she graduated from Hammond High School. After spending time at the University of South Florida, she worked as a secretary in Alexandria, where she met her husband, Chip.

She eventually became the executive secretary for the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority for 22 years. During that time she also served as the recording secretary for the Alexandria City Council.

In addition to her professional work, she served for 20 years as the Chairwoman of the Alexandria Sister Cities committee, helping to foster great ties with Dundee, Scotland. She was a member of the Honorary Board Alumni for Sister Cities International. She volunteered with the Alexandria City Y and the Campagna Center, acting as the treasurer for the Alexandria Scottish Walk.

With her family, she volunteered with the Little Theatre of Alexandria, as stage manager as well as costume sewing and design. Gadsby's Tavern also saw her work behind the scenes for their Christmas Carol shows. In addition, she served on the board of directors for the Washington Daffodil Society.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will take place on Friday September 20, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes DE. where visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Interment will occur at a later date at the Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium in Alexandria, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Monroe "Chip" Whitton Scholarship program at the Global Education Office at George Mason University.

Please visit Linda's Life Memorial at:
www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

WILK

VALERIE ANNE WILK

Valerie Anne Wilk, age 73, passed away peacefully at her home in The Villages, FL, on August 31, 2024, surrounded by family and loved ones. Recently, as she bravely fought cancer, Val was blessed by the visits of many colleagues, friends, neighbors, and family members from across the country.

Born on December 4, 1950, in Chicago, IL, Val was the eldest of six children born to George Z. and Helen Julia (Senko) Wilk. She is survived by her sister Margaret (Les) McMinn of Gulf Shores, AL; brothers: Lawrence (Adriane) Wilk of Lakemoor, IL; Donald (Nancy) Wilk of Appomattox, VA; George (Sawkeok) Wilk of Honolulu, HI; and Stephen Wilk of Bountiful, UT. She also leaves behind sisters-in-law Patricia (Edward) Crylen and Nancy (Robert) Reafler, brother-in-law David (Kathy) Strothmann, as well as many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and their children. Val's cherished cocker spaniel, Alex, was always by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, several aunts and uncles, and her loving husband, James Curtis Strothmann.

Val grew up in Chicago, where she attended St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Thecla Catholic schools. She graduated from Wm. Howard Taft High School in 1968. She earned her BA in Modern Languages from Knox College in Galesburg, IL, in 1972, becoming fluent in Spanish. Shortly after, Val served for two and a half years in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. She later immersed herself in the culture of Barcelona, Spain, for a year and a half before returning to the U.S. to pursue further education. Val obtained her MS in Preventive Medicine/Environmental Health from the University of Iowa in 1980.

Val met her future husband, Jim, in Washington, D.C., where they both lived and worked. They were married on September 24, 1983, in Chevy Chase, MD, and eventually settled in Falls Church, VA, where they lived for 26 years. In July 2016, they relocated to The Villages, FL, where they enjoyed living near Jim's aunt and uncle, Kathy and Dick Galligan, who remain residents of the community.

Val was known for her tireless work ethic and her unwavering commitment to social justice. She had a deep passion for fairness, workers' rights, and ensuring safety and opportunity for all. Val advocated for farmworkers' rights, appearing on C-SPAN in October 1992 at a Helsinki Commission hearing, and again in June 1993 at a news conference addressing pesticide use and health and safety issues.

Val held several important roles during her career, including serving as a Health Policy Analyst for AFSCME from 1996 to 2000, and later as the Assistant Director of the Public Policy Department until 2002. From 2002 until her passing, Val worked as an Organizational Specialist in Higher Education with the National Education Association (NEA), based in Washington, D.C. Her work encompassed organizing, writing, research, public speaking, and supporting various committees. Val passed away just one day before her planned retirement, having dedicated her life to work she truly loved.

Val generously supported causes that she was passionate about. She was a "put your money where your mouth is" kind of girl. In lieu of flowers, Val would appreciate any similar contributions.

An interment service will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery, 8600 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714. A Celebration of Life luncheon will follow at 11:30 a.m. at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714.

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DEATH NOTICE

WHITE



CANARY SPEIGHT WHITE (Age 98)
Canary S. White, was born May 19, 1926 in Snow Hill, North Carolina to the late Jeanette W. and Jefferson Speight. She made her peaceful transition on August 29, 2024. She was educated in District of Columbia Public Schools and graduated from Cardozo High School. Upon graduation, Canary started her career at the Department of Defense where she received many accolades for outstanding service. She retired in 1981.

On January 22, 1945, Canary married Floyd Lawrence White. They shared a lifetime of love filled with social events, family gatherings, and world travels. By the time of Floyd's death in 1997, the loving couple had been married for 52 years.

Family will welcome friends Friday September 20, 2024 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 160 U Street NW Washington DC visitation 10am until time of service 11am Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICE

TUCKER-WINT



MARIE H. TUCKER-WINT
On Monday, September 2, 2024 at 11:50 p.m., Marie H. Tucker-Wint peacefully transitioned into eternal rest. She is survived by her devoted sister Doretha Higginbotham Richeson, one sister-in-law Evelyn B. Higginbotham, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Mrs. Tucker-Wint will lye in state at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 10 a.m. until funeral service at 11 a.m. Pastor Dr. John P. Cox, officiating. Interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetary. Services by Stewart Funeral Home.

GRYDER



TYREE A. GRYDER JR. (Age 87)
Tyree A. Gryder, Jr., ("Junior"), 87, of Stafford, VA, entered eternal rest on September 16, 2024. Born in Charlottesville, VA, on December 21, 1936, he was the beloved son of the late Tyree A. and Mary Elizabeth Gryder. Junior spent his childhood in Fairfax Station, VA, moving throughout Northern Virginia before settling in Stafford, VA, in 1989. Junior attended George Washington High School in Alexandria. After high school, he joined the family restaurant business on South Patrick Street in Old Town Alexandria while he attended trade school. He later became a machinist and a member of the International Association of Machinists. Junior worked with his father at Central Armature Works, Inc. of Washington, DC, until his retirement in 2000. From a young age, Junior enjoyed sports. His first love was baseball. Junior was an outstanding baseball catcher and later a fast-pitch pitcher. He was referred to as "Dimples" Gryder in the local newspapers. Junior was the starting catcher for his Alexandria baseball team in the 1948 National Little League Tournament (now the Little League World Series) in Williamsport, PA. Many thought he would go on to play professional baseball, but his passion turned to cars, where he excelled racing his prized 1954 Ford named Cheetah on tracks from Manassas, VA, to Elizabeth City, NC. Junior was also a member of the Accelerators, a local and well-known Alexandria racing club. Junior was previously married to Doris M. Gryder, and to their union two daughters were born. To mourn his passing, Junior leaves behind his wife of 46 years Barbara Joan "BJ" Gryder, two dedicated and doting daughters Vicki L. Krause of Centreville, VA, and Sherry L. Gryder (Robyn) of Hollywood, FL, most cherished grandson William "Billy" Krause, Jr. (Natalia) of Centreville, VA, and his brother Wayne Gryder (Joy) of Fenwick Island, DE. Junior is preceded in death by his father, Tyree A. Gryder, Sr., mother Mary Elizabeth Gryder, former wife Doris M. Gryder, son-in-law William M. Krause, Sr., and nephew Jimmy Gryder. In remembrance of how Junior touched each of our lives, the family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, you please consider expressions of sympathy in Junior's memory to the Special Olympics. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive in Alexandria, VA 22315. Inurnment will be private. Please view and sign the family guestbook at
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LINDO



DR. MAMIE HOLLOWAY LINDO
Dr. Mamie Holloway Lindo passed away on June 14, 2024 leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and love. Born on September 17, 1929, in South Carolina. Mamie was raised by her mother, Sarah Holloway, and stepfather, Harry Peterson, in Washington, DC. There she made significant contributions to education, her church, and community.
Mamie graduated from Armstrong High School in 1945. She earned a Master's Degree in Education at New York University in 1963, and then a Doctorate of Education from George Washington University in 1974. Her career spanned over four decades in the D.C. Public Schools system, where she rose from a special education teacher to senior leadership positions. Mamie believed that every child deserved the opportunity to succeed and refused to let anyone fail without trying their hardest.
She put God first in everything and encouraged her family to do the same. Mamie was an active member of Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. She volunteered in a variety of positions and chaired the Dupont Park Church School Board.
She retired to Hedgesville, West Virginia. She created the Knollhaven Farm, and later raised sheep to help local children in 4-H competitions. Her animals became stars in those competitions, with local children proudly showing them and often winning top prizes, such as Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Mamie's hobbies were gardening and Bible study.
Mamie is survived by her loving sons Calvin Jr. (Daphne) and Marcus (Rosemary, deceased); grandchildren Troy (Chioma), Cara, Marcus Jr., and Maury (Jazmin); great-grandchildren Jones, Zuri, and India; her sister Eunice Shepperson (Ronald); and numerous nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. Mamie was preceded in death by her husband Calvin Sr., parents, Harry and Sarah Peterson, and her siblings; Mary Harris, Carrie Ruffin, Elizabeth Payne, Gloria Walton, and Harry Peterson Jr.
Dr. Mamie Holloway Lindo's legacy will forever be imprinted on the hearts of her family, her church, and her community. She leaves behind a lasting influence as a faithful servant of God, a dedicated educator, and a loving mother and grandmother.
Her memorial service will be on September 22 at 2 p.m., at the Seabrook Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8900 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD 20706.

MORGAN



BETTY JANE (VOLONTE) MORGAN
Betty Jane (Volonte) Morgan died peacefully in her sleep at Riderwood Village on September 9, 2024, at age 95. Betty was born in Ossining, NY on January 8, 1929, to August and Alice (DeFrates) Volonte. She was raised in Ashville, NC and the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Betty graduated from Wilson Teachers College with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She married her college sweetheart, Paul Morgan and they lived in Adelphi, MD for nearly 50 years. Betty and Paul loved traveling and camping and there were many wonderful road trips in a VW bus. Betty worshipped at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, MD, where she was active in arts and crafts shows, flea markets, rummage sales, and choir. Betty's fondness of crafts, antiques and collectibles led to her serving as founder and manager of the Fig Tree at Good Shepherd, co-founder of the Collectible Shop in Takoma Park, MD, and manager for many years of the Treasure Chest at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD.

Betty is survived by her children, Glen Morgan (Kim), Carol Milberger (Wayne), Timothy Morgan, and Clifford Morgan (Esther). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Tyler Morgan, Adam Morgan (Mariana Garcia), Sara Freudensprung (Brandon), Michelle Milberger (Zach Van Winkle), Jeffrey Milberger, Hannah Purcell (Ian), and Paula Morgan; and great-grandchildren, Lydia, Mo, Sam, Abigail, Audrey, Benjamin, Alice, and Luna. Betty was preceded in death by Paul (husband), Robert Volonte (brother) and Brittany (granddaughter).

Betty was devoted to her family, loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and relished the warmth of many close friends over the years. She enjoyed every fiber of life and passed that on to her family. She will be missed by all of us.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Riderwood's Benevolent Fund (Silver Spring MD) or Montgomery Hospice (Rockville, MD).

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on December 16, at Riderwood Chapel in Silver Spring, MD.

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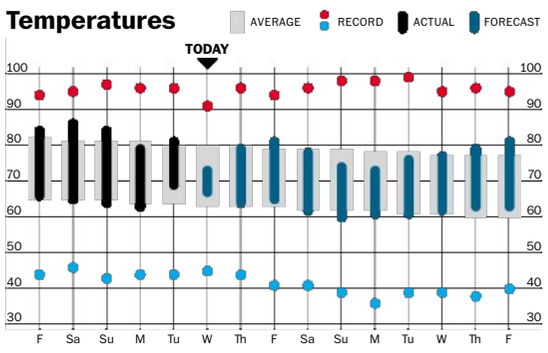
Fading rain, highs in mid-70s

Expect scattered showers to dwindle. High temperatures should mainly reach the mid-70s, and winds are likely to continue blowing from the northeast at around 10 mph, with higher gusts.

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rain, t-storm	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
73° 67°	**79°** 64°	**81°** 65°	**78°** 62°	**74°** 60°	**73°** 61°
FEELS*: **75°**	FEELS: **81°**	FEELS: **81°**	FEELS: **79°**	FEELS: **77°**	FEELS: **72°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **85%**	P: **10%**	P: **0%**	P: **15%**	P: **15%**	P: **25%**
WIND: **NE 7–14 mph**	W: **NNE 6–12 mph**	W: **NNE 6–12 mph**	W: **NE 7–14 mph**	W: **NE 6–12 mph**	W: **E 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **High**	H: **High**	H: **High**	H: **High**	H: **Moderate**	H: **Moderate**

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Temperatures

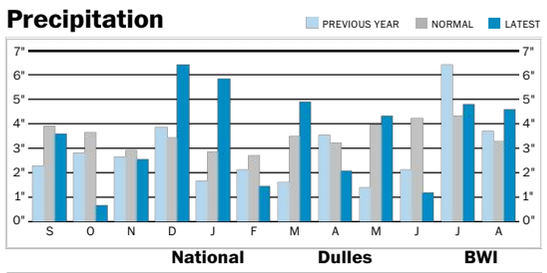


Statistics through 5 p.m. Tuesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**81°** 10:57 a.m.	**79°** 12:29 p.m.	**78°** 3:00 p.m.
Low	**69°** 2:00 a.m.	**66°** 3:00 a.m.	**69°** 4:38 a.m.
Normal	80°/64°	79°/58°	79°/59°
Record high	96° 1991	97° 1991	97° 1991
Record low	44° 1923	35° 1986	44° 1984

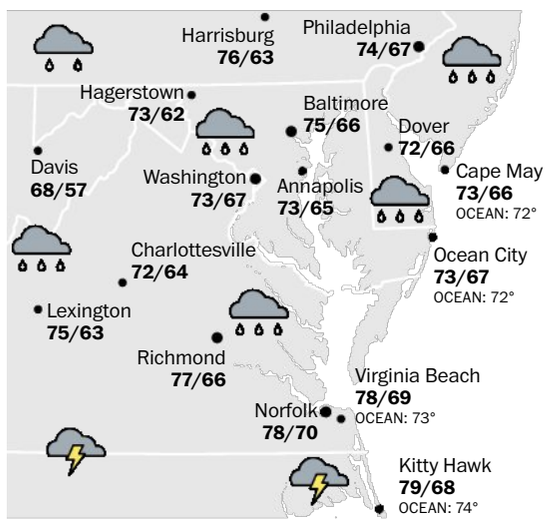
Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.4°** yr. to date: **+2.3°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.06"	0.01"	Trace
Total this month	0.08"	0.01"	0.01"
Normal	2.24"	2.18"	2.46"
Total this year	29.17"	25.79"	29.33"
Normal	30.25"	31.50"	32.35"

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	High
Trees	Low
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	Moderate

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Nitrogen oxide

UV: Low
1 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, cloudy, some rain, a thunderstorm; beneficial rain may come at the risk of localized flooding. High 59 to 66. Winds northeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, a shower. Low 54 to 58. Winds northeast 6–12 mph. Thursday, a passing shower or two.

Atlantic beaches: Today, cloudy, humid. Some rain, a thunderstorm; rain, a thunderstorm in the north. Watch for rip currents. High 72 to 78. Winds northeast 12–25 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, humid; periods of rain; however, dry in the south. Low 66 to 70.

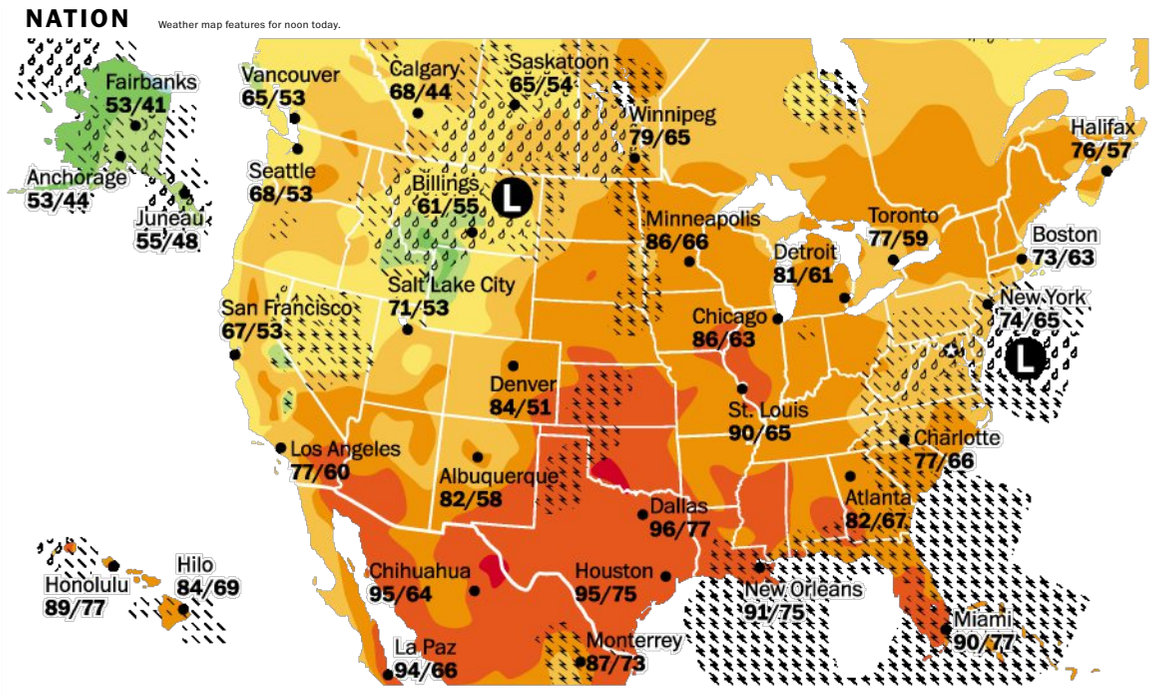
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, cloudy, occasional rain, a thunderstorm. Wind north–northeast 6–12 knots. Waves 1–3 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mainly cloudy, some rain, a thunderstorm. Wind northeast 7–14 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.60 feet today, rising to 2.70 Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	3:21 a.m.	**8:41 a.m.**	3:41 p.m.	**9:00 p.m.**
Annapolis	**5:45 a.m.**	12:04 p.m.	**6:20 p.m.**	none
Ocean City	2:01 a.m.	**8:06 a.m.**	2:22 p.m.	**8:32 p.m.**
Norfolk	3:57 a.m.	**10:10 a.m.**	4:28 p.m.	**10:33 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**1:43 a.m.**	8:19 a.m.	**2:13 p.m.**	8:48 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front

<–10 | –0s | 0s | 10s | 20s | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60s | 70s | 80s | 90s | 100s | 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Eagle Lake, TX **99°**
Low: Mammoth Lakes, CA **20°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Wadi Al Dawasser, Saudi Arabia **111°**
Low: Tungokochen, Russia **12°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	82/59/c	80/59/pc
Albuquerque	82/58/s	86/62/s
Anchorage	53/44/sh	53/42/c
Atlanta	82/67/s	88/67/pc
Austin	98/75/s	98/73/s
Baltimore	75/66/r	79/62/c
Billings, MT	61/55/r	76/52/c
Birmingham	87/66/s	86/64/s
Bismarck, ND	83/58/c	77/48/c
Boise	72/53/pc	75/56/pc
Boston	73/63/c	67/62/r
Buffalo	80/58/c	82/58/c
Burlington, VT	84/60/c	82/58/pc
Charleston, SC	85/69/t	84/67/sh
Charleston, WV	80/59/sh	82/56/sh
Charlotte	77/66/t	79/64/sh
Cheyenne, WY	75/46/pc	79/45/s
Chicago	86/63/s	86/68/s
Cincinnati	87/63/pc	87/63/pc
Cleveland	79/62/c	78/59/pc
Dallas	96/77/pc	98/77/s
Denver	84/51/pc	86/52/s
Des Moines	88/67/pc	89/66/s
Detroit	81/61/pc	82/60/pc
El Paso	94/69/s	96/70/s
Fairbanks, AK	53/41/sh	51/36/r
Fargo, ND	81/67/t	80/56/c
Hartford, CT	79/62/c	75/63/r
Honolulu	89/77/pc	89/75/pc
Houston	95/75/s	94/75/s
Indianapolis	89/63/s	88/63/pc
Jackson, MS	91/66/s	90/64/s
Jacksonville, FL	88/71/t	89/69/t
Kansas City, MO	89/69/pc	91/67/t
Las Vegas	86/65/s	86/66/pc
Little Rock	90/65/pc	91/68/s
Los Angeles	77/60/pc	73/60/pc
Louisville	87/66/s	91/64/pc
Memphis	87/67/s	88/67/s
Miami	90/77/t	89/77/t
Milwaukee	80/62/s	83/67/s
Minneapolis	86/66/pc	82/62/t
Nashville	85/68/s	90/64/pc
New Orleans	91/75/t	91/75/s
New York City	74/65/r	76/64/r
Norfolk	78/70/t	76/66/sh
Oklahoma City	94/71/pc	97/73/t
Omaha	87/70/c	92/60/t
Orlando	91/74/t	88/73/t
Philadelphia	74/67/r	76/64/c
Phoenix	96/75/s	98/75/s
Pittsburgh	75/60/c	82/56/pc
Portland, ME	77/55/pc	71/60/r
Portland, OR	74/58/c	73/54/pc
Providence, RI	76/64/c	69/61/r
Raleigh, NC	80/68/t	79/63/sh
Reno, NV	66/48/t	69/47/pc
Richmond	77/66/t	81/62/sh
Sacramento	76/57/c	85/54/pc
St. Louis	90/65/s	92/69/s
St. Thomas, VI	90/80/pc	89/79/s
Salt Lake City	71/53/c	78/55/c
San Diego	74/65/c	74/64/pc
San Francisco	67/53/c	69/54/pc
San Juan, PR	91/80/pc	90/79/t
Seattle	68/53/c	66/51/c
Spokane, WA	75/51/pc	76/48/s
Syracuse	82/60/c	84/58/pc
Tampa	91/76/c	90/76/t
Wichita	93/72/pc	96/68/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	69/50/sh	73/48/pc
Amsterdam	73/58/pc	74/58/s
Athens	80/69/pc	82/68/pc
Auckland	59/51/pc	64/55/sh
Baghdad	97/78/pc	97/73/pc
Bangkok	87/78/t	92/79/t
Beijing	85/69/pc	86/63/r
Berlin	79/58/pc	75/55/s
Bogota	73/46/pc	72/48/pc
Brussels	72/54/s	74/52/s
Buenos Aires	73/63/s	70/57/t
Cairo	91/76/s	95/80/s
Caracas	79/69/t	79/68/t
Copenhagen	70/53/s	70/57/s
Dakar	86/79/pc	85/79/pc
Dublin	64/51/s	64/52/pc
Edinburgh	68/45/pc	61/47/s
Frankfurt	79/58/s	75/54/s
Geneva	66/48/s	69/51/s
Ham., Bermuda	84/77/sh	83/77/c
Helsinki	66/46/pc	69/49/s
Ho Chi Minh City	84/76/t	89/77/t
Hong Kong	95/84/pc	93/83/s
Islamabad	93/74/pc	95/73/pc
Istanbul	80/66/c	77/66/s
Jerusalem	79/63/s	81/65/s
Johannesburg	81/52/s	81/47/s
Kabul	82/65/s	86/64/s
Kingston, Jam.	91/81/pc	91/80/c
Kolkata	94/82/t	94/82/t
Kyiv	68/52/pc	76/52/s
Lagos	83/77/r	84/76/t
Lima	67/58/s	67/58/pc
Lisbon	79/63/pc	78/63/pc
London	75/57/s	77/58/s
Madrid	79/59/s	74/59/sh
Manila	82/78/r	82/79/r
Mexico City	78/57/sh	78/55/sh
Montreal	83/61/c	83/60/c
Moscow	78/51/c	72/48/pc
Mumbai	91/77/s	89/77/sh
Nairobi	81/59/pc	82/61/t
New Delhi	84/76/c	88/78/c
Oslo	68/51/pc	69/51/s
Ottawa	83/56/c	83/58/c
Paris	75/57/s	74/55/s
Prague	73/50/s	69/47/t
Rio de Janeiro	77/66/pc	80/68/s
Riyadh	103/82/pc	102/81/pc
Rome	72/58/sh	74/56/s
San Salvador	87/70/t	85/70/t
Santiago	70/43/pc	65/42/pc
Sarajevo	66/52/sh	61/52/r
Seoul	92/77/s	91/76/s
Shanghai	91/82/pc	89/81/r
Singapore	89/78/t	88/80/t
Stockholm	64/43/c	67/47/s
Sydney	80/56/s	80/54/s
Taipei City	92/79/r	95/80/r
Tehran	87/65/s	82/67/pc
Tokyo	92/81/t	90/79/c
Toronto	77/59/pc	79/61/pc
Vienna	74/52/s	71/50/s
Warsaw	78/54/s	75/49/s

Moon Phases

Sep 24	Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 17
Last Quarter	New	First Quarter	Full

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:52 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Moon	7:35 p.m.	7:19 a.m.
Venus	9:15 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Mars	12:26 a.m.	3:17 p.m.
Jupiter	11:15 p.m.	1:57 p.m.
Saturn	6:49 p.m.	6:04 a.m.

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Not such an odd couple after all

Connie Chung and Maury Povich, married for 40 years, share a wicked sense of humor

BY ANNE BRANIGIN
IN NEW YORK

It didn't take long for someone to spot Maury Povich on the street.

At the entrance to Central Park, a young woman in a white carriage gasped as she saw the tall, slender 84-year-old talk show host who was America's patron saint of paternity tests for more than 30 years. (She asked for a picture, of course, and he obliged.)

Slipping by unnoticed was his wife of nearly four decades, Connie Chung, dressed in black leggings and a white jacket. She wore a visor, not to disguise herself to passersby, but because at 78 she likes the effect of it — "It's like an instant facelift," she joked. The pair were taking their caramel-colored golden retriever, Taxi, out for a late-afternoon constitutional.

Farther along, two police officers addressed Povich as he waited, Taxi's leash in hand, to cross an intersection.

"I feel like I know you from somewhere," one cop said, arms crossed over chest.

"That's Maury Povich," said his colleague.

"Oh, I was going to say Jerry Springer," the cop said.

"What?!" Povich responded, his eyes raised high in (mostly) mock incredulity. Chung guffawed.

"Jerry Springer's dead!" they cried in unison.

The scene is a reversal from the early days of their marriage, when Chung, the first Asian American to anchor a television news program in the United States, was on air at least six days a week delivering the news. Back then, Povich's fame didn't extend past D.C., where he hosted the political talk show "Panorama." In fact, one of Povich's favorite stories calls back to the time he, visiting Chung's apartment in New York, introduced himself as "Connie's husband" to her doorman. The attendant rang up her apartment, announcing, "Mr. Chung is here."

Not that Chung minds not being stopped for photos. A self-proclaimed recluse, she swears by a mantra repeated in many late-night phone calls with Povich over the years: Take the work seriously, not yourself.

"I've been off the radar for so long," Chung said. "I actually don't know what people out there might be thinking or what it is they remember. Or do they even know my name?"

For the better part of the last decade, Chung has been working on her memoir, "Connie,"

SEE **COUPLE** ON **C8**

Former TV journalist Connie Chung, whose memoir is out this week, and her husband, Maury Povich, in New York's Central Park.

THEATER REVIEW

Elder millennials face off against death. Guess who wins?

BY NAVEEN KUMAR

I'm around the same age as the characters in "The Comeuppance," a searing new play by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins about a group of friends pregaming on the night of their 20th high school reunion in Prince George's County in 2022. Both productions I've seen — last year's world premiere at the Signature Theatre in New York and the superb new staging by director Morgan Green at Woolly Mammoth Theatre — have sent me staggering into the street, as though lobotomized of my innermost fears.

The play's dissection of early middle age — of the melancholy of reckoning with irreversible decisions and the inevitable decline ahead — is so gutting that it may become as much a personal touchstone for this time in my life as my own experiences.

Germans, of course, have a very specific vocabulary for the feelings being explored here: torschlusspanik, or panic over the foreclosure of possibilities, and the more common schadenfreude, which may tickle older generations by this point thinking, "Welcome to the party, kids."

SEE **THEATER REVIEW** ON **C3**

Substack steps into the fashion spotlight

BY RACHEL TASHJIAN

NEW YORK — They were there even when they weren't *there*.

At the Toteme show — the minimalist Swedish brand's debut in New York last week — there were very wearable layers of white, cream and black pieces that looked to have been pulled from an eccentric spread in a 1990s issue of Harper's Bazaar and then reduced into digestible, if shapeless, products. In the audience were Glossier founder Emily Weiss, actress Michelle Williams and her stylist Kate Young plus the usual smorgasbord of editors and blond influencers.

But on the way out, an editor whispered, "That whole front row should have been Substackers!"

A new breed of fashion voices was hovering around (and occasionally puncturing) the inner circle of fashion: the Substack writer.

When it launched in 2017, Substack promised an easily monetizable direct-to-audience platform for writers — most of them cultural and political writers and reporters. Substack began making news in 2020 and early 2021 when personality-journalists such as Matt Yglesias, Glenn Greenwald, Anne Helen Peterson and Hunter Harris joined the platform, some

SEE **SUBSTACK** ON **C2**



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Laura Reilly, pictured during New York Fashion Week, chronicles secret sales and under-the-radar stores.

Chloe Bailey of 'Fight Night' is more interesting than you think

BY HELENA ANDREWS-DYER

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS. — When Chloe Bailey first appears in the true-crime drama "Fight Night," she looks sweet, innocent even. Just another baby-face, small-town waitress dropping off a cup of fresh coffee. Later, her character, Lena, opens her mouth and draws the blade she's been hiding in those good-girl curls. Cute she may be, but she *will* cut you.

Chloe Bailey

"She is definitely very fiery," said Bailey, 26, whom many fans have followed since she was a preteen covering Beyoncé hits on YouTube. "[Lena] was flirty and using that as her strength and her power to get what she wanted — but never with the boys that she was doing this heist with, which I really loved. So she was about her business."

At the center of the Peacock series is a real-life Atlanta robbery gone wrong that took place the night of Muhammad Ali's 1970 comeback fight. That historic bout and the Black power it drew to the city

SEE **BAILEY** ON **C7**

The growing influence of Substack scribes in fashion

SUBSTACK FROM **C1**

of whom were paid minimum guarantees that came from a round of funding led by Andreessen Horowitz in 2021. But increasingly, it is a place to discuss, offer advice on and celebrate shopping — and make a lot of money doing so.

A handful of Substackers, including Jess Graves of The Love List, Jalil Johnson of Consider Yourself Cultured and Emilia Petrarca of Shop Rat, held events during New York Fashion Week. Graves hosted a pop-up shop in her apartment and a dinner toasting designers such as milliner Gigi Burris and lab-grown diamond brand Dorsey, which she has championed on her newsletter since its 2021 relaunch on Substack. Johnson celebrated a jewelry collaboration. And Petrarca hosted an evening of fashion-related readings by fellow Substackers at the elegant Brooklyn boutique Outline.

Only Petrarca's was officially affiliated with Substack. But the start-up will make a more aggressive push in Europe. During Paris Fashion Week, which begins later this month, Substack will host a dinner and a party. In an interview, Christina Loff, head of lifestyle, writer partnerships for Substack, said the platform hopes to have a more visible presence at NYFW next year.

Other Substack notables at Fashion Week were Laura Reilly, who chronicles secret sales, under-the-radar stores and designers with near-scientific precision on Magasin and during Fashion Week editions shared outfits and quick-hit reviews of her favorite shows of the week; and Becky Malinsky, whose letter is an ingeniously straightforward concept, 5 Things You Should Buy. Laurel Pantin, whose Earl Earl provides outfit ideas alongside tender reflections on motherhood, came in from Los Angeles. And Liana Satenstein, a former Vogue writer, talked about unexpected vintage-inspired runway looks and a behind-the-scenes fashion eccentric.

Longtime fashion personalities such as Joanna Goddard, Amy Odell and Kim France are on the site — New Yorker writer Susan Orlean has a particularly charming Substack — but the names becoming fashion personalities, earning the attention of designers or readers or both, are mostly those who were previously unknown except to insiders.

Substack shared that over the past year, publications and subscriptions in the Fashion & Beauty category have more than doubled. Collectively, these writers earn more than $10 million annually in subscriptions, a figure that does not account for affiliate revenue that generally brings writers 15 percent of the price of an item linked in their newsletter, but can reach up to 25 percent. (When you're talking $1,490 Toteme coats and $1,290 Alaia shoes, that adds up.) Many newsletter writers, like traditional influencers, also accept gifts. Some accept advertisements from brands: 5 Things You Should Buy has been sponsored by Tory Burch, and a resale start-up called Croissant sponsored several newsletters this summer (prompting an investigation on, you guessed it, Substack). Six of the top 10 fashion and beauty Substacks are about shopping. Several newsletter writers said they have earned in the hundreds of thousands of dollars per year from affiliate revenue and paid subscriptions.

Malinsky, who created perhaps the first such shopping newsletter on the platform, said she launched her Substack to help women sift through the overwhelming amount of things available online. "I know what to look for when you're shopping online, when you can't feel it in person," she said. "So I can share that wisdom. That was the idea for me: creating a more edited place so shopping online could become enjoyable again, since it's really the only option for a lot of people."

Malinsky, who also has a personal styling business, worked for more than two decades as a market director — an editor who navigates the morass of trends and select the season's best offerings — most recently at the Wall Street Journal.

The influence of the shoppable aesthetic promoted by many of these writers and epitomized by brands such as Toteme — whose scarf coats, handbags and oversize trousers are some of the most discussed products on the platform — dominated at fashion shows. It was there at Khaite, the critically panned but highly successful label that regurgitates the archival designs of 1990s avant-gardists into something more easily swallowed. And at Cos, the mass quiet luxury brand that, for some reason, insists on putting on fashion shows. Kallmeyer, which makes ultra-streamlined tailoring, and Maria McManus, an environmentally conscious label, have both grown their ambitions over the past year, with bigger collections and splashier runway shows. (There is even a pair of $890 stretchy leggings that became so popular via shopping Substacks that Reilly christened them "newsletter pants.")

The mainstream fashion media may not see these brands as standouts, but they speak to the demographic of upper-middle-class women with expendable incomes who admire brands like The Row — the extravagantly expensive label by Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen that blends Uniqlo-simplistic basics with couture-level weirdness — and crave advice on what to wear but don't find it in the pages of Vogue or Harper's Bazaar. (Many magazines do have affiliate-driven shopping sections online, including roundups by well-known editors or writers.)

Call them the Substack brands: wearable "wardrobe" businesses that make the bread and butter of your quiet luxury closet. (Graves even had matchboxes printed to promote her newsletter that read: "THE ROW & KHAITE & TOTEME.") They are not for the person who obsessively follows fashion, but for those who see an old photo of Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, or a spicy look by a European label like Alaïa, and want a more immediate, commercial version. The prices are sometimes astronomically high, sometimes not. A viral Substack post this summer was an ode to the J. Crew catalogue by Erika Veurink. Coincidentally, J. Crew relaunched its catalogue this fall. Regardless of price point, what many of the labels share is a smoothed-edged, accessible look.

"What I'm always talking about is, buy good things, wear them a long time, wear them a lot and take care of them," Graves said. "Most of my readers are willing to pay a little bit more for a sweater they can pull out of their closet in 10 years and won't fall apart after one season." Graves regularly talks about The Row and Toteme (and Khaite), and also raves about, say, a handmade basket business.

Still, while many of the Substacks emerged to combat the algorithm, there are now so many promoting the same products or ideas — finding your personal style, building your wardrobe and even, ironically, screeds against the homogeny of algorithmic fashion and taste — they risk running together. And businesses that get little attention in fashion magazines and are notable for their high-quality manufacturing, like Batsheva, Naomi Nomi and Engineered Garments, are not often discussed on Substack. (This reporter should probably mention she has a shopping newsletter, though it is not on Substack, she makes no money from it and it was launched in 2020.)

As with anything online, the backlash ensued before the trend has truly begun. This summer, Feed Me writer Emily Sundberg wrote a controversial post bemoaning that Substack is now "a really good way for women to monetize their diary entries — lists, random thoughts, and (easy to write) roundups of 'what I've been doing' do really well on this site. Substack is making everyone into writers the same way Instagram made everyone into photographers." Several writers with shopping newsletters seemed to take personal offense to the letter, responding with their own letters. (Oy!)

Publicists said they struggle to know who to work with, since many writers launch Substacks that quickly fall by the wayside. Unlike Instagram, whose Eva Chen helps connect brands and creators, Substack does not suggest writers for brands to work with. "That's not why Substack was created. [We want] there to be no middle person to broker those things, so the creator can get all the money themselves," Loff said.

That means the Substack has little say in what its writers want to speak about or how they want to earn additional revenue through advertising or affiliate links.

"Your space is your space," said Loff, "although I know some [writers] have agents to broker deals, but we don't ever get involved."

Still, the platform maintains a list of writers it hopes to recruit (Petrarca was one), and helps some writers by promoting the newsletters to potential paid subscribers. Loff said brands often ask her about joining the platform, and she advises them to be driven by voice or a personality, rather than product. "Readers subscribe because they don't want to be marketed to."

But they help steer readers to certain publications by promoting their content across the platform. Petrarca, a veteran magazine reporter, launched her Substack after leaving a staff writer job at the Cut, and said paid subscriptions make her freelance career much more feasible. "It's been a good source of consistent income."

So what are they? Influencers? Critics? A new breed of retailers? The next generation of magazines? Unlike the disrupters of decades past — the fashion bloggers of 15 years ago or cancel culture darlings like Diet Prada — they are rarely controversial or mean. (Few criticize or report on the industry, although Odell following for his dyspeptic Instagram takes, do both.) Malinsky said many brands still aren't sure what to make of her, sometimes seating her with influencers at shows, other times with editors and occasionally with retailers.

But does that mean fashion is just about shopping? "I don't think fashion is mostly about consumption. Fashion is about expression more than anything. Fashion is how we present ourselves to the world," Graves said. "Shopping can be fashion, but fashion isn't shopping."

Petrarca relishes the community, knowledge-sharing aspect: "When I was first reading all these fashion Substacks and I didn't have my own, I was really struck by the fact that there were just so many women online talking about buying clothes and shoes. And I thought, this is kind of awesome."

But she wants to write less about her own purchases going forward: "I'm no longer going to share with people how much I'm buying. Because really, all they want to know is how much money everyone else is spending on things."



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Substack writer Jalil Johnson, center, and Marc Bridge, left, founder of the jewelry label At Present. A look from Khaite. A sample of the minimalist offerings of Toteme.

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GALA **LAS 22+ BODAS DE HUGO** by Gustavo Ott	Thru Sept 29 Thurs- Sat at 8 pm Sun at 2 pm	Why does Hugo keep getting married? This tale of a "beautiful crime" delves into themes of love and hatred, immigration, and the need for refuge.	**GALA Theatre 3333 14th Street NW 202-234-7174 www.galatheatre.org**	$25 - $50	In Spanish with English surtitles

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Musing about mortality, plus some dishy drama

THEATER REVIEW FROM **C1**

Emilio (Jordan Bellow), a storm cloud of an artist who decamped to Berlin more than a decade ago, explains these German terms to Ursula (Alana Raquel Bowers), who stayed to care for her late grandmother and has lost vision in one eye to diabetes. They're on Ursula's porch waiting for the rest of their crew, known back then as MERG, or the multiethnic reject group. But another presence they can't see has already made a chilling impression.

Death is the play's narrator and he possesses each character by turns, like a ventriloquist trying out a menagerie of human puppets. Inhabiting Emilio, he assures us in basement tones that we've met before: "People have a tendency to see me once and try hard to forget," he says. Death, like any audience member, is a voyeur with a weakness for gossip. And there's plenty about to be spilled.

"The Comeuppance," co-produced here with the Wilma Theater, is as much a dishy drama of rekindled flames and rivalries as it is a meditation on mortality. Emilio is a relentless instigator with his sights especially set on Katelyn (Sarah Gliko), a homemaker married to a much older man, and on Paco (Jaime Maseda), Katelyn's ex, a veteran disguising his wounds with charm. Paco's cousin Kristina (Taysha Marie Canales), a fellow veteran who's now a doctor with five kids, insisted on the pregame and wants to party like they did when their lives were all promise and few consequences.



CAMERON WHITMAN

Sarah Gliko and Jordan Bellow in Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company's production of "The Comeuppance."

People who grew up together, and have since grown apart, know how to pick at each other's scabs. For better and worse, old friends can be mirrors for phantom versions of ourselves that no longer exist. Anyone who's been to a double-digit reunion can understand either Kristina's overzealousness to relive the past or Emilio's begrudging participation in what he calls a "dark ritual of the soul."

Green's production, which will play the Wilma Theater in Philadelphia (where she is co-artistic director) from Nov. 19 to Dec. 8, leans into that spectral vibe to arresting effect. A lone chair sits on Ursula's spare front porch, and several layers of black fringe curtains line the back of the stage like a penumbra between this world and the next (the set is by Jian Jung). Stark shadows and low, unsettling vibrations accompany Death's cameos, his presence tearing through any illusion of permanence or tranquility. (Lighting is by Minjoo Kim and sound by Jordan McCree.)

The interruptions grow less frequent and more startling, as though the friends being together might keep the Grim Reaper at bay. (The play itself casts an unbroken spell, running for a gripping and intermission-less 2 hours and 10 minutes.) The conceit of taking turns channeling Death slyly reveals more about each character and gives the excellent cast a delicious range to play. Their performances also achieve an uncanny transparency through time: It's possible to glimpse the outlines of malleable teenagers through the yearning of their adult wants and regrets.

"The Comeuppance" assumes a wide aperture, encompassing the many paradigm shifts — Columbine, 9/11, wars without end and, most recently, the pandemic — that have molded a generation into adulthood around the contours of death. "How did I get it into my head," an absent friend asks on speakerphone, "that life was supposed to be something other than this?" It's a question that everyone who loses their innocence has to face.

The Comeuppance, through Oct. 6 at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company in Washington. 2 hours, 10 minutes with no intermission. *woollymammoth.net*.

Sisters-in-law leave her holiday gathering to meet with her husband's ex



Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: I am my husband's second wife. His first wife was much loved by my husband's family, but my husband wasn't happy and divorced her.

My husband's family established a tradition whereby hosting holiday feasts is rotated among the siblings. When it was our turn to host, my first time, everything seemed to be going well until after the meal. Suddenly, all the wives gathered their things and left. Not a word about where they were going or why I wasn't invited.

I found out later they had all gone to a prearranged get-together with my husband's ex-wife.

I found this to be extremely rude, but they have characterized this as an innocent get-together with an old friend they don't often get to see because not everyone lives in our town. I wasn't invited for obvious reasons, and had I been invited, I would have declined.

I don't know how to think about this. They have not been unfriendly outside of this situation.

— Left Behind

Left Behind: Oh oh oh I know how to think about this!!

It was a spectacularly, thoughtlessly crappy thing for them to do to you.

I'm so sorry — both that all the wives weaseled on you en masse, when you were super-vulnerable as the post-divorce new spouse on the spot for a holiday feast, *and* that your husband didn't immediately take the initiative to see that you were made whole once you figured out what had happened.

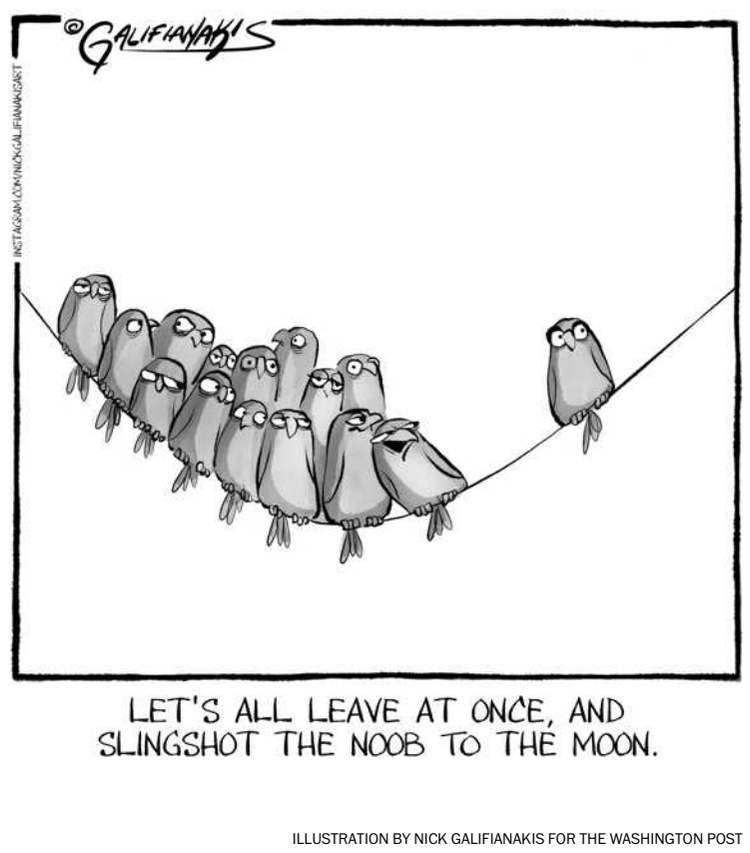


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Anything short of an apology line snaking out your door was insufficient. Ideally in a downpour.

And … I'm not done yet … you can also think of it as a sad and, in a way, beautiful thing that was stupidly, needlessly botched.

I love that the ex-wife was and still is much loved. I love that divorce didn't cut the other ties. I love that they gathered. Doesn't the world need all the warmth it can get? I love that you seem to kind of, I think, also support that they gathered? And just wish they hadn't been such flaming insensitive jerks in the execution?

Or am I sniffing too much optimism today?

Imagine, though, if it had played out this way: One or all of them talks to you *before* ditching you, not after, about caring for the ex independently, and wanting an innocent get-together. Then, with your blessing, they plan their separate gathering openly and respectfully and with at least one of the planners' heads out of one of their redacted places. Then your first family feast is unaffected (try that a little tipsy) and we're not having this conversation.

Wives who left, if you're out there reading this: Would that have been so freaking hard?

Second Wife: Do you consider yourself to have been approachable for such a conversation?

Obviously, these are thinking points on events that can't be undone. You didn't ask what to do going forward, and given the weapons-grade crappiness of their exit, you may not be inclined to make the first move. But it seems you're on at least superficially decent terms, so I offer this for your consideration:

Tell them all how lovely it is they're still close to the ex. Say you'd like to support their gathering — so the next time the rotation brings the feast back to your (and the ex's) town, you would like to communicate and coordinate with them in advance so both gatherings have room to linger and breathe. "Fair?"

Sometimes the most exquisite bird-flip is to demonstrate how damn easy some grace would have been.

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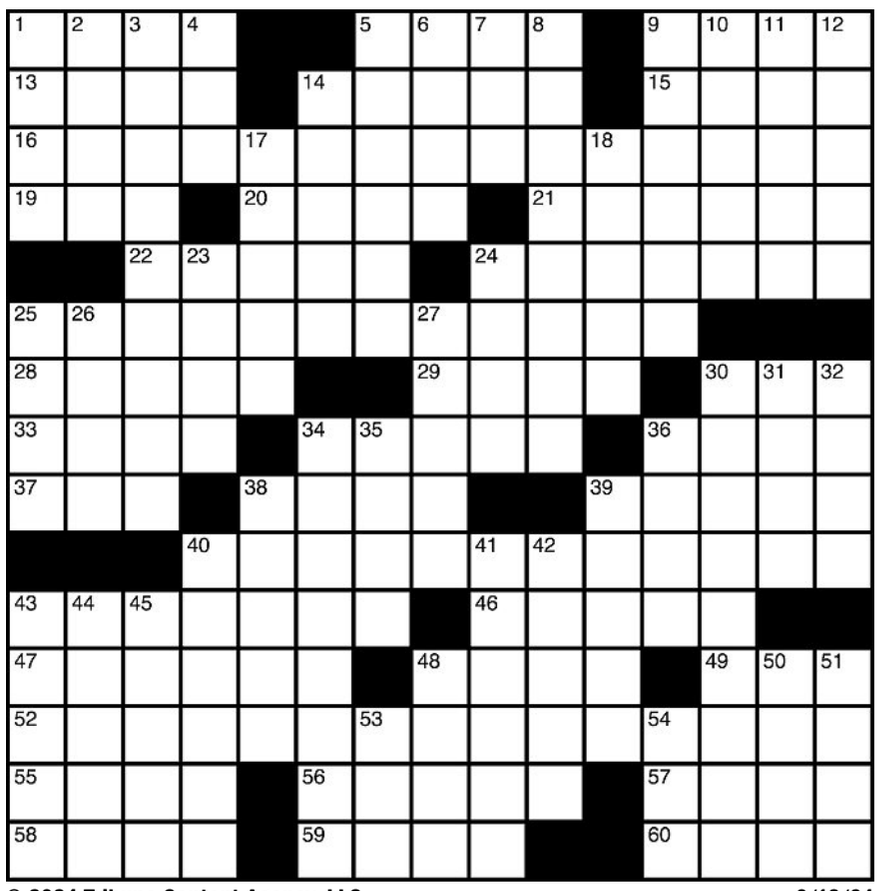
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Animal Planet	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff
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CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source** (Live)		**CNN** (Live)		**Laura**
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Nickelodeon	**LoudHouse**	**Slimetime**	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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Syfy	Movie: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ★★ (2014) Conflict lies ahead for Peter with the emergence of Electro.						**The Ark**		Movie: Insidiou...
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (Live)				Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
TCM	(6:00) Movie: White Heat ★★★ (1949)		Movie: The Postman Always Rings Twice ★★★ (1946)				Movie: Born to Kill ★★ (1947)		
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		My 600-Lb. Life				My 600-Lb. Life		
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TUESDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION



After 50 years, reader wants to disengage with friends from grade school

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: I have a group of three girlfriends from middle school/high school. We stayed close during college and were in each other's weddings, etc. I have known these women for more than 50 years.

There is one person in the group that I have been consistently close with over the many years. The other two I did not and there was a more than 15-year gap in our friendships when I moved away. The problem is that I have outgrown those two. These two always insist that we get together as a group four times a year, usually around birthdays. It is always a headache trying to coordinate schedules. They're very difficult to deal with and inflexible with their schedules but insist on these get-togethers.

I no longer have anything in common with them except the length of time that we've known each other. I would like to withdraw from these gatherings. We don't see or talk to each other on a consistent basis except for these birthday gatherings. I've tried to beg off in the past, but they insist on waiting for me to be available. It's ridiculous and I'm exhausted from it. These are people who don't take no for an answer. How do I end this madness?

— Over It

Over It: Sometimes you have to be very clear that a friendship is over. A breakup, if you will. That sounds like where you are with these two people now. But, unlike romantic breakups, which often have clear beginnings and endings, the dissolution of friendships can be hazy and imprecise. So, you'll have to be clear about what you want.

I asked friendship expert Anna Goldfarb, author of the book "Modern Friendship: How to Nurture Our Most Valued Connections" and the Substack newsletter Friendship Explained for a kind but clear breakup script. "We aren't socialized to withdraw from friendships," Anna told me. "So, I can see why this situation makes the letter writer uncomfortable. As women, we have a lot of societal pressure to keep the peace and not rock the boat." But, she says, you can do this.

"Be polite yet firm. Say, 'Thanks for the invitation, ladies, but I'm unavailable for these kinds of events. While I appreciate you thinking of me, these birthday get-togethers aren't my thing."

Anna also said that you shouldn't be afraid to disengage if they push back. You may need to mute the invites. "They are adults, and managing their disappointment is not your responsibility."

Dear Eric: My husband and I dated long distance for a year before we married. During this time, he told me he had post-SSRI syndrome. After stopping the medication, he could still "perform" but no longer desires sex. He said before the SSRI his drive was fine.

While we were dating this seemed okay because, although infrequent, he seemed like he was enjoying sex. Then we got married. After 11 months without sex, we went to see a therapist where it came out that he actually didn't like having sex when we were dating. He was never really into it. He's just not able to feel desire anymore. He's tried sex-enhancement drugs, Wellbutrin, herbal supplements, therapists, testosterone. Nothing has worked.

We are both still in our 20s, and I am undecided about children. I'd never heard of this syndrome before, but after researching it, it doesn't seem that uncommon. I love my husband. Do you have any advice on how to cope with this?

— Depressed Desire

Desire: It sounds like marriage (and therapy) allowed your husband enough comfort to stop performing his enjoyment. Try to see his honesty as an invitation to be honest about how you feel as well.

Is sex with your husband a key component of your ideal marriage? Is sex with you a key component of his ideal marriage? Ask yourself; ask him. Don't be afraid to be honest. Hiding parts of yourself will just lead to resentment. It may seem like the answers to these questions are obvious, but every marriage is unique. Your letter shows empathy and a willingness to learn and adjust; that's a wonderful gift and you may be able to use it to create the marriage that you want.

This is probably as confusing for him as it is for you. There are still a lot of unknowns about post-selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) syndrome. A 2023 study estimated that roughly 4 out of every 100,000 people who took SSRIs developed sexual dysfunction after taking them. He's not alone, but he may feel like he is.

On the logistical side, your husband's post-SSRI syndrome doesn't preclude having kids. If you two decide to try for a family, everything you've written indicates he would be willing and able to participate.

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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street NW

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 4:35
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 3:45-6:40-9:35
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 1:50
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 2:25-5:05-9:45-10:15
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:30-9:00
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 1:45
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 3:20-6:20-9:20-9:25
Blazing Saddles 50th Anniversary (R) 7:00
Blink Twice (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 4:25-7:15-10:05
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Reagan (PG-13) CC: 3:25-6:35
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 2:00-4:35-9:50
The Front Room (R) CC: 1:45-9:10
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 4:15-9:15
The Substance Early Access (R) CC: 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) OC: 7:40
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 3:00-4:30-5:45-8:30
The Critic (R) OC: 6:45
Look Into My Eyes (R) OC: 4:10
The Killer's Game (R) OC: 7:10
Am I Racist? (PG-13) OC: 6:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 1:30-3:00-4:00-6:15-7:00
The Critic (R) 1:20-6:45
How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies 12:00-3:45

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

The Nature of Love 8:00
The Critic (R) 12:15-2:30-5:00-7:30
Between the Temples (R) 2:15-4:45; 11:45AM

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest

Speak No Evil (R) 4:50-7:30
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 4:00-5:00-6:45-7:45
Blink Twice (R) 4:30-7:15
Alien: Romulus (R) 4:15-7:00

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 7:55
Strange Darling (R) 8:15
Didi (R) 3:10
Look Into My Eyes (R) 3:55
Seeking Mavis Beacon 3:45-6:30
War Game 3:25
Will & Harper (R) 5:15-7:45
The 4:30 Movie (R) 4:30-7:15
His Three Daughters (R) 5:30-6:45
The Substance Early Access (R) 7:00
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 4:15
Will & Harper (R) 3:15
His Three Daughters (R) 3:45

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:15-2:00-4:40
Speak No Evil (R) 11:30-1:10-2:20-4:00-5:20-8:20-10:20
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:20-3:30-10:10
Twisters (PG-13) 11:20AM
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 11:50-9:10
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:50
Blazing Saddles 50th Anniversary (R) 7:10
Blink Twice (R) 11:40-2:20-5:20
Alien: Romulus (R) 11:10-2:30-9:20
God's Not Dead In God We Trust 3:50-6:20
The Killer's Game (R) 12:10-3:20-9:40
The Front Room (R) 10:15
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 5:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 6:50
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-2:10-2:40-3:10-3:40-4:30-5:30-6:30-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00
Speak No Evil (R) 7:20
Blink Twice (R) 8:20
Alien: Romulus (R) 6:10
The Killer's Game (R) 6:40
The Front Room (R) 7:15
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 6:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road

Between the Temples (R) OC: 4:40
Fame (1980) (R) 2:00
Foxy Brown (R) 9:30
Get Carter (1971) (NR) 4:40
Tootsie (PG) 11:40AM
Destroyer (R) 7:00
Between the Temples (R) 9:10
His Three Daughters (R) 12:15-2:30-7:05-9:15
The Passenger (Professione: reporter) (1975) (PG-13) 6:30

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 1:40-4:20-7:00
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 1:20-2:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:30
The Forge (PG) CC: 1:10-4:20-7:10
Blink Twice (R) CC: 6:50
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:40
The Front Room (R) CC: 4:10
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 1:40-2:00-4:40-7:20

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 12:00-2:20
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:00-4:30-7:40-10:10
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 2:00-4:40-10:00
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:20-9:40
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 4:45-9:50
The Forge (PG) CC: 12:30-3:20-9:30
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:00-10:35
Reagan (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:50
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:15-10:45
The Front Room (R) CC: 10:30
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
Transformers One: Fan Event (PG) CC: 7:00
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 7:30
The Substance Early Access (R) CC: 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) OC: 7:20
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:50-2:40-3:30-5:15-7:00-7:50-10:30; 8:50

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Road

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 2:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-8:15
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 2:15-3:30-4:45-6:00-7:15-8:30
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:00
The Forge (PG) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:30
Blink Twice (R) CC: 5:00
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

Encanto (PG) CC: 4:10
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:30
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 3:50
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 1:10-4:00-9:20
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:55-7:55
The Critic (R) CC: 9:35
Blazing Saddles 50th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Forge (PG) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:10
Blink Twice (R) CC: 6:45-9:20
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 1:05-4:05-6:40-9:25
Look Into My Eyes (R) CC: 1:10
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15
Reagan (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30
The Front Room (R) CC: 6:55
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:20-9:00
Transformers One: Fan Event: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 7:00
The Substance Early Access (R) CC: 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) OC: 6:40
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 1:00-1:30-3:45-4:15-6:30-9:15

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) OC: 2:45
Encanto (PG) CC: 7:15
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 4:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 12:30-3:30-8:45-9:45
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 12:30-3:15
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 5:50-9:30
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 1:15-2:00-4:40-6:30-7:20-9:15-10:00
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It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:15-6:45-9:35
The Critic (R) CC: 4:25
The Forge (PG) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Blazing Saddles 50th Anniversary (R) 7:00
Blink Twice (R) CC: 2:00-4:10-10:00
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:05
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:25-10:00
Reagan (PG-13) CC: 12:00
The 4:30 Movie (R) 12:05-2:25
God's Not Dead In God We Trust 4:45-7:30
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 1:45-2:00-4:30-7:10-10:00
Coraline 15th Anniversary 3D (PG) 6:00
Trapezium 7:00
The Front Room (R) CC: 4:45-9:50
The Greatest of All Time 3:00-8:45
1992 (R) CC: 3:30
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:30
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 7:30
Transformers One: Fan Event: The IMAX Experience (PG) CC: 7:00
The Substance Early Access (R) CC: 7:00
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:30-5:30-8:15
Mathu Vadalara 2 12:10

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way

Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 5:40
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 5:50-8:50
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 3:10
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 3:10-3:15
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:45
The Forge (PG) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:00
The Critic (R) CC: 5:30
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 2:55-5:45-8:35
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:45-8:30
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 2:30-5:10
Coraline 15th Anniversary 3D (PG) 4:15
The Front Room (R) CC: 2:30-5:00-7:30
1992 (R) CC: 8:10
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30
The Substance Early Access (R) CC: 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) OC: 8:45
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) OC: 8:30
The Killer's Game (R) OC: 7:45
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 2:30-8:00
Am I Racist? (PG-13) OC: 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) 6:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard

Encanto (PG) CC: 2:30-8:00
Despicable Me 4 (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15
Inside Out 2 (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30
Twisters (PG-13) CC: 2:15
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:25
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) CC: 1:00-5:15-8:45
The Critic (R) CC: 9:00
Between the Temples (R) CC: 1:10-4:45
Blink Twice (R) CC: 5:10-8:55
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 1:30-4:35-7:30
How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies 4:05-8:30
Reagan (PG-13) CC: 1:20-5:30-7:30
The Front Room (R) CC: 4:00
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 2:15-5:00
Trapezium 7:00
Am I Racist? (PG-13) CC: 1:15-3:45
Upstream 2:35
The Substance Early Access (R) CC: 7:00
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 1:00-2:30-3:40-5:15-6:20-8:00-9:00
The Killer's Game (R) OC: 7:45
Am I Racist? (PG-13) OC: 6:25

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
Speak No Evil (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) CC: 1:15-2:30-3:45-5:15-6:15-8:00-8:45
The Forge (PG) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:30
Alien: Romulus (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:45-8:30
The Killer's Game (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
The Front Room (R) CC: 12:30-3:15-5:45-8:15
1992 (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 7:40; 9:00-11:40-2:20-5:00-10:20; 11:00-1:40-4:20
The Killer's Game (R) 6:50
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) XD: 7:00
Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) 10:45-1:35-4:35-10:15
Blazing Saddles 50th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Killer's Game (R) 10:50-1:30-4:10-9:30
Am I Racist? (PG-13) 11:05-1:45-4:25-7:05-9:45
Transformers One: Fan Event (PG) XD: 7:00
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 5:00-7:30
The Substance Early Access (R) 7:00
Speak No Evil (R) 7:25

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way

The Hangover (R) 7:30
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00-10:00
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 2:30-6:15-9:45
Speak No Evil (R) 4:40-7:45
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 3:30-9:45
Blink Twice (R) 2:15-5:45-9:15
Alien: Romulus (R) 3:15-6:30-9:45
Reagan (PG-13) 4:00
The Killer's Game (R) 4:15-7:15-10:15
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 7:00

Greenbelt Cinema
129 Centerway

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 7:15
Look Into My Eyes (R) 7:30
Winner (PG-13) 5:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 4:15-7:00
Speak No Evil (R) 4:30-7:25
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 4:00-6:45-7:30
The Critic (R) 7:40
Will & Harper (R) 4:45-7:10
His Three Daughters (R) 3:45-5:00-7:15
The Critic (R) 5:15
Didi (R) 7:20
Will & Harper (R) 3:30

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 1:25-4:30-7:40
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 1:00-1:45-2:30-3:30-4:15-5:00-6:00-6:45-7:30
Twisters (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:10
Speak No Evil (R) 2:00-4:45-7:15
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 1:05-4:20-7:05
The Critic (R) 1:15-4:00-6:50
Reagan (PG-13) 1:10-4:05-7:00

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Inside Out 2 (PG) 5:30-8:00
Speak No Evil (R) 5:00-7:30
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 4:45-7:45
The Forge (PG) 4:30-7:30
The Killer's Game (R) 5:45-8:30
The Front Room (R) 5:00-7:35

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

The Killer's Game (R) 3:05
Ajayante Randam Moshanam 5:15-8:55; 12:15-4:20-7:50
The Front Room (R) 6:15
Am I Racist? (PG-13) 2:30
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 11:50-3:25-6:40-9:40
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Blazing Saddles 50th Anniversary (R) 7:05
Alien: Romulus (R) 12:20-3:55-9:20
Kneecap (R) 10:05
Blink Twice (R) 6:05-9:15
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) 1:10-4:15-10:10
The Killer's Game (R) 12:00-6:45-9:55
Ajayante Randam Moshanam 1:30
The Front Room (R) 2:20
The Greatest of All Time 1:05-5:05-9:05
1992 (R) 11:35AM
Am I Racist? (PG-13) 11:45-5:10-8:20
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 5:00-7:30-10:00
Transformers One: Fan Event: The IMAX Experience (PG) 7:00
The Substance Early Access (R) 7:10

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard

Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 1:40-5:00-8:00
Speak No Evil (R) 12:40-6:10-8:50
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 12:20-1:10-2:00-2:50-3:45-4:40-5:50-6:30-7:10-8:30-9:05
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Ajayante Randam Moshanam 7:40
The Front Room (R) 8:10
The Greatest of All Time 1:00-5:15-9:00
Stree 2 4:20
The Buckingham Murders 1:05-4:00-6:50
Mathu Vadalara 2 1:20-8:20
Untouchable 12:55-3:40
Speak No Evil (R) 3:30

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Boulevard

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 12:25-3:50-6:50
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30
Speak No Evil (R) 12:50-1:40-3:30-5:00-6:30-7:50
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 12:45-1:20-2:00-2:50-3:20-4:00-4:40-6:00-6:10-7:40
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The Killer's Game (R) 12:55-2:40-5:20-6:40-7:55
The Front Room (R) 3:00-5:40
The Substance Early Access (R) 7:20
The Front Room (R) 12:30

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 11:55-3:30-4:30-5:15
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:40-7:45-8:30
Speak No Evil (R) 1:30-3:00-5:45-8:50
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Alien: Romulus (R) 12:00-1:10-4:10-7:10
God's Not Dead In God We Trust 4:00-6:50
The Killer's Game (R) 3:40-6:20-9:00
The Front Room (R) 12:05-2:45-7:30
1992 (R) 6:00-8:40
Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) 5:00
The Killer's Game (R) 1:20
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 6:10

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue

Despicable Me 4 (PG) 1:00-3:20
Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 12:50-1:50-4:50-7:40
Inside Out 2 (PG) 1:40-4:10
Twisters (PG-13) 4:00
Speak No Evil (R) 2:40-5:10
It Ends With Us (PG-13) 12:45-3:50-6:40
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The Front Room (R) 6:30
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iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue

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2150 Clarendon Boulevard

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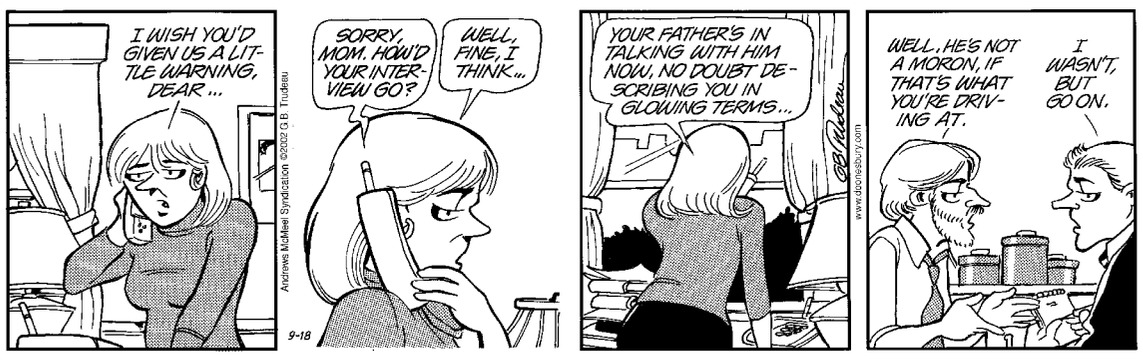
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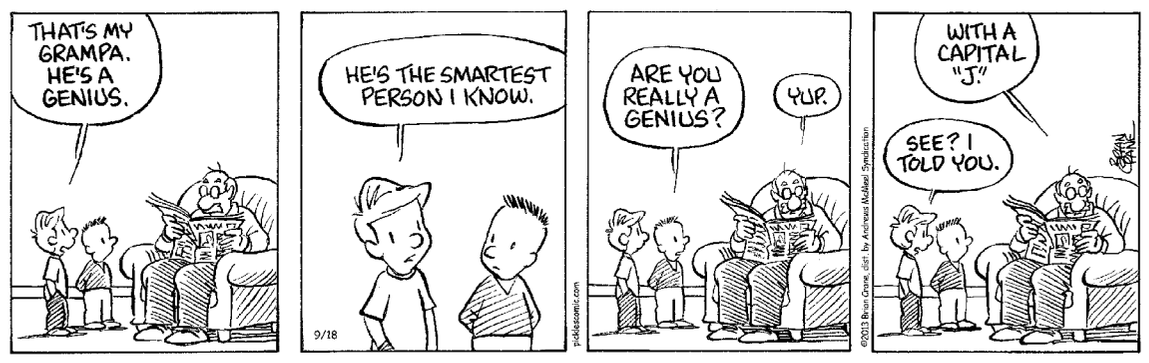
CLASSIC DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH (D)
♠ J 6 3
♥ J 7 6
♦ A Q 9
♣ K Q 9 6

WEST
♠ 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 4 3
♦ K 8 6 5 3 2
♣ None

EAST
♠ A 9 7
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ 10
♣ 10 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 8 5
♥ K
♦ J 7 4
♣ A J 5 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 10

Cy the Cynic says that if you think patience is a virtue, you should have to surf without high-speed internet.

Cy is hardly qualified to talk about patience: He is apt to seize on the first line of play or defense he sees. When Cy was today's East, North-South got to four spades after they each bid clubs. West led the 10 of hearts: six, ace, king.

Cy was sure South had four clubs to jump to three clubs — and West had none. So at the second trick, Cy led a club.

West ruffed and led another heart, but declarer ruffed and led a trump. The Cynic won and led another club, but when West couldn't ruff, South won the rest, drawing trumps and finessing in diamonds. Making four.

Cy was impatient; he neglected to count defensive tricks. Since West surely has two trumps on the bidding, his ruff can wait. Cy must lead the 10 of diamonds at Trick Two. South wins and leads a trump, but Cy grabs his ace, gives West a club ruff and ruffs the diamond return for down one.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 9 7 ♥ A Q 5 2
♦ 10 ♣ 10 8 7 4 3

Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart, he bids one spade and you try 1NT. Partner next bids two spades. What do you say?

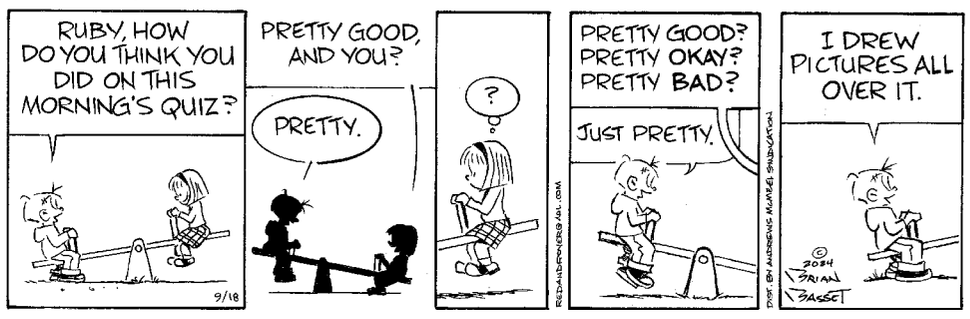
ANSWER: Partner has five spades and at least six diamonds. With 5-5 in those suits, he would have opened one spade. Since he did not jump to two spades at his second turn, his high-card strength is limited. Still, your spade support and side ace merit a raise to four spades.

— Frank Stewart

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BRIAN BASSET



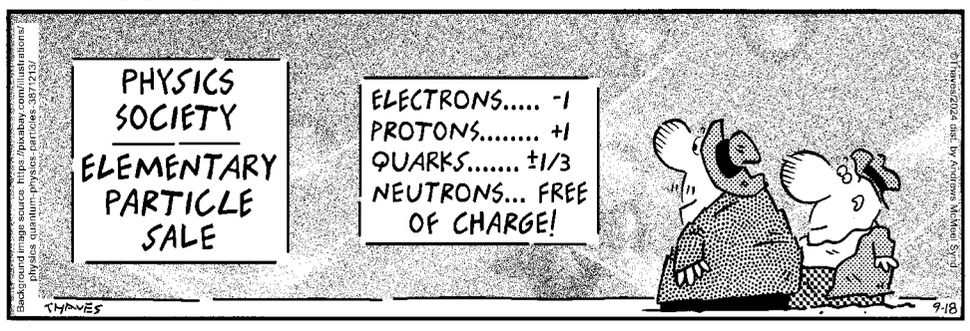
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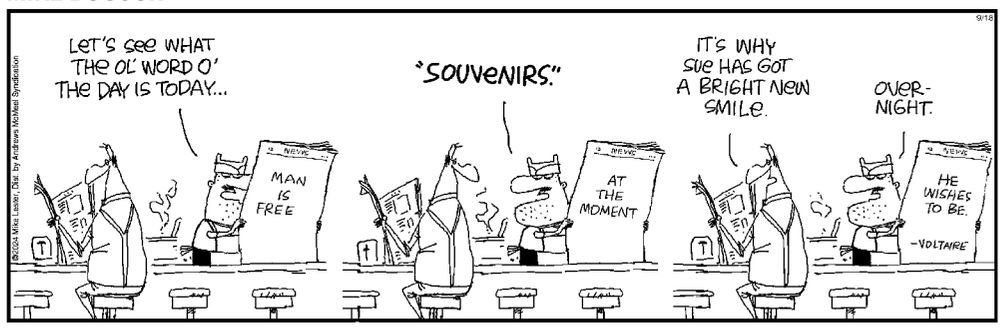
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CHARLES SCHULZ



MIKE DU JOUR

MIKE LESTER



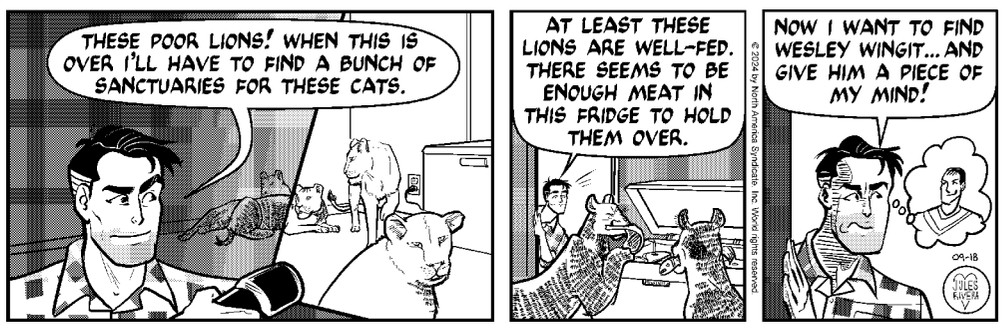
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JULES RIVERA



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MIKE PETERS



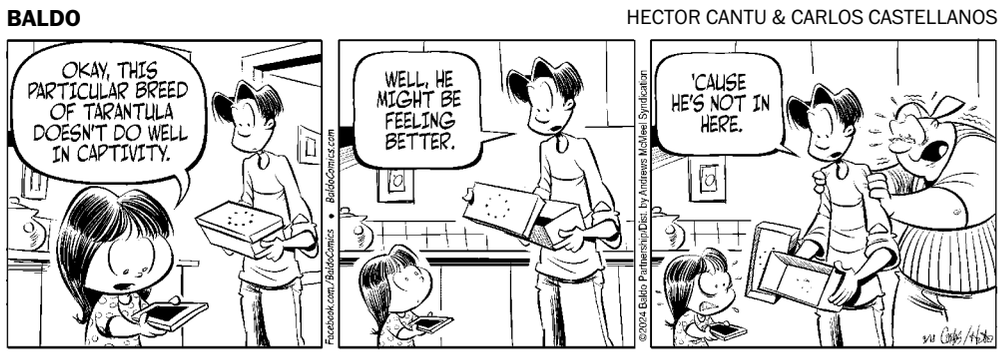
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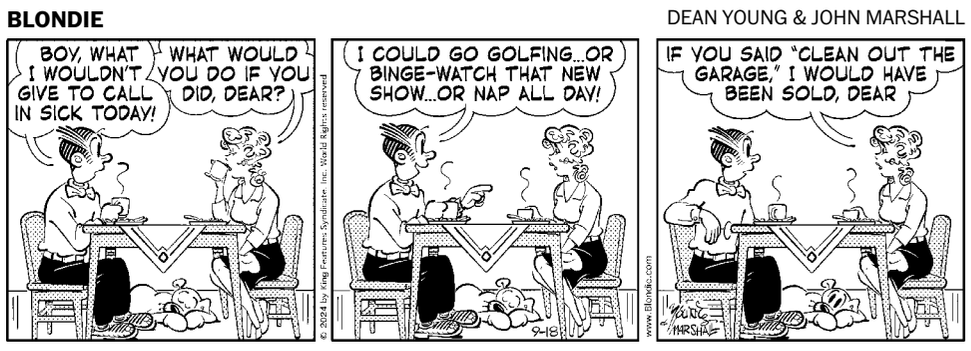
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BLONDIE

DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	4				7		2	
8			4				7	6
		1		6				
6				3	4	2		8
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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E1 I1 O1 W4 L1 G2 B3	1st Letter Triple	RACK 2
A1 E1 E1 U1 L1 B3 Q10		RACK 3
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PAR SCORE 160-170 **FOUR RACK TOTAL ____**
BEST SCORE 225 **TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

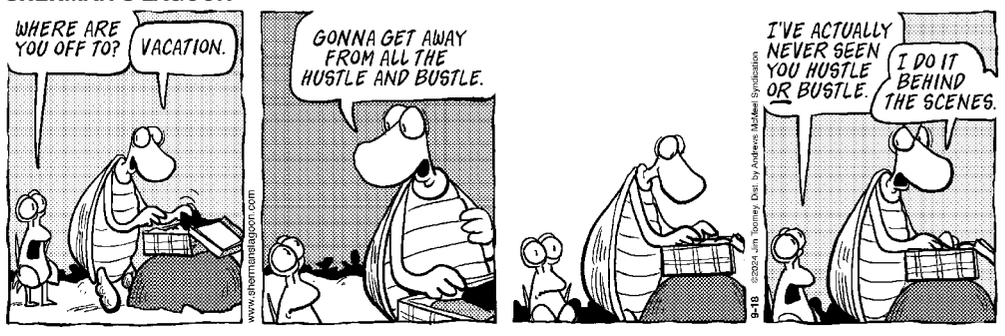
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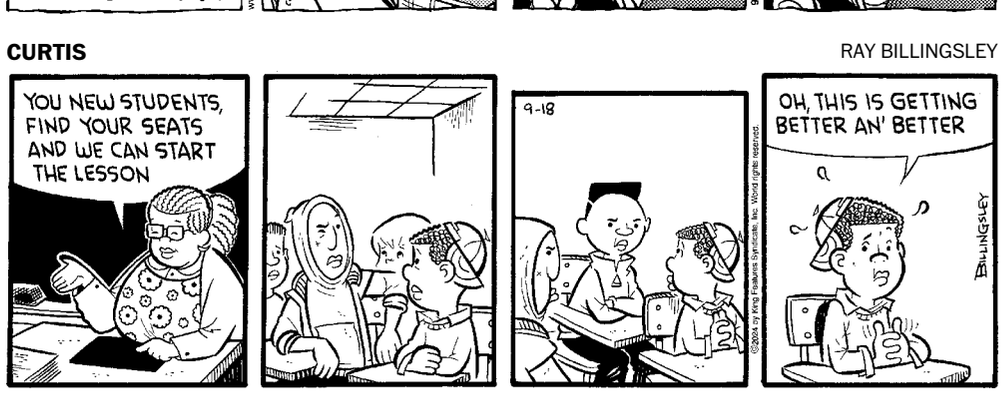
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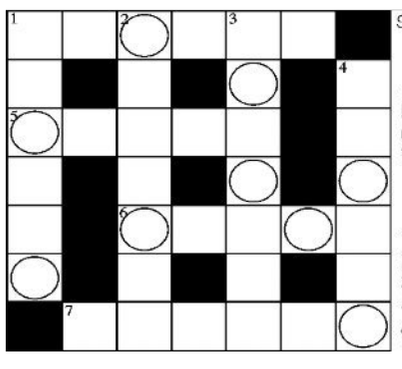
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RAY BILLINGSLEY



JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Air ____	LEUBBB
5. Fast	FIWTS
6. Wrong, improper	MSAIS
7. Ask forgiveness	NERETP

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Large quantity	ELSUHB
2. Squad, crew	RABEGDI
3. Outhouse	LENTARI
4. Hall ____	EOSLTC

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How to play

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: The wingspan of an ____ can reach up to about 11 feet.

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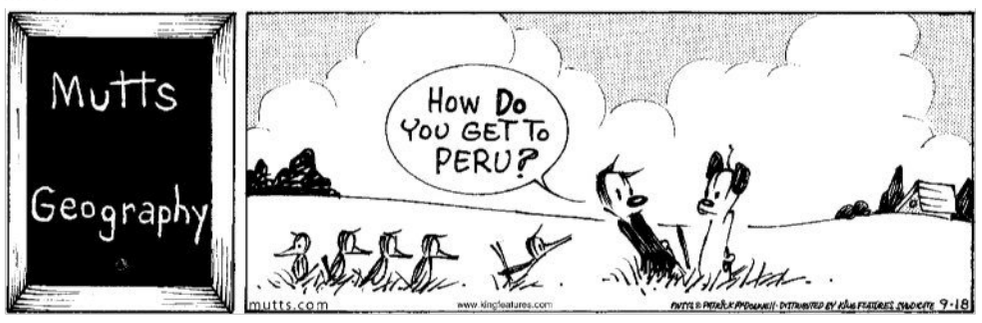
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BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

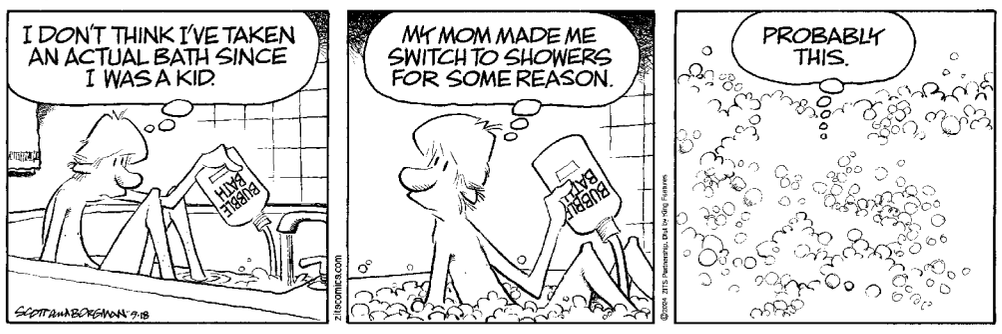
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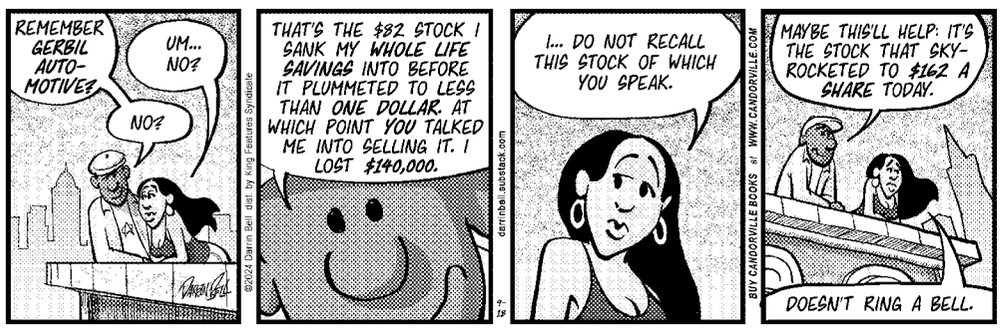
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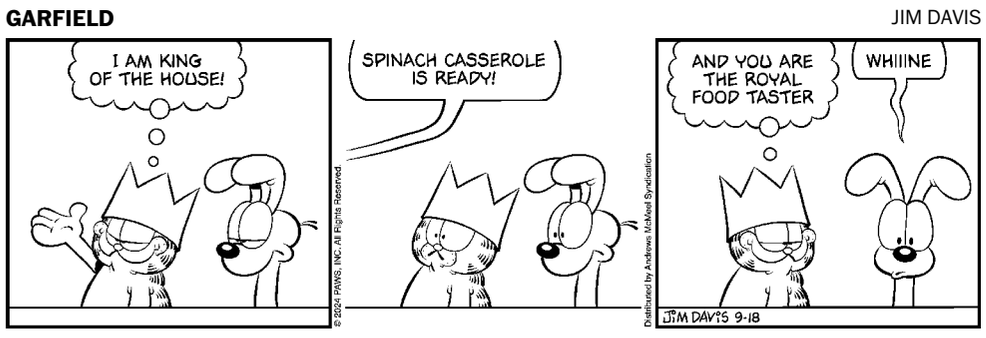
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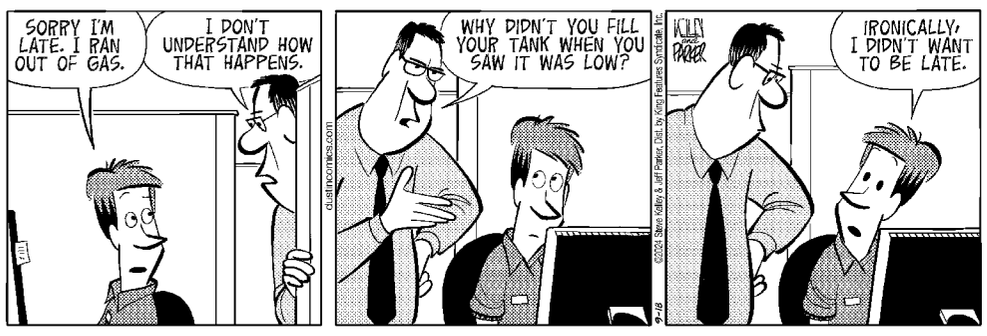
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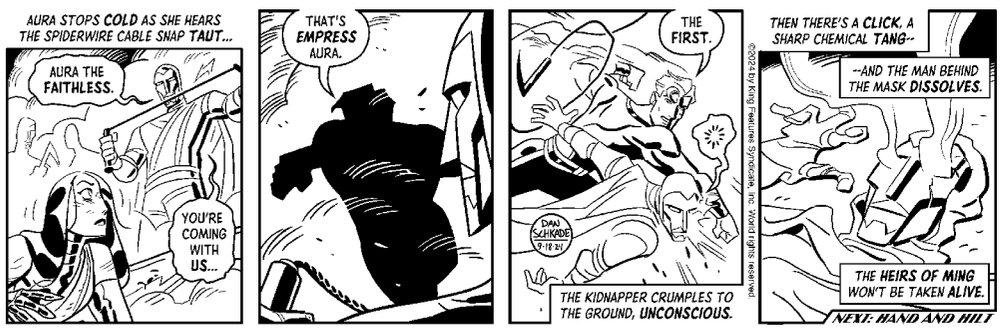
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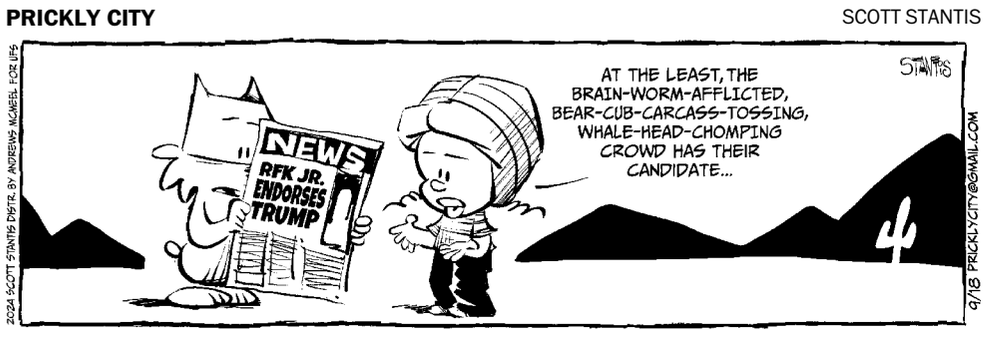
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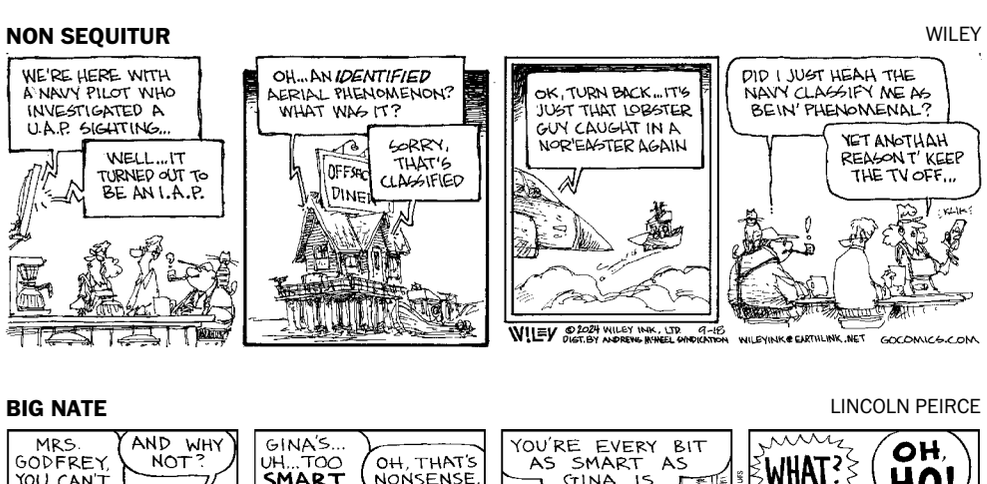
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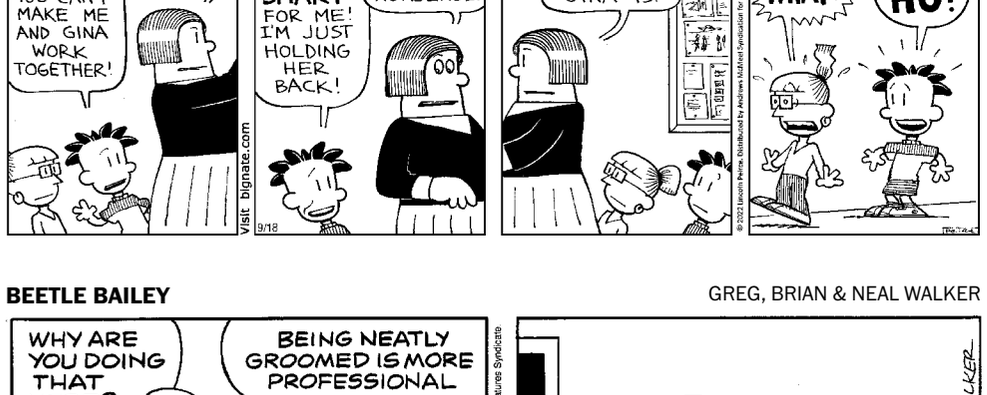
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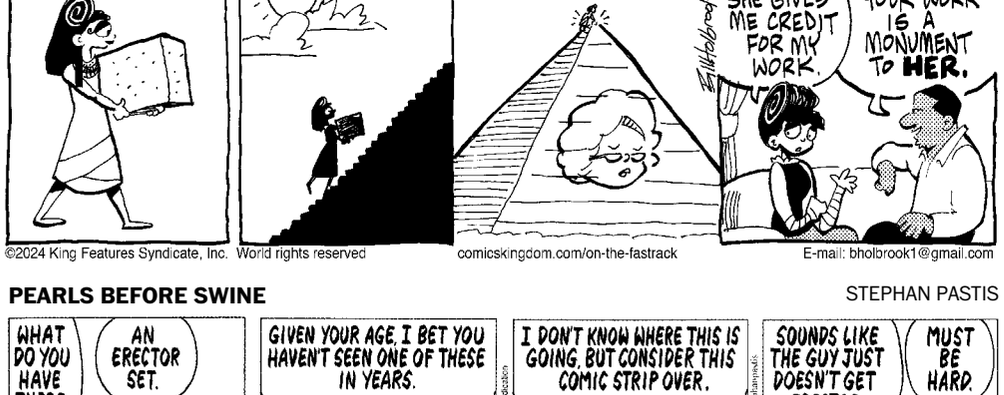
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ON THE FASTRACK BILL HOLBROOK



BEETLE BAILEY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

Your personal freedom and independence are important to you. You are charming and entertaining but private. This is a powerful year for you. Your accomplishments will be recognized. Seize opportunities and act on them.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 4:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
You will be productive today because both the Sun and Mercury are in your House of Employment, motivating you to do a careful job and be thorough in whatever you do. Your critical faculties are sharp, which means you won't overlook details.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
This is a good day to practice a skill or hone a technique by doing it over and over again until you improve. You have the patience to do this. You're not in a frivolous frame of mind; although you are interested in the arts and open to communicate with others.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
This is an appropriate day for a serious talk with a family member, especially a parent or someone older. This could be about home repairs or dealing with a parent. It's a good day for this discussion, because everyone is in a sober frame of mind and looking for practical results.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Your mind is focused and you won't overlook details. Furthermore, you have the mental stamina to stick with what you're trying to learn. Meanwhile, discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbors could yield practical solutions. Get busy!

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
If shopping today, you will buy practical, long-lasting items because you're in a common-sense frame of mind. You won't be frivolous with your money. Au contraire! You will want to save money and get the most bang for your buck.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Today your ruler Mercury is at odds with Saturn, which can make relations with others difficult or strained. This could lead to feelings of being lonely or isolated. You might have to say goodbye to someone today. Work will be rewarding.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
This is an excellent day to do research of any kind. However, when it comes to your emotional relationships with others, you might feel lonely or cut off for some reason. This is a temporary influence, so don't let this get you down.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Today a conversation with someone older or more experienced might make you feel diminished or less accomplished. You also might leave a group today or say goodbye to someone.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Discussions with parents and authority figures will be serious today. Don't get caught up in negative thinking. Look up to the sky and remember that a positive frame of mind is quicker to find solutions.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
This is a good day to study. You have excellent powers of concentration. Your mind is focused and pointed. You can use this sharp mental energy to learn something new or to finish an important paper.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Although you might feel discouraged about financial matters, especially with someone else's wealth or earnings, this is a good day to wrap up loose details.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Your efforts to talk to a partner or close friend might be disappointing. Or you might feel ignored or shut out. This is a temporary situation. Relax. You also might work in conjunction with someone else to get better organized.

— Georgia Nicols

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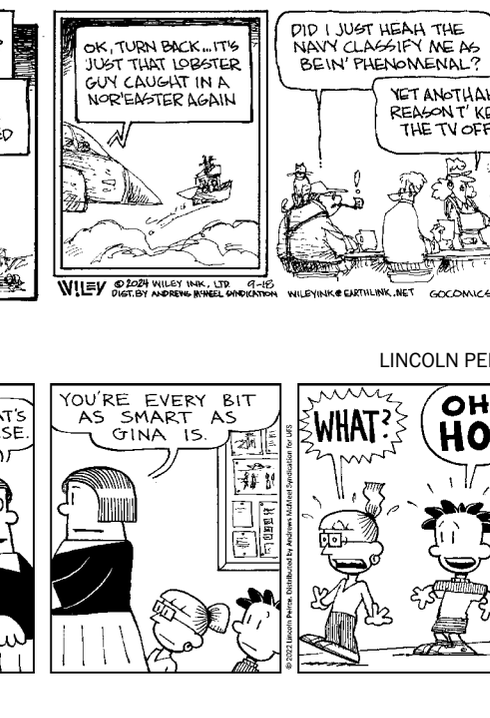
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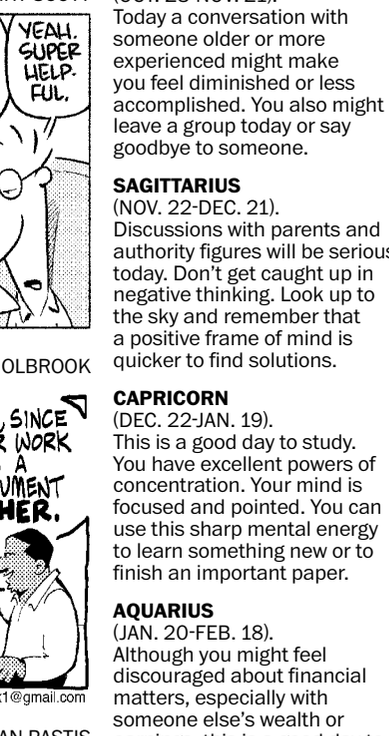
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‘Fight Night’ actress Chloe Bailey would much rather be boring

BAILEY FROM **C1**

helped jump-start the sleepy Southern town’s transformation into a cultural hot spot. In the middle of it all is Bailey’s character, Lena, who goes toe-to-toe with the city’s underworld, including figures played by Kevin Hart, Taraji P. Henson and Samuel L. Jackson. She plays both sides as a hostess at a Vegas-style party for a Black mafia family and the “inside girl” for the crew planning to rob the same party.

In short, Lena is the embodiment of the classic bait-and-switch. It’s the kind of liquid role that Bailey, who can seemingly pour herself into several identities at once, knows all too well. There’s the *aw shucks* early YouTube star, the Beyoncé protégé, the carnival queen, the dramatic actress, the Lego aficionada and the pop star with an eye-popping song about her “Rose” (hint: She isn’t talking about the flower).

And yet. Fans (or maybe haters) still want more from her. In a recent Instagram live, Bailey addressed a few tweets “talking ’bout how boring of an individual I am.”

“I can never do enough,” said Bailey, explaining why she keeps her circle small and her business her own. “I’m boring? Because I keep certain things hidden and private? Yeah, boring is good because these folks are crazy. I don’t do drugs, I don’t do anything like that. I’d much rather be boring.”

The thing is there’s something about Bailey that’s frustratingly impossible to pin down. She’s a singer, producer and actress. Okay. She’s one half — some might say “the sexy one” — of the Beyoncé-backed sibling duo Chloe x Halle. She’ll curse out haters onstage. She’ll coo over her new nephew. She’ll literally body a Caribbean carnival costume then slyly shrug her shoulders over all the fuss. She’s free. She’s shy. Who is she?

“Woooo,” answered Bailey recently. That’s a big one.

“I’m a melting pot of things. I am like this big burst of energy around the ones who make me feel the most safe. And my outlet for any frustration is my art,” she said.

Watching her in “Fight Night” is like a confirmation. Her character’s mystery has a purpose. (And perhaps it’s the same off screen.) Of course, Bailey is perfect for the double cross. This is the singer actress who can star in the Christian film “Praise This” and then show up in a clutch-your-pearls sex scene in “Swarm.” The Gen Zer who, when asked to dispense life advice during a recent TikTok live stream, responded with a memeable moment. “You know this is my response to life beating your a--, arch it. Arch it up even higher. Get some pleasure out of it. That’s what I’m teaching myself, you know.”

Remember when she was a fresh-faced 13-year-old belting out “Halo” alongside her little sister, Halle? Well forget about it.

“I don’t think the general public knows that about me, like my quirky raunchy jokes. So when they do get that side of me it’s surprising and funny,” said Bailey in a soft voice that is as considered as it is controlled. TikTok may offer off-the-cuff peeks inside her inner workings, but in person she is a thoughtful vault. Which is a stark contrast to the Chloe singing about throwing out her panties after a bad break up on her sophomore album, “Trouble in Paradise.”

“That’s probably why my music feels more dominating. People get, like, the Chloe that’s had it. So maybe that’s why I seem a bit more fierce with the music,” said Bailey, following up with a genuine smile.

Onstage she’s working through some stuff, singing and stomping out everything she wanted to say in the moment to that one boy. These days her lyrics aren’t just cute journal confessions, they are Zane-level erotica. And that can ruffle feathers. It’s been more than a decade since Bailey was that adorable preteen. She’s been grown for a while. Her solo music is impolite. It’s in your face. A fusion of R&B, electronica, pop, you name it. “Trouble in Paradise” is a signal flare.

“A lot of people are like, ‘Oh, you’re so nice. I didn’t know you’d be nice,’” said Bailey. How does she imagine her fans view her before meeting her? “Probably very dominating. But I’m a big mush ball,” she answered.

In person, Bailey is as calm as her beloved Caribbean sea, exuding the kind of control that only an artist that’s been under Beyoncé’s management company since 2015 can. She keeps to a safe depth where one can touch and see the bottom. She described Saint Lucia, where she recorded her latest album, as beautiful and freeing. Beyoncé, whom she first met as a toddler on the set of “The Fighting Temptations,” is “inspirational.” When folks asked her what she wanted to be as a kid her answer was “quantum physicist.” When asked what she’s into right now, Bailey very seriously answered “emailing” — specifically answering business emails with her iPad pencil.

“I can see how people are like, ‘Wow. The music is like a different part of her,’” Bailey conceded. “Because that’s when I’m venting in the studio.”

But don’t call the Bailey seen onstage recently in a glittery unitard booty popping while performing a tribute to Usher at the 2024 BET Awards an alter ego. Asked about it, the singer’s answer is emphatic: “No,” said Bailey. “It’s just a different part of me.”

Right before taking the stage to cover Usher’s “Good Kisser,” Bailey got so nervous she almost fainted. “Thank God there was a bench,” she said. The singer suffers from social anxiety from time to time. To get over it she goes through it.

Another surprising outlet besides the music? “Pop the Balloon or Find Love,” a YouTube dating show. When Bailey gets tired of making small talk in a room filled with people fussing over her (stylists, makeups artists, etc.) she turns on the show, fills the space with noise and retreats into the kind of online foolishness that creates conversation on its own.

Bailey is often in her head, wondering about how she looks, sounds or whatever. The confidence on display on her feeds, onstage and on screen is hard won. But she has to keep fighting for it. When “Trouble in Paradise” first dropped, Bailey posted about it and then deleted social media from her phone for a while. Just to get the space. To release it and let it be.

As her “Fight Night” co-star Taraji P. Henson put it during filming in Atlanta one day, the young actress can’t let anyone else block her light. “I think my light tends to dim when I consume myself too much with worldly things, which is why it’s always nice to take a break from this industry. Because that’s the place you want your light to shine the brightest, but it’s the place that takes it away the most,” Bailey said. She apologized for harping on it. But. “I’m really grateful for Saint Lucia because that’s where I found it again.”

Perhaps that is the same “it” those “fans” who call her boring are demanding to see. But Bailey’s found it and she’s holding onto it.

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Connie and Maury's secret? Not taking themselves too seriously.

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released this week. The book takes readers through the sweeping arc of Chung's life, from the birth of her parents in China at the turn of the 20th century all the way through the 2023 revelation of the "Connie Generation," referring to the phenomenon of Asian American women named after the trailblazing anchor.

Chung is frank and funny throughout — coloring in a journalistic legacy that was complicated by celebrity, misogyny and sexism.

When I toured Povich and Chung's prewar apartment in early September, some of the vast archives she had pulled from to tell her story were still out in the hallways, filed neatly into labeled plastic containers.

"She had every calendar from like, 1971," Povich said. "She had all of her tapes, all her scripts.

"She never threw anything away," he continued. That may inspire awe in others — Povich, not so much.

"I hate it. There's so much s---," he grumbled.

When Chung and Povich married in 1984, they were seen by many as an odd couple. She was the serious, superstar news anchor, gazing steadfastly into America's homes and delivering them the news of the day. Povich was lesser known, a journeyman news anchor who would eventually become the face of tabloid journalism as host of the Fox TV show "A Current Affair." (One of David Letterman's favorite bits, when he would have Chung on his late-night show, was to "misremember" Povich's name — calling him "Murray" or "Morley.")

They are an odd couple in the more familiar ways, too: Chung is the neat one, the one who won't rock the boat, the one who meticulously overprepares for public appearances. Povich is, in his own words, "a flinger of socks," a natural ad-libber with a penchant for bending the rules.

But they also share plenty: A wicked sense of humor and timing; as likely to poke fun at themselves as they are at each other. When one sings the other's praises (and they do this, too, a lot), the other squirms, as though flattery were some buzzy cicada landing at their feet.

They loathe people with big egos and sharp elbows, having run into their fair share in television newsrooms. They are deeply devoted to their family. Whether they're sitting on a daytime talk show couch or walking their dog, their hands search for each other.

And they both hail from Washington, D.C., a city they credit with the best of their years, and the best of their work.

Chung and Povich grew up in 1940s and 1950s D.C., a town of wide, tree-lined sidewalks, Southern twangs and segregation. Povich, the son of renowned Washington Post sportswriter Shirley Povich, grew up in the stadiums and playgrounds of the city; a loud, confident and mischievous boy who, borrowing from Arthur Miller, "could get by on a shine and a smile," as Povich wrote in his memoir.

Chung's family lived in a White neighborhood, after her father managed to persuade a landlord to rent to a Chinese family. Chung recalls there were beaches her family could not go to because of their race. But the D.C. of her childhood is an idyllic one nonetheless, quiet and peaceful and rife with small delights.

Every night in their respective homes, the Chung and Povich families gathered in front of their TVs to watch Walter Cronkite deliver the evening news on CBS. Both of them dreamed of sitting at that desk.

The pair initially crossed paths at WTTG-TV Channel 5, when Chung got her first journalism job as a newsroom "copyboy" before working her way up to newsroom secretary. Povich was the sports director there, as well as the host of the live daytime talk show "Panorama." By then he was already married with two young daughters.

"When I delivered Maury's wire copy to his desk, I was lucky if I got a thank-you or a nod," Chung writes in her memoir. Povich didn't take note of Chung until the day a position opened up to be an anchorman's news writer. Chung, seizing the opportunity, asked her boss to hire her for the job. Her boss, however, still needed a secretary — she would need to find her replacement, he told her.

"She walked out of the newsroom, up the stairs, across the street into the American Security Bank, looked at the first woman teller and said, 'Do you want to be on TV? Come with me,'" Povich recalled. (He loves telling this story; "he always tells it a little wrong," Chung said.)

The teller got the job, and so did Chung.

Povich didn't witness the scene, but the story traveled quickly around the newsroom.

"That's when most of us, I guess, paid attention," Povich said.

"I'd never heard of anybody getting a job that way."

Within a few months, Chung was an on-air reporter. Then, a year later in 1971, she joined CBS News's Washington Bureau, part of the first wave of women on-air reporters the acclaimed news organization hired.

Connie and Maury don't have a "Wall of Fame" — some staid mosaic of gilded award trophies, honorary diplomas and pictures with celebrity friends and colleagues. They have a "Wall of Shame," and they were eager to show it.

"It's hysterical," Chung promised.

The Chung-Povich Wall of Shame is a collection of cartoons portraying Chung, Povich and their shows. There you'll find cels from an episode of "South Park" lampooning "The Maury Show."

"They ... absolutely brutalized me," Povich said with a grin.

There are several political cartoons depicting Chung's 2001 interview with then-congressman Gary Condit about Chandra Levy's disappearance. Some sketches from Bugs Bunny co-creator Chuck Jones ("a big fan of Connie," Povich said) and Chung's favorite contribution: a greeting card with an image of her beside her CBS co-anchor Dan Rather on the front.

"When I think of Connie and Dan together, I think of us," the inside reads. "I'm cute, smart and dynamic, and you're kind of old."

For better or worse, Chung's strained relationship with Rather is a significant part of her story. When she landed in the anchor seat in 1993, it was a historic ascension — she was only the second woman to anchor an evening news broadcast (Barbara Walters was the first to shatter that barrier, in 1976), and the first Asian American to do so.

From the start, TV insiders, critics and audiences questioned how receptive Rather was to his new co-anchor. In "Connie," Chung likens herself to "a bow around Dan Rather's neck that would make him appear friendly and cuddly and normal."

"But instead, it was I who ended up in a noose," she writes.

The discomfort between the two was palpable, said Robert Thompson, a professor at Syracuse University, who still plays their live coverage of the O.J. Simpson Bronco chase as part of his "History of Television" class.

"The little microaggressions that keep being tossed Connie's way are so obvious to us today," he said, referring to the way Rather appeared to condescend to Chung.

Chung puts it more bluntly in the book: "I felt as if Rather despised my presence." Chung's tenure as co-anchor ended after only two years, following a series of public setbacks that included her controversial interview with Newt Gingrich's mother and backlash over her live coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing. (In the book, Chung shares accounts that suggest Rather helped orchestrate the latter.)

When Chung was at CBS News's Washington Bureau in the 1970s, she worked the political beat, "covering every burp and hiccup in government and politics," Chung writes in her memoir.

She covered the Watergate hearings and chased down President Richard M. Nixon's allies on stakeouts. Chung was part of the press corps that followed Nixon on official trips to Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union. She tailed Sen. George McGovern and Nelson Rockefeller on the campaign trail.

She brushed off constant come-ons from her male colleagues with brusque put-downs ("In your dreams" and "You're not good looking enough"). Nor was she safe from the very people she was reporting on, including McGovern, who, Chung writes, tried to kiss her.

Her oversize work ethic didn't cease when her father fell ill, making Chung, who still lived with her parents, her family's primary breadwinner at the age of 26. It ratcheted up the pressure to succeed.

So when the opportunity came to make more money — and gain some autonomy — in Los Angeles, Chung took it.

When Povich, then single, crossed paths with Chung again, it was to be her "second banana" on Channel 2, L.A.'s local CBS station. Their on-screen reunion was brief — Povich was fired several months later when the station changed managers — but commiseration led to courtship.

Theirs was a casual affair — both were preoccupied with their careers, lived in separate cities and were transparent about dating other people.

In Los Angeles, Chung was a bona fide star — a fact that did not escape Povich when he would visit her at her home.

"[Warren] Beatty called frequently. So did Marlon Brando," Povich said.

They enjoyed the freedom of living apart, even as their relationship became more serious. By the time they got married in 1984, TV news had begun reaching the peak of its popularity, and Chung was a celebrity in her own right — her salary and her job prospects were fodder for tabloids, trades and legacy newspapers.

Chung and Povich still speak glowingly of that time, married but living in two different cities — New York for Chung, D.C. for Povich — "a perfect arrangement," they both agreed. They would meet one night a week and eat in and, if Chung didn't have to be on air the next day, drink some scotch.

"She decorated it," Povich said of his D.C. apartment.

"Well, I wouldn't call it decoration," Chung replied. "I just bought you a sofa, a chair, a coffee table.

"He was a disaster," Chung said. Underneath her feet, Taxi, in her checkered collar, had fallen asleep. "A bachelor who had nothing."

Nonetheless, "it was very, very exhilarating to see each other," she said.

Meanwhile, at NBC and then CBS, Chung had become a household name. She was eager to pursue investigative work, covering government and institutions and holding them to account.

But news had changed. While Povich's program "A Current Affair" was derided by his contemporaries, network news brass sought to copy its winning formula — in Povich's words, "celebs and crime, baby!"

Like other women journalists of the time, Chung was given the task of chasing down high-profile celebrity interviews and salacious "documentaries" with titles like "Scared Sexless."

Chung feared that those stories would ding her credibility as a serious newswoman — and they did. She noted that male anchors like Rather, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings were never asked to do them. But Chung felt she couldn't risk saying no to a story, for fear of losing newsroom allies and opportunities.

Both Chung and Povich were at the forefront of seismic changes in the news industry. Their status as a celebrity couple drew increased attention; both were scrutinized and mocked for their work. And when, under pressure from CBS, Chung was forced to go public about their pregnancy difficulties, that was mocked, too.

Through it all, Chung and Povich soothed each other's doubts and derided each other's critics. They laughed at themselves.

"When celebrity became a part of television news, it tainted the process and tainted the business," Chung said.

"The glory was wonderful, and I enjoyed it. But it did taint it."

In 2024, Chung's day no longer begins with the news, though she still keeps cable news running in the background — in case something breaks. (This despite her distaste for the "bloviators" that cram its programming.)

Each night, Povich pours himself a glass of Johnnie Walker Black on the rocks and saves the first sip for Chung. "I'm such a cheap drunk," she quipped.

The trail Chung blazed has appeared to crumble behind her. News anchors are no longer household names; no longer the accompaniment to family dinners. Chung herself feels the medium has become "irrelevant."

Celebrity had pushed her out of the kind of investigative reporting she loved best, though Povich is quick to remind her of her contributions.

"How many cosmetic surgeons hate you because you got silicone breast implants banned?" Povich said to her, referring to her 1990 report on CBS in which she talked to women whose implants had leaked silicone into their bodies.

Following the story, the FDA banned silicone breast implants; when they were reintroduced 14 years later, it was under more stringent regulations.

Those are the kinds of stories she'd like to be remembered for.

Years removed from that life, it's been like "whiplash every day" to get ready for the release of her memoir.

Sure, there's the matter of defining one's legacy, but Chung had a more practical consideration for writing the memoir — "I really like the idea of earning a paycheck."

Povich had heard this before.

"You always complained that you weren't contributing financially for the last few years. And I remind you about supporting me when I had nothing," Povich said.

Chung considered this, then continued.

"That's part of the reason I wrote the book. I think I really have been sponging off Maury for many years," she said. "I'm not happy about it."



TAURAT HOSSAIN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

After years out of the limelight, Connie Chung, accompanied by her husband of 40 years, Maury Povich, and their dog, Taxi, in New York's Centrai Park, is back out in front to promote her memoir, "Connie," released this week.

"I've been off the radar for so long I actually don't know what people out there might be thinking or what it is they remember. Or do they even know my name?"

Connie Chung



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COURTESY OF CONNIE CHUNG

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: "Everywhere I looked there were men," Chung, in the Nixon Oval Office, writes of her time reporting for CBS News's Washington Bureau. When Chung met Povich, he was a "young, tall, dark, very handsome sports director" who paid her no mind, Chung writes. Chung works with Jane Pauley in 1983; she filled in on the "Today" show while Pauley was on maternity leave.

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Recent trip has impact on viability of RFK site

Commanders working to satisfy the relatives of former logo's creator

BY SAM FORTIER

The Washington Commanders and the Native American family that helped create the franchise's former logo have in recent months taken steps to rebuild a relationship that was severely damaged during the team's previous ownership.

Last week, after many virtual meetings, two representatives from the Commanders and one from the NFL flew to Montana to meet with the descendants of Walter "Blackie" Wetzel, who helped design the profile of an Indian warrior that served as the team's primary logo from 1972 to 2020, when the team retired the logo and its former name.

And at Northwest Stadium on Sunday, the Commanders held a private ceremony for 22 of Wetzel's descendants to unveil a memorial honoring him that featured a large gold plaque crediting him with designing the logo and telling the story of his life as "a fervent advocate for Indigenous communities."

The trips have helped regain the family's trust, Ryan Wetzel, Blackie's grandson, said in an interview with The Washington Post. But even though he said things are "going in the right direction," the family is not fully satisfied with how the team has honored his grandfather.

What would satisfy the family?

"I don't want to get too complex," he said, declining to elaborate.

Therefore, as the clock ticks on this congressional session, Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) will continue blocking legislation that would give the District greater control over the RFK Stadium site.

The D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act cleared the House in February with overwhelming bipartisan support, but it needs to pass the Senate for D.C. to be able to develop the federally owned plot, which could include a new stadium for the Commanders.

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The Mystics' Julie Vanloo defends the Liberty's Sabrina Ionescu during the teams' second-to-last game of the season. New York clinched the WNBA's best record.

Down to the wire

LIBERTY 87, MYSTICS 71

Washington will enter finale needing help to make playoffs

BY KAREEM COPELAND

The Washington Mystics will have to stay patient for two more days.

The WNBA's last playoff berth has been up for grabs for weeks, and it won't be handed out until the final night of the season. Tuesday's second-to-last game didn't bring any good developments for the Mystics: They fell, 87-71, to the New York Liberty at Entertainment and Sports Arena to tumble a game behind the Atlanta Dream for the eighth and final postseason spot.

The host Dream (14-25) defeated the banged-up Chicago Sky, 86-70, to move into the No. 8 spot. Atlanta controls its postseason fate and will clinch a playoff spot with a win in its finale Thursday. (A Sky win Tuesday would have eliminated the Dream.)

The Mystics and Sky are both 13-26. Washington holds the head-to-head tiebreaker over Chicago, but Washington and Atlanta split the season series. The Mystics need all three teams to end up with the same record to come out on top of a three-way tiebreaker and make the postseason.

On Thursday, the season ends with the Mystics hosting the Indiana Fever, the Dream visiting New York, and the Sky playing at the Connecticut Sun. A Washington win combined with an Atlanta loss and a Chicago win would send the Mystics to the playoffs. Whichever team advances will face New York (32-7) in the best-of-three first round; the Liberty clinched the WNBA's best record with Tuesday's win.

The playoffs have taken center stage in recent weeks, but the watch for lottery picks hasn't been far behind. The Mystics, who started the season 0-12, will have at least one: They hold the rights to the Dream's first-round pick as well as their own.

"We've got one more shot to represent ourselves and play the way that we have shown over the course of the year,"

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A season after finishing 2-15, Panthers may hit a new low

On the NFL
JASON LA CANFORA

Overreaction season is upon us in the NFL and hot takes are the norm, but it's not a stretch to conclude through two weeks that the Carolina Panthers are the worst team in football and, *gulp*, might somehow be worse than they were a year ago.

Mind you, last season the owner tossed an established head coach (Frank Reich) aside in November, during his first year at the helm. First overall pick Bryce Young looked overwhelmed and averaged an anemic 5.5 yards per pass attempt, and Carolina went just 2-15 yet ceded the first draft pick to the Chicago Bears thanks to the trade that made Young a Panther in the first place. That's an exceedingly low bar, even for billionaire meddler David Tepper, but he is already well on his way to sinking beneath it in the eyes of some NFL executives and evaluators. Well done!

The Panthers have been physically overrun on both sides of the ball through two games under rookie coach Dave Canales. They appear thoroughly unprepared and incapable of competing, getting outscored 50-3 in the first halves of their two losses. They lack

SEE ON THE NFL ON D3

Nats' offense remains stuck in neutral

METS 10, NATIONALS 1

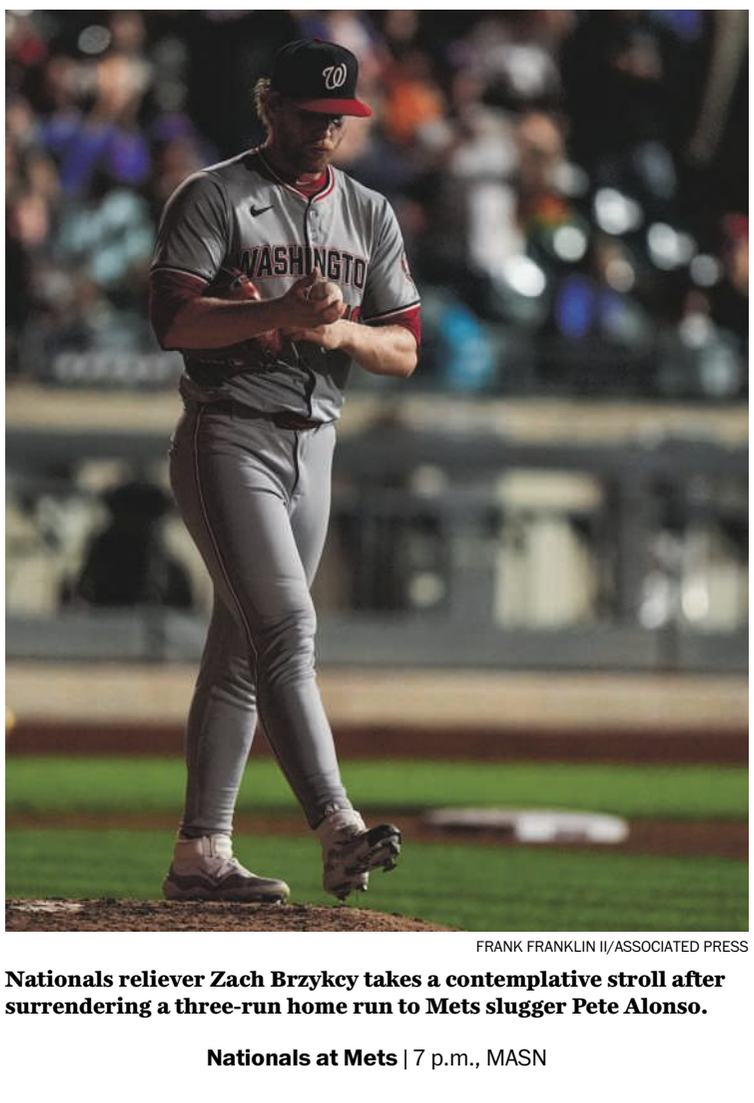
BY ANDREW GOLDEN

NEW YORK — As the New York Mets dashed onto the field Tuesday night, CJ Abrams took his spot in the on-deck circle following a four-game hiatus spent dealing with a left shoulder injury. Abrams has endured struggles in the season's second half, much like the Washington Nationals as a whole. But his presence represented a potential jolt to the offense, and that sort of optimism was only heightened when he singled to start the game.

That was one of just four hits the Nationals managed in their 10-1 loss to the surging Mets at Citi Field. Dylan Crews had the other three — the rookie's first three-hit game — while Washington went 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position and left eight runners on base. The lopsided loss was quite a departure from Monday's series-opening defeat, when the teams battled into the 10th inning before New York prevailed, 2-1.

"Just got to put it behind us and get ready for the game tomorrow," Abrams said.

SEE NATIONALS ON D12



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Nationals reliever Zach Brzykcy takes a contemplative stroll after surrendering a three-run home run to Mets slugger Pete Alonso.

Nationals at Mets | 7 p.m., MASN

Once a launching pad, the MAC has become a coach's dead end

On Football
STEVEN GODFREY

Just one week after Northern Illinois upset Notre Dame, fellow Mid-American Conference member Toledo traveled to SEC country Saturday as a double-digit underdog and beat the brakes off Mississippi State, 41-17.

Mississippi State is rebuilding under first-year coach Jeff Lebby, but so, too, is Toledo under ninth-year coach Jason Candle, whose entire roster is perpetually exposed to poaching from power conference programs via the transfer portal. And while headline upsets are great, Saturday night's probably wouldn't have happened if the MAC were functioning as it used to.

Because Jason Candle should not be the head coach at Toledo in 2024. He has amassed a 68-35 record, three division titles and two MAC championships since being elevated from his offensive coordinator position to replace Matt Campbell in 2015. It took Campbell just four full seasons to parlay conference titles and a winning record (35-15) into a bigger job at Iowa State. In the previous decade, Urban Meyer (two years at Bowling Green) and Brian Kelly (three at Central Michigan) boosted their careers with short, effective runs as MAC head coaches.

That's how it used to work in the MAC, where — until very recently — head coaching tenures have been layovers, not destinations, for many of the game's biggest names. Both legendary Michigan coach Bo Schembechler and Ohio State coach Woody Hayes parlayed the job at Miami of Ohio (a program that dubbed itself "the Cradle of Coaches") directly into those iconic positions.

But in the 2020s, the MAC isn't just becoming a longer stop for rising stars — it's increasingly a dead end.

Only one head coach has flipped a MAC job into a power

SEE ON FOOTBALL ON D4

SOCCER
Two Americans score as the revamped Champions League gets underway. D2

PRO FOOTBALL
Tua Tagovailoa is placed on injured reserve after his latest concussion. D3

THE DAY IN SPORTS

PARALYMPICS

Four U.S. competitors punished for comments

After 12 days of competition in Paris, hundreds of athletes from the United States gathered one last time for the Paralympics Closing Ceremonies on Sept. 8. Many of the country's top athletes arrived at the Stade de France together, wearing ponchos in the rain as they celebrated their 105 medals, the third most of any country.

But several notable competitors were absent from the delegation. Hours earlier, four U.S. swimmers — including **Jessica Long**, one of the most decorated Paralympians ever — were barred from attending as part of punishments imposed by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

The penalties against Long, who won two gold medals in Paris, and three other athletes — gold medalist **Gia Pergolini**, bronze medalist **Julia Gaffney** and **Anastasia Pagonis** — stem from posts on social media that appeared to question the disability of a U.S. teammate during the swimming competition in Paris and violated USOPC rules, according to three people with knowledge of the situation.

In addition to an abrupt ending to the swimmers' trips to Paris, the penalties, pending appeal, also would levy suspensions barring the athletes from competing for the national team through next spring, withhold stipends and ban the athletes from participating in Team USA's celebratory trip to D.C. this year.

The Washington Post reviewed one disciplinary email that listed the alleged infractions and punishments. According to the email, the USOPC's Rules Application Panel determined the athletes' public comments violated the "Delegation Terms" of conduct requirements they signed and agreed to follow before the Games, including "respect members of Team USA and the U.S. Delegation to the Games" and "act in a way that will bring respect and honor to yourself, your teammates."

— Roman Stubbs and Rick Maese

HOCKEY

Lindell and Harley sign extensions with Stars

The Dallas Stars locked up two key defensemen with new contracts just before the start of training camp, giving **Esa Lindell** a five-year, $26.25 million extension and signing **Thomas Harley** to a two-year, $8 million deal.

The agreement with Lindell came with the 30-year-old set to go into the final season of a six-year, $34.8 million contract. The deal averaging $5.25 million a season will take effect with the 2025-26 season and run through 2029-30.

Harley led Dallas blue liners in goals with 15 in his first full season as the Stars reached the Western Conference finals for a second consecutive year. The 23-year-old had 32 assists for 47 points and led NHL defensemen with three overtime goals.

Lindell's 26 points (five goals, 21 assists) last season were his most since he had 32 in 2018-19. He also had a team-high 162 blocked shots while averaging 20:28 of ice time.

PRO BASKETBALL

Collier, Carleton help Lynx clinch No. 2 seed

Napheesa Collier scored 25 points before passing to **Bridget Carleton** for the go-ahead three-pointer with 3.4 seconds left, and the visiting Minnesota Lynx beat the Connecticut Sun, 78-76, in Uncasville to secure the No. 2 seed in the WNBA playoffs.

Minnesota (30-9) will host No. 7-seeded Phoenix on Sunday when the best-of-three playoffs open. Connecticut (27-12) is currently third with one game remaining in the regular season and would be at home against the Indiana Fever on Sunday. The Sun is at home against the Chicago Sky on Thursday.

Connecticut and Minnesota traded misses with just under a minute left before **Alyssa Thomas** hit from near the foul line to give the Sun a 74-73 lead with 22 seconds to go. Collier answered 10 seconds later with a turnaround fadeaway on the left side of the lane.

Connecticut got a quick basket out of a timeout, with Thomas finding **DeWanna Bonner** under the basket with 8.5 seconds to play. After a reset timeout, meaning no huddle, Collier kicked the ball out to Carleton for a three-pointer from well behind the line. The Sun took its reset timeout, but Bonner threw the ball away on the inbounds pass. ...

Jordin Canada scored 18 points, **Tina Charles** finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds to tie the WNBA record with the 193rd double-double of her career, and the host Atlanta Dream beat the Sky, 86-70, to move into the eighth playoff spot with one game left.

Atlanta (14-25) broke a three-way tie with Chicago (13-26) and Washington. The Mystics (13-26) lost to New York, 87-71.

Rachel Banham made six three-pointers to lead Chicago with 22 points.

With her double-double, Charles matched **Sylvia Fowles** for the league record. Charles also passed 4,000 rebounds for her career and is two shy of matching Fowles's league record of 4,016.



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Christian Pulisic scored AC Milan's lone goal in a 3-1 loss to Liverpool on Tuesday in the Champions League's opening phase.

SPOTLIGHT: SOCCER

New Champions League yields same winners

ASSOCIATED PRESS

New format. Same old winners.

The revamped Champions League made its debut Tuesday with some familiar clubs claiming victories on opening night.

After joining from Paris Saint-Germain, Kylian Mbappé scored for 15-time champion Real Madrid, which needed late goals from Antonio Rudiger and Endrick to beat Stuttgart, 3-1.

Following a scoreless first half, Mbappé put Madrid ahead seconds after the break when he redirected a cross from Rodrygo.

After Deniz Undav equalized for Stuttgart midway through the second half with a header, Rudiger restored Madrid's advantage with a header and Endrick sealed it with a solo counterattack in stoppage time.

"This was a typical Madrid match in the Champions League," Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois said. "We always have difficult games. We sometimes complicate things ourselves, but credit to Stuttgart."

At 18 years 58 days, Endrick became Madrid's youngest scorer in the Champions League. Raul Gonzalez was 18 years 113 days old when he recorded a hat trick in a 6-1 win against Ferencvarosi in 1995 for the previous record.

Six-time champion Liverpool came back from a goal down for a 3-1 win at seven-time champion AC Milan in a rematch of the 2005 and 2007 finals.

Christian Pulisic scored early for Milan before Liverpool struck back with headers from both of its center backs: Ibrahima Konate and Virgil van Dijk. Dominik Szoboszlai added another for Liverpool.

"It's another bad result for us," Pulisic said. "We have to find answers, improve and win matches.

"We had the right energy at times, but we couldn't keep it up consistently. ... It's been a difficult start to the season for us. We're not happy, and we have to change things."

Harry Kane scored four in Bayern Munich's 9-2 rout of Dinamo Zagreb as the German club opened its bid for a seventh title — which could be achieved in its home stadium in May.

Kane converted three penalties and broke Wayne Rooney's record for the most Champions League goals by an English player by boosting his tally to 33 — three ahead of Rooney.

Bayern's best goal might have been its second from Raphael Guerreiro, who crushed in a powerful drive after a chest pass from Jamal Musiala.

Bayern Coach Vincent Kompany was not the first choice when he was hired in May, but so far his team has won all five of its matches.

Pulisic was not the only American to find the back of the net Tuesday. And it was a happier night for U.S. national team teammate Weston McKennie, who scored Juventus's second during a 3-1 win over PSV Eindhoven in an earlier match.

Kenan Yildiz's goal for Juventus after 21 minutes was the first of the revamped competition. And what a goal it was.

The Turkey winger dribbled into the left side of the box and curled in a long shot off the far, top corner of the goal frame.

At 19 years 136 days, Yildiz broke the Juventus record for youngest scorer in the competition that Alessandro Del Piero established when he scored at 20 years 308 days against Borussia Dortmund in September 1995.

Also, Aston Villa returned to the competition for the first time in 41 years and won, 3-0, at Young Boys, and Sporting Lisbon beat 10-man Lille, 2-0.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

2 p.m.	**Oakland at Chicago Cubs** » MLB Network
6:30 p.m.	**San Francisco at Baltimore** » MASN2, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**Washington at New York Mets** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)
7:30 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Milwaukee** » MLB Network

SOCCER

3 p.m.	**UEFA Champions League: Borussia Dortmund at Club Brugge** » CBS Sports Network
5:15 p.m.	**FIFA under-20 women's World Cup, semifinal: United States vs. North Korea** » Fox Sports 2
6 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores quarterfinal, first leg: Atlético Mineiro at Fluminense** » BeIN Sports
8 p.m.	**MLS: Charlotte FC at Orlando City** » Fox Sports 1
8:15 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana quarterfinal, first leg: Independiente Medellín at Lanús** » BeIN Sports
8:45 p.m.	**FIFA under-20 women's World Cup, semifinal: Japan vs. Netherlands** » Fox Sports 2
10:30 p.m.	**MLS: Austin FC at Los Angeles FC** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP: Hangzhou Open, early rounds; WTA: Korea Open and Thailand Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
1 a.m. (Thursday)	**ATP: Hangzhou Open, early rounds; WTA: Korea Open and Thailand Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m.	**Louisville at Kentucky** » ESPN
7 p.m.	**Penn State at Pittsburgh** » ACC Network
8 p.m.	**Stanford at Nebraska** » Big Ten Network
9 p.m.	**Baylor at Texas** » ESPN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Stalking suspect aimed to marry Bueckers

A man accused of stalking and harassing Connecticut basketball star **Paige Bueckers** had an engagement ring and lingerie in his possession when he was arrested near a Connecticut airport, according to police reports, and said on social media that he intended to marry her.

Robert Cole Parmalee, 40, posted statements on TikTok and sent emails to University of Connecticut officials that showed an infatuation with Bueckers and included threats, police said.

Parmalee, whose last known addresses were in Grants Pass, Ore., and Ritzville, Wash., was ordered detained on $100,000 bail Monday after being arraigned on the charges in the courthouse in Rockville, Conn. He also was ordered to stay away from a person named in court as "P.B." and was banned from the U-Conn. campus in Storrs.

His public defender did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Parmalee was initially arrested Aug. 27 while walking along a highway close to Bradley International Airport near Hartford, Conn. He told a state trooper that he had just flown in from the Pacific Northwest and was on his way to see Bueckers at U-Conn., the police reports said, adding he was found with a ring and lingerie.

The trooper took Parmalee into custody when he learned there was an arrest warrant out of Josephine County, Ore., accusing Parmalee of setting a home on fire with roommates and pets inside, police said.

Parmalee had posted photos, videos and comments about Bueckers on TikTok and other social media platforms and had been emailing U-Conn. officials since June with rambling comments, including his desire to marry Bueckers, police said. The postings and emails initially did not warrant criminal charges, but his comments became alarming over time, the reports said.

SOCCER

Rodri warns of strike over loaded calendar

Manchester City midfielder **Rodri** said top soccer players are close to going on strike because of the number of games they are having to play.

The Spain international said players are concerned about the way the sport is headed as more games are added to the calendar in competitions such as the Champions League.

Rodri was asked whether players might start refusing to play because of the calendar.

"I think we are close to that," he said in a news conference ahead of City's Champions League opener against Inter Milan slated for Wednesday. "It's easy to understand. You ask any player, he will say the same — it's not the opinion of [just] Rodri or whoever. I think it's a general opinion of the players.

"If it keeps this way, it will be a moment when we have no other option, I really think. It's something that worries us because we are the guys who suffer."

Rodri is expected to start his first game for City this season when Inter visits Etihad Stadium, having been given an extended break by the club after winning the European Championship with Spain in July. ...

France midfielder **Adrien Rabiot** signed a contract with Marseille after completing his medical, the French club said.

A world-class midfielder, Rabiot should add some spice to the French league, which lost its biggest star this summer when **Kylian Mbappé** left Paris Saint-Germain for Real Madrid.

The terms of Rabiot's contract were not disclosed by Marseille.

Rabiot arrived Monday night at the city's airport, where he was greeted by cheering fans.

The 29-year-old player was a free agent after declining to extend his contract with Juventus, with which he spent five seasons.

MISC.

O'Meara, 67, retiring after Pebble Beach

Mark O'Meara is ready to retire, and he has picked the ideal spot to do so in Pebble Beach, Calif.

O'Meara won the California State Amateur in 1979, the first of his six titles over three decades at Pebble Beach. Five of those were the Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the last one in 1997 when at age 40 he held off **Tiger Woods** and **David Duval**.

O'Meara, 67, is ending his career this week at the Pure Insurance Championship, held at Pebble Beach and Spyglass, a unique PGA Tour Champions event that puts pros with kids from the First Tee.

O'Meara, inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2015 at a ceremony at St. Andrews, ends his career with 16 wins on the PGA Tour, three on the DP World Tour, two on the Japan Golf Tour, one on the PGA Tour of Australasia and the 1994 Argentina Open.

He won on every continent golf is played except Africa, although he did partner with **Nick Price** of Zimbabwe to win the Legends of Golf, one of his three PGA Tour Champions titles. ...

Runners hoping to qualify for the 2026 Boston Marathon are going to have to pick up the pace.

The Boston Athletic Association updated its qualifying times for the world's oldest annual marathon, asking most prospective competitors to run a 26.2-mile race five minutes faster than in recent years to earn a starting number.

"Every time the BAA has adjusted qualifying standards — most recently in 2019 — we've seen athletes continue to raise the bar and elevate to new levels," **Jack Fleming**, president and CEO of the BAA, said in a statement posted Monday. "In recent years we've turned away athletes in this age range (18-59) at the highest rate, and the adjustment reflects both the depth of participation and speed at which athletes are running."

The BAA introduced qualifying times in 1970 and has expanded and adjusted the requirements through the decades. Runners participating in the event to raise money for charity do not have to meet the qualifying standards.

The latest change means men between the ages of 18 and 34 will have to run a marathon during the qualification window in 2 hours 55 minutes or faster to earn a spot in the 2026 race — five minutes faster than for this year's edition.

Women and nonbinary applicants need to complete the distance in 3:25.

The slowest competitors who can earn qualification are in the 80-and-over age group. The men in that category must complete a marathon in 4:50, while women and nonbinary competitors have 5:20 to finish. Those numbers were not changed in the most recent adjustment.

The BAA said it had 36,406 qualifier entry applications for next year's race, more than ever before.

— From news services and staff reports

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

After his latest concussion, Tagovailoa is heading to IR

BY MARK MASKE

The Miami Dolphins placed quarterback Tua Tagovailoa on the injured reserve list Tuesday, a roster designation that means he will miss at least the team's next four games while being evaluated for the concussion that he suffered during Thursday night's loss to the Buffalo Bills.

Miami announced the move Tuesday afternoon. Tagovailoa will be eligible to return for the Dolphins' game Oct. 27 against the Arizona Cardinals in Miami Gardens, Fla. It is not known when he might be cleared by doctors to return to football or when he might play again.

He will miss games Sunday at the Seattle Seahawks, Sept. 30 at home against the Tennessee Titans, Oct. 6 at the New England Patriots and Oct. 20 at the Indianapolis Colts. Miami does not play Oct. 13 while on its bye week.

Backup Skylar Thompson, who finished Thursday night's loss to the Bills, takes over as the Dolphins' starter. The team announced Tuesday that it had signed quarterback Tyler Huntley from the Baltimore Ravens' practice squad.

Tagovailoa, after suffering his third diagnosed concussion in two years, is subject to the NFL's step-by-step return-to-participation protocols that include evaluation and clearance by both the team medical staff and an independent neurological consultant.

The process puts return-to-play decisions entirely in the hands of medical experts, excluding teams' coaches and football staffers. It unfolds without any predetermined timelines.

Outside observers — including former players, doctors not involved in Tagovailoa's care and even Las Vegas Raiders Coach Antonio Pierce — have said they believe Tagovailoa, 26, should give serious consideration to retirement.

The league-owned NFL Network reported Sunday that Tagovailoa has "no plans to retire." Two people familiar with the deliberations cautioned over the weekend that it's too early for that to be definitive. Even if Tagovailoa's initial inclination may be to continue playing, they said, the evaluation process must play out before a final decision is made.

Former Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi, now an NFL analyst for ESPN, reflected on the air Sunday about his decision to resume playing after suffering a stroke in February 2005 at 31.

"You see as many doctors as you possibly can, okay?" Bruschi said. "He's being supported within the organization. I understand that. But what doctors will give you is gray, okay, and they will not give you black and white. I have personal experience from this. … They give you all this information. But what they eventually say is: 'It's something you have to live with. You have to live with the decision. … Can you live with it? Can your wife and family live with it?' … So should he retire or should he play? I did both."

Bruschi, who was treated for a heart defect, returned to play in October 2005 and then retired in 2009.

"To me, I was done," Bruschi said of his initial thinking. "I went into Bill Belichick's office and told him I was finished, and I left. I had finished. But you get better. … And I'm sure Tua's going through these same thoughts also."



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Miami's Tua Tagovailoa, who was injured Thursday night against Buffalo, will miss at least four games.

Watson and the NFL

The NFL said last week through a spokesman that it will review the latest allegations of sexual misconduct made against Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson, adding that it would not put him on paid administrative leave because there were no criminal charges and the league's review was just beginning.

But the league still could face a decision about whether to place Watson on paid leave, under the terms of its personal conduct policy, based on the findings of its investigation. Or it could continue to allow Watson to play as the review and disciplinary process unfold.

Attorney Anthony Buzbee said Friday that the woman who accused Watson of sexual assault and battery in a new lawsuit filed last week will meet with NFL representatives. Buzbee said he "can confirm we will be scheduling a meeting with the NFL and hope that can be accomplished in the next two weeks."

The civil suit, filed in Harris County (Tex.) District Court, alleges Watson "roughly sexually assaulted" the woman in Texas in October 2020 after she invited him to dinner at her apartment. Watson was a member of the Houston Texans at the time. Watson and his attorney, Rusty Hardin, denied the allegations last week.

The conduct policy allows the league to put a player on the commissioner's exempt list, keeping him off the field as the NFL disciplinary process plays out, if the player is formally charged with a felony or a crime of violence (including sexual assault by force) or in other specified circumstances. A player placed on the exempt list is paid by his team but prohibited from participating in practices or attending games.

Watson served an 11-game suspension and was fined $5 million in 2022 for violating the conduct policy, under a settlement reached by the NFL and the NFL Players Association, based on allegations in more than two dozen civil lawsuits filed by women accusing Watson of sexual misconduct during massage therapy sessions. Watson also has denied the previous allegations and has not been charged with a crime.

Jets' depleted pass rush

The New York Jets suffered a significant loss during their win over the Tennessee Titans when pass rusher Jermaine Johnson was taken from the field on a cart after suffering a torn Achilles' tendon in his right leg. An MRI exam taken Monday confirmed the tear, Johnson said in a video posted to social media.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers said following the 24-17 victory that he empathized, having suffered a torn Achilles' tendon in his left leg during last season's opener.

"I knew he was hurt, carted off," Rodgers said. "I was worried about him. Then I saw actually on the jumbotron, it said Achilles'. And my heart kind of dropped a little bit because I know what that's all about. The good news is he's very young, a young player. He's going to have a long career. There's a lot of great people out there to take care of him. …

"We briefly talked. I just hugged him and told him I love him, told him I was sorry. He's handling it a lot better than I did so far. But, yeah, it's going to be a big loss for us."

And also …

The NFL's new kickoff format continues to struggle to fulfill the part of its dual mandate dealing with increasing the rate of returns. About 27 percent of kickoffs were returned leaguewide in Week 2. The return rate for the season is about 30 percent. …

It's unclear whether the NFL would consider fining Tagovailoa, under the circumstances, for violating the rule that prohibits a player — on either offense or defense — from lowering his head to initiate a forcible hit on an opponent. But Tagovailoa did appear to commit such a violation on the play on which he was injured, lowering his helmet into a jarring collision with Bills safety Damar Hamlin. The rule was implemented because NFL leaders consider the technique unsafe for both the player delivering the blow and the one absorbing it. …

The three prized rookie quarterbacks starting for their teams — Chicago's Caleb Williams, Washington's Jayden Daniels and Denver's Bo Nix — have totaled zero touchdown passes and six interceptions through Week 2. Their teams have a combined record of 2-4. Nix is the worst offender, with four interceptions during the Broncos' 0-2 start. …

The Cincinnati Bengals are off to an 0-2 start for a third straight season. They are 1-9 in Weeks 1 and 2 since they drafted quarterback Joe Burrow in 2020.

NFL power rankings

1. Chiefs (2-0)
The champs made the necessary plays to beat the Bengals and, after struggling for stretches of the regular season last year, are off to a solid start.

2. Texans (2-0)
C.J. Stroud gave the Bears' Caleb Williams a firsthand look Sunday night at what a great young quarterback looks like. Houston still can play better, though.

3. Bills (2-0)
Tua Tagovailoa's latest concussion overshadowed all else that occurred Thursday night, but Buffalo cruised to a lopsided win over the Dolphins.

4. Steelers (2-0)
There's little reason for Coach Mike Tomlin to consider a switch to Russell Wilson at quarterback as long as Pittsburgh wins with Justin Fields.

5. Buccaneers (2-0)
Beating the Commanders in the season opener may not have been a major feat, but winning Sunday in Detroit was significant.

6. Lions (1-1)
7. Seahawks (2-0)
8. 49ers (1-1)
9. Saints (2-0)
10. Chargers (2-0)
11. Jets (1-1)
12. Vikings (2-0)
13. Falcons (1-1)
14. Eagles (1-1)
15. Cowboys (1-1)
16. Browns (1-1)
17. Packers (1-1)
18. Ravens (0-2)
19. Bengals (0-2)
20. Cardinals (1-1)
21. Raiders (1-1)
22. Commanders (1-1)
23. Dolphins (1-1)
24. Bears (1-1)
25. Patriots (1-1)
26. Colts (0-2)
27. Rams (0-2)
28. Jaguars (0-2)
29. Titans (0-2)
30. Giants (0-2)
31. Broncos (0-2)
32. Panthers (0-2)

NFL NOTES

Depleted Kansas City is reuniting with Hunt

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Kansas City Chiefs are signing Kareem Hunt to their practice squad, a person familiar with their decision told the Associated Press, reuniting with a running back who first achieved stardom with them before video of him assaulting a woman led to his release.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity Tuesday because the team had not announced the move.

The Chiefs brought Hunt in for a workout after Isiah Pacheco, their top running back, suffered a right ankle injury in Sunday's win over the Cincinnati Bengals that could keep him out the majority of the season. They also have Clyde Edwards-Helaire on the non-football illness list for at least two more games, leaving them shorthanded at the position as they hit the road to play the Atlanta Falcons this weekend.

Undrafted rookie Carson Steele and journeyman Samaje Perine are expected to get the majority of snaps, though the Chiefs also have Keaontay Ingram and Emani Bailey on the practice squad to provide depth.

That is where Hunt will probably reside for at least a couple of weeks, until he learns enough of the playbook to contribute.

The Chiefs drafted him in the third round in 2017 out of Toledo, and he immediately made an impact, running for a league-high 1,327 yards and eight touchdowns as a rookie. He came back the following season, the first with Patrick Mahomes as the starter at quarterback, and ran for 824 yards and seven touchdowns through the first 11 games.

In late November, video surfaced that showed Hunt shoving a woman to the ground and kicking her in the hallway of a Cleveland hotel. The Chiefs released him, though no charges were filed when the woman stopped cooperating with authorities.

He went on to play for the Cleveland Browns after serving an eight-game suspension in 2018.

• **STEELERS:** Justin Fields will probably make his third straight start at quarterback when Pittsburgh hosts the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday.

Coach Mike Tomlin said Fields will practice with the starters during the early portion of the week while Russell Wilson continues to rehab from a calf injury he aggravated a few days ahead of the season opener.

Tomlin said there has been no change in Wilson's status.

• **PACKERS:** Green Bay placed rookie running back MarShawn Lloyd on injured reserve after he hurt his ankle Sunday in a victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Lloyd will miss at least the next four games. The Packers also signed running back Chris Brooks to the active roster from their practice squad.

Green Bay selected Lloyd out of Southern California in the third round of this year's draft.

• **GIANTS:** New York signed kicker Greg Joseph off the Detroit Lions' practice squad and placed kicker Graham Gano on injured reserve with a hamstring injury.

Gano's injury was a big factor in the Giants' 21-18 loss to the Washington Commanders on Sunday. Punter Jamie Gillan missed an extra point after the first of New York's three touchdowns, and the Giants unsuccessfully went for two points after their next two scores.

They did not attempt any field goals and became the second team in NFL history to score three touchdowns and lose to a team that didn't score any. Washington kicked seven field goals.

Gano was hurt on the opening kickoff.

• **COLTS:** Indianapolis will be without three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle DeForest Buckner for at least four games after he was placed on injured reserve with a sprained right ankle.

Buckner has been one of the Colts' defensive stalwarts since being acquired in a 2020 trade with the San Francisco 49ers.

He has only missed one previous game with Indianapolis (0-2), when he was placed on the covid-19 list in November 2020. Buckner also has played through injuries including a back ailment for most of the 2023 season that was aggravated in a Week 1 loss to the Houston Texans.

ON THE NFL

Can it get worse for Panthers? Oh, yes.

ON THE NFL FROM D1

any position group of discernible strength, and Young is averaging 4.4 yards per attempt despite facing defenses in prevent mode for a good chunk of two blowout losses. On Monday, he got benched for journeyman Andy Dalton. A minus-60 scoring differential doesn't even tell the entire story.

"You can't find a worse roster, I know that much," said an NFC advance scout who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the scout is not permitted to speak publicly about other NFL teams. "It wasn't going to take long for that to become pretty obvious."

Canales, a relative unknown for much of his coaching career, was brought over from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after helping Baker Mayfield even out his play, but many in the league believe Young was already broken by the drama and failures of his rookie year. Expecting a first-time head coach to figure out how to do the job on the sideline *and* make a tempestuous owner feel less hollow about his quarterback decisions at the same time was a big ask. In fact, expecting anyone to win in Carolina might be a bridge too far given who is atop their organization — Tepper's team is 31-70 since he took over the franchise in 2018, the worst record in the NFL. But the manner in which the New Orleans Saints and Los Angeles Chargers demolished his group, and Young's further slide (completing just 55.4 percent of his passes through two games), still stand out.

"I think they're worse than last year," said one general manager, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss other organizations. "You really think [Canales] is a better coach than Frank Reich? [Seahawks GM] John Schneider and those guys in Seattle are pretty smart — look at the coach they hired. Canales was out there for a long time [as a Seattle assistant], and I don't think they even interviewed him [for the head coaching job]. I don't think anyone talked to him besides Tepper. That's probably a bad sign. … I'm telling you right now, they're going to get the first pick, and they're going to take another quarterback."

Would Canales actually get to coach that new quarterback? That elicited a pregnant pause.

"Tepper wouldn't do it again, would he?" the GM said. "Another one-and-done?"

At this point, who would stop him?

An 'okay' start for Rodgers …

Most of the evaluators I speak with have been down on Aaron Rodgers since watching his play erode in 2022, his final season with the Green Bay Packers. Color them less than impressed with his first two games this season.

The scope of the New York Jets' offense is constricted and shallow, as Green Bay's was in his final year there. Rodgers can't move as he once did, and while he can still unleash a few throws per game to remind you of what he once was, he is nowhere near an MVP candidate anymore, with his physical prowess considerably diminished. Given that the Jets' offensive line may still be an issue, that the defense looks less than otherworldly and that Robert Saleh remains the coach, it might be time to temper expectations.

"Aaron Rodgers is just okay — that's what he is," the GM said. "He is still very sharp and can keep them in games, and he knows how to manage special situations. The mental part is a huge upgrade for them. But I don't see a special quarterback."

… and a poor start for Levis

No quarterback in the league has done more to thwart his team's chances through two weeks than the Tennessee Titans' Will Levis. His inexplicable penchant for brain cramps and jump balls that seem destined to be intercepted continues to wreck drives, and his inexplicable lateral-turned-fumble Sunday against the Jets changed that game for good.

"He's terrible," the GM said. "Trust me, [first-year coach Brian] Callahan will be in the market for a quarterback next year. You can't win that way."

The Bears beat the Titans in Week 1 despite producing 148 net yards and no offensive touchdowns, and Levis's two turnovers (plus a blocked punt) cost Tennessee in a one-score loss to the Jets in which the defense allowed just 265 yards.

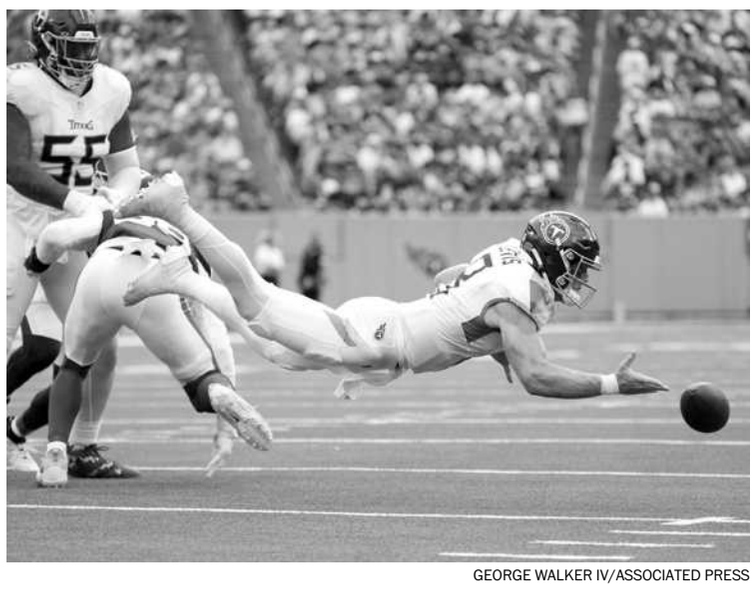
I have said it before and will say it again: Titans defensive coordinator Dennard Wilson (a former Maryland defensive back) will be an NFL head coach. But Levis is bad enough to undermine what is looking like an elite defense.

Around the league

It sure isn't pretty in Pittsburgh right now from an aesthetic standpoint on offense, but it was always more probable than not that Justin Fields would get an extended look as the Steelers' starting quarterback. And it doesn't matter what Coach Mike Tomlin says publicly this week or how he tries to couch it outwardly: Fields has a runway here to keep the starting job, and everyone in that building knows it. With Pittsburgh's stout defense, protecting the football is paramount, and Fields has checked that most important box through two victories. They may have found their guy. …

I told you the Ravens' offensive line was a major problem, even after Baltimore Coach John Harbaugh pounded his chest after a Week 1 failure and took aim at what he calls the "pundits and prognosticators" impugning his group. After the Las Vegas Raiders' Maxx Crosby eviscerated the unit Sunday even more than the Kansas City Chiefs' Chris Jones did in the opener — blowing up the passing game and running game — the Ravens would be fools to run that six-man unit back out there (they rotate right tackles) with the Dallas Cowboys' Micah Parsons up next. And don't look now, but the Ravens have 6.23 offensive expected points added (EPA) with $2 million third-down back Justice Hill on the field, according to TruMedia, and minus-7.64 EPA with 30-year-old, $9 million man Derrick Henry on the field. …

After the Giants lost a game at Washington in which they did not allow a touchdown, with Commanders rookie Jayden Daniels making plays and New York quarterback Daniel Jones unable to carve up a vulnerable defense, a regime change might be veering toward the inevitable. "I know that owner, and watching this offense and seeing these other quarterbacks and watching what [former Giants running back Saquon Barkley] is doing in Philly — man," the GM I spoke with said. "That's a tough hole to climb out of."



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Will Levis had two turnovers against the Jets, the second straight game in which the Titans' defense allowed fewer than 300 yards.

Commanders strive to rebuild trust

COMMANDERS FROM D1

The bill could come up in a Senate committee hearing as early as next week, a person with knowledge of the situation said.

If the RFK bill doesn't pass this year, Commanders fans' dreams of returning to the city could die; last month, principal owner Josh Harris did not commit to another legislative effort to put D.C. in play if this one fails.

The bill has been stalled since May, when Daines vowed to block it until "the [Commanders] and the NFL sit down with the Wetzel family" to "properly honor the history of the logo and heritage of our tribal nations."

In a statement Monday, Daines called the tribute "a step in the right direction" but didn't say it satisfied his demands.

"This is about righting a wrong," the statement read. "The legendary Blackfeet logo that was championed by Blackie Wetzel and based on the likeness of Chief Two Guns White Calf must be restored to a place of honor. ... The logo is a point of pride and represents the rich Native American history that helped make our nation great, and it should be enthusiastically celebrated across our culture."

For years, even the Wetzel family disagreed on whether the team's name was offensive. And by 2014, at least one member believed the team should get rid of the name and the logo.

In 2021, Blackie Wetzel's son Don traveled from Montana to D.C. to ask the team to return the logo to the family. The team declined; Don left discouraged.

In March 2023, as Don lay on his deathbed, he told his son Ryan to carry on the logo mission.

"I was then ultimately chosen as the one to be the voice for our family, to carry this thing through, and — I'm sorry," Ryan said Sunday, growing emotional.

This spring, the team and the family started rebuilding their relationship, which was damaged, Ryan said, by former owner Daniel Snyder using the family as "props" and "smokescreens." Ryan hoped the team might, among other things, honor his grandfather by unretiring the logo, which he saw as a proud representation of Native people on the national stage.

"It shouldn't be something that's shameful," Ryan said. "It should be honored."

But the Commanders and the NFL told Ryan that wasn't possible.

"We had the hard conversations about the business constraints and the way that the rest of the world sees things," Commanders senior adviser Jason Wright said. "We're going to thread the needle to do exactly what we can for the family."

Wright, who moved out of his role as team president this summer, joined Commanders vice president of public affairs Kirtan Mehta and Brendon Plack, the NFL's senior vice president of public policy and governmental affairs, in a visit to Ryan's home in Montana.

"That, from my family's perspective, was one of the greatest honors that we've ever had," Ryan said. He described a steak dinner and long conversations with many family members. Afterward, Ryan said, a typically reserved elder named Petse was so inspired that he talked for two hours because he felt "heard, respected and appreciated."

"He said, 'I love them for what they've done for us so far,'" Ryan remembered.

Days later, the Commanders rolled out the red carpet in Washington. The team flew in Wetzel family members from Montana, Denver and Indianapolis to unveil the tribute, and Sunday morning they streamed into the club level and saw the plaque, a gold helmet, old photos of franchise legends wearing the logo and pictures of Blackie's many meetings with VIPs.

"No way!" one man yelled, beaming.

"That's your grandfather," a man told a young girl.

"Thank you," a woman said over and over.

After everyone took photos, Barbara Wetzel lit a handful of sweetgrass for a traditional "smudging" ceremony. It smelled like vanilla, and Ryan Wetzel said it brought "good spirits" and "protection" to the memorial.

The family walked down to the field, smiling and snapping pictures. It had taken a lot of convincing to get some of them, who had had negative experiences with the franchise before, to come on the trip, Ryan said.

"They trust them," he added, pointing to Wright and Mehta.

The family wants to do more to honor Blackie; Ryan was vague but emphasized they want to "build something" with the team. They've discussed creating a foundation in Blackie's name that would address the needs of Indigenous communities, a person with knowledge of the discussions said, but the logistics remain unclear.

Shortly after kickoff, as the Wetzels watched the game from a suite, Fox News published a story that detailed a recent meeting between Daines and a different Native family with a link to Washington's NFL franchise.

The descendants of John Two Guns White Calf — whose portrait inspired the old logo — called for the franchise to restore the logo.

"We want a seat at the table," a great-nephew said.

The story seemed like a harbinger of conflict in Congress between Daines and the supporters of the RFK bill.

But Sunday at the stadium, taken on its own, seemed like a significant milestone in the relationship between the franchise and the family. They released a joint statement that said they "look forward to the future and continuing our work together."

"Just understand it's good medicine," Ryan Wetzel said. "Used to be bad medicine; [now] it's good medicine. So many spirits are following me that never were heard [by this organization]." He pointed to Wright and Mehta. "So I thank these guys for listening."

ON FOOTBALL

Great minds now are trapped in MAC

ON FOOTBALL FROM D1

conference position in the past five hiring cycles: Buffalo's Lance Leipold took over a worst-in-the-sport Kansas program after Les Miles was fired in the spring of 2021. Leipold has since performed a miracle in resuscitating the Jayhawks, but they were the least appealing job in the sport at the time.

That doesn't mean the conference's coaches are staying put. As an overqualified candidate failing to launch, Candle is an outlier to a new, disconcerting trend: MAC head coaches leaving for assistant coaching jobs in bigger programs. Kent State's Sean Lewis ran one of the most effective offenses in college football yet was repeatedly overlooked for jobs at places such as Central Florida and Vanderbilt. That's why he left his head coaching position in 2022 to work as Colorado's offensive coordinator for a year. Surviving the Deion Sanders circus landed Lewis a more promising Group of Five head coaching job at San Diego State this past offseason.

Stepping down to step up isn't a new phenomenon: Nick Saban famously left Toledo after just one year as its head coach when his pal Bill Belichick got the Cleveland Browns job in 1991. Saban spent four years with Cleveland before returning to college, and his career ended up okay. Dean Pees did the same thing in 2004, ditching a woeful Kent State program for Belichick's mid-dynasty New England Patriots, and he became one of the most influential defensive coordinators in NFL history.

Less prominent names followed this path, too. In 2015, Central Michigan head coach Dan Enos resigned to become Arkansas' offensive coordinator. That same year, Ball State head coach Pete Lembo left the MAC to become the special teams coordinator at Maryland. And it's no coincidence that assistant coach salary pools at top programs ballooned during this time frame.

This January, Leipold's replacement at Buffalo, Mo Linguist, left to become a co-defensive coordinator at Alabama, increasing his pay in the process. And instead of scouring the ranks for the next hotshot young coaching mind or a wily lower-division veteran looking to break into the Football Bowl Subdivision, Buffalo replaced Linguist with ... Lembo, who had bounced around the sport as an assistant since leaving the MAC almost a decade ago.

Nothing against Lembo, but Buffalo's move indicates the same uncomfortable, unspoken truth in Lewis's and Linguist's defections: The MAC is running out of star-making opportunities to offer, and in turn it is running out of young coaching blood to keep it fresh and innovative.

What happened? In short, modernity and economics. The rate at which power programs are growing means they can easily offer their assistants more money to stay assistants and not take that first-time Group of Five job.

Plus, the advent of name, image and likeness (NIL) funds to compensate players, combined with the deregulation of transfer rules, shattered the basic tenets of roster management at the have-not levels of the sport. During those halcyon days of the 2000s and 2010s, the MAC was a sweet spot for overlooked or misfit talent to turn into future NFL stars. (See: Ben Roethlisberger, Greg Jennings, James Harrison, Antonio Gates.)

Now, last year's MAC standouts are this year's power conference players. Candle's 2023 quarterback, Dequan Finn, plays for Baylor. His running back, Peny Boone, is at Central Florida. Ohio's best wideout, Miles Cross, plays for Indiana, catching passes from former Ohio quarterback Kurtis Rourke.

The current state of the MAC can be reduced to one galling moment on national television back in April. When the Philadelphia Eagles selected Toledo cornerback Quinyon Mitchell in the first round, Saban himself said on ESPN: "He was our number one guy in the portal last year to try to get to him to come out of the portal. ... And he would never get in the portal."

There's a word — and an NCAA penalty — for that: "tampering," although nothing has come of Saban's admission to date. If the freshly retired Alabama coach felt free enough to say that openly about one instance, imagine the plethora of inducements dangled weekly to any Group of Five player with a string of standout games.

And that's how the cycle perpetuates: Having fewer good players makes it harder for a coach to grab national attention, and the increasing delta between the quality of talent in the MAC and in the power conferences leads often uninformed major program athletic directors to assume MAC head coaches are incompatible to success at their levels.

As the sport has crept toward long-overdue player agency and fair compensation, the nasty byproduct is starting to permeate mid-tier FBS football, where revenue is paltry and wanton boosters don't roam. But empowering a workforce shouldn't come at the expense of the sport's middle class.

There's no short-term solution here, and the long-term forecast is nothing short of brutal. For the better part of 20 years, the MAC punched above its weight and into the mindshare of the national fan base thanks to a wonky, weeknight-heavy ESPN broadcast contract. That bygone Tuesday night charm has faded with a dearth of stars on the sideline or in the huddle.

I would certainly recommend the MAC manifest another Cinderella tale such as Western Michigan's 2016 campaign, in which the Broncos stole national attention and earned a Cotton Bowl invitation before P.J. Fleck grabbed his own Big Ten job. The problem is that economics aren't fertile soil for fairy tales, and it's increasingly difficult for any MAC school to ace a perfect regular season or garner headlines when athletic department budgets demand they feed themselves to national powers for September paychecks.

Thanks to its assault on the SEC, Toledo is still alive to grab that kind of attention. It's possible that the noise of an undefeated campaign could finally vault an obvious rising star such as Candle to the next level, but miracles make for terrible business plans — and even fewer applicants.

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SCOREBOARD

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NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	52	61
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	55	51
Washington	1	1	0	.500	41	55
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	24	49

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	91	29
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	57	36
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	32	39
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	13	73

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	51	23
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	36
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	42	40
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	44

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	49	40
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	69	44
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	49	42
L.A. Rams	0	2	0	.000	30	67

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	65	38
Miami	1	1	0	.500	30	48
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	49
New England	1	1	0	.500	36	33

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	48	40
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	37	45
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	38
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	34	48

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	31	16
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	35	46
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	43	53
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	35	42

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	53	45
L.A. Chargers	2	0	0	1.000	48	13
Las Vegas	1	1	0	.500	36	45
Denver	0	2	0	.000	26	39

WEEK 3
THURSDAY'S GAME
New England at N.Y. Jets (-6½), 8:15 (Prime Video)

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Baltimore (-1½) at Dallas, 4:25 (Fox)
Chicago at Indianapolis (-1½), 1 (CBS)
Denver at Tampa Bay (-6½), 1 (Fox)
Green Bay at Tennessee (-2½), 1 (Fox)
Houston (-2½) at Minnesota, 1 (CBS)
L.A. Chargers at Pittsburgh (-1½), 1 (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Cleveland (-6½), 1 (Fox)
Philadelphia at New Orleans (-2½), 1 (Fox)
Carolina at Las Vegas (-5½), 4:05 (CBS)
Miami at Seattle (-4½), 4:05 (CBS)
Detroit (-3) at Arizona, 4:25 (Fox)
San Francisco (-7½) at L.A. Rams, 4:25 (Fox)
Kansas City (-3½) at Atlanta, 8:20 (NBC)

MONDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Cincinnati (-7½), 8:15 (ABC)
Jacksonville at Buffalo (-5½), 7:30 (ESPN)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

WEEK 4
THURSDAY'S GAME
SOUTH
South Alabama (1-2) at Appalachian State (2-1), 7:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Stanford (1-1) at Syracuse (2-0), 7:30
MIDWEST
Illinois (3-0) at Nebraska (3-0), 8
WEST
San Jose State (3-0) at Washington State (3-0), 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Villanova (3-0) at Maryland (2-1), noon
Memphis (3-0) at Navy (2-0), 3:30
Richmond (1-2) at Delaware State (1-2), 6
Stetson (2-1) at Harvard (0-0), noon
Lafayette (2-1) at Columbia (0-0), noon
Rhode Island (2-1) at LIU Brooklyn (0-3), noon
Kansas (1-2) at West Virginia (1-2), noon
Princeton (0-0) at Lehigh (2-1), noon
Rice (1-2) at Army (2-0), noon
Sacred Heart (2-1) at Stonehill (0-2), 1
Brown (0-0) at Georgetown (2-1), 1
Fordham (0-3) at Dartmouth (0-0), 1
Cornell (0-0) at Colgate (0-3), 1
Maine (1-2) at Merrimack (1-2), 1
Utah State (1-2) at Temple (0-3), 2
Yale (0-0) at Holy Cross (1-2), 2
Bryant (1-2) at New Hampshire (2-1), 3
Kent State (0-3) at Penn State (2-0), 3:30
Youngstown State (1-2) at Pittsburgh (3-0), 3:30
Robert Morris (1-2) at Wagner (2-1), 4
Marist (0-2) at Bucknell (1-2), 6
Penn (0-0) at Delaware (2-0), 6
Virginia Lynchburg (0-2) at Morgan State (1-2), 7
Florida Atlantic (1-2) at Connecticut (1-2), 7
Michigan State (3-0) at Boston College (2-1), 8
SOUTH
Virginia (2-1) at Coastal Carolina (3-0), 2
Hampton (2-1) at Howard (2-1), 4
James Madison (2-0) at North Carolina (3-0), noon
North Carolina State (2-1) at Clemson (1-1), noon
Florida (1-2) at Mississippi State (1-2), noon
Tulane (1-2) at Louisiana Lafayette (2-0), noon
Ohio (2-1) at Kentucky (1-2), 12:45
Norfolk State (1-3) at VMI (0-3), 1:30
Tennessee State (2-1) at Tennessee Tech (0-2), 2:30
Clark Atlanta (0-0) at Bethune-Cookman (0-3), 3
Southern Mississippi (1-2) at Jacksonville State (0-3), 3
UCLA (1-1) at LSU (2-1), 3:30
Rutgers (2-0) at Virginia Tech (2-1), 3:30
Georgia Tech (3-1) at Louisville (2-0), 3:30
Arkansas (2-1) at Auburn (2-1), 3:30
Mississippi Valley State (0-3) at Nicholls (0-3), 4
Duke (3-0) at Middle Tennessee (1-2), 4
The Citadel (2-1) at Mercer (3-0), 6
Morehead State (2-1) at Eastern Kentucky (1-2), 6
East Carolina (2-1) at Liberty (3-0), 6
Furman (1-2) at William & Mary (2-1), 6
Monmouth (N.J.) (1-2) at Florida International (1-2), 6
East Tennessee State (1-2) at Elon (1-2), 6
Toledo (3-0) at Western Kentucky (2-1), 7
North Carolina A&T (1-2) at North Carolina Central (1-2), 7
Miami (3-0) at South Florida (2-1), 7
California (3-0) at Florida State (0-3), 7
Florida A&M (2-1) at Troy (0-3), 7
Alabama A&M (2-1) at Austin Peay (0-3), 7
Gardner-Webb (0-3) at Presbyterian (2-1), 7
Jackson State (2-1) at Grambling State (2-1), 7
Missouri State (1-2) at Tennessee Martin (1-2), 7
Tulsa (1-2) at Louisiana Tech (1-1), 7
S. Dakota St. (2-1) at Southeastern Louisiana (1-2), 7
Tarleton State (2-1) at North Alabama (0-4), 7
Akron (1-2) at South Carolina (2-1), 7:30
Georgia Southern (2-1) at Mississippi (3-0), 7:45
Alcorn State (1-2) at McNeese State (2-2), 8
MIDWEST
Marshall (1-1) at Ohio State (2-0), noon
Houston (1-2) at Cincinnati (2-1), noon
Charlotte (1-2) at Indiana (3-0), noon
Ave Maria (0-1) at Dayton (1-1), noon
Ball State (1-1) at Central Michigan (1-2), 1
Towson (1-2) at North Dakota State (2-1), 2
Arkansas State (2-1) at Iowa State (2-0), 2
St. Thomas (Minn.) (1-2) at Lindenwood (Mo.) (0-3), 2
Drake (1-0) at South Dakota (1-1), 2
San Diego (2-0) at North Dakota (2-1), 2
St. Francis (Pa.) (1-2) at Eastern Michigan (2-1), 2
Roosevelt Lakers (0-0) at Valparaiso (1-2), 2
Buffalo (2-1) at Northern Illinois (2-0), 3:30
Miami (Ohio) (0-2) at Notre Dame (2-1), 3:30
Southern California (2-0) at Michigan (2-1), 3:30
Vanderbilt (2-1) at Missouri (3-0), 4:15
Southeastern Missouri (2-1) at Southern Illinois (2-1), 7
Eastern Illinois (1-2) at Illinois State (2-1), 7
Iowa (2-1) at Minnesota (2-1), 7:30
SOUTHWEST
Houston Christian (1-2) at Texas San Antonio (1-2), 3:30
Arizona State (3-0) at Texas Tech (2-1), 3:30
Utah (3-0) at Oklahoma State (3-0), 4
TCU (2-1) at SMU (2-1), 5
Texas Southern (1-1) at Lamar (2-1), 7
New Mexico State (1-2) at Sam Houston State (2-1), 7
Central Arkansas (2-1) at Arkansas Pine Bluff (1-2), 7
Wyoming (0-3) at North Texas (2-1), 7
Southern (1-2) at Prairie View (1-2), 7
Bowling Green (1-1) at Texas A&M (2-1), 7:30
Tennessee (3-0) at Oklahoma (3-0), 7:30
Louisiana Monroe (2-0) at Texas (3-0), 8
Idaho (2-1) at Abilene Christian (2-1), 8
Northern Colorado (0-3) at Stephen F. Austin (1-2), 8
WEST
Eastern Washington (1-2) at Nevada (1-3), 3
Mercyhurst (1-2) at Montana State (3-0), 3
Western Carolina (1-2) at Montana (2-1), 3
Texas El Paso (0-3) at Colorado State (1-2), 5
Southern Utah (1-2) at Idaho State (1-2), 6
Northwestern (2-1) at Washington (2-1), 7
Baylor (2-1) at Colorado (2-1), 8
Fresno State (2-1) at New Mexico (0-3), 8:30
Purdue (1-1) at Oregon State (2-1), 8:30
Portland State (0-2) at Boise State (1-1), 9:45
Utah Tech (0-3) at California Davis (2-1), 10
Kansas State (3-0) at Bringham Young (3-0), 10:30

SUNDAY'S GAME
WEST
N. Iowa (2-1) at Hawaii (1-2), midnight

TRANSACTION

NFL

Washington Commanders: Signed CB Kevon Seymour to the practice squad.

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
xy-New York	31	7	.816	—
xy-Connecticut	27	11	.711	4
y-Indiana	20	19	.513	11½
x-Atlanta	13	25	.342	18
x-Washington	13	25	.342	18
x-Chicago	13	25	.342	18

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
xy-Minnesota	29	9	.763	—
xy-Las Vegas	25	13	.658	4
xy-Seattle	24	14	.632	5
xy-Phoenix	18	20	.474	11
Dallas	9	30	.231	20½
x-Los Angeles	7	31	.184	22

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
New York 87, at Washington 71
Minnesota 78, at Connecticut 76
at Atlanta 86, Chicago 70
Las Vegas at Seattle, late
Phoenix at Los Angeles, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Washington, 7
Atlanta at New York, 7
Chicago at Connecticut, 7
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8
Dallas at Las Vegas, 10
Seattle at Phoenix, 10

Liberty 87, Mystics 71

NEW YORK	29	18	25	15	— 87
WASHINGTON	18	19	17	17	— 71

NEW YORK: Laney-Hamilton 4-8 2-2 11, Stewart 6-14 2-2 15, Jones 5-11 0-2 11, Ionescu 2-8 0-0 5, Vandersloot 2-7 1-2 5, Fiebich 6-9 0-0 13, Thornton 2-5 0-0 6, Burke 3-5 0-0 7, Sabally 3-5 6-7 12, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Dojki 0-0 0-0 0, Sherrod 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 34-75 11-15 87.

WASHINGTON: Engstler 3-7 0-0 7, Sykes 2-6 4-5 8, Dolson 1-7 0-0 3, Atkins 8-14 3-3 22, Vanloo 3-8 0-0 8, Koné 2-5 4-4 8, Melbourne 1-4 3-4 5, Samuelson 2-4 1-1 7, Sutton 0-2 0-0 0, Walker-Kimbrough 1-4 1-2 3. **Totals** 23-61 16-19 71.

Three-point Goals: New York 8-31 (Thornton 2-3, Burke 1-2, Laney-Hamilton 1-3, Fiebich 1-4, Ionescu 1-4, Jones 1-5, Stewart 1-6, Sherrod 0-1, Vandersloot 0-3), Washington 9-26 (Atkins 3-9, Samuelson 2-3, Vanloo 2-6, Dolson 1-2, Engstler 1-2, Melbourne 0-1, Sutton 0-1, Sykes 0-2). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** New York 45 (Stewart 10), Washington 29 (Engstler 8). **Assists:** New York 24 (Ionescu 7), Washington 16 (Samuelson 4). **Total Fouls:** New York 25, Washington 14. **A:** 4,200 (4,200)

Lynx 78, Sun 76

MINNESOTA	22	20	20	16	— 78
CONNECTICUT	22	15	16	23	— 76

MINNESOTA: Carleton 4-8 2-2 13, Collier 11-16 2-2 25, Smith 4-6 1-1 9, McBride 3-11 6-6 14, Williams 4-13 0-0 8, Hines-Allen 4-6 1-2 9, Zandalasini 0-1 0-0 0, Hiedeman 0-3 0-0 0. **Totals** 30-64 12-13 78.

CONNECTICUT: Bonner 4-10 0-0 9, Thomas 9-12 0-0 18, Jones 3-8 4-6 10, Carrington 5-12 5-5 15, Harris 3-8 0-0 9, Nelson-Ododa 1-2 0-0 2, Burton 0-0 0-0 0, Mabrey 5-14 0-0 13. **Totals** 30-66 9-11 76.

Three-point Goals: Minnesota 6-14 (Carleton 3-4, McBride 2-6, Collier 1-3, Smith 0-1), Connecticut 7-20 (Harris 3-6, Mabrey 3-8, Bonner 1-4, Carrington 0-2). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Minnesota 31 (McBride 7), Connecticut 31 (Jones, Thomas 8). **Assists:** Minnesota 22 (Williams 12), Connecticut 21 (Thomas 10). **Total Fouls:** Minnesota 12, Connecticut 13. **A:** 8,174 (9,323)

Dream 86, Sky 70

CHICAGO	14	18	20	18	— 70
ATLANTA	22	24	14	26	— 86

CHICAGO: Harrison 4-14 5-6 13, Onyenwere 4-10 0-1 8, Turner 4-6 0-0 8, Allen 4-12 8-8 16, Banham 8-13 0-0 22, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 1-4 1-1 3, Jefferson 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals** 25-61 14-16 70.

ATLANTA: Hillmon 1-2 4-4 6, Howard 6-14 2-2 15, Charles 7-15 2-2 16, Canada 5-9 6-7 18, Gray 4-10 5-10 15, Amihere 0-0 0-2 0, Coffey 2-5 0-0 4, Cubaj 2-2 0-0 4, Jones 2-3 2-3 6, Caldwell 1-2 0-0 2. **Totals** 30-62 21-30 86.

Three-point Goals: Chicago 6-18 (Banham 6-10, Allen 0-1, Harrison 0-1, Evans 0-2, Onyenwere 0-4), Atlanta 5-15 (Canada 2-3, Gray 2-3, Howard 1-6, Caldwell 0-1, Charles 0-1, Jones 0-1). **Fouled Out:** Chicago 1 (Onyenwere), Atlanta None. **Rebounds:** Chicago 29 (Harrison 11), Atlanta 35 (Charles 14). **Assists:** Chicago 13 (Allen 4), Atlanta 19 (Canada 5). **Total Fouls:** Chicago 24, Atlanta 14.

SOCCER

MLS

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	16	6	7	55	57	40
Los Angeles FC	14	7	6	48	50	36
Colorado	14	9	5	47	55	46
Real Salt Lake	13	7	8	47	54	40
Seattle	13	9	7	46	43	32
Vancouver	13	8	6	45	46	35
Houston	12	8	8	44	41	32
Portland	11	10	7	40	56	48
Minnesota United	11	11	6	39	47	46
FC Dallas	9	12	7	34	44	45
Austin FC	9	12	7	34	31	40
Sporting KC	7	15	7	28	45	55
St. Louis City SC	5	11	13	28	41	56
San Jose	5	21	2	17	34	65

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	19	4	5	62	65	41
Cincinnati	16	8	4	52	48	36
Columbus	14	5	8	50	52	28
New York	10	6	13	43	45	37
Orlando City	11	10	7	40	45	41
New York City FC	11	10	7	40	41	37
Charlotte FC	10	10	8	38	32	31
Toronto FC	11	15	3	36	38	51
D.C. United	8	12	9	33	44	57
Atlanta	8	13	7	31	36	40
Philadelphia	7	12	9	30	48	46
CF Montreal	7	12	9	30	37	59
Chicago	7	14	8	29	36	51
Nashville	7	13	8	29	28	44
New England	8	16	3	27	30	54

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Seattle 2, Sporting KC 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30
Philadelphia at New York City FC, 7:30
CF Montreal at New England, 7:30
Columbus at Toronto FC, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Orlando City, 8:15
Vancouver at Houston, 8:30
Colorado at Sporting KC, 8:30
Cincinnati at Minnesota, 8:30
Chicago at Nashville, 8:30
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Austin FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
LA Galaxy at Portland, 10:30
San Jose at Seattle, 10:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Miami at New York City FC, 2
New England at Charlotte FC, 4
Orlando City at Columbus, 7:30
Chicago at CF Montreal, 7:30
Atlanta at New York, 7:30
Houston at Austin FC, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at FC Dallas, 8:30
Minnesota at Sporting KC, 8:30
Cincinnati at Nashville, 8:30
Toronto FC at Colorado, 9:30
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Vancouver at LA Galaxy, 10:30
St. Louis City SC at San Jose, 10:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orlando	14	0	6	48	36	12
Washington	14	4	2	44	42	21
Gotham FC	12	4	4	40	25	16
Kansas City	11	3	6	39	43	28
North Carolina	10	8	2	32	27	21
Portland	8	9	3	27	29	28
Chicago	8	10	2	26	26	28
Bay FC	8	11	1	25	25	32
Louisville	5	8	7	22	28	28
Angel City	6	11	3	21	23	33
Seattle	5	10	5	20	23	34
San Diego	4	9	7	19	17	25
Utah	4	13	3	15	14	33
Houston	3	12	5	14	13	32

MONDAY'S RESULT
Gotham FC 2, at Seattle 0

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Kansas City, 8
Orlando at Bay FC, 10:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
North Carolina at Louisville, 7:30
Seattle at Houston, 8:30
San Diego at Chicago, 9:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Utah at Gotham FC, 1

MONDAY'S MATCH
Portland at Angel City, 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Washington at Angel City, 10

HIGH SCHOOLS

Boys' soccer Top 10

1. ST. ALBANS (3-0)
The Bulldogs are off to a strong start with shutout wins against St. John's, Maret and St. Pius X (N.M.). Last ranked: 2

2. GONZAGA (4-0)
The Eagles already are off to a better start than last season, having beaten St. Christopher's (Va.), 7-1, after tying the Saints a year ago. Gonzaga followed that win with victories against D.C. International, Archbishop Carroll and St. Pius X (N.M.). LR: 4

3. LEONARDTOWN (4-0)
The Raiders, who have outscored their opponents 26-0 so far, look untouchable. They redeemed last year's lone defeat by trouncing North Point, 8-0. LR: 3

4. THE HEIGHTS (2-0-2)
With a couple of ties to dampen their early momentum, the Cavaliers are still fine-tuning a back line composed almost entirely of new additions. Even still, they earned key wins against German International School and Georgetown Prep. LR: 1

5. LANDON (4-0-1)
The Bears already have racked up some impressive wins, including against Bishop McNamara and DeMatha. But their most promising showing may have been a 2-2 tie against The Heights. LR: 8

6. BOWIE (5-0)
The Bulldogs sought out challenges from outside their conference and came away tested — and successful. They earned definitive wins against several public school programs before beating Bishop McNamara, 3-2. LR: Not ranked

7. WHITMAN (3-0)
With early wins against Good Counsel, DeMatha and Seneca Valley, the Vikings look like title contenders again as they gear up for key tests against Landon and Quince Orchard this week. LR: 9

8. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL (3-0)
After a season-opening win against Sidwell Friends, the Red Devils surged to the top of the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference standings with victories over Jewish Day and Don Bosco Cristo Rey. LR: 10

9. EPISCOPAL (4-0)
The Maroon seems eager to prove the Interstate Athletic Conference doesn't have to be controlled by St. Albans or Landon. Episcopal has yet to test itself against the league's best, but its strong start demands attention. LR: Not ranked

10. NORTHWESTERN (2-0)
The Wildcats put their grit on display in hard-fought 2-1 wins over Parkdale and High Point. LR: 5

On the bubble: Bishop O'Connell, Churchill, Georgetown Day, Northwest, Walter Johnson.
Records through Sunday.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
BOYS' SOCCER
MARYLAND
Broadneck 6, Severn Run 0
Chesapeake 2, Crofton 1
Whitman 2, Northwest 0
PRIVATE
Jewish Day School 4, Don Bosco Cristo Rey 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
MARYLAND
Crofton 1, Chesapeake 0
Whitman 3, Northwest 1
PRIVATE
Bishop O'Connell 5, Holy Cross 0
Good Counsel 10, Elizabeth Seton 3
Jewish Day School 3, Don Bosco Cristo Rey 2
Paul VI 7, Bishop Ireton 0
Potomac School 3, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 0

FIELD HOCKEY
MARYLAND
Broadneck 4, Chesapeake 0
North County 7, Glen Burnie 0
VIRGINIA
Fairfax 3, W.T. Woodson 0
PRIVATE
Holton-Arms 3, Potomac School 2
Stone Ridge 3, Flint Hill 0

VOLLEYBALL
D.C.
Jackson-Reed def. Cardozo 2-0 (25-7, 25-6)
MARYLAND
Oxon Hill def. Eleanor Roosevelt 3-0 (25-21, 25-18, 25-13)
PRIVATE
Georgetown Day def. Georgetown Visitation 3-0 (25-20, 25-10, 25-19)

Girls' soccer Top 10

1. WHITMAN (2-0)
Ava Anderson's overtime goal lifted the Vikings to a big win over Good Counsel. Whitman will have more tough tests this week as it faces No. 10 Northwest and No. 3 Quince Orchard. Last ranked: 1

2. SEVERNA PARK (2-0)
The reigning Maryland Class 3A champion started its season with victories over Meade and Arundel. LR: 2

3. QUINCE ORCHARD (4-0)
The Cougars opened with wins over tough Montgomery County opponents Walter Johnson, Churchill, Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Magruder. That slate won't get any easier with No. 1 Whitman on tap this week. LR: 5

4. GEORGETOWN VISITATION (2-0)
Senior forwards Helen Bonner and Mikayla Edmunds scored in each of the Cubs' wins over Elizabeth Seton and Maret. LR: 6

5. PAUL VI (3-0)
With wins over Potomac School, Sidwell Friends and Hedgesville (W.Va.), the Panthers have cemented themselves as contenders in a crowded Washington Catholic Athletic Conference field. LR: Not ranked.

6. ST. JOHN'S (0-0-2)
The Cadets opened the season with draws at Stone Ridge and Albertus Magnus (N.Y

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Philadelphia	91	60	.603	—	6-4	W-1
New York	83	68	.550	8	6-4	W-2
Atlanta	81	70	.536	10	4-6	L-3
Washington	68	83	.450	23	5-5	L-2
Miami	56	95	.371	35	4-6	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	87	64	.576	—	6-4	L-1
Chicago	77	74	.510	10	5-5	L-1
St. Louis	76	75	.503	11	5-5	W-2
Cincinnati	74	78	.487	13½	6-4	W-1
Pittsburgh	71	80	.470	16	5-5	L-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	89	62	.589	—	5-5	L-1
x-San Diego	86	65	.570	3	6-4	W-4
x-Arizona	83	67	.553	5½	4-6	L-1
San Francisco	73	78	.483	16	4-6	W-1
x-Colorado	58	93	.384	31	6-4	W-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-New York	87	63	.580	—	7-3	W-1
Baltimore	84	67	.556	3½	3-7	L-2
Boston	75	76	.497	12½	4-6	L-2
Tampa Bay	74	77	.490	13½	5-5	W-1
x-Toronto	72	78	.480	15	5-5	W-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Cleveland	87	65	.572	—	6-4	L-1
Kansas City	82	70	.539	5	5-5	L-3
Minnesota	80	71	.530	6½	4-6	W-1
Detroit	79	73	.520	8	8-2	W-3
x-Chicago	36	115	.238	50½	4-6	W-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Houston	81	69	.540	—	6-4	L-1
x-Seattle	77	73	.513	4	7-3	W-3
x-Texas	71	79	.473	10	4-6	L-3
Oakland	66	86	.434	16	4-6	W-1
x-Los Angeles	60	90	.400	21	2-8	L-6

x-Late game

Mets 10, Nationals 1

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Baker lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Wood lf	4	0	0	1	0	2	.269
Nuñez ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Tena 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.303
Yepez dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.283
García 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Vargas 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Crews rf	4	0	3	0	0	0	.244
Gallo 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.152
J.Young cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.256
TOTALS	32	1	4	1	3	7	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Iglesias 2b	4	2	3	0	0	0	.330
E.Alvarez 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Marte rf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.275
Alonso 1b	5	2	3	5	0	1	.246
Vientos 3b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.267
Taylor lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.244
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.239
F.Alvarez c	3	1	1	1	0	0	.232
Torrens ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Bader cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.243
Acuña ss	4	3	3	2	0	0	.455
TOTALS	36	10	14	10	3	6	—

WASHINGTON	001	000	000	—	1	4	0
NEW YORK	004	113	01X	—	10	14	1

E: Acuña (1). **LOB:** Washington 8, New York 6. **2B:** Crews (4), Acuña (1), Alonso (31), Taylor (20). **HR:** F.Alvarez (9), off Parker; Alonso (33), off Brzykcy; Acuña (1), off La Sorsa. **RBI:** Wood (37), Acuña 2 (2), Alonso 5 (86), Vientos (63), F.Alvarez (38), Taylor (33). **SB:** Taylor (10). **SF:** Vientos.

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Parker	3⅔	7	5	5	2	1	78	4.44
Salazar	1⅓	2	1	1	0	1	20	1.82
Brzykcy	1	3	3	3	0	0	18	15.43
Rainey	1	0	0	0	0	3	16	4.98
La Sorsa	1	2	1	1	1	1	21	7.59

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Megill	6	2	1	0	2	4	94	4.08
Ottavino	1	1	0	0	1	1	22	4.21
Brazoban	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	4.41
A.Young	1	1	0	0	0	1	21	3.27

WP: Megill (4-5); **LP:** Parker (7-10). **Inherited runners-scored:** Salazar 1-0. **HBP:** Ottavino (Abrams). **WP:** Megill, Ottavino. **T:** 2:43. **A:** 24,932 (42,136).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS THIRD
Jacob Young walks. CJ Abrams hits into a force out. Jacob Young to third. Fielding error by Luisangel Acuna. **James Wood hits into a force out, CJ Abrams out at second, Jacob Young scores.** Jose Tena pops out. Juan Yepez walks. James Wood to second. Luis Garcia strikes out swinging.
Nationals 1, Mets 0
METS THIRD
Harrison Bader walks. **Luisangel Acuna doubles, Harrison Bader scores.** Jose Iglesias singles. Luisangel Acuna to third. Starling Marte walks. Jose Iglesias to second. **Pete Alonso singles, Starling Marte to third, Jose Iglesias scores, Luisangel Acuna scores. Mark Vientos out on a sacrifice fly, Starling Marte scores.** Tyrone Taylor pops out. J.D. Martinez hits into a force out. Pete Alonso out at second.
Mets 4, Nationals 1
METS FOURTH
Francisco Alvarez homers. Harrison Bader pops out. Luisangel Acuna lines out. Jose Iglesias singles. Starling Marte grounds out.
Mets 5, Nationals 1
METS FIFTH
Pete Alonso doubles. Mark Vientos strikes out swinging. **Tyrone Taylor doubles, Pete Alonso scores.** J.D. Martinez grounds out. Francisco Alvarez grounds out.
Mets 6, Nationals 1
METS SIXTH
Harrison Bader grounds out. Luisangel Acuna singles. Jose Iglesias singles. Luisangel Acuna to second. Starling Marte flies out. Luisangel Acuna to third. **Pete Alonso homers, Jose Iglesias scores, Luisangel Acuna scores.** Mark Vientos flies out.
Mets 9, Nationals 1
METS EIGHTH
Harrison Bader grounds out. **Luisangel Acuna homers.** Eddy Alvarez walks. Starling Marte singles. Eddy Alvarez to third. Pete Alonso called out on strikes. Mark Vientos hits into a force out. Starling Marte out at second.
Mets 10, Nationals 1

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCT	WCGB
San Diego	86	65	.570	+3
Arizona	83	67	.553	+½
New York	83	68	.550	—
Atlanta	81	70	.536	2

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCT	WCGB
Baltimore	84	67	.556	+4
Kansas City	82	70	.539	+1½
Minnesota	80	71	.530	—
Detroit	79	73	.520	1½
Seattle	77	73	.513	2½

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Wednesday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	2B	HR	RBI	BB	SB
Call	.343	9	3	14	12	5
Tena	.303	5	3	14	6	5
Yepez	.283	15	6	23	17	2
García	.280	25	16	65	27	21
Wood	.269	11	7	37	33	13
Winker	.257	18	11	45	53	14
Young	.256	23	3	35	28	32
Nuñez	.256	1	0	1	8	6
Thomas	.253	16	8	40	32	28
Vargas	.252	16	1	29	17	8
Millas	.250	1	1	1	3	4
Baker	.250	0	0	0	0	0
Crews	.244	4	3	8	6	8
Ramírez	.243	4	1	16	2	1
Abrams	.240	27	20	65	39	29
Meneses	.231	11	3	42	21	2
Ruiz	.230	21	13	52	16	3
Adams	.224	5	2	8	10	1
Chaparro	.224	11	4	14	6	1
Senzel	.209	10	7	18	27	1
Lipscomb	.207	3	1	10	16	11
Rosario	.183	11	7	26	13	8
Gallo	.152	9	7	18	30	3
Blankenhorn	.129	1	0	5	1	0
Robles	.120	0	0	2	5	4
TOTALS	.243	257	127	588	428	210

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	ER	BB	SO
Salazar	0	1	1.82	5	11	22
Floro	3	3	2.06	12	13	40
Williams	5	0	2.22	14	16	47
Law	7	4	2.80	26	22	70
Finnegan	3	6	3.30	22	20	57
Ferrer	0	0	3.51	10	6	21
Herz	4	7	3.70	33	30	98
Irvin	10	12	4.07	81	45	150
Gore	9	12	4.17	71	61	163
Harvey	2	4	4.20	21	12	50
Garcia	3	5	4.20	26	16	72
J.Barnes	8	3	4.35	30	18	52
Parker	7	10	4.44	72	41	128
Vargas	0	0	4.50	1	0	0
Rutledge	0	0	4.76	3	2	7
Rainey	0	0	4.98	26	28	40
Corbin	6	13	5.45	100	52	132
Weems	1	1	6.70	31	24	35
M.Barnes	0	0	6.75	10	4	10
Adon	0	0	6.75	8	4	6
LaSorsa	0	0	7.59	9	4	10
Ribalta	0	0	13.50	5	2	3
Gray	0	2	14.04	13	5	9
Brzykcy	0	0	15.43	8	3	3
Willingham	0	0	18.00	2	0	1
TOTALS	68	83	4.30	639	439	1226

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, SD	.323
Ozuna, Atl	.302

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Witt, KC	.332
Judge, NY	.321



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A fraternity of one

Bobby Witt Jr. became the first shortstop in major league history with multiple seasons of 30 homers and 30 stolen bases when he notched his 30th steal in a 3-1 loss to the Tigers on Tuesday. Witt has 31 homers.

Snell strikes out 12, extends O's tailspin

GIANTS 10, ORIOLES 0

BY DAVID GINSBURG

BALTIMORE — Blake Snell struck out 12 over six innings and allowed just one hit to carry the San Francisco Giants past the faltering Baltimore Orioles, 10-0, on Tuesday night.

The Orioles have lost seven of nine to fall 3½ games behind the first-place Yankees in the American League East, pending New York's game later Tuesday night at Seattle. Baltimore held a half-game lead Sept. 5 before its current tailspin.

Colton Cowser had two of the Orioles' five hits in their most lopsided shutout loss of the season.

In this one, the Giants got the only run they needed when Mike Yastrzemski drove the second pitch from Orioles starter Albert Suárez over the right field wall. Yastrzemski added an RBI single in the second after a sacrifice fly by Brett Wisely, and Snell had no problem making the lead stand up.

Facing a Baltimore lineup without several injured starters, Snell flashed the form that enabled him to win the 2023 National League Cy Young Award. The left-hander had at least two strikeouts in every inning but the fourth, and he made up for that by striking out the side in the fifth.

Snell struck out all-star Gunnar Henderson three times, the last one in the sixth to culminate his 98-pitch masterpiece.

Snell waked two, and the only hit he allowed was a solid third-inning single up the middle by Emmanuel Rivera.

Since his return from the injured list July 9, Snell is 4-0 with a 1.33 ERA with 105 strikeouts in 74⅓ innings.

— Associated Press

Marlins 11, Dodgers 9

Jesús Sánchez had five hits and three RBI as Miami edged Los Angeles.

Shohei Ohtani struck out three times but hit his 48th homer for the National League West leader as he nears 50 home runs and 50 steals.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	5	1	1	2	0	3	.287
Betts rf	5	2	2	0	0	0	.298
Freeman 1b	3	2	1	1	1	0	.280
T.Hernández lf	4	2	2	0	1	2	.269
Muncy 3b	5	0	3	5	0	1	.232
Edman cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Lux 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.245
Rojas ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.296
Feduccia c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.429
TOTALS	38	9	12	9	3	9	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Edwards ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.321
Norby 3b	3	4	2	0	2	0	.283
Sánchez lf	5	2	5	3	0	0	.252
Pache pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.179
Burger 1b	5	1	1	4	0	0	.244
Bride dh	5	0	1	1	0	2	.262
Stowers cf-lf	5	0	2	2	0	1	.187
Lopez 2b	4	1	2	1	0	2	.260
Conine rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Fortes c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.229
TOTALS	38	11	15	11	4	7	—

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MIAMI	221	202	02X	—	11	15	0

LOB: Los Angeles 6, Miami 7. **2B:** Muncy 2 (14), Fortes (15), Norby (8), Sánchez 2 (24), Stowers (5). **3B:** Betts (5), Stowers (2). **HR:** Ohtani (48), off McCaughan; Rojas (6), off McCaughan; Lopez (6), off Grove; Burger (26), off Hudson.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miller	2	7	4	4	1	2	8.52
Grove	1⅓	3	3	3	1	0	5.12
Vesia	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	1.72
Brasier	1	2	2	2	1	2	3.60
Graterol	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.15
Hudson	1	2	2	2	0	0	2.75

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McCaughan	3⅓	6	5	5	1	4	7.33
Veneziano	1⅓	1	1	1	0	2	3.12
Bachar	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Bender	1	1	1	1	1	1	4.28
Cronin	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.43
Tinoco	1	3	2	2	0	1	2.11

WP: Veneziano (1-0); **LP:** Grove (4-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Vesia 1-1. **WP:** Bender. **T:** 2:57. **A:** 17,902 (37,446).

Twins 4, Guardians 1

Willi Castro hit a two-run homer, Matt Wallner had two RBI, and Minnesota bounced back from a crushing loss in the series opener to beat Cleveland.

Despite the defeat, the division-leading Guardians can clinch a playoff berth Wednesday.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Buxton cf	3	1	1	0	2	0	.277
Wallner rf	3	0	2	2	0	1	.250
Margot ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.243
Lewis 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Larnach dh	3	1	1	0	1	0	.253
Castro lf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.250
Jeffers c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.231
Lee ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.223
Julien 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Farmer 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.225
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	4	10	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Martínez lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.266
Giménez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Ramírez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.273
J.Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Thomas cf	3	1	1	1	1	2	.220
Manzardo dh	2	0	1	0	1	0	.233
Fry ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Brennan rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.253
B.Naylor c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.204
Rocchio ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.208
TOTALS	33	1	8	1	2	9	—

MINNESOTA	001	010	020	—	4	8	0
CLEVELAND	000	100	000	—	1	8	0

LOB: Minnesota 7, Cleveland 7. **2B:** Buxton (24), Ramírez (35). **HR:** Castro (12), off Sandlin; Thomas (5), off Matthews.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Matthews	4⅔	5	1	1	1	5	6.30
Irvin	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sands	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.82
Henriquez	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.45
Duran	1⅓	1	0	0	1	2	3.99
Jax	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	2.16

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams	5	5	2	2	2	7	5.12
Morgan	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	1.69
Herrin	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	1.94
Sandlin	1	2	2	2	0	1	3.98
Walters	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

WP: Sands (9-1); **LP:** Williams (3-10); **S:** Jax (9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Irvin 1-0, Jax 2-0, Herrin 1-0. **PB:** B.Naylor (6). **T:** 2:37. **A:** 17,391 (34,788).

Rays 8, Red Sox 3

Shane Baz allowed two runs and two hits over seven innings, Jose Siri homered and drove in four runs, and Tampa Bay dispatched Boston.

Siri hit one of the Rays' three homers during a four-run fifth inning and extended the lead to 8-3 with his three-run bloop double to left in the eighth.

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Duran cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.285
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.276
O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Yoshida dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.287
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.285
Abreu rf	2	1	1	0	1	0	.263
Casas 1b	2	1	1	2	0	0	.243
González ph-1b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.273
Story ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Rafaela 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.248
TOTALS	31	3	3	3	1	8	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz dh	4	1	1	0	1	1	.283
B.Lowe 2b	5	1	1	2	0	4	.243
Caminero 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.256
Aranda 1b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.242
Morel lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.196
J.Lowe rf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.241
Caballero ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Driscoll c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.208
Siri cf	4	1	2	4	0	0	.192
TOTALS	36	8	12	8	2	10	—

BOSTON	020	000	010	—	3	3	0
TAMPA BAY	000	140	03X	—	8	12	1

E: Morel (4). **LOB:** Boston 2, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Díaz (29), Caminero (7), Siri (16). **HR:** Casas (9), off Baz; González (5), off Cleavinger; Caminero (4), off Pivetta; J.Lowe (10), off Pivetta; Siri (18), off Pivetta; B.Lowe (19), off Horn.

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta	4⅔	5	4	4	0	6	4.37
Horn	0	2	1	1	1	0	6.50
Winckowski	3⅓	5	3	3	1	4	4.18

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Baz	7	2	2	2	1	6	3.21
Cleavinger	1	1	1	1	0	2	3.47
Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.84

WP: Baz (3-3); **LP:** Pivetta (5-11). Horn pitched to 3 batters in the 5th **Inherited runners-scored:** Horn 1-1, Winckowski 2-0. **PB:** Driscoll (1). **T:** 2:34. **A:** 12,169 (25,025).

Reds 6, Braves 5

Michael Harris II and Matt Olson homered for Atlanta, but the Braves blew a four-run lead and suffered a costly loss to Cincinnati that dropped them two games behind the Mets for the third National League wild card.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Harris cf	6	1	2	1	0	2	.247
Soler rf	4	2	1	1	1	0	.233
Ozuna dh	4	1	2	0	1	1	.303
Olson 1b	3	1	1	2	2	0	.239
Laureano lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.300
d'Arnaud c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.242
Merrifield 2b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.248
Urshela 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.222
Kelenic ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Arcia ss	5	0	2	0	0	2	.220
TOTALS	39	5	12	5	6	10	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.245
De La Cruz ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.257
Stephenson c	3	1	2	1	1	1	.262
Steer lf	3	1	1	2	1	1	.232
Friedl cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.230
France 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.288
Espinal dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.259
Fraley rf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.279
Marte 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.208
TOTALS	33	6	10	5	3	7	—

ATLANTA	310	100	000	—	5	12	2
CINCINNATI	100	102	20X	—	6	10	0

E: Arcia (10), Harris (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 14, Cincinnati 7. **2B:** Urshela (6), De La Cruz (34), France (10), Marte (9). **HR:** Harris (12), off Williamson; Olson (26), off Williamson; Soler (7), off Spiers; Steer (20), off Johnson.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Holmes	4	5	2	2	2	2	3.84
Chavez	1⅔	3	2	1	0	2	3.13
Johnson	1⅓	2	2	2	1	1	3.61
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.94

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williamson	1⅓	3	3	3	2	1	3.77
Cruz	1⅓	1	1	1	3	4	5.00
Spiers	3	4	1	1	1	0	5.40
Farmer	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	3.14
Suter	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.18
Pagán	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.47
Díaz	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.14

WP: Suter (1-0); **LP:** Johnson (5-5); **S:** Díaz (28). **Inherited runners-scored:** Johnson 1-0, Suter 1-0. **HBP:** Spiers (Laureano). **T:** 3:04. **A:** 20,955 (43,891).

Giants 10, Orioles 0

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yastrzemski rf	4	2	2	2	1	1	.237
Fitzgerald ss	5	0	0	0	0	4	.291
Wade 1b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.268
Ramos lf	5	1	1	1	0	2	.266
Conforto dh	5	0	1	2	0	0	.226
Bailey c	5	1	1	0	0	3	.236
McCray cf	2	3	2	0	2	0	.239
Walton 2b	2	1	1	1	2	0	.222
Wisely 3b	2	1	0	2	0	0	.227
TOTALS	35	10	10	10	5	11	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Slater lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Cowser ph-lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.243
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Henderson ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.280
Santander rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Jiménez dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Kjerstad ph-dh	2	0	2	0	0	0	.274
Rivera 3b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.275
O'Hearn ph-1b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Mullins cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Mayo 1b-3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.081
Holliday ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.169
L.Soto 2b-3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.333
TOTALS	32	0	5	0	2	15	—

SAN FRAN.	120	100	006	—	10	10	0
BALTIMORE	000	000	000	—	0	5	1

E: Mullins (1). **LOB:** San Francisco 5, Baltimore 7. **2B:** Ramos (21), Cowser (23), O'Hearn (19). **HR:** Yastrzemski (16), off Suárez. **RBI:** Yastrzemski 2 (52), Wisely 2 (26), Walton (2), Wade 2 (31), Ramos (69), Conforto 2 (59). **SB:** McCray 2 (5), Mullins (29). **SF:** Wisely. **S:** Wisely.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snell	6	1	0	0	2	12	3.31
Hjelle	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.91
Miller	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.52
Ty.Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.98
Beck	1	2	0	0	0	1	2.00

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suárez	3⅓	6	4	4	2	3	3.60
Akin	2⅔	0	0	0	1	3	3.27
Smith	2	0	0	0	0	3	5.74
Kimbrel	⅔

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The Offer is not conditioned upon the tender of any minimum number of Shares; however, the Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver (where applicable) of a number of conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, including, among other things, the closing price of the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange on the last full trading day prior to the Expiration Date exceeding the Offer Price and Purchaser obtaining all financing necessary to fund Purchaser's financial obligations arising from the Offer. The term "Expiration Date" means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Monday, October 21, 2024, unless Purchaser shall have extended the period during which the Offer is open, in which case the term "Expiration Date" means the latest time and date at which the Offer, as so extended, expires. As of the date of the Offer to Purchase, Purchaser expects to extend the Offer for successive periods of 45 to 180 days until the market price of the Shares exceeds the Offer Price. Subject to the terms set forth in the Offer to Purchase and applicable law, Purchaser expressly reserves the right, at any time, in its sole discretion, to waive, in whole or in part, any condition of the Offer, or to modify the terms of the Offer. If Purchaser makes a material change in the terms of the Offer or the information concerning the Offer or waives a material condition of the Offer, Purchaser may be required, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), to extend the Offer for up to an additional 10 business days. The information required to be disclosed pursuant to the Exchange Act is contained in the Offer to Purchase and is incorporated herein by reference. Any extension, delay, waiver or material amendment of the Offer will be followed as promptly as practicable by public announcement thereof, such announcement in the case of an extension to be made no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the otherwise scheduled Expiration Date in accordance with applicable law.

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Barron Chandler
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-24-001023

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **13 day of September 2024**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **7430 Hill Stone Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20785** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **14 day of October, 2024**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **14 day of October, 2024**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$253,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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851 Prince Georges County

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **13 day of September, 2024**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described As **3713 Silver Park Court, Suitland, MD 20746**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14 day of October, 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 **14 day of October, 2024**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$260,000.00**.

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UNIT NUMBERED 1025 IN THE CONDOMINIUM KNOWN AS THE RESIDENCES AT MARKET SQUARE WEST, A CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM REGIME CONSTITUTED AND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONDOMINIUM ACT OF 1976 AS AMENDED OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BY DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED JUNE 3, 1991 AND RECORDED JULY 17, 1991 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 35563 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BYLAWS RECORDED JULY 17, 1991 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 35564, AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS AND BY PLAT RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM BOOK NO. 40 AT PAGE 11, SHEETS 1-10, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS OF SUCH CONDOMINIUM PROJECT.

TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL INTEREST IN THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS APPERTAINING TO SAID UNIT AS DESCRIBED IN SAID DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LIMITATIONS, COVENANTS, EASEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RECORD, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS BY AVENUE ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP DATED JUNE 3, 1991 AND RECORDED JULY 17, 1991 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 35562 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

SAID CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IS SITUATE ON PART OF LOT NUMBERED 20 IN SQUARE NUMBERED 408, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN LIBER 182 AT PAGE 125 AND THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT HEREIN CONVEYED IS CURRENTLY DESIGNATED IN THE RECORDS OF THE ASSESSOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR TAXATION PURPOSES AS LOT 5025 IN SQUARE 408.

TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances, and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other oral information regarding 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Unit 1025 may be disclosed at the time of the sale. A deposit of $25,000.00 shall be required at time of sale and such deposit shall be a certified check, cashier's check, or in such other form as the Association, in its sole discretion, requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax etc. shall be at the purchaser's sole expense.

The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid, and all other terms shall be complied with within 30 days. Otherwise, the deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the Trustee and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The Trustee shall convey a deed pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Trustee cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain title insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing but must be able to pay the entire purchase price balance, in any case, within 30 days from the date of auction. In the event of the failure on the part of the Trustee to convey such deed for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

Contact: Jane Saindon Rogers, at (202) 659-6769, Attorney for the The Residences at Market Square West Unit Owners' Association, Inc.

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Kevin Jea
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-24-001944

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **13 day of September, 2024**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **14625 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Mary L. Hurley and Paul J. Moran, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **14 day of October, 2024**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **14 day of October, 2024**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$227,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT 1025 CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES of The Residences at Market Square West, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. Pursuant to the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, as amended, the Condominium Declaration recorded July 17, 1991, as Instrument No.: 9100035563, and the Bylaws relating thereto recorded on July 17, 1991, as Instrument No. 9100035564 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, and pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, establishing that the Executive Officer shall be the Trustee to conduct the foreclosure sale, notice was filed on August 5, 2024. The Trustee shall sell at public auction on **Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 11:25 A.M.**, at the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, #100, Washington, DC 20016, the following described premises situated in the District of Columbia:

UNIT NUMBERED 1025 IN THE CONDOMINIUM KNOWN AS THE RESIDENCES AT MARKET SQUARE WEST, A CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM REGIME CONSTITUTED AND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONDOMINIUM ACT OF 1976 AS AMENDED OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BY DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED JUNE 3, 1991 AND RECORDED JULY 17, 1991 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 35563 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BYLAWS RECORDED JULY 17, 1991 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 35564, AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS AND BY PLAT RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM BOOK NO. 40 AT PAGE 11, SHEETS 1-10, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances, and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other oral information regarding 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Unit 1025 may be disclosed at the time of the sale. A deposit of $25,000.00 shall be required at time of sale and such deposit shall be a certified check, cashier's check, or in such other form as the Association, in its sole discretion, requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax etc. shall be at the purchaser's sole expense.

The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid, and all other terms shall be complied with within 30 days. Otherwise, the deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the Trustee and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The Trustee shall convey a deed pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Trustee cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain title insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing but must be able to pay the entire purchase price balance, in any case, within 30 days from the date of auction. In the event of the failure on the part of the Trustee to convey such deed for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

NICOLE LIPINSKI
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

v.

CYNTHIA BUSH
Defendant

Civil No.: C-16-CV-24-001483

NOTICE OF SALE

12407 Applecross Drive, Clinton, MD 20735

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY this **13 day of September, 2024** that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by NICOLE LIPINSKI, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14 day of October, 2024**, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **14 day of October, 2024**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$325,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amnin
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11700 CHANTILLY LANE
BOWIE, MD 20721

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 22, 2008, recorded in Liber 30153, Folio 555 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $100,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:56 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale, if made available to the Substitute Trustees.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360313-3)

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852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Brennan Ferguson, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Katherine Lynn Bullock-Costta
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-23-002614

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Wednesday, September 04, 2024** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Abiebatu M. Bah, Substitute Trustee BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **4th day of October 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 **4th day of October 2024** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1512 WINTERBERRY DRIVE, ARNOLD, MD 21012** to be **$266,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court for
Anne Arundel County, MD.

Sep 11,18,25 2024 0012470624

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Peggy Holland
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-24-000768

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Wednesday, August 28, 2024** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by James E Clarke, Substitute Trustee BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **27th day of September 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 **27th day of September 2024** next. The eeport states that the amount of sale of the property at **319 OLD RIVERSIDE ROAD, BROOKLYN, MD 21225** to be **$138,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court for
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7506 CLINTON VISTA LANE
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 5, 2006, recorded in Liber 26603, Folio 440 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $48,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0864504 & #09-0864496.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale, if made available to the Substitute Trustees.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363633-1)

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853 Calvert County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

v.

Estate of Michael G. Whitney,
Defendant.

Case No. C-04-CV-24-000271

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issied this **13th day of September, 2024**, that the sale of the property in this case, **1780 Rudolph Lane, Lusby, Maryland 20657**, reported by Brennan Ferguson, John C. Hanrahan, Jermey B. Wilkins, Amanda Driscole, Robert Oliveri, and Paul Heinmuller, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **13th day of October, 2024**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post, a newspaper published in Calvert County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **13th day of October, 2024**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$375,000.00**.

Kathy P. Smith
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876 Loudoun County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 25550 Oak Medley Terrace, Aldie, VA 20105

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $377,992.00 dated October 26, 2009 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Loudoun County** on October 27, 2009 as Instrument Number: 20091027-0072424, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176 on **October 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 107, BRADDOCK CORNER, Section 2, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded as Instrument Number 200607200062731 and Plat recorded as Instrument Number 200607200062732, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia. Tax ID: 206185036000.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
(Trustee # 24-006104)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale.Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

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877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 10914 TIDEWATER TRAIL, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 8, 2007, in the original principal amount of $200,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 200700005244. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 24, 2024, at 1:45 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTIAN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THERETO APPURTENANT, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LEE HILL (FORMERLY COURTLAND) MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY SIDE OF THE TIDEWATER TRAIL OR ROUTE NUMBERS 2 AND 17

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502 Washington Avenue, Suite 730
Towson, Maryland 21204

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
CHURCH PROPERTY AND
RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

5601 OLD BRANCH AVENUE
5609 OLD BRANCH AVENUE
5611 OLD BRANCH AVENUE
5615 OLD BRANCH AVENUE
5606 MIDDLETON LANE
TEMPLE HILLS, MARYLAND 20748

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Consolidated, Amended and Restated Deed of Trust, Assignment and Security Interest executed by New Chapel Baptist Church, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and dated June 30, 2009, and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, at Liber 30795, folio 001 (the "Deed of Trust"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust (the "Noteholder") having subsequently appointed Hunter C. Piel and Scott B. Wheat (collectively, the "Substitute Trustees") as Substitute Trustees by instrument duly executed, acknowledged and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland for the purposes therein contained, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction to the highest qualified bidder at the steps of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on:

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY being situate in Prince George's County, Maryland, and the improvements thereon (each, a "Property" and collectively, the "Properties"), being more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and generally known as: (i) 5601 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (Tax. Nos.: 06-0479493 & 06-0479485); (ii) 5609 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (Tax. No.: 06-0593343); (iii) 5611 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (Tax. No.: 06-0505776); (iv) 5615 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (Tax. No.: 06-0482703); and (v) 5606 Middleton Lane, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (Tax. No.: 06-0463331). It is believed that the Properties consist of a church facility and several residences.

TERMS OF SALE: The Properties will be sold as an entirety only. A deposit in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00), payable in cash, certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees, in their sole and absolute discretion, will be required of the purchaser of the Properties at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within two (2) business days, and delivered to the office of the Substitute Trustees in the same form as the initial deposit. The balance of the purchase price shall be due in cash or by certified check with interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase price at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of sale to and including the date of settlement. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate thereof, is the successful bidder at any sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. Taxes, water charges, ground rent, if any, and all other municipal charges and liens owed against the Properties shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser(s) and shall be paid for by the purchaser(s) at settlement. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to extend the time for settlement, if applicable.

The Properties will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the nature, condition or description of the improvements. In addition, the Properties will also be sold subject to all existing housing, building and zoning code violations, subject to all critical area and wetland violations, subject to all environmental problems and violations which may exist on or with respect to the Properties, and subject to all matters and restrictions of record affecting the same, if any. The purchaser(s) at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the above-referenced Properties immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser(s)' responsibility to obtain possession of the Properties following ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland.

The Properties will be sold subject to all of the following that are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale: all easements, conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, ground rents, ground leases, such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Properties might disclose, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

The purchaser shall pay all documentary stamps, state and local transfer taxes, recordation taxes and fees, title examination costs, attorneys' fees, conveyance fees and all other incidental settlement costs. The purchaser(s) shall settle and comply with the sale terms within twenty (20) days following the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, unless said period is extended by the Substitute Trustees for good cause shown. Time is of the essence.

In the event the purchaser fails to go to settlement as required, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available, the Substitute Trustees may, without further order of the court, declare the aforementioned deposit forfeited and resell the Properties at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser(s) shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, reasonable attorneys' fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms of sale and the conduct of the sale shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey any of the Properties as described above, the purchaser(s)' sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser(s), the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser(s) shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Noteholder and the Substitute Trustees do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

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11819 CAPSTAN DRIVE
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 15, 2006, recorded in Liber 24739, Folio 362 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $624,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:46 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $46,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 86603-4)

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13116 MOLLY BERRY ROAD
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 4, 2005, recorded in Liber 25588, Folio 213 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $181,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:48 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362978-1)

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6027 APPLEGARTH PLACE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 25, 1993, recorded in Liber 9134, Folio 732 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $76,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:42 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353637-2)

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2911 NOVEMBER COURT A/R/T/A
2911 NOVEMBER COURT SOUTH
BOWIE, MD 20716

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 5, 2006, recorded in Liber 25931, Folio 562 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $427,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:44 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 365780-1)

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5605 WINDSOR COURT
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 7, 2003, recorded in Liber 18418, Folio 508 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $196,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:40 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 368222-1)

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104 FARMINGTON ROAD, WEST
ACCOKEEK, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 1, 2020, recorded in Liber 43855, Folio 330 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $100,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0348300.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $12,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 24-000192-01)

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615 WAVELAND AVENUE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2014, recorded in Liber 36509, Folio 428 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $305,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:18 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-3942893.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $35,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 22-002934-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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2811 CITRUS LANE
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Reginald H. Bryant and Cindy O. Bryant dated October 20, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26579, folio 148 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 11:10 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and described as follows: Being known and designated as Lot No. 41, Block B, as shown on Plat entitled "Section Two, Plat Two, Bellehaven Estates", which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County in Plat Book VJ 183 at Plat 41. Tax ID #13-3166261. The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $32,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-001199-MD-F-1.

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**5203 ADDISON ROAD
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 16, 2018, recorded in Liber 40806, Folio 459 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $199,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:12 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 347808-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**5728 JOAN LANE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Barbara J. Silver dated June 15, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28878, folio 383 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:04 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1221829.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-001144-MD-F-1.

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**11306 DUXBURY DRIVE
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2008, recorded in Liber 30071, Folio 331 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $347,770.82, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:28 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 352022-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**5602 43RD AVENUE
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20781**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Joseph Richards dated August 30, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28629, folio 69 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:02 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #16-1805001.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-000073-MD-F-1.

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**5502 62ND AVENUE
RIVERDALE, MD 20737**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 10, 2005, recorded in Liber 23166, Folio 99 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $194,750.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:26 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 204840-5)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**1806 TAYLOR AVENUE
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Juanita Ann Ransom-Ashmon a/k/a Juanita Ann Ransom a/k/a Juanita Ann Ashmon dated June 2, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25647, folio 249 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0363846.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $46,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 23-001058-MD-F-1.

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**6802 SURRATTS ROAD
CLINTON, MD 20735**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 16, 2013, recorded in Liber 35910, Folio 290 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $168,688.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:22 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $11,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363962-1)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 11, 2006, recorded in Liber 27177, Folio 43 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $300,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:16 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 367115-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**7510 OLD MUIRKIRK ROAD
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 4, 2007, recorded in Liber 28066, Folio 330 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $544,185.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:14 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 365508-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**7048 PALAMAR TURN
LANHAM, MD 20706**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 18, 2006, recorded in Liber 26940, Folio 137 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $216,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 367333-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1409 ARAGONA BOULEVARD FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Alphonzo W. Johns and Eloise K. Johns dated February 1, 2008 and recorded in Liber 29841, folio 28 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0269886.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $65,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-000823-MD-F-1.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
4410 Oglethorpe St, Apt 416, Hyattsville, MD 20781

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 4410 Oglethorpe St, Apt 416, Hyattsville, MD 20781. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated February 12, 2010, and recorded in Liber 32938 at Page 94 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $142,050.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 16-1814516

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293263.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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7601 MILLIGAN LANE CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 23, 2008, recorded in Liber 29745, Folio 429 and re-recorded in Liber 43991, Folio 1 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $352,279.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:58 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 307904-2)

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1201 GONDAR AVENUE LANDOVER A/R/T/A HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 1, 2007, recorded in Liber 29880, Folio 412 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $420,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:54 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-2100162 and 18-2100170.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353276-1)

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7125 MARBURY COURT DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2007, recorded in Liber 27326, Folio 121 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $203,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:52 AM

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6702 KEYSTONE MANOR DRIVE DISTRICT HEIGHTS A/R/T/A FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 20, 2004, recorded in Liber 21084, Folio 89 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $140,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:50 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 27542-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

8700 JENNIFER COURT CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 25, 2010, recorded in Liber 31797, Folio 617 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $233,197.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:46 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 190479-1)

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101 CAPTAIN BRENDT DRIVE ACCOKEEK, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 18, 2007, recorded in Liber 29322, Folio 146 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $544,185.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:48 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 365919-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

5100 CORNELIAS PROSPECT DRIVE BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 30, 2006, recorded in Liber 26154, Folio 737 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $750,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:42 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $70,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 345782-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4015 DANVILLE DRIVE TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2007, recorded in Liber 29015, Folio 223 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $355,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:44 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366372-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

7506 CASTLE ROCK DRIVE CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Daryl Corley and Sheri Corley dated March 19, 2007 and recorded in Liber 27624, folio 721 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:25 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0968180.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $54,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-001019-MD-F-1.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
13900 Molly Berry Rd,
Brandywine, MD 20613

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 13900 Molly Berry Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 11, 2008, and recorded in Liber 29976 at Page 111 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's,** in the original principal amount of $373,500.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-3361912 & 04-2813020

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

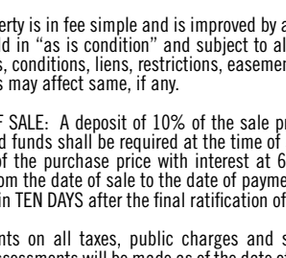
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-291800.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9125 FOWLER LANE LANHAM, MD 20706 (the "Property")

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") from Blacktop Home Buyers, LLC to Matt Byrnes, trustee, dated August 1, 2022 and recorded in Book 48005, at Page 352, among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees ("Trustees") will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.) on

September 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM

All that Fee-Simple lot of ground and the improvements thereon, if any, identified as Tax ID No. 20-2171353 and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The Property and improvements, if any, thereupon will be sold in "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000.00 by certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 18% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to the date of the sale and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of the sale forward. Costs of all documentary stamps, transfer and recordation taxes, and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale.

If the Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee for application against all expenses, attorneys' fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and the full commission of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining deposit shall be applied to the loan secured by the Deed of Trust. The Trustee may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail himself of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

241 OLD LINE AVENUE LAUREL, MD 20724

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 24, 2001, recorded in Liber 10601, Folio 132 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $143,863.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 9:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #04-472-01664720.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 22-002374-01)

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15633 Easthaven Court #1005, Bowie, MD 20716

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 15633 Easthaven Court #1005, Bowie, MD 20716. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 25, 2009, and recorded in Liber 30528 at Page 308 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $207,824.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 07-0786426

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293060.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

966 FALL CIRCLE WAY GAMBRILLS, MD 21054

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Jeffrey Paul Stawas and Susan Anne Stawas dated April 24, 2006 and recorded in Liber 17827, folio 470 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 9:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #04-295-02048210.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-003119-MD-F-1.

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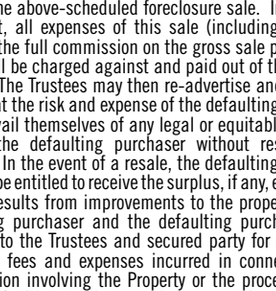
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

948 DEEP CREEK AVENUE ARNOLD, MD 21012

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Cyril J. Treadway dated December 1, 2006 and recorded in Liber 18576, folio 491 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-749-25938500.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $47,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 23-001879-MD-F-1.

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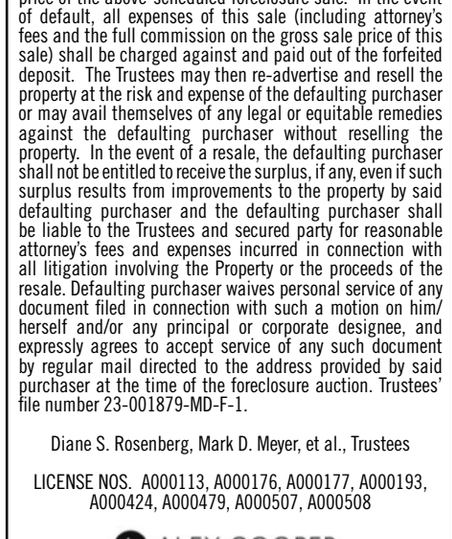
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2004, recorded in Liber 14772, Folio 638 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $100,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 9:36 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $6,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 366655-1)

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3301 BLACKBERRY LANE DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 26, 2004, recorded in Liber 15219, Folio 312 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $519,200.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 9:34 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 319994-2)

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**121 RABBIT CHASE DRIVE
LAUREL, MD 20724**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 3, 2007, recorded in Liber 18672, Folio 1 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $307,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 9:30 AM

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**105 HOLLY AVENUE
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 10, 2012, recorded in Liber 25249, Folio 13 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $166,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 9:32 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 367903-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**615 BROACH COURT
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 3, 2007, recorded in Liber 19730, Folio 313 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $457,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 369415-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**6451 OLD SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD
TRACYS LANDING, MD 20779**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 16, 2007, recorded in Liber 18728, Folio 635 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $336,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 9:19 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 329876-5)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**950 EAST MOUNT HARMONY ROAD
OWINGS, MD 20736**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 26, 2005, recorded in Liber 2554, Folio 707 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $199,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 3:35 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 308689-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**12372 ECHO HILL PLACE
WALDORF, MD 20601**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 30, 2015, recorded in Liber 9106, Folio 6 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $287,184.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 2:02 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 315423-4)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**5900 ROSECROFT PLACE
HUGHESVILLE, MD 20637**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 26, 2016, recorded in Liber 9258, Folio 148 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $348,570.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that properties will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser(s) waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser(s) as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the properties by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 24-000805-01)

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**13105 PINE GROVE ROAD
NEWBURG, MD 20664**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 22, 2018, recorded in Liber 10312, Folio 479 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $152,093.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 1:02 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $14,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 365141-2)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
2 COMMERCIAL OFFICE CONDOMINIUM UNITS**

**603 POST OFFICE ROAD, UNIT #308 AND UNIT #309
WALDORF, MD 20602**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents (the "Deed of Trust") dated October 11, 2022 and recorded in Liber 12763, Folio 497 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $185,150.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 1:40 PM

ALL THOSE FEE-SIMPLE LOTS OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS thereon, if any, situated in Charles County, Maryland, described as Units numbered 308 and 309 of the Condominium Regime known as Lakeview Professional Park Townhouse Condominium, Phase II and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The properties are believed to be improved by office condominium units. Tax ID Nos. 06-211682 and 06-211690.
The properties will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to all covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easements, agreements and rights-of-way as may affect same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.
The Properties will be offered individually and as an entirety, the sale will be made in the manner producing the greater amount.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,000 on each unit if sold individually or $20,000 if sold as an entirety in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser(s) at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser(s) is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by purchaser(s). The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser(s) from the date of sale. Purchaser(s) is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that properties will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser(s) waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser(s) as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the properties by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 24-000805-01)

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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
157 Falcon Trail, Winchester, VA 22602**

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated August 24, 2018 and recorded August 30, 2018 in Instrument Number 180008521 in the Clerk's Office for the Frederick County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $137,012.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Circuit Court for Frederick County Judicial Center located at 5 N Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

October 10, 2024 at 2:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

Land situated in the County of Frederick in the State of VA

All of that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Back Creek Magisterial District, said County, and State, designated as Lot 52A, Plat 3, Section 13, Shawnee Land, as shown on that certain plat prepared by Edward W. Dove, L.S., dated February 29, 2000, of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Frederick County, Virginia, in Deed Book 959, at Page 959, and further being more particularly described by House Location Survey prepared by Edward W. Dove, L.S., dated August 2, 2000, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof as if set out in full.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $470.00 for review of the settlement documents.
Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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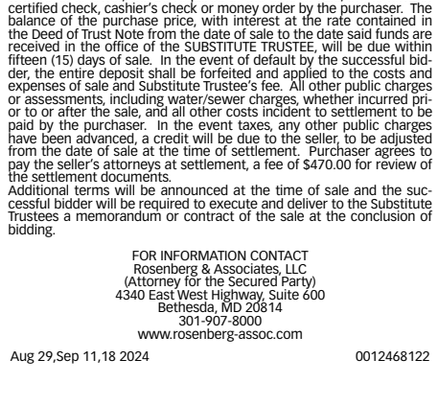
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Nats spin their wheels in ugly loss in Big Apple

NATIONALS FROM D1

Even when the Nationals (68-83) scored in the third inning to grab the lead, they didn't produce a hit. Jacob Young walked. Abrams reached on a fielder's choice, and Young advanced to third base when shortstop Luisangel Acuña made a fielding error. James Wood, who turned 22 on Tuesday, hit into a fielder's choice that scored Young. Runs-wise, that was it for the night.

This offense is on pace to produce one of the worst seasons in Nationals history. Entering Tuesday, the Nationals had a .688 OPS — tied for the worst with the 2022 squad, which won just 55 games. Their slugging percentage of .378 was the third worst behind those of the 2022 team (.377) and the 59-win Nationals of 2008 (.373).

And in September, the Nationals have been at their worst: They have their lowest batting average (.220) and OPS (.644) of any month this season. That's due, in part, to an influx of inexperienced players getting their first opportunities in the big leagues.

"There's a lot going on with these young kids," Manager Dave Martinez said. "A lot of them are trying to prove that they belong here. They put too much pressure on themselves. You got to focus mentally and swing at strikes. We've chased a lot this month."

But offense wasn't the sole reason the Nationals were blown out Tuesday. Left-hander Mitchell Parker struggled with his command, and the Mets (83-68) took advantage when he walked Harrison Bader on four pitches to lead off the third. Acuña doubled to tie the score, then Jose Iglesias reached on an infield single when Parker forgot to cover first base. Parker walked Starling Marte to load the bases before Pete Alonso hit a bloop single down the right field line to score two. After Mark Vientos hit a sacrifice fly, the Mets led 4-1. (Parker ultimately allowed five runs and seven hits in 3⅔ innings as his ERA grew to 4.44.)

The Nationals had plenty of time to respond, but they didn't. Mets right-hander Tylor Megill threw 47 four-seam fastballs among his 94 pitches over six innings, but the Nationals, who typically have success against fastballs, couldn't make the necessary adjustments. They had eight whiffs on 24 swings at those four-seamers.

"We just couldn't get on top of the fastball," Martinez said. "We could have had him early — it just didn't happen."

The Nationals went down in order in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings — and by then, New York had the game under control. The Mets hit three home runs: Francisco Alvarez had a solo homer in the fourth, Alonso smashed a three-run blast in the sixth, and Acuña hit a solo shot, his first homer in the majors, in the eighth.



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Rookie Dylan Crews was a rare bright spot for the Nationals on Tuesday with his first three-hit game.

If there was a silver lining to be found in Tuesday's loss, perhaps it was Crews's seventh-inning at-bat. He entered the night 1 for 25 with 13 strikeouts against breaking balls, with his lone hit coming Sunday. In the seventh Tuesday, he singled on a sweeper.

The Nationals loaded the bases in that inning, but Wood struck out looking at a sweeper that appeared to be out of the strike zone. He walked somberly to the dugout, and soon after the Nationals suffered another loss in a game with major playoff implications for the wild-card-seeking Mets.

"These are just situations that we want to be in," Wood said. "You just got to come prepared. We can take a swing, and they're going to swing back. So once they swing back, we got to be ready to swing again. Just got to learn from it and be better next time."

Notes: Second baseman Luis García Jr. left the game in the fourth inning; he said his right wrist was bothering him after his final swing in the third. Martinez took him out as a precaution. …

Martinez said right-hander Cade Cavalli will continue his throwing program in Florida but will not pitch in a game before the season ends. Cavalli returned to West Palm Beach last month to ramp up after experiencing dead arm during his rehabilitation process from Tommy John surgery in March 2023. Cavalli, a first-round pick in 2020, made his MLB debut Aug. 26, 2022, and that remains his lone appearance. Martinez said he wants to make sure Cavalli is healthy and ready for spring training. …

Outfielder Alex Call could go on a short rehab assignment soon before rejoining the Nationals for the final week of the season. He suffered a partial tear of the plantar fascia in his left foot last month. He was hitting .343 with a .425 on-base percentage and three home runs in 30 games.

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Mystics are outclassed by Liberty and will need a lot of help to make the playoffs

MYSTICS FROM D1

Mystics Coach Eric Thibault said, describing his postgame message to the team. "We've shown really good resilience over the course of the season, and we have a chance to show it one more time, to play a lot better than we're playing. Everybody's got to get out of their own heads a little bit."

Ariel Atkins scored a game-high 22 points Tuesday, but no other Mystics player reached double figures. Brittney Sykes (eight points, five rebounds) suffered a left toe injury in the third quarter, when she seemed to get her feet tangled up with a defender. She went to the locker room for a bit before returning to the bench but never reentered the game. Thibault said the coaches decided to keep her out because the game was lopsided. The Mystics will wait to see how her toe reacts Wednesday.

The Mystics were without Aaliyah Edwards for the second consecutive game because of a right ankle injury. Thibault said she's working to strengthen the joint to be able to cut and move laterally. He guessed she was days away from returning but didn't know how many days that might be.

With Edwards and Shakira Austin (left ankle) out — Austin will miss the rest of the season — Emily Engstler moved into the starting lineup and led the team with eight rebounds.

"I didn't think we did much of what we're trying to do generally in the game, to be honest with you," Thibault said. "I didn't think [the Liberty] felt us defensively until the end of the first quarter, early second quarter. The ball got there too easily, and our help was late. When you do that against them, then you're scrambling and giving up threes. They're the best team in the league in the standings, and they were clearly on a mission to get the top seed."

Five Liberty players reached double figures, with Breanna Stewart leading the way with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Leonie Fiebich added 13 points off the bench.

The Liberty turned 17 Washington turnovers into 25 points, and the game was never in doubt after New York used a 14-2 run to grab an early advantage. The Mystics shot just 37.7 percent and were outrebounded by 16.

Atkins explained what needs to happen Thursday against Caitlin Clark's Fever with a playoff spot potentially within reach.

"To play like us," she said. "To move the ball. To find each other in our strong spots so that we can build confidence on the offensive end. Defensively, we can talk a lot better [than we did] tonight. Tonight, we just didn't feel like ourselves."



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Cooking 101: How to boost your confidence

'It just takes practice': These 6 tips can help you conquer your kitchen fears

BY KRISTEN HARTKE

Cooking is easy — or so it seems in recipes written with scant directions and TikTok videos that result in expertly prepared dishes in a matter of seconds. But if you've never really sauteed onions or seared a steak, it becomes a daunting task, and the final meal might be less than picture-perfect. It's no wonder that cooking novices might turn more often to delivery than to a cookbook, especially after wistfully watching a celebrity chef gleefully chopping, whisking and frying on TV.

The fault isn't yours. Every chef began with the same skills, or lack thereof, which means every home cook also has the potential to prepare a meal with the same fearlessness as Julia Child, Gordon Ramsay or Hilda Baci. Heck, Child didn't have a clue how to cook an omelet before she was in her 30s — so there's hope for us all.

"I wish I could cook like that" is a sentiment that regularly fills the classroom at Home Cooking New York, where founder Jennifer Clair has been teaching a popular back-to-basics cooking class since 2002. "People decide quickly that they are terrible cooks," says Clair, whose book, "Six Basic Cooking Techniques," is based on the class. "I'm always trying to undo trauma. People give themselves a lot less bandwidth to learn cooking as a skill than they would something like learning a language. It just takes practice."

Clair frequently sees students who are timid in approaching the stove and only gingerly poke at the contents of a pan. "When I ask for a student volunteer," she says, "they tend to stand two feet away. I tell them to move up to the stove and own their space. No one is in charge here but you."

SEE **BRAVE** ON **E4**

Flavored salts can spice up your meals

Shake up your routine by creating your own seasoning blends

BY JOAN NIESEN

In 1938, a new restaurant opened on a busy street in Beverly Hills, Calif. Over the years, it grew into an international chain, with locations across the United States and Asia. Today, though, Lawry's The Prime Rib is best known for a product it no longer even owns the rights to: its flavored salt.

Such salts, seasoned with a blend of herbs and spices, certainly existed before Lawry's introduced its blend to supermarkets across America. But that particular flavor profile — paprika, celery, turmeric and garlic — spawned an aisle worth of imitators.

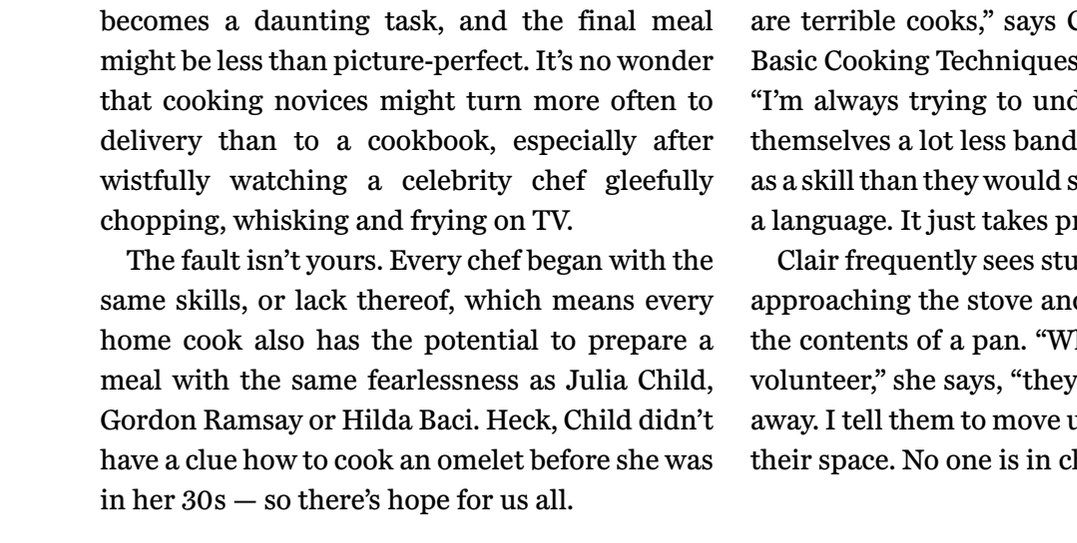
Despite that proliferation, there's one major downside to Lawry's and many other mass-produced flavored salts: They include a generous amount of sugar (plus cornstarch and other additives) and are thus not quite as health-neutral as they might at first seem. And that specific issue gets at a bigger one: A store-bought seasoning blend allows for almost no customization when cooking.

Why commit to a single flavor profile when it's simple to make flavored salts yourself? There's no need for specialty ingredients — your spice drawer might even do the trick — and it takes only a few minutes to create a seasoning that appeals to your tastes and whatever you're planning to cook. Plus, you're in full control of how much to make, whether it's enough for one dish or to last a few months in your pantry.

What type of salt is best?

Salt contains multitudes. There's table salt, iodized table salt, kosher salt, fine sea salt, flaky sea salt — the list goes on,

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Charred corn and broccoli salad, at left, is a terrific make-ahead side. **E2**

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CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

To serve ice, or not to serve ice in water?

Diners have strong opinions on whether it should be included

BY TOM SIETSEMA

We live in a divided world, awash with concerns.

I know this not just from following the news but also from observing people in my natural habitat — restaurants, of course — and fielding complaints from the dining public.

Maybe it's because we had the hottest summer on record. Perhaps it's a desire to be in control, or embedded in the American way of life. Whatever the reason, I've noticed a sudden fascination with whether a restaurant serves (first-world problem alert!) ice in water.

People have strong opinions on the subject.

Meet Ellen, a recent participant of my every-Wednesday online dining Q&A. "Why have restaurants started leaving ice out of water?" she asked. "This was always a thing in Europe, where asking for ice could become an international incident. Now it's happening here. I want ice in my water and I don't think I should have to beg for it."

Another member of Team Ice identified themself as Margofornow. "I am having to request a cup of ice more and more often and it's one more task that's on me as a diner and didn't used to be. And it also means I need the table space for that extra water glass or cup, and am adding ice to the beverage glass as I consume it. Just bring ice water, already."

Dissenters, including people with teeth sensitivity, followed with a river of rebuttals.

"Ice can make water tougher to drink!" posted a chatter with the handle SomeWhoCallMeTim. "It is easier to take a big gulp without" it. "And why get a big glass of

SEE **ICE** ON **E5**

Peaches and corn shine in this bread salad



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September always makes me a little wistful. Whether it's because of the deep-seated childhood memories of going back to school, the fact that my birthday is mid-month or merely the seasonal change in the air, I find myself reflecting on Septembers past — and wondering what fall might bring.

It's also when I try to get my fill of my favorite farm-fresh summer produce, before it disappears for another 10 months or so.

You might expect me to be talking about tomatoes, but I'm not. Every year, in fact, I remind myself — dozens and dozens of pounds in — that it is actually possible for me to get tired of summer tomatoes.

Peaches are another story. My appreciation is so limitless, I've been trying to grow them at home, with mixed success thanks to ravenous squirrels. Last year, when I had a bounteous harvest, I resisted buying peaches at farmers markets — out of a sense of pride in my own — but this year, attempting to get my fill has meant returning to growers who are clearly so much better at this than I am.

One of my favorite ways to use peaches, besides eating them out of hand, is to throw them into salads in place of (or in addition to) tomatoes. A peach Caprese is a thing of beauty, and, as I discovered, so is a peach panzanella, inspired by another Italian classic. The first time I tried the latter, I made a simple swap. The second time, I doubled down on the summer appeal by tossing in sweet corn kernels, too. The third? To make it main-course worthy, I added black beans and feta. At this point, I couldn't justify calling it a panzanella anymore, but it might be the best bread salad I've ever made.

There will be no fourth iteration; by George, I think I've got it.

Next year, I'd love to be able to use homegrown peaches in the salad, among other dishes. But, to be honest, in Year 5, the tree seems like it might already be on the wane. I had treated a fungus in early summer — successfully, I thought — but during one of August's heat waves, all the leaves turned brown and are now falling off, much earlier than usual. Maybe it was an anomaly, but maybe not.

The peach tree's apparent decline is probably contributing to my annual wistfulness, too. But rather than succumb to a funk, I'm taking my research to another level and getting serious about saving it. Will I succeed? Check back in about 10 months.

Bread Salad With Peaches, Corn and Black Beans

4 to 6 servings (makes about 9 cups)

This bread salad, inspired by Italy's classic panzanella, bursts with flavor and texture from summer peaches, corn and feta, with black beans for extra heft and nutrition. If you have particularly dried-out stale bread on hand instead of fresh, you can skip the toasting.

Storage: The salad is best when freshly made, but you can refrigerate leftovers for up to 4 days.

Total time: 25 mins

From Food and Dining editor Joe Yonan.

Ingredients

- 8 ounces whole-grain sourdough bread, torn into bite-size pieces (3 cups)
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 large ears corn, still in the husk
- 2 pounds ripe peaches, pitted and cut into bite-size wedges
- One (15-ounce) can no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained (1½ cups)
- ¼ cup lightly packed fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
- 2 ounces feta, crumbled
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Steps

- Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees.
- On a large sheet pan, arrange the bread pieces in a single layer, drizzle with 2 tablespoons of the oil and toss to coat. Toast for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the bread is dried and fragrant but not browned. Let cool.
- Meanwhile, run tap water over the ears of corn to soak them, and transfer them to a microwave-safe plate. Microwave on HIGH for 6 minutes, then let sit for a few minutes to cool slightly. Cut the stalk end off through the first row of kernels. Hold by the silk end and push or shake out the ear. Cut each ear in half crosswise, then stand each half on a cutting board to cut off the kernels. Transfer the kernels to a large bowl, and add the peaches and black beans.
- When the bread has cooled, add it to the bowl with the other ingredients, along with the basil, feta, the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil, the salt and pepper, and gently toss to combine. Serve immediately.
- **Substitutions:** Whole-grain sourdough >> your favorite crusty bread. Peaches >> nectarines, plums, apricots or a combination. Fresh corn >> 1½ cups frozen and defrosted corn kernels. Black beans >> cannellini, navy or other white beans. Canned beans >> home-cooked beans. Basil >> mint. Vegan? >> Use a store-bought vegan feta, such as Violife brand.

Nutrition | Per serving (1½ cups), based on 6: 358 calories, 53g carbohydrates, 8mg cholesterol, 13g fat, 7g fiber, 12g protein, 3g saturated fat, 499mg sodium, 15g sugar

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Fire brings the flavor to corn and broccoli salad



Ellie Krieger
NOURISH

When we think about where flavor comes from in a recipe, most of us probably focus on the ingredients: the produce and proteins, herbs, spices, aromatics and other seasonings.

But often overlooked is the flavor created by the cooking method itself: the fond that forms on the bottom of the skillet when protein or vegetables are browned; the amplified nuttiness from toasting nuts and seeds; the savory, crisp exterior that develops with roasting.

This recipe makes the most of the deep flavor coaxed out of fresh corn and broccoli when they are cooked under (or over) an open flame. Tossed with oil and sprinkled with salt, then either broiled or grilled until tender and lightly charred, the vegetables become sumptuously savory, with a crisped exterior and light smoky flavor.

Once those fire-enhanced vegetables are cool enough to handle, you cut the kernels off the cobs, chop the broccoli, and toss both with fresh scallions and a mayonnaise-based dressing seasoned with miso, lemon juice, ginger and honey.

The miso echoes the savoriness of the charred vegetables while contrasting the corn's sweetness, while the lemon, ginger and scallions add welcome brightness.

The result is a colorful salad that pairs nicely with just about any protein and holds up well, too, making it an ideal cookout or make-ahead side. Most importantly, the salad brims with flavor, not only from the vegetables and seasonings it's made with, but also from the flame used to cook it.

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Charred Corn and Broccoli Salad

6 servings (makes about 6 cups)

In this salad, gingery miso dressing marries charred fresh sweet corn and broccoli, which can be made under the broiler or on the grill. The dish holds up well and pairs nicely with just about any protein, making it an ideal cookout side or make-ahead dish.

Storage: Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

Total time: 30 mins

From cookbook author and registered dietitian nutritionist Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- 4 ears corn, shucked
- 2 tablespoons neutral oil, such as avocado or canola, divided
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt, divided
- 1 head broccoli (1½ pounds), trimmed and cut into 1½-inch florets
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
- 1 tablespoon shiro (white) miso
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ½ teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger
- ⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup thinly sliced scallions, white and green parts (from 2 large scallions)

Steps

- Position a rack about 6 inches away from the broiling element and preheat the broiler on HIGH. (For grilling instructions, see Variations.)
- Place the corn in a medium bowl. Drizzle it with 1 tablespoon of the oil and sprinkle with ⅛ teaspoon of the salt. Toss to coat evenly, rubbing the oil into the cobs with your hands as needed.
- Arrange the corn on a large sheet pan (lined with foil for easier cleanup, if you'd like), and broil for about 2 minutes, or until starting to char. Rotate the corn a quarter turn, and broil for another 2 minutes, or until starting to char on top.
- Meanwhile, in the same bowl used for the corn, toss the broccoli with the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil and ⅛ teaspoon of salt. Remove the sheet pan with the corn from the broiler, push the corn to one side and arrange the broccoli in a single layer on the other side. Rotate the corn a quarter turn again, then continue to broil, for about 2 minutes. Rotate the corn the final quarter turn, stir the broccoli and continue broiling for another 2 minutes, or until both vegetables are nicely charred. Transfer the vegetables to a cutting board to cool.
- While the vegetables are cooling, make the dressing. In a small bowl, whisk together the lemon juice and miso until emulsified. Add the mayonnaise, honey, ginger and pepper, and whisk to thoroughly combine.
- When the vegetables are cool enough to handle, coarsely chop the broccoli, and cut the kernels off the corn and transfer them to a large bowl. Add the scallions and the dressing, and toss to combine. Serve right away.
- **Substitutions:** No corn on the cob? >> Use about 3 cups fire-roasted frozen corn, defrosted and warmed through. Vegan? >> Replace the honey with maple syrup or agave, and substitute vegan mayo for the regular mayo.
- **Variations:** Oil and salt the vegetables as described above. Set a gas grill to 450 degrees, or heat a charcoal grill to medium-hot. Char the corn on all 4 sides, about 2 minutes per side. Arrange the broccoli in a single layer on the grill (using a basket to keep the florets from falling through the grates, if desired) and cook for a total of 4 minutes, stirring halfway through, until nicely charred. Proceed with the recipe as written.

Nutrition | Per serving (scant 1 cup): 233 calories, 30g carbohydrates, 4mg cholesterol, 13g fat, 6g fiber, 6g protein, 2g saturated fat, 249mg sodium, 7g sugar

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A melty Caprese sandwich on a garlicky roll is my kind of late-summer meal



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EAT VORACIOUSLY



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Every September, when fall starts to come into focus, I get jumpy. Stone fruit season is about to end! The good melons are almost gone! Have I eaten enough corn? Peppers? *Tomatoes?*

The answer is always no, but that's the bittersweet thing about seasons: They're special because they're fleeting. Come July or August, when I taste the year's first really good tomato (or peach or melon or cherry), I make it my mission to eat as many of them as possible. This new recipe — inspired by the salad of tomatoes, mozzarella and basil from Capri, but stuffed into a garlic bread bun and warmed until the cheese melts — is meant to carry us through the waning days of summer.

Earlier this year, I tried to grow tomatoes on our small back patio. It's paved over, so I planted a few seedlings in big plastic pots, feeling unusually optimistic. I tended to them carefully, watching buds form and encouraging the vines to wander. But then, one week when we were away, the summer sun took over and fried the leaves to a crisp.

My 2024 harvest? Three tiny cherry tomatoes.

Fortunately, I live within walking distance of several farmers markets. Skilled growers satisfied my tomato needs for most of the summer, and then, just the other day, family came to visit from central Ohio with a bowl of homegrown tomatoes in tow. (Thank you, Linda and Tony!)

Now that the sun has started to set earlier every day, the air turns cooler as dinnertime approaches. Recently, when I wanted a tomato sandwich, I wondered how a Caprese sandwich would taste if it were run under the broiler, just until the cheese melted into the tomato.

I started with a couple of soft, crusty rolls I had purchased for another recipe. I split and dredged them in warm garlic oil, and suddenly I realized I had stumbled upon a way to make pretty good garlic bread in less than five minutes. I piled a few slices of tomato onto the bottom of the roll, topped it with some fresh mozzarella, then slid the pan into the oven for a couple of minutes. As soon as I saw the cheese start to ooze into the tomato's crevices, I pulled the pan out. A flurry of fresh basil leaves went on top of the melted cheese, followed by the top of the roll.

I took a bite. It was crusty and warm on the outside, and pillowy soft on the inside. I loved how the cheese released its salinity and soft brine into the vegetal fruit, while the garlic and olive oil on the bread further seasoned the tomato, enhancing its savory side.

Three or so years ago, I was gifted a bottle of 25-year-old aged balsamic vinegar. I keep it in a dark corner of the refrigerator, and I use it sparingly. But while eating this sandwich, I wondered how a drop or two would taste on the barely warm tomato. If you, too, have a treasured bottle secreted away, add a few drops to the tomato slices before topping them with the cheese. It takes the sandwich from super to sublime.

This is from our Eat Voraciously newsletter, which delivers a quick dinner recipe four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Sign up at *wapo.st/evnewsletter*.

Melty Caprese Sandwiches

2 servings (makes 2 sandwiches)

This spin on the Caprese salad, a pitch-perfect dish of ripe tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and basil, stuffs the main elements inside a garlic bread roll — and lets the cheese get melty under the broiler. If your tomatoes aren't as flavorful or juicy as you'd like, season them well with salt and a few drops of balsamic vinegar. If you have it, pull out your finest aged balsamic for this recipe. You'll need only a couple of teaspoons, but it will transform the sandwich, turning this riff on an Italian classic into something extraordinary.

Total time: 15 mins

From staff writer G. Daniela Galarza.

Ingredients

- 1 large ripe tomato (9 ounces), cored, if desired, and sliced thick
- Fine salt
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar (optional; see headnote)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced or finely grated
- 2 soft, round Italian-style rolls, or other sturdy, soft rolls, split
- 6 slices (6 ounces) fresh mozzarella cheese
- 6 to 12 leaves fresh basil

Steps

- Position a rack 6 inches from your oven's broiler element, and preheat the broiler on HIGH.
- Lay the tomato slices out on a large plate. Sprinkle evenly with a pinch of salt. Taste a small slice of tomato. If it's lackluster in flavor, add a little drizzle of balsamic vinegar, if using, to the remaining slices.
- In a medium (10-inch) stainless-steel or cast-iron skillet over medium heat, heat the oil until it shimmers. Add the garlic and a pinch of salt. Let the garlic gently sizzle, swirling the pan occasionally, until very fragrant and just barely beginning to brown, about 45 seconds.
- Remove the pan from the heat. Add the rolls, cut side down, gently pressing the bread into the garlic oil so it soaks in. Flip the bottom halves of the rolls over, leaving them in the skillet. Transfer the top halves to a plate and set it nearby. (If there's garlic left at the bottom of the pan, use a spoon to scoop it up and spread it onto the bread.)
- On the bottom half of each roll, fan out a few slices of tomato. Top each with 3 slices of mozzarella. Place the skillet under the broiler for about 3 minutes. Check on the sandwiches; if the cheese looks melty and a little runny, they're ready. If the sandwiches need more time, add another 30 seconds to 1 minute of broiling, then check again. Remove from the broiler, top each sandwich with the basil and the other half of the roll, and serve.
- **Substitutions:** In place of tomatoes >> try nectarines, peaches or grilled zucchini rounds. Not into cheese? >> Use slices of soft or silken tofu. You could also use vegan mozzarella, such as Miyoko's brand, though it will need less time under the broiler. No garlic? >> Skip it, or use an infused oil. Instead of pricey balsamic vinegar >> you could use a few drops of any balsamic vinegar and a few drops of honey. In the offseason >> use roasted tomatoes in place of fresh.

Nutrition | Per sandwich: 579 calories, 48g carbohydrates, 48mg cholesterol, 29g fat, 3g fiber, 29g protein, 11g saturated fat, 135mg sodium, 5g sugar

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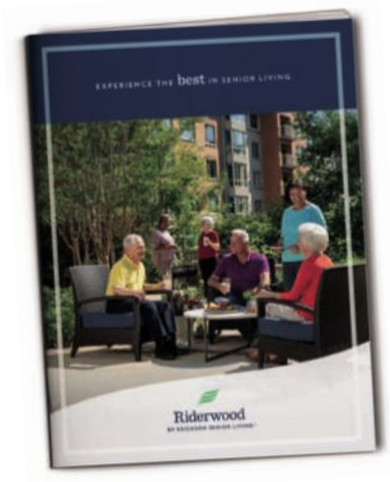
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Q&A

AARON HUTCHERSON AND BECKY KRYSTAL

Each Wednesday at noon, Post food writer Aaron Hutcherson and recipes editor Becky Krystal answer questions and provide practical cooking advice in a chat with readers at washingtonpost.com/community. *Here are edited excerpts. Recipes whose names are capitalized can be found at our Recipes landing page at* washingtonpost.com/recipes.

Q: Any tips for cleaning a spice grinder well enough so there aren't traces of the previous spice being passed on to the next one?
A: Grind a few tablespoons of white rice to help dislodge any of the previous spices that might be stuck. Then just wipe it out and you should be good to go.

— Aaron Hutcherson

Q: I see warnings against using bagged shredded cheese. Could you explain why? Is there a good use for the bag of Swiss that I possess?
A: Bagged shredded cheese often has starches to keep the shreds from sticking together. Those can sometimes affect how well the cheese melts or integrates into a sauce. If you have some to use up, I think it's fine in something like a quesadilla or grilled cheese, or maybe as a soup topping. But I would avoid it in any kind of situation where it needs to meld into a dish, such as in mac and cheese or another smooth sauce.

— Becky Krystal

Q: Are wax paper and parchment paper interchangeable? I use parchment to line pans and wax to roll out pastry, but do I need both?
A: No, they are not completely interchangeable. Although parchment paper can do everything (at least that I can think of) that wax paper can do, it's not true the other way around. (You should not bake with wax paper where it's not completely covered by the food.) I only keep parchment paper in my kitchen.

— A.H.

Q: How can I use my recipe for our family's traditional pumpkin pie to turn that filling into muffins? Because of travel distances, most are taking desserts home. Muffins would travel better than pie.
A: I think you make Daniela Galarza's Pumpkin Tassies!

— B.K.

Q: I have developed a butter allergy. What would you recommend as a substitute for making biscuits?
A: My first guess would be vegetable shortening, coconut oil or a plant-based butter, but I'm not sure whether that would be a direct swap without making other adjustments. We have a recipe for Vegan Sweet Potato Coconut Biscuits that you can try.

— A.H.

Q: I recently bought a box of soft-serve ice cream. I have gotten this before, and it always had a smooth texture. This time, it seems a little bit crunchy, although there is nothing mixed in, not even a caramel swirl. I put a tablespoon of it in a cup and waited five minutes. The crunchiness was largely gone. Is it safe to eat?
A: Yes, it should be safe. I'm guessing this is a storage issue. The ice cream softened at some point, then refroze, so it got icy. By letting it sit out, those crystals probably melted enough to make the texture better.

— B.K.

Q: How long does it actually take to caramelize one medium onion in a nonstick pan? Recipes seem to think it takes 5 minutes, and I've spent up to 20 minutes stirring those slices of stubbornly non-caramelized alliums in there.
A: For classic caramelized onions, I would budget about 30 minutes.

— A.H.



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ABOVE: Daniela Galarza's Pumpkin Tassies. BELOW: Vegan Sweet Potato Coconut Biscuits. Both recipes are available at wapo.st/recipes.



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'No one is in charge here but you': 6 tips for becoming a better cook

BRAVE FROM **E1**

Building confidence in the kitchen won't automatically turn a beginner into a five-star chef, but understanding basic techniques can mean the difference between beautifully browned onions kissed with just the right amount of caramelization and a pile of charred onion bits. "Once you learn very small things, you can up your game very quickly," Clair says.

Here's how to boost your kitchen confidence for whenever you step up to the stove.

Start with the hips

Knowing how and where to stand is where Clair begins. "I often have to move people so their hips are in line with the cutting board or the stove." Keeping your hips square with your workstation provides stability, and having all your ingredients within reach when cooking allows you to stay in front of the stove, reducing the chance of food burning or pots boiling over. A professional chef stays firmly in one spot for good reason, an example we can follow at home.

Get a grip

The handle of that skillet is your friend. Hold on to it with one hand to keep the pan from sliding around the stove as you cook. It's equally important to take a firm hold, with your other hand, of wooden spoons, spatulas, tongs and other cooking implements. You are in charge of those tools, not the other way around. Having physical control of the utensils is an important confidence-builder, in the same way that you may nonchalantly grab a hammer to tap in a nail to hang a painting.

Don't fear the heat

Knowing how to properly heat a pan and when to add oil can be a game changer. For a stainless-steel pan, heat the dry pan over medium-high heat (you may see faint wisps of smoke around the edge of the pan, which is fine), then add the oil; this helps prevent sticking. If you tilt the pan and the oil moves in thin, fast ripples, then the pan is ready for your ingredients; if the oil is slower and smooth, keep heating until it thins. For a nonstick pan, heat the pan and the oil together. With frying, when you have a large amount of oil, don't drop in pieces of, say, floured chicken from a height, causing hot oil to splash. Instead, use tongs to gently add food to the pan right at the surface of the oil.



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Saute like a pro

Vegetables and proteins are sauteed so they are lightly browned and tender, with a bit of bite. Add the ingredients in a single layer to a hot, oiled pan. If the pan is crowded, then the ingredients will steam and won't brown, so cook in batches if needed. Give the ingredients a minute, or a few, to start to take on color, then stir or flip so every part of the ingredient gets a chance to brown in the hot fat. Pro tip: After you remove the ingredients, make a quick pan sauce by adding liquid — such as wine, vinegar or broth — to deglaze, heating over medium heat and loosening the browned bits as the sauce thickens. The result is liquid gold to pour over your cooked ingredients.

To stir or not to stir

Some things need stirring; others do not. Rice needs to cook undisturbed in a covered pot, as the grains absorb the moisture, while spaghetti should be cooked without a lid and stirred occasionally to keep the strands separate. When searing proteins, let them sizzle in a hot pan for a few minutes before turning them over. When they are ready to turn, they should easily release from the pan without sticking. With soups and stews, be sure to stir every so often, using the spoon to scrape the bottom of the pot. If the ingredients are sticking to the bottom, it's time to lower the heat to prevent burning. No matter what, stir with confidence, but not so aggressively that your ingredients are torn to bits, and not so lightly that the ingredients risk cooking unevenly.

Smoke vs. steam

Make sure you know whether you're looking at smoke or steam, as well as how to respond to it, or use it to your advantage. "Smoke means things are burning," warns Clair, "while steam adds or subtracts moisture." The presence of a little smoke coming off the pan is generally not a huge concern, but it does tell the cook that it's time to turn the heat down just a bit to prevent burning. Steam can affect cooking in different ways. For instance, when making a tomato sauce, keeping the pan uncovered helps the sauce thicken and become more concentrated as the steam evaporates. But if you have a sauce that is too thick, covering it with the lid uses the moisture already present in the food, trapping it to create condensation and loosen things up.



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Why don't all restaurants serve ice water?

ICE FROM **E1**

ice water in Winter? Both my wife and I ask for no ice regularly, and it is pretty much the norm in Europe."

Susan Gage Caterers in Landover, Md., oversees about 4,000 events a year. That's a lot of ice — a crucial detail at any gathering, says owner Chappall Gage, whose company uses up to six pounds of ice per guest, for chilling and consumption, for major parties. "Ice is cheap, a dollar or two a bag," says the caterer. "Running out of ice is expensive," he says. Say you spend $400 on alcohol for a party and the ice disappears, he says. Party over, basically. "There's nothing worse than a warm vodka soda or white wine."

The company exclusively serves bottled water — filtered tap water in recycled bottles — at its functions, and it tries to pour the iced content close to seating time. Too early, especially in hot weather, Gage says, and the glasses sweat in the heat, creating puddles on the table and, sometimes, discoloration on fancy linens.

Gage's personal preference? "No ice" in water signals "a high level of service" when dining out. He might be on to something. An informal survey of upscale Washington restaurants, including Fiola, Kinship, L'Ardente and Xiquet by Danny Lledó, reveals they all omit ice in water glasses. The chef-owner at Xiquet, Danny Lledó, says he does that so guests aren't "chewing or biting" when they drink, and to avoid water splashing on the table.

A notable exception is the much-heralded Inn at Little Washington, whose tap water comes from several springs that feed into a reservoir on the edge of town in the eastern foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Diners who ask for regular water get that, plus ice cubes made from the same source. Cachet all the way.

One commenter on my chat, RockCrosby, had another theory: "They might be leaving ice out of your water because the ice is dirty/contaminated. Lots of grabbing hands."

But a restaurant inspector in the District says he has never closed a place because of a dirty ice machine. "I make them turn it off and clean it while I'm doing the inspection," says the agent, who agreed to text on the condition of anonymity because he's not allowed to talk to the media. "And when I say clean it … I mean remove and melt all the ice and clean and sanitize all the inner workings."

Not all dining venues are the same. "Ice in hotels is sketchy because no one takes off the front panel to clean it," the inspector says. "Also, a lot of inspectors forget about ice machines outside of the kitchen when they do hotel inspection." That said, he prefers ice in his glass, even in his local dive bar, where, he jokes, "I'm hoping the Scotch" is "off-setting something."

I'll confess I'm agnostic about ice in water, although I like it chilled. And I really like the way it's offered at Zaytinya by José Andrés in Washington, where a server simply asks, "Ice water all right?" instead of pushing designer bottles of still or sparkling water. (My free splash from the tap contained just enough filtered-water cubes to remind me that I wasn't in Europe, but nothing close to a brain freeze.) General Manager Alan Grublauskas calls the water routine "Zaytinya's SOP," or standard operating procedure, a gesture of hospitality.

The U.S. preference for frozen cubes in H2O is nothing new. "I think that there is but a single specialty with us, only one thing that can be called by the wide name 'American,'" Mark Twain wrote. "That is the national devotion to ice-water." Boston native Frederic Tudor was successful in promoting ice in beverages in the 19th century, during which he shipped ice from New England to New Orleans, the Caribbean and elsewhere, according to a 2016 story in Epicurious. One way the Ice King scored customers was by giving people free iced drinks before charging them. "A man who has drank his drinks cold at the same expense for one week can never be presented with them warm again," Tudor said.

Martin Riese, who has 30 years in the hospitality business under his belt, including at the high-end Patina Restaurant Group in Los Angeles, declines ice when he eats out. "It dilutes the drink and doesn't make it better," he says, still bothered by a whiff of chlorine from a recent beverage chilled by ice cubes made from tap water. Plus, with ice, diners are "numbing up [their] tasting abilities."

Such sentiments are to be expected of a man who relocated from his native Germany on an "Einstein" visa and who has made a career out of being a water sommelier. Co-founder of the International Water Alliance, Riese is no snob. "It's totally fine to drink filtered tap water" at home, which he says he does. If a restaurant doesn't have a water he likes, he selects from six bottles he stows in his car.

"So far," he jokes, "no one has charged me a corkage fee."

WINE RECOMMENDATIONS

Three white wines ideal for early fall weather highlight our selection this week: Textbook sauvignon blanc from the Loire Valley, an exceptional white Rhone blend, and a mountain cuvée from northern Italy have the heft and acidity to match heartier foods of autumn.

— *Dave McIntyre*

GREAT VALUE
Domaine Bellevue Touraine Sauvignon 2023
★★★☆
Loire Valley, France, $17
This winery is a perennial favorite, so consider this your annual reminder to stock up for casual dinners of seafood, roast chicken and anything with goat cheese. The wine echoes the minerality of the more expensive Sancerre wines to the east, but with a softer texture and more emphasis on fruit flavors of honeydew melon, green fig and star fruit. Alcohol by volume: 13 percent. Bottle weight: 465 grams (Light).

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Domaine les Aphillanthes Clémentia Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc 2022
★★★½
Rhone Valley, France, $21
This blend of viognier, roussanne and clairette offers a summer garden in a glass: Honeysuckle, jasmine and rose petals seem to perfume the wine, and a waxy lanolin texture hints of honeycomb and bumblebees buzzing around the flowers. There are probably butterflies, too, though I have no idea what they taste or smell like. But they add beauty to the picture. Certified organic, biodynamic. ABV: 12 percent. BW: 620 grams (Average).

Imported by Weygandt-Metzler. Distributed locally by Prestige Ledroit.

Kellerei Cantina Terlan Cuvée Terlaner 2023
★★★½
Alto Adige, Italy, $36
This wine is a bit of a splurge, but its structure and intensity display the quality of mountain wine from Alto Adige in northern Italy. Yes, we can parse flavors of green apple and white peach from this blend of pinot bianco, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc, but we can also let go of this tendency to dissect a wine into its constituent flavors and just revel in how it conveys the essence of its mountain terroir. ABV: 13.5 percent. BW: 645 grams (Heavy).

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Legend

★ Good: The wine delivers what it promises at a fair price. If it says chardonnay, it tastes like chardonnay.
★★ Excellent: A wine with character and added interest. May elevate your eyebrows at the first sip.
★★★ Extraordinary: An exciting wine that stands out from others in its class. Fist-pumping, table-thumping good.
★★★★ Sublime: Otherworldly. May have you thinking, "So this is what they were talking about."



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FROM LEFT: Domaine Bellevue Touraine Sauvignon 2023; Domaine les Aphillanthes Clémentia Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc 2022; Kellerei Cantina Terlan Cuvée Terlaner 2023.

Flavored salts add a lot with a little. Here's how to make them yourself.

SALT FROM **E1**

and each variety can taste different. Even within the subgroups, there's variation. Morton's kosher salt is significantly finer than Diamond Crystal's — which means a little goes a longer way. That's all to say: Pay attention, and opt for a coarser, flakier salt if you're infusing.

With a flavored salt, you want the increased texture that a larger salt crystal will provide. The mixing process can also break down crystals, so if you're starting with something fine, your salt could end up resembling a powder.

Try to work with coarse salt, such as kosher, Maldon (a sea salt with a relatively large, pyramid-shaped crystal) or fleur de sel (which is flaky with high minerality). Other artisan salts are readily available, too, and if they're a coarse grind, they'll work. Just make sure to taste them first to test their flavor profile before adding to them.

How to prepare the flavored salt

It's crucial that your flavoring be fully dried-out. If you're using only dried spices — for instance, chili powder for a spicy salt — you can skip this first step. For anything fresh, such as herbs or citrus zest, place it on a parchment-lined baking sheet in the oven at 200 degrees for about 2 hours, until it's dry and crumbles when touched. (You can also use a dehydrator or place the ingredients on a paper-towel-lined plate in the microwave, heating them in 30-second increments until the moisture is gone.)

When it comes to the mixing process, you have options. If you want to ensure your salt retains the coarsest possible grind, mix it by hand, in a bowl with a spoon or offset spatula. A mortar and pestle also works well for a finer grind. If you'd like your blend to be more uniformly incorporated, pulse the salt and flavoring in a food processor or coffee grinder.

Start with 1 teaspoon of flavoring for every ¼ cup of salt. Depending on the potency of your preferred spice or herb, you may want to increase the proportion of flavoring, but to play it safe, start small and increase by ¼ of a teaspoon at a time to suit your taste.

Store the salt in an airtight glass container, and let it sit for at least a day before using it. Flavored salt will last up to a year if properly stored, but the seasoning will subside a bit over time.

Flavor combinations to try

Lime: Lime zest makes for a citrusy kick in a flavored salt. Lemon and orange salt are also great choices for summer dishes — or to use on the rim of a margarita.

Lime and chile: Pair lime with something spicier to use on meat before it hits the grill, on cocktail rims, even on fruit for an unexpected kick. Use a red Hatch chile for a fruity, medium spice or ancho for something milder. Feeling brave? Salt flavored with habanero will pack a ton of heat.

Sage and rosemary: Go herb-heavy for steak and chicken dishes.

Blueberry: Freeze-dried fruits work well in flavored salts, adding a dose of sweetness. Blueberry pairs especially well with steak and pork.

Fennel: Crushed fennel seeds bring a licorice taste, and fennel salt is a great complement to seafood and pork.

Porcini and garlic: Mushroom and garlic is a tried-and-true flavor combination, and it works in salt, too. Use store-bought dried porcini mushrooms and garlic powder in equal proportion.

Green tea: All you need are your favorite loose tea leaves, which are already dried and ready for mixing. Tea-infused salt is best used to season seafood, fruit and poultry.

How to use flavored salt

Flavored salts make a great addition to traditional sides and snacks, such as french fries and popcorn, or other foods you'd salt without thinking. Use it at breakfast on scrambled eggs or avocado toast, or to give dishes you make routinely a fresh twist — a kick of spice or the added note of herbs, for instance.

Flavored salts can add a punch to sweet bites, too. Sprinkle some on a wedge of watermelon or any kind of fruit salad. Salted caramels are a candy mainstay, and a savory flavored salt on top can add a layer of complexity. Try it on top of cookies, brownies and even ice cream.

And don't forget cocktails, either. A salt rim on a margarita or Bloody Mary — or any number of other cocktails — can level up when you infuse that salt with chili powder or lime (or both).



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ABOVE: Clockwise from top left, flavored salts with fennel, blueberry and green tea. Freeze-dried fruits work well in these mixes, adding a dose of sweetness. RIGHT: A lime-Aleppo pepper salt blend.





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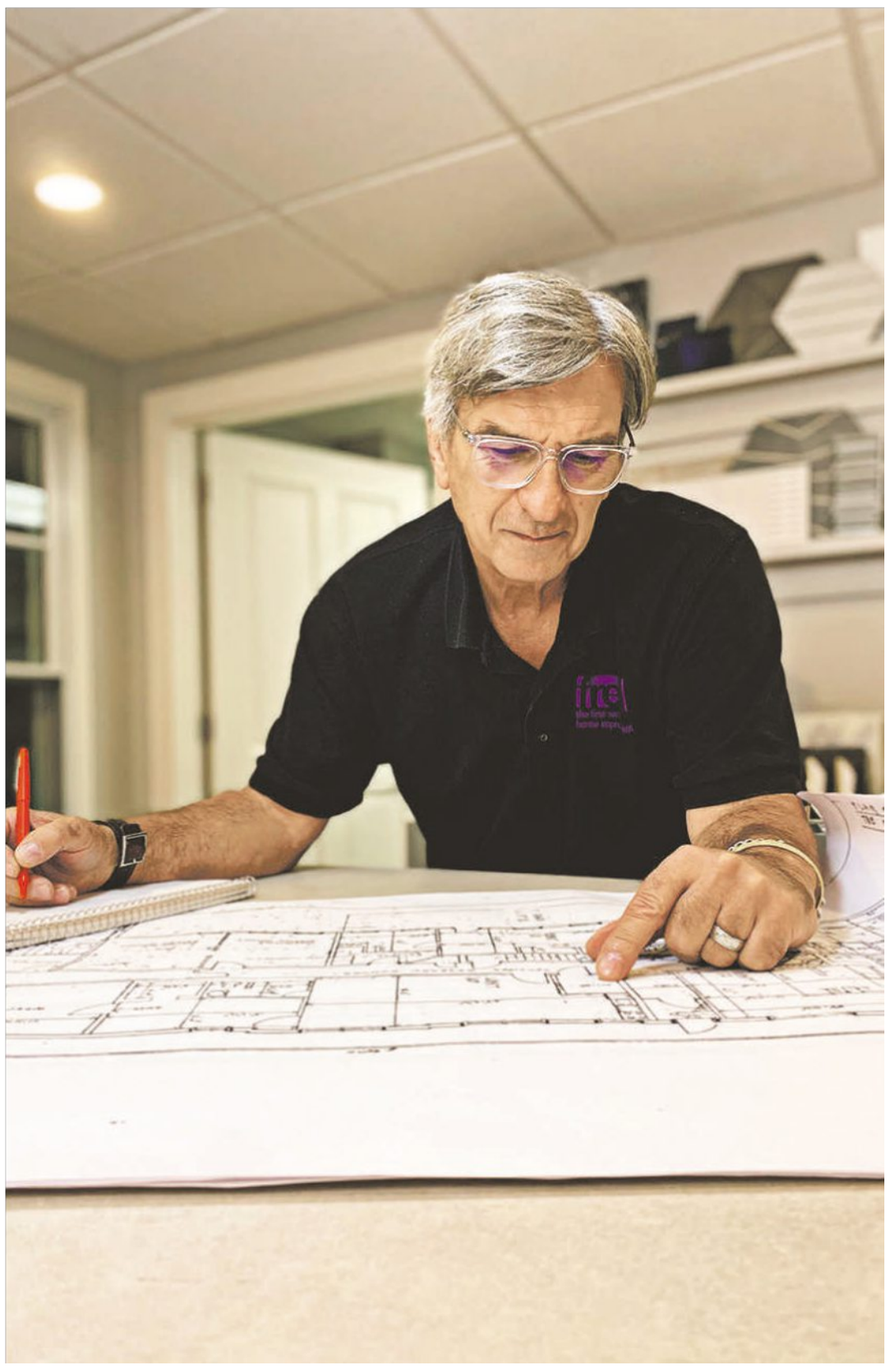
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