

U.S. debt to exceed GDP for 2nd year

Democrats seek major relief spending as GOP warns of economic risk

BY JEFF STEIN

America's federal debt is set to exceed the size of the entire U.S. economy this year for only the second time since the end of World War II, a reflection of the extraordinary emergency measures approved by Congress in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Thursday.

The remarkable surge in federal borrowing is due largely to the more than \$4 trillion in spending approved by the federal government to fight the pandemic since March. As a result, the federal government's debt burden will in 2021 be larger than the size of the total U.S. gross domestic product — a measure of all the goods and services in the economy, according to the CBO. 2020 was the first time this had occurred since 1946, when the country was fresh out of the Second World War.

Democratic lawmakers and many economists say another spending blitz is necessary to stabilize an economy that has stalled out and a job market that faces the prospect of permanent scarring.

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Biden vow to reopen most schools poses political test

BY LAURA MECKLER AND ANNIE LINSKEY

One of Joe Biden's central campaign promises sounded simple: reopen most schools within his first 100 days in office. The politics and the logistics have proved far more complicated.

The outcome is significant for Biden, with much of the country eager for schools to reopen. But politically, it's dicey, as he is forced to balance the interests and wishes of many parents and children against the fears of teachers and their unions.

Many parents, including those in politically crucial suburbs, crave the normalcy that will come with the reopening of classrooms, which have been closed for nearly a year in much of the country. But few groups did more to push Biden's candidacy than teachers unions, which have resisted returning to school buildings in communities across the country.

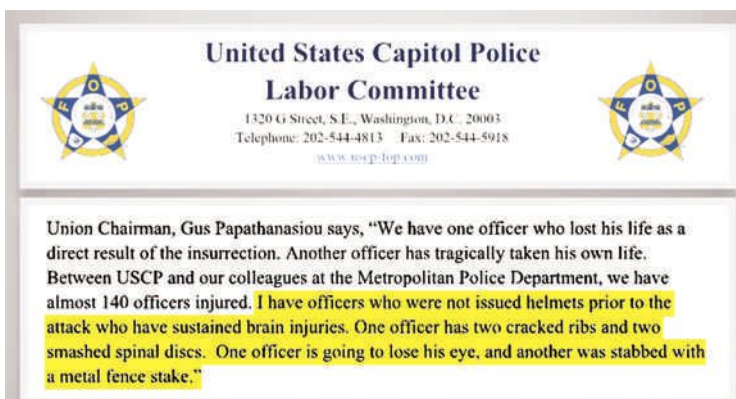
"I think it's time for schools to reopen safely — safely," he said in an interview with CBS News, emphasizing the final word. In case his loyalties are not clear, he often mentions that first lady Jill Biden is a teacher.

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Some of the evidence presented Thursday at the impeachment trial lays bare the violent toll taken on police officers during the Jan. 6 insurrection. Impeachment managers argued that former president Donald Trump showed a lack of remorse for what happened.

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"We humbly, humbly ask you to convict President Trump for the crime for which he is overwhelmingly guilty of. Because if you don't, if we pretend this didn't happen, or worse, if we let it go unanswered, who's to say it won't happen again?"

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), House impeachment manager

As he blasted Pence, Trump likely knew VP was in peril

BY ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN AND JOSH DAWSEY

Mounting evidence emerging as former president Donald Trump's impeachment trial unfolds in the Senate this week indicates Trump may have been personally informed that Vice President Mike Pence was in physical

danger during the Jan. 6 Capitol siege, just moments before denigrating him on Twitter.

Trump's decision to tweet that Pence lacked "courage" — a misfire sent shortly after the vice president had been rushed off the Senate floor — underscores how he delayed taking action to stop his supporters as they ransacked

the Capitol.

Many of them were intent on doing harm to Pence, whom Trump had singled out at a rally earlier in the day, falsely claiming the vice president had the power to stop Congress from formalizing Joe Biden's electoral college victory.

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Migrants in Mexico angry over new arrivals' release into U.S.

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ

MATAMOROS, MEXICO — Cuban asylum seeker Yuleydis Caballero has been living in a migrant tenement in this border town for nearly 18 months, waiting for her day in a U.S. immigration court under the Trump administration's "Remain in Mexico" policy. So when she learned that families that recently crossed the border illegally have been allowed to stay

Admission of families under Biden frustrates waiting asylum seekers

in the United States under the new Biden administration, Caballero's anger boiled over.

"They tell us to be patient, be patient, be patient. But from

where do they want us to draw patience? We have nothing left," Caballero said. "We don't understand why Trump was able to change policy one day to the next but a new president can't change our situation one day to the next."

Biden's suspension of the "Remain in Mexico" program — officially known as Migrant Protection Protocols — has left a policy void that is fueling frustration among asylum seekers who say

they have tried to follow the rules and navigate ever-changing policies in hopes the United States would consider their petitions for protection. But the sudden surge of migrants crossing the border illegally, taking advantage of the opportunity to stay in the United States, has left those who have spent months waiting in Mexican border camps for court dates feeling disrespected and betrayed. The White House has signaled

that it plans to replace "Remain in Mexico" with new asylum processes but said Wednesday that implementing those policies will take time.

In the meantime, some in the migrant camps are calculating the risks of paying smugglers to help them cross the Rio Grande or putting pressure on ports of entry by crossing as one large group.

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In conversation with Jonathan Capehart

Move to rearrest Rittenhouse denied

Teen charged with killing two people was accused of violating release terms

BY KIM BELLWARE

Kyle Rittenhouse, who is charged with killing two people during unrest in Kenosha, Wis., last summer, will remain free on \$2 million bond despite prosecutors' efforts to have him rearrested because he violated the terms of his release.

Kenosha County Circuit Judge Bruce Schroeder denied the motion at a virtual hearing Thursday that included statements from the man who survived being shot by Rittenhouse and the father of a man who did not. Rittenhouse appeared virtually, wearing a surgical mask as he sat in an office next to his attorney Mark D. Richards.

Schroeder acknowledged that the 18-year-old had failed to keep the court apprised of his residence but disagreed with arguments by Assistant District Attorney Thomas C. Binger, noting that Rittenhouse's release conditions require only that the defendant provide the court with his address, not that he actually reside there.

"To issue a warrant now for a defendant that has appeared at every hearing would be breaking the law, and I'm not going to do it," Schroeder said, adding that he lacked the authority to issue the kind of warrant Binger requested.

The legal battle about Rittenhouse's release terms is just the latest flare-up in a case that has become politically polarizing — with Rittenhouse as the divisive central figure. Several pro-gun and conservative groups have embraced the 18-year-old as a hero; critics, meanwhile, assail Rittenhouse as a dangerous vigilante who broke the law and is being shielded from consequences that non-White defendants rarely avoid.

Kenosha County prosecutors petitioned the court last week to rearrest Rittenhouse and increase his bond by \$200,000 after they said he did not properly disclose his address; Rittenhouse's attorneys responded that he moved to a safe house at an undisclosed location because of threats against his life.

In virtual court Thursday, Schroeder ordered Richards to provide the address where Rittenhouse is actually staying and said it would be kept secret from everyone but the judge, the court clerk and the sheriff. Schroeder said the decision was in the interest of safety, though Binger, whose office was excluded from the disclosure, objected to the arrangement.



NAM Y. HUH/POOL/REUTERS

Kyle Rittenhouse attends an extradition hearing Oct. 30 in Waukegan, Ill. Rittenhouse, 18, has been charged with killing two people with an AR-15-style rifle during unrest in Kenosha, Wis., last summer.

During the hour-long hearing, which was at times contentious, Schroeder attempted to head off several arguments that veered too close to the political back-and-forth that has gripped the case. He stressed that he was trying to be as fair as possible to everyone involved.

"This case is not going to be decided by demonstrators of one type or another," he said.

Schroeder rejected calls to raise Rittenhouse's existing bail despite pleas from John Huber, whose son Anthony was among the men Rittenhouse killed, and Gaige Grosskreutz, who survived being shot by Rittenhouse but lost a part of his biceps.

Prosecutors only recently learned that Rittenhouse was not residing at the address in Antioch, Ill., when court papers came back as undeliverable and new residents were found to be living at the location. Rittenhouse's team listed the Antioch address in court filings as recently as January.

The defense filed an updated address under seal last week, which Binger said was only a post office box and not a residence.

"The defendant continues to withhold his actual whereabouts from the Court even under seal," Binger wrote in a filing last week. He told the court that permitting Rittenhouse to "roam freely" before trial is "extremely rare for an accused murderer" and argued that his address should be made public.

Rittenhouse is charged with killing Joseph Rosenbaum, 36, and Anthony Huber, 26, with an AR-15-style rifle on Aug. 25 after protests following the shooting of Jacob Blake by Kenosha police devolved into a chaotic scene that

included arson and looting.

Lawyer John Pierce, who until last week was part of Rittenhouse's civil defense team, wrote in a November affidavit that Rittenhouse, his family and his legal team had been inundated with deadly threats since his arrest.

"Half the country would like to see this kid killed," Pierce said.

"To issue a warrant now for a defendant that has appeared at every hearing would be breaking the law."

Bruce Schroeder, a Kenosha County Circuit Court judge, denying a motion to rearrest Kyle Rittenhouse, who was accused of violating the terms of his release

As of last week, Pierce told The Washington Post that he was not able to immediately produce copies of the threats Rittenhouse allegedly received, saying they were diffused across multiple social media platforms, and email and voice-mail accounts of different parties. Pierce described some of the messages as threatening grave bodily harm.

Prior email and phone requests to Richards and Corey Chirafisi, another of Rittenhouse's attorneys in the criminal case, seeking copies of the alleged threats received no response.

Only 17 at the time of the shootings and too young to legally possess the AR-15-style firearm in Wisconsin, Rittenhouse previous-

ly told The Post that he had a friend purchase the weapon on his behalf using money from a government stimulus program. On the night of the shooting, Rittenhouse traveled across the Illinois border to Kenosha in response to a call-out by a self-styled militia group in that city for "patriots" to protect local businesses.

Rittenhouse's legal team said the shootings were in self-defense, an argument that attracted conservative supporters — including then-President Donald Trump — who cast him as a foil to protesters. Rittenhouse secured his freedom in November after online supporters raised his \$2 million cash bond.

After Rittenhouse was released on bond, he was spotted at a bar in Wisconsin (adults younger than 21 can drink in Wisconsin if accompanied by a parent) posing for celebratory photos with members of the Proud Boys, a far-right group with a history of violence, while flashing hand signs associated with white supremacy.

The bar scene prompted prosecutors to adjust the terms of his release and prohibit him from drinking alcohol, displaying signs or symbols linked to white supremacy and affiliating with white-supremacist groups.

In Kenosha, where Black and Latino residents have long complained of disparate treatment by police and the justice system, many have questioned what they view as the more lenient treatment of Rittenhouse, who is White, despite the seriousness of his charges.

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Mark Berman contributed to this report.

DIGEST**WEATHER****6 killed in pileup on icy Texas interstate**

A massive crash involving more than 130 vehicles on an icy Texas interstate left at least six people dead and dozens injured Thursday amid a winter storm that dropped freezing rain, sleet and snow on parts of the United States.

At the scene of the crash on Interstate 35 near downtown Fort Worth, a tangle of semitrailers, cars and trucks had smashed into each other, with some vehicles on top of others.

"There were multiple people that were trapped within the confines of their vehicles and requiring the use of hydraulic rescue equipment to successfully extricate them," said Fort Worth Fire Chief Jim Davis.

At least 65 people sought care at hospitals, with 36 of them taken by ambulance from the crash site, including several with critical injuries, said Matt Zavadsky, spokesman for

MedStar, which provides the ambulance service for the area. Police set up a reunification center for family members at a community center.

Farther south, in Austin, more than two dozen vehicles were involved in a pileup on an icy road, and one person was injured, emergency officials said.

Elsewhere, ice storm warnings were in effect from Arkansas to Kentucky, while another winter storm was predicted to bring snow to Mid-Atlantic states, the National Weather Service said.

More than 125,000 homes and businesses were without electricity Thursday morning, largely in Kentucky and West Virginia, according to the website poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports.

Meanwhile, officials in central Kentucky were urging people to stay home due to icy conditions.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D) said state offices would be closed due to the weather. He declared a state of emergency, which he said would free up funding and help agencies

coordinate as they respond to reports of slick roads and downed power lines.

Crews were responding to numerous calls of downed icy tree limbs and power lines, Lexington, Ky. police said in a tweet that urged people not to travel "unless absolutely necessary."

— *Associated Press*

NEW YORK**No charges for officers who pushed protester**

A grand jury has dismissed assault charges against two suspended Buffalo police officers who were filmed last summer pushing a 75-year-old protester who fell to the ground and was hospitalized with a brain injury.

Erie County District Attorney John Flynn did not explain the jury's decision-making on Thursday, emphasizing that the proceedings in the high-profile case are secret. Video of the incident quickly went viral in June amid protests and intense criticism of police use of force following the killing of George Floyd. After he is pushed, Martin Gugino falls backward onto the pavement and is then seen motionless and bleeding.

The case sparked a public outcry against police violence and a rebellion within the Buffalo Police Department. Dozens of officers resigned from a special squad over the decision to suspend Officers Aaron Torgalski and Robert McCabe.

A lawyer for Gugino, who was eventually released from the hospital, did not immediately respond to requests for comment, nor did the local police union and a lawyer for the two officers.

A spokesman for the Buffalo police, Capt. Jeff Rinaldo, said Thursday that both officers are still suspended pending the

outcome of an internal affairs investigation.

Video of Gugino's fall, taken by local radio station WBFO, showed him approaching a line of police. Officers shoved him amid yells of "Push him back! Push him back!" Gugino fell, which was followed by a loud noise. He began to bleed from the head, which was seen in graphic footage that drew national criticism.

A Buffalo police statement initially said that a man was injured when he "tripped and fell" during "a skirmish involving protesters." Then the video emerged. Gugino was violating curfew at the time, Flynn said Thursday, but he should not have been shoved.

— *Hannah Knowles*

MINNESOTA**Diocese settles sex abuse claims**

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester in Minnesota says it has reached a \$21.5 million settlement with 145 individuals who were sexually abused by its clergy members.

It's the last Catholic diocese in the state to settle its abuse claims, filed in response to a 2013 law that temporarily extended the statute of limitations on abuse cases. The diocese was one of five in Minnesota that had filed for protection from its creditors in Bankruptcy Court in response to abuse claims against its priests.

The settlement, announced Wednesday, allows the diocese to submit a financial reorganization plan to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for final approval.

The dioceses of St. Cloud, New Ulm and Duluth and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis have emerged from bankruptcy.

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Minn. shooting suspect raised red flags, officials say

Records show restraining order filed by doctor and DUI charges

BY SHEILA REGAN,
MARK BERMAN
AND TIM CRAIG

BUFFALO, MINN. — The man accused of shooting five people at a rural Minnesota health clinic also detonated three explosive devices inside the facility as he opened fire on medical staff and patients, authorities said Thursday, amid deepening questions over whether the suspect should have been more closely monitored by law enforcement agencies before his deadly rampage.

Gregory Paul Ulrich, 67, was formally charged Thursday with one count of second-degree murder, four counts of attempted murder, and one count each of carrying a pistol without a permit and “gross disregard for life and property” by utilizing an explosive device. Bail was set at \$5 million.

“The behavior of Mr. Ulrich implicated the safety of the public in the highest regard,” Wright County Attorney Brian Lutes said during a brief court hearing, conducted over Zoom. “He went to that clinic knowing he was going to shoot that clinic up. He went to that clinic knowing he was going to ignite those bombs, and that is just what he did.”

Ulrich, who reportedly was battling an opioid addiction and was upset that a doctor who worked at the clinic had stopped issuing him prescriptions for the drug, did not speak during the hearing. His public defender declined to file a formal plea in the case, pending another hearing next month.

The shooting appears to be the latest in a long line of violent public attacks that occurred after ominous warnings and red flags by those later accused of carrying them out. But authorities struggled Thursday to answer questions about how Ulrich obtained the gun allegedly used during the attack and whether police should have known sooner that he could pose a threat to the clinic’s staff.

According to charging documents, Ulrich stormed the reception area of Buffalo’s Allina Medical Clinic, about 40 miles northwest of Minneapolis, on Tuesday and shot five people, one of them fatally, with a 9mm pistol. Ulrich, who authorities and records show had a history of making threats against clinic staff, had packed black gunpowder into cylinder containers to construct at least four explosive devices.

Authorities say Ulrich detonated two of the devices in the clinic’s lobby and another in a nearby hallway, causing explosions that ripped a hole in a metal door and shattered windows. A fourth unexploded device was found nearby, and authorities later discovered a pound of gunpowder at his previous residence.

Speaking at a news conference, Lutes said Ulrich did not have an extensive criminal record, although he was prosecuted on several charges of driving while intoxicated from 2004 to 2006.

Lutes also confirmed that a doctor who worked at the Allina Clinic filed a restraining order



DAVE SCHWARZ/ST. CLOUD TIMES/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer, citing state confidentiality laws, declined to discuss whether a man who is accused of shooting five people at a Minnesota health clinic and detonating explosive devices had legally gotten a permit to buy his firearm.



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Gregory Paul Ulrich faces charges of attempted murder and of second-degree murder.

against Ulrich in 2018 because of threats.

Within a few months, Ulrich faced a misdemeanor charge of violating that order, which was handled by local prosecutors in Buffalo, Lutes said. But before that case could be heard, Ulrich was determined to be “incompetent,” and under Minnesota law misdemeanors are to be dismissed under those circumstances, Lutes said.

Ulrich’s brother, Richard, told The Washington Post earlier this week that Gregory Ulrich had worked in construction and became addicted to opioids a few years ago after he had back surgery for an old injury he had suffered on the job. He said his brother was angry and upset that doctors had stopped giving him prescriptions for the medication.

Still, a man who used to live with Ulrich told The Post that Ulrich was still able to obtain a permit to buy a Smith & Wesson handgun.

In Minnesota, permits to carry handguns are issued by county sheriffs or local police departments. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension says on its website that such permits can be denied by a sheriff “if there is a

substantial likelihood that the applicant is a danger to himself/herself or others if issued a permit to carry.” The five-page application to purchase or carry guns include things that would disqualify a person from obtaining a permit, including being convicted of domestic violence or judicially committed to a mental health or drug treatment facility.

The weapons charge against Ulrich suggests he may not have had a permit to carry a gun in public.

But Lutes and Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer both declined to discuss whether Ulrich had legally obtained a permit to buy his firearm, citing Minnesota confidentiality laws involving the possession or transfer of firearms.

Lutes said that his office was working to get a court order signed by a judge to release those records, but the order was denied.

“We cannot make comments on that,” Lutes said. “The Minnesota government data is very private. This is private, not public data. And so we have to be very careful about what we release.”

But in response to a reporter’s question at a news conference, Deringer said it is not uncommon for Minnesota law enforcement agencies to mistakenly issue some permits, which he said can occur because of “human error.”

“The flags are there in the systems that we have,” Deringer said. “And that system is overlooked, or the flag is overlooked. The other thing is sometimes, and I’ve said this before, is you have to have a master’s degree to read some of these criminal histories. They’re not always clear . . . So sometimes they do slip through the cracks.”

As related directly to Ulrich’s alleged behaviors, Deringer said his office was aware that he has made “previous threats” but added none of those threats were made “in the past several months or even a year.”

“Or we would have taken im-

mediate action to try to circumvent or prevent what happened Tuesday,” Deringer said. “If we are going to push blame, I ask people to push blame where blame is due, and that is on a suspect who decided to go into a Buffalo clinic and victimize people who are truly trying to help their communities.”

Research has found that armed attackers who open fire in public places have often worried people around them and left red flags that littered their paths to violence. An FBI study of active shooters, released in 2018, found that attackers had behaved in concerning ways noticed by others beforehand.

These attackers did not just snap one day, the study’s authors

said. Most were fueled by “a grievance of some kind,” the study found, often some sort of action taken against them beforehand. Even if these grievances were not “reasonable or even grounded in reality,” the study said, they still helped give these attackers a sense of purpose.

The study examined dozens of attackers who opened fire in public places between 2000 and 2013. Most of them, the study noted, had obtained their guns legally.

“The notion that somebody impulsively walks down the street and randomly selects a facility is just not true,” said Matthew Doherty, who used to run the Secret Service’s Threat Assessment Center and is now a security consultant with Jensen Hughes.

“They’re planned in advance.”

In Parkland, Fla., where 17 people were killed at a high school in 2018, law enforcement officials acknowledged later that they had received repeated warnings about the alleged shooter. After a gunman killed five people in Aurora, Ill., in 2019, prosecutors said that the day of the shooting, the attacker had told a co-worker he would kill people if he got fired hours before that scenario unfolded.

Some states have adopted “red flag” laws that can allow relatives or law enforcement officials to petition courts to restrict a person’s access to guns. Minnesota does not have such a law, according to the Giffords Law Center.

The Minnesota shooting is yet another reminder that law enforcement officials need to “conduct threat management, as opposed to conducting a criminal investigation looking for a violation of the law,” Doherty said.

A lot of people might make threats, Doherty said, but what’s important is trying to determine whether they actually pose a threat. That includes examining their communications about possible plans, looking at attempts to purchase weapons and speaking to friends, family, neighbors or others who might have interacted with the person, he said.

“Obviously there were some red flags,” Doherty said of the Buffalo shooting. “But the key is, were there management techniques employed? And at this point, I highly doubt it.”

Minnesota has a strong justice system, but “it’s a look-back system,” said Joseph Tamburino, a criminal defense attorney in Minneapolis and a former public defender. “It’s very difficult to be proactive. So yes, anytime you get a case like Mr. Ulrich’s you can say, well, looking back, things should’ve happened. However, it’s really difficult to say this was missed in some way.”

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Biden balances campaign promise with teachers' wishes

SCHOOLS FROM A1

Biden has repeatedly said he won't push schools to open until his administration produces new safety guidelines and until Congress provides billions of dollars to implement the recommendations. Now he is on the verge of getting both the guidelines, being released Friday, and the funding. But it is unclear whether that will be enough to bring recalcitrant teachers and their unions along or how hard the president will push them.

Some following the debate closely say that in recent weeks, Biden and his aides have appeared careful not to upset the unions.

"I think unions are a very powerful constituency for Biden, and I think that there's a desire to listen to and coordinate on messaging on reopening schools," said Sasha Pudelski, advocacy director for AASA, the School Superintendents Association. As for Biden's 100-day pledge, she said, "He's definitely had to walk it back a little bit."

Since making his 100-day goal, Biden and his aides have repeatedly loosened their definition of an open school, making it easier to meet his target.

Schools where children are in buildings even one day a week will count as "open." Opening "most" schools means 51 percent, a metric the nation has probably already reached. And high schools, which are the most likely to be online only, aren't counted in the measurement at all.

Former Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell, who is close to the president, said he believes the Biden team is feeling discomfort over pushing teachers to go back into buildings. Challenging an ally, he said, is always difficult.

"I think there's always angst when you do it the first time," Rendell said. "But it gets easier."

He added that it's important for Biden to show some independence from even key constituencies. "Tell your friends: 'Look, I'll listen to you. I'll try to abate your concerns. But once I've done all that, I'm going to go forward,'" Rendell said. "You've got to tell your friends that — or else you shouldn't run for office in the first place."

Not all parents want their children back in school. Parents of color, in particular, whose communities have been hit hard by the pandemic, have been hesitant.

But the momentum in recent days has been toward a return to school, with teachers in Chicago agreeing to a deal with the city after weeks of threatening a strike and the teachers union in D.C. voting against authorizing a strike as schools reopened. In addition, more teachers are being vaccinated every day, giving them some comfort. A survey by the National Education Association (NEA) conducted from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3 found that 18 percent of its members had received at least the first of two shots.

On Friday, the Centers for



White House press secretary Jen Psaki tried to retreat from comments by CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, who said vaccinating teachers is not mandatory for reopening schools. "We're going to wait for the final guidance to come out," Psaki said, referring to CDC guidelines.



Then-candidate Joe Biden speaks to the United Federation of Teachers in 2019. He has long-standing, strong ties with teachers.

Disease Control and Prevention will issue much-anticipated guidelines for schools to safely operate in person. In a sign of how carefully the administration is tending to the many stakeholders, the CDC met with more than 70 organizations as it crafted the upcoming guidelines, according to a person familiar with the outreach who was not authorized to discuss it. Groups ranged from the country's two major teachers unions — whose presidents met directly with Biden's CDC head — to organizations focused on children with disabilities, parent groups and even a group focused on charter schools.

But the CDC guidelines will not be significantly different

from the bottom-line message delivered by the agency under the Trump administration, a person familiar with the planning said. The agency is set to again advise that schools can reopen safely, notwithstanding infection rates in the surrounding community, as long as steps are taken to mitigate transmission.

Those steps include mandating masks, keeping distance between students and staff, adopting protocols for hand-washing, cleaning facilities, ventilation in classrooms, and contact tracing when exposures occur.

The CDC will also encourage states to prioritize teachers for vaccination, something the agency has already recommended, but will not set it as a prerequisite

for opening.

Surprises are unlikely in the substance of the recommendations, said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). She has advocated for reopening schools but has had to navigate opposition among her members, particularly in big cities, where facilities were often substandard and mistrust with the administrations was high even before the pandemic. She predicted the new guidelines will be helpful.

"I would expect that the new CDC guidance is going to look a lot like the old guidance, but it's going to be clear, less equivocal and written in better English so people can understand it and adopt it," she said. "Guidance can make a bigger difference [based on] who issues it, even if it's largely the same. In a public health emergency, transparency, consistency and honesty can help create the trust."

Yet teachers might remain skeptical about whether districts properly implement the recommendations, she said, especially in school districts with a history of mistrust.

"What's important is the implementation," she said. "Building of trust and confidence are as important as the rhetoric. Districts have an awful track record of doing what they say they will do."

New federal funding is also on the way. Biden has asked for \$130 billion to help K-12 schools reopen their doors — more than double the dollars provided over two previous packages. It's part

of a larger pandemic relief package that congressional Democrats have fast-tracked. Approval could come as soon as early March.

The funding is aimed at a range of expenses associated with mitigating virus spread inside buildings, with some of the money set aside to address lost learning because of remote instruction.

In the meantime, the White House has appeared tied in knots as it attempts to navigate the politics of reopening, with Biden aides trying to minimize any potential conflicts between the administration and the unions.

Last week, White House press secretary Jen Psaki was asked about a standoff in Chicago between Mayor Lori Lightfoot (D), who was pushing to open school buildings, and the Chicago Teachers Union, which threatened a strike and was refusing to return. She ducked.

"We are hopeful they can reach common ground as soon as possible," she said.

The White House attempted to retreat from comments by Biden's own CDC director, Rochelle Walensky, who told reporters that vaccinating teachers is not a prerequisite for reopening schools.

"There is increasing data to suggest schools can safely reopen, and safe reopening does not suggest teachers need to be vaccinated in order to reopen safely," Walensky said.

Asked about those comments, Psaki said, "Dr. Walensky spoke to this in her personal capacity."

She added, "Obviously, she's the head of the CDC, but we're going to wait for the final guidance to come out so we can use that as a guide for schools around the country."

In late January, the CDC published a study saying it was safe to reopen schools if measures were in place to mitigate transmission of the virus. It cited research in several districts. Asked about this on CNN, White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain appeared to dismiss the findings, saying one of the districts was in rural Wisconsin, where class sizes were small, and saying the district received a grant to help with expenses.

"In other states, we haven't seen those kinds of investments," he said. Asked why unions were overruling studies, he replied, "I don't think unions are overruling studies."

Some close to Biden believe that his priority is getting the classrooms open again and that he understands the cost to children of failing to do so.

"President Biden knows in his bones that children start dropping out of college in third grade," said Rahm Emanuel, who clashed with the Chicago Teachers Union when he was mayor. "If they are not in school, the rest of their lives are fundamentally altered."

Rendell, the former Pennsylvania governor, said the coming CDC guidance should help Biden politically and recommended the president make sure a copy goes to every school district in the country. "He should tell the teachers unions and the teachers, 'I wouldn't have done it if the CDC didn't say it was basically a safe process.'"

Biden's ties to teachers are long-standing and strong. They were on display in early July, when he joined an event for the NEA, the country's largest union, via video from his vacation home in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

"I happened to be married to an NEA member," said Biden, a reference to his wife's former membership, when she was a teacher in Delaware.

During the Democratic primaries, Biden skipped most union-sponsored forums, but he took time for teachers unions. Early last year, both Bidens appeared in person at an AFT forum in Houston. Biden told anecdotes about how his wife was at times recognized more than he was at Delaware events because they ran into so many former students she had taught. "I am a union guy, beginning, middle and end," Biden told them.

And the love goes both ways. Introducing Biden at a virtual NEA event over the summer, then-NEA president Lily García said, "I trust Joe Biden. And not just because he's married to an NEA member — but I will tell you that doesn't hurt. He knows us."

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In the shadow of impeachment trial, president plows ahead on agenda

Biden focuses on 100-day promises as he keeps an eye on action in Senate

BY ANNE GEARAN

White House aides have gone to great lengths this week to emphasize that President Biden is paying minimal attention, if any, to the fiery and harrowing trial of his predecessor unfolding down the street at the Capitol.

But as Biden on Thursday assiduously attended to his agenda — visiting the National Institutes of Health for a vaccine announcement, talking with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg — he let slip that he has at least one eye on the trial of former president Donald Trump.

Biden said he'd seen some of the presentation made by Democratic impeachment managers the day before, though not in real time. Their evidence featured graphic video of beatings, a shooting and the defacing of the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob, as well as new information about how close some senators had come to being overrun by the rioters who shouted "Fight For Trump" as they stormed the halls of the Capitol on Jan. 6.

"I, like other Americans, watched the news," Biden said on

Thursday.

He suggested the video evidence, including previously unseen footage of rioters brutally assaulting police officers, could be powerful enough to move some Republican senators toward convicting Trump.

"My guess is some minds may have been changed, but I don't know," Biden said.

For his official duties, Biden spent Thursday at NIH to visit the Viral Pathogenesis Laboratory there and to talk about the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. In the morning, he hosted Buttigieg by video, along with a bipartisan group of senators in person, to talk about the nation's crumbling bridges and roads.

"I really, honest to God, never have thought of infrastructure as being a partisan issue," Biden told reporters. "It's about, I mean, a lot of bridges in West Virginia, a lot of dangerous spots along Route 9, in terms of Cancer Alley. A lot of places where we're having problems all across the country."

The focus on practical problem-solving is intentional. The trial of the former president taking place in the Senate, no matter how consequential for the country, distracts from the work of the new president. Biden's team believes his political success is directly tied to showing concrete results, especially on the pandemic and the economy.

A 100-day clock is ticking on a

wide range of campaign pledges, but almost everything Biden has done this week was overshadowed by the emotions and revelations of the impeachment trial. Cable television stations opted for wall-to-wall coverage of the trial over Biden's official appearances or the White House daily press briefing.

Yet the president pushed ahead with his sometimes dry appearances. "My job is to deal with the promises I made. And we all know we have to move on. Today, it's about jobs and infrastructure," Biden told reporters.

The split screen between the new president and the old continued throughout the day.

As Biden began a late-afternoon tour of the viral pathogenesis lab, House impeachment managers were wrapping up their case against Trump.

As Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) closed the Senate proceedings for the day and senators prepared for Trump's defense on Friday, reporters traveling with Biden watched as he and Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's top infectious-disease specialist, got an update from scientists on the vaccine effort.

Biden made news, confirming a report in The Washington Post that the government would purchase 200 million additional vaccine doses, in remarks carried live by C-SPAN but apparently not

elsewhere.

"We've now purchased enough vaccine supply to vaccinate all Americans," Biden said as part of an emotional address in which he thanked scientists and medical professionals, adding that his administration's effort to get ahead of the virus had been stymied by failures of the Trump team.

The visit was Biden's third to a federal agency and the first directly linked to the most important short-term objective for his new administration — turning the corner on a pandemic that has killed more than 470,000 Americans.

"With every moment of despair this past year, you and all the heroes and heroines on the front lines of it and the frontiers of this pandemic remind us who we are," Biden said. "We are America. We never give up. We never give in. We give back, and we follow the science and find the answers."

With travel to other parts of the country limited by the pandemic, Biden's short trips outside the White House have become part of a strategy to contrast the new president with his predecessor.

Biden's call to patriotism on behalf of a common good came shortly after the House impeachment managers had played — and replayed — Trump's call to supporters on Jan. 6 to "fight like hell" to overturn the 2020 election results.

Trump sidelined diplomacy and retaliated against diplomats; Biden went to the State Department last week to thank them. Trump threatened to upend American alliances in Asia; Biden went to the Pentagon on Wednesday to thank U.S. troops and recommit to traditional alliances.

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Jen Psaki, White House press secretary

Trump's lawyers have a few days to mount a defense, and the trial is expected to conclude sometime next week. White House advisers say they welcome the chance to turn the page, whatever the outcome. Trump appears to have enough support among Republicans to avoid conviction.

As momentum grew to impeach Trump, some Democrats worried that a drawn-out proceeding would make it harder for Biden to push through his agenda in the critical early weeks of his presidency. The result, a compromise of sorts, has been a fast-moving trial that Biden is trying to navigate around, stressing that the Senate should do as it likes while he focuses on the country's problems.

For days, White House press

secretary Jen Psaki and other aides had politely brushed aside questions about the new president's views and viewing habits when it came to the trial.

Psaki has said Biden was not likely to watch the proceedings live nor receive regular updates. Biden, who served more than three decades in the Senate, would leave it to that body to reach a verdict without his imprimatur, she said.

On Thursday, Psaki took questions on a range of issues, from a computer chip shortage to the difficulties of reopening schools during the pandemic. Elsewhere, the White House announced the first meeting of the National Climate Task Force and released a list of sanctions targets in Myanmar.

Psaki was asked to elaborate on Biden's comments on his reaction to the trial.

Anyone watching "found it harrowing and deeply disturbing," Psaki said. "And, you know, that's certainly how the president felt when he watched it, when he watched some of the clips."

She added that Biden had been "shocked and saddened" by the assault on the Capitol, where he has spent much of his political life, and that the video was a powerful reminder of what Biden called an attack on American democracy.

But when asked whether that meant Biden thinks Trump should be convicted, Psaki was back on message.

"He's not on the jury. He's not in the Senate. He's — his role is to be president of the United States," she said.

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Luis Guerra, advocate with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network



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ASYLUM FROM A1

A 33-year-old Honduran woman, who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear for her safety, said she occasionally retreats from her fenced-in encampment to walk along the mesquite-lined bank of the Rio Grande, fighting the urge to try to swim across.

Her teenage daughters have been able to stay in the United States as unaccompanied minors after crossing the border a few weeks ago. But she remained behind in Matamoros, hoping that the new president would create a faster, legal route for getting her case in front of a U.S. immigration judge. Instead, she's been left questioning whether a river crossing might be the best way to reunite with her daughters.

“I walk alone thinking about how my children beg me every day to join them,” the woman said. “Sometimes I consider throwing myself in there to die, because the longer I’m here, the more I feel like I don’t want to live anymore.”

The Trump administration announced the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) in December 2018, requiring Mexico to host asylum seekers as they await their hearings in the United States. But for many, the court hearings never came, and 20,000 asylum seekers are confined in Mexican tent camps and tenements still waiting for hearing dates.

On his first day in the White House, Biden suspended Trump’s policy, ordering that no new migrants be added to the “Remain in Mexico” process. Although those already living in the Mexican border camps had to stay there, some migrants who cross the border illegally have been allowed to stay in the United States.

As word of the policy shift spreads, the flow of illegal migrants into the United States is growing, and people in border camps are growing angry that those who took a faster but illegal route into the United States are being rewarded.

Yet outcomes for those crossing the border have been inconsistent. Although small groups of vulnerable migrants, such as children, pregnant women and medically fragile individuals, have won entry to the United States on a case-by-case basis, the vast majority of border crossers have been turned back to Mexico or immediately expelled under a Trump-era emergency public-

health order that remains in place under Biden.

An increasing number of migrant families are arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border even as the coronavirus pandemic means that Mexican and U.S. authorities’ capacity to hold large numbers of adults with children is legally constrained. Arrests and detentions along the border rose to nearly 78,000 in January — an unusually high number for a month in which border apprehensions are typically low, data shows. The number of people who attempted multiple crossings also jumped from the previous year.

Fani Benitez’s husband sent for her last month to join him in the United States, where he has lived since 2017 with their young daughter. She journeyed north by bus from Honduras with the couple’s 5-year-old son, not knowing what to expect once she reached the border. The 27-year-old was expelled after crossing into El Paso, but at the insistence of her family, she tried again farther east.

“I was surprised we made it,” said Benitez, who crossed the Rio Grande by raft late Monday. She was intercepted by U.S. immigration officials but soon released. Less than 24 hours later, the exhausted woman was waiting in South Texas for a bus to another state.

Living in squalid border camps for months has left migrants and their children in severe mental distress. Limited financial support from relatives over the past year is drying up. The threat of extortion or exploitation by criminal organizations heightens each day.

About a dozen asylum seekers interviewed said they are willing to give the Biden administration time to untangle what is a complicated web of Trump-era policies to avoid chaos at the border. They said that they are accustomed to clinging to the flimsiest promise of a positive outcome but that in the absence of any plans or proclamations, the information vacuum is being filled with rumor.

The cancellation of court hearings because of the pandemic was a major blow to morale, and the



TOP: Jaqueline Salgado washes laundry Wednesday at a camp in Matamoros, Mexico, where she awaits a U.S. asylum hearing. **ABOVE:** The migrant camps also house families with children.

number of camp residents has declined over months as many have disappeared into Mexico or returned to their countries. The families that have stayed have clung for months to the hope of intervention by a lawyer or advocate, a change in the law or the election of a new administration. But the optimism is wearing thin.

And the psychological consequences for camp inhabitants are dire, migrants said.

“This is killing us,” said Oscar Alonso Lopez, a migrant from Nicaragua seeking political asylum. He spoke from behind the razor-wire fencing erected around the camp by Mexican officials that migrants say makes

it feel like a prison. He entered the MPP process a year ago to await a court date. “We are ill, emotionally. If covid doesn’t kill us, depression will. The stress drives us to make terrible decisions. I left a prison in my country, seeking justice and liberty . . . only to find myself in prison again.”

Advocates and lawyers have been scrambling to separate fact from fiction in the rumors circulating among migrants from Tijuana to Matamoros. Some shelters known for housing Haitian migrants in Tijuana have emptied in recent days as families fled to Reynosa, Mexico — across from McAllen, Tex. — because they received messages that their chances of release into the United States were better there. Several Cuban migrants in the MPP program were turned back after trying to cross from Ciudad Juárez to El Paso this week, according to a WhatsApp chat group of asylum seekers across the border in Mexico.

“It has always been arbitrary who is allowed through the U.S. border,” said Conchita Cruz, co-

executive director of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project. Her group keeps a network of 50,000 asylum seekers updated on immigration policy changes. “The whims of border officials, the capacity of border detention facilities — these are some of the variables that have previously determined whether a family is separated, detained or treated humanely at the border.”

Yoalis Marin has rented housing with other asylum seekers in northern Mexico since arriving in September 2019 from Venezuela with her 8-year-old daughter. Her husband and two eldest daughters are already in Florida after allegedly facing violence in Mexico from armed motorcycle gangs with ties to officials. But after MPP hearings were halted with the onset of the pandemic, she is stuck in a country where she cannot work, is separated from family support and says she faces constant danger.

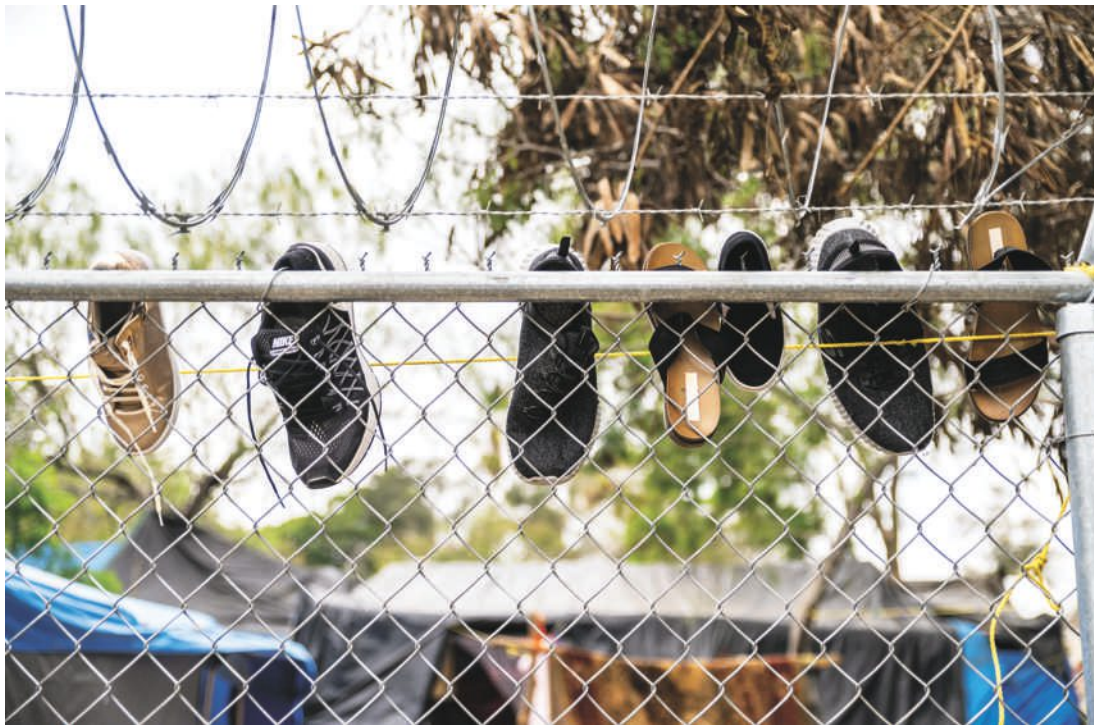
Luis Guerra, a legal advocate on the border with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, said it has been challenging to help guide clients or answer questions about whether hearings will occur or be rescheduled, without any concrete answers from the administration in Washington. Most of the group’s work lately involves debunking rumors and giving families the best available information to make decisions. The recent migrant releases into the United States make that job much harder.

“It’s hard to tell people to wait when their situations are unimaginable for most of us who have the privilege of not having to worry about safety, food or proper shelter,” Guerra said. “People need to understand that the previous administration created a fiction of legal process where people were set up to fail. MPP was never actually created for legitimate asylum cases to have a fair chance in court. Remain in Mexico, as its known, is not a matter of waiting in a DMV line; it’s being in a DMV line while you’re actively running for your life.”

Cuban asylum seeker Joel Fernandez Cabrera said the least the Biden administration can do is to send a clear message so that migrants can create their own timelines and plans to find refuge.

“Tell us what is going to happen to us,” he said. “We are in perpetual limbo and we need explanations.”

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Razor wire tops the fence that encloses a migrant camp in Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Tex. The camp is home to migrants seeking admission into the United States.

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Amid reopenings, new focus on CO2

BY CHRIS MOONEY

With its five wall-length windows, Nick Crandall's restaurant, Railroad Pub & Pizza, can bring in a lot of outside air. In late December, though, Washington state regulators said the restaurant could not qualify as "outdoor" dining and would have to close because of heightened coronavirus restrictions.

So Crandall went to Facebook to protest, giving a video tour of the Burlington, Wash., pub and its vast, garage-door-style windows. "I'm just kind of curious on what the science is for outdoor dining, how much airflow you need to do," he said. He took aim at the state's Democratic governor, Jay Inslee, suggesting he use "common sense." The video was viewed over 73,000 times.

It may sound like yet another politicized battle over coronavirus restrictions during President Donald Trump's administration — but this one ended in something that looks less like polarization and more like compromise. After Crandall and others complained, state regulators introduced a new policy, one of the first of its kind, allowing certain restaurants to count as "open air" dining even if they have four walls. In a new pandemic trend, these establishments can open up large windows or doors and actively measure levels of carbon dioxide, the gas we all exhale when breathing, as a key indicator of how much fresh air is circulating.

Crandall's restaurant is now open — with a CO2 monitor that displays a reading he tries to keep under 450 parts per million, only slightly higher than levels in the outside air, per state policy. Thanks to the human burning of fossil fuels, outdoor levels currently average about 415 parts per million and are steadily rising.

It's part of a new wave as scientists, citizens and businesses including gyms, restaurants and bars try to quantify the airborne coronavirus risk in hopes of staying open. Sales of handheld carbon-dioxide monitors have boomed, so much that one popular model, the \$250 Aranet4, sold out rapidly, requiring its Latvia-based manufacturer, SAF Tehnika, to dramatically ramp up production.

"We did not expect to, you know, have this increase so exponential," said Toms Reksna, marketing director for the Aranet, speaking from the country's capital, Riga.

The trend is also catching on quickly with some coronavirus activists — or citizen scientists — who tweet out their readings in different locations and use the hashtag #covidco2. In Australia, a group of "CO2Guerillas" have been documenting measurements in grocery stores, doctor's offices and businesses, often dis-

playing very high levels of carbon dioxide. In Japan, the use of monitors is also catching on, including on a massive screen recently at a concert venue.

The impetus for measuring carbon dioxide is simple: An increasingly powerful body of evidence suggests the coronavirus is airborne, capable of traveling distances well beyond six feet in tiny aerosols released when infected people talk, shout, sing or just breathe. But there's currently no sensor that can monitor, in real time, whether these infectious aerosols are floating around us when we're indoors.

But carbon dioxide can, in some ways, act as a proxy. People exhale it when they breathe, and the gas builds up in indoor spaces that aren't well ventilated, reaching concentrations far above the baseline level of outside air.

"It gives you some insight into ventilation, which is really hard to figure out otherwise," explains Linsey Marr, an aerosol expert at Virginia Tech. "Even building owners and managers often don't know much about the ventilation. The person who knows it, and they are usually long gone."

Longtime experts on indoor air say that the heightened attention to ventilation is very valuable and that carbon-dioxide measurements can definitely be useful. Yet amid the grass-roots frenzy to find the next gadget that can confer a safety advantage during the pandemic, some worry about misunderstandings.

"It is a piece of information, not a smoking gun," said indoor air expert Jeffrey Siegel of the University of Toronto. "If you have a long period of measurement in a space with a sensor that you know how to interpret, then it means something different than if you bring a sensor inside, read a few minutes of data and say, 'Oh, my God, the ventilation doesn't work.'"

Tiny greenhouse effect

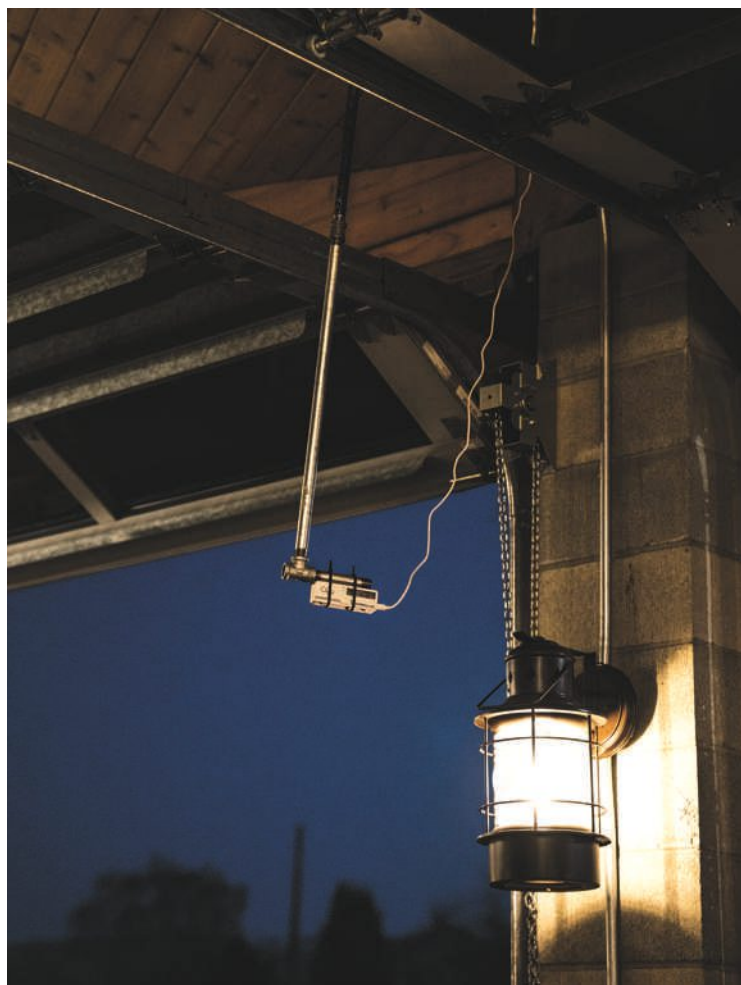
When scientists want to measure carbon dioxide to a very high level of accuracy, they use sophisticated lab equipment. It can cost thousands of dollars. That is not what citizen activists are generally using during the pandemic.

Rather, a variety of handheld or mountable sensors, costing about \$100 and up, have become popular. Experts recommend devices that use a technology called non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) sensing, a well-known technique based on the same basic physical principles that drive the "greenhouse effect." Whether in the atmosphere or a small chamber within your sensor, carbon dioxide absorbs a type of radiation with a wavelength longer than that of visible light, often dubbed infrared or heat radiation.

At the scale of the Earth, greenhouse gases such as carbon diox-



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Bri Yeager works at Railroad Pub & Pizza in Burlington, Wash., last month. Owner Nick Crandall keeps the pub's windows open and monitors indoor carbon-dioxide levels, a proxy for breath.



A carbon-dioxide monitor hangs at the Burlington pub, part of a new state regulation aimed at helping businesses stay open.

ide not only absorb this type of radiation but also re-emit it, keeping some of the heat within the planet's system rather than letting it escape to space. Within the far smaller sensor, infrared gets beamed from one side of a chamber to the other, and carbon-dioxide concentrations are calculated based on how much radiation arrives at the other end without being absorbed by the gas.

In theory, at least, such measurements can give a good sense of how many humans have been exhaling into a space and how much their breath is lingering.

"The reason CO2 measurements are important is that they can give an indication of how much air you are breathing that is coming out of other people's re-

spiratory systems," says Richard Corsi, an indoor air quality expert at Portland State University who has been taking carbon-dioxide measurements for years with many different instruments.

A critical figure, Corsi says, is the "rebreath fraction," which refers to the percentage of the air you breathe in that others in the same indoor space recently breathed out. For instance, he has calculated that when the indoor concentration of carbon dioxide reaches 800 parts per million, then each time you breathe in, 1 percent of that air has come from the exhalations of others. During a pandemic, that's an alarming thought.

But carbon-dioxide concentrations of 1,000, 2,000 or even 4,000

can be found in poorly ventilated indoor spaces, where people simply aren't aware how much of the gas has built up.

"Many teachers are reporting, they say they have 2,000, 5,000 and then curves of it going up in classes," said Jose-Luis Jimenez, an aerosol science expert at the University of Colorado at Boulder who has promoted the use of the sensors and has been involved in testing a number of them for accuracy.

It is very good news that the pandemic has raised our consciousness about the quality of air within buildings, a subject that has been neglected for decades, say longtime experts such as Corsi and the University of Toronto's Siegel. And in their field, carbon dioxide has long been used as a proxy for how well ventilated a space is by outside air.

But at the same time, these scientists worry that carbon-dioxide measurements can be misinterpreted or even in some cases give a false sense of security.

Siegel warns, for instance, that handheld devices can require calibration, can sometimes be confounded by other greenhouse gases (such as water vapor) and can drift in their measurements as time passes. That doesn't make measurements useless, he said — but it does mean that you have to have some experience with your instrument and should be measuring consistently over time.

"The more engagement with indoor air, the better everything is," he said. "But the problem is, good indoor air or bad indoor air is not defined by a spot measurement of CO2 with a low-cost sensor, without appropriate interpretation."

Corsi, meanwhile, cautions that even if very low or very high carbon-dioxide concentrations may appear easy to interpret, many readings will fall into more of a gray area, somewhere between about 700 and 1,000 parts per million.

Are you safe in such a space? The answer is, it depends. For instance, Corsi notes, a space with 25 people in it and a CO2 measurement of 700 parts per million is

far better ventilated than one with three people in it and the same measurement.

Moreover, he adds, if a room has a portable HEPA air filter or a good HVAC system with similarly strong filters (properly installed), then your risk will be lower even though carbon-dioxide levels may seem a tad high. Carbon dioxide, a tiny molecule, passes right through these filters, even though the larger aerosols containing viruses can be caught by them.

"I think a single-point measurement of CO2 can tell you something in the extremes, but when you get into this middle, typical area, there's a lot of nuance," Corsi said. Ideally, he thinks, there should be an app that would help people interpret CO2 levels by inputting other information, such as the number of people in a space and how much time they plan on spending there.

Reksna, marketing director for the Aranet, says the device's start-up guide tells users how to calibrate it, and after that it is accurate to within about 50 parts per million (which would certainly be enough to distinguish low concentrations from high ones).

"We have dedicated technical support for the whole business ecosystem where we try to explain these things," he said. "We have recently launched an Aranet forum, as well. So we do try to inform the consumers as much as possible."

One more thing to keep in mind: Just as has happened with outdoor air all across Earth, humans can fill the air indoors with carbon dioxide by burning wood or fossil fuels, such as in fireplaces and gas stoves. In these cases, concentrations can spike for reasons that have nothing to do with our breathing.

'A risk proxy for covid'

Still, the baseline principle is hard to dispute: If carbon-dioxide levels are very low in a business, office, grocery store or wherever, then your coronavirus transmission risk is probably also low — at least from people who aren't very close to you. (The risk will be lower still if people are also masked and wearing their masks properly.)

What's unfolding in Washington state right now may be a case study of how well — or how poorly — the technique can be employed through a concerted policy effort involving state regulators and individual businesses.

"There's been a number of studies that have used CO2 levels as kind of a risk proxy for covid," said Sheri Sawyer, a policy adviser to Inslee who was centrally involved in issuing the new guidance on "open air" dining. The document is a joint product of the state's health department and its Department of Labor and Industries.

"And we thought that made great sense for businesses to use that as a tool for what their risk is for covid transmission," she said.

"It's kind of uncharted territory," Sawyer continued. "But certainly, given what businesses are going through, we think it's a worthy endeavor to try to figure these answers out."

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THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

New York neighborhoods feel left behind

Three heavily immigrant enclaves in Queens have some of the city's highest virus positivity rates yet have been overlooked for testing and vaccination

BY LIZ ROBBINS AND
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NEW YORK — Chandra Singh wanted a coronavirus vaccination.

A native of Guyana, the 71-year-old doesn't own a computer, with which she might access information online. So when she saw a crowd of elected officials and community leaders gathered on a corner for a news conference, she asked them where she could get the shot.

They couldn't answer but directed her to a nearby library, where she settled for getting a free coronavirus test. It wasn't a vaccine, but the test gave her some peace of mind because her Queens neighborhood, South Richmond Hill, had soared to the highest coronavirus infection rate in the city.

"The area is badly disorganized — they never inform you of anything," said Singh, who has lived here for 33 years.

New York City health officials released data on Jan. 31 that revealed vast racial disparities in vaccine distribution. Among those whose race was recorded, nearly half of city residents who have received a coronavirus vaccine are White. Fifteen percent of those vaccinated are Latino, 15 percent are Asian and 9 percent are Black.

The experience in New York is reflected across the nation, where communities of color, which have been hit particularly hard by the pandemic, have fallen behind first in testing and now in vaccinations.

"We cannot make the same approach that we made in responding to the pandemic, where we assumed the risk was the same for everybody," said James Hildreth, an infectious-disease expert and president of Meharry Medical College. "With the vaccine, if the goal is to save as many lives as possible, we've got to be focused on the most vulnerable populations."

A Feb. 1 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that of those whose race was known among the 13 million Americans vaccinated in the first month of the drive, Black people accounted for little more than 5 percent. Six percent were Asian and 11.5 percent Latino.

The CDC data are incomplete: While the sex and age of recipients was reported in almost every case, only about half reflected the race or ethnicity of vaccine recipients. Researchers are calling for more accurate reporting to ensure equitable vaccine distribution, even as some jurisdictions work to counter the worrisome trend, knowing that gaps in vaccination rates could widen existing health disparities.

Chicago officials are making concerted efforts to boost the number of vaccine doses delivered to at-risk neighborhoods, with "strike teams" encouraging residents to sign up for shots. In Philadelphia, an African American physician launched the Black Doctors Covid-19 Consortium in April. It has partnered with the city health department to provide testing and is now rapidly ramping up the number of vaccine doses it delivers in familiar neighborhood settings, such as churches. Maine health officials are encouraging older members of the Somali community to be vaccinated and have allocated vaccine doses to a clinic in Lewiston that serves that community.

"A mistake we make in public health is assuming we have the right way to message, and we parachute into the community to deliver that message," said Sandra Albrecht, an assistant professor of epidemiology at the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. "We're learning that it's important to work with key members of the community that are trusted."

Officials in three adjoining Queens neighborhoods — Richmond Hill, South Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park — say they have long been left out of coronavirus outreach. For weeks, the virus positivity rate in the neighborhoods hovered around 18 percent, more than double New York's average.

They said it took weeks of news conferences and a social media blitz from outraged elected officials to get the city to add the neighborhoods to its equity task force's priority list. There are now plans to accelerate educational outreach and add testing sites; a new neighborhood vaccination site is in the works



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TOP: Vashish Baboolal prepares for a ceremony honoring a deceased member of Hindu temple Sarvadeo Mandir in the Richmond Hill area of Queens. **LEFT:** Aminta Kilawan-Narine, founder of the South Queens Women's March, hands out information and masks at a coronavirus testing site in Richmond Hill. **ABOVE:** Food that would normally be eaten communally is packaged to-go at Tulsi Mandir in the South Richmond Hill neighborhood because of the pandemic.

but won't be possible until supply increases.

A city-run vaccination site sits across a highway from the neighborhoods but has little vaccine supply. A state-run site at a nearby racetrack has had few, if any, appointments available since it opened last month.

"Make no mistake — this is a relief," said Richard David, a Democratic state district leader. But he still has concerns.

"Knowing that we are always thought about last, I am so scared," he said.

The three working-class neighborhoods have recorded 347 coronavirus deaths since the start of the pandemic. Tucked into a pocket near John F. Kennedy International Airport, they are home to more than 54,000 Caribbean and South Asian immigrants, primarily from Guyana, Trinidad, Bangladesh and India's Punjab state. Many arrived in the 1970s and 1980s. Spanning 20 blocks of Liberty Avenue are Guyanese bakeries, Trinidadian roti shops, Indian grocery stores and Hindu boutiques selling bright garlands of plastic flowers that spell the word "welcome."

"What's clear is, the status quo does not make sense," Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) said Jan. 31 of vaccine access. "We've got to have a more systematic approach to ensuring that we focus on the places where the danger is greatest."

That effort, he said, demanded more of a grass-roots approach to help assure people that the vaccine is safe. "We've got a profound problem of distrust and hesitancy, particularly in communities of color," he said.

Queens officials said the neighborhoods have been overlooked for vaccination and testing. The city opened a permanent testing site at a library in

South Richmond Hill in November. Local officials said it came too late and residents were not adequately informed.

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. (D) said the city's approach to testing and vaccination has been profoundly inequitable because it did not sufficiently involve local organizations.

"It is imperative that we involve each and every trusted community-based organization in a truly all-hands-on-deck vaccination effort," he said. "The deep disparities revealed in the city's covid-19 vaccination database are not just unacceptable — they are potentially fatal."

Local leaders said their community had been overlooked long before the pandemic.

"A lot of times, people don't realize that so many of us are low-income and we are working-class — we're not a 'model minority,'" said Aminta Kilawan-Narine, founder of the South Queens Women's March, which

gives away masks at its weekly food pantries.

She and other leaders have been monitoring the rise in positivity rates since the Hindu festival of Diwali on Nov. 14 — the same day the testing site opened. But when the city did open it, neighborhood leaders said they were not notified in advance to spread the word.

There were other disconnects. Kilawan-Narine said she urged the city to print cards that offered information on area testing locations and hours, something the volunteer organizations could not afford. David said the city could have better reached the Indo-Caribbean community by placing ads in its newspaper. Some faith leaders say they do not have updated information to share with their congregations.

De Blasio spokeswoman Avery Cohen said 600 city staffers have partnered with organizations in the three neighborhoods to help hand out masks and hand sanitizer. The city will set aside

vaccine appointments for residents of 33 priority neighborhoods, including Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park.

"Equity is and will continue to be the backbone of this effort," she said.

There are no localized statistics to explain why the Indo-Caribbean neighborhoods in south Queens have struggled to contain the virus. Many residents work outside the home in jobs considered "essential," including in security or maintenance at JFK. Others are home health-care aides or work in construction. Some are undocumented.

Many residents live in multi-generational households. One family recently complained to their Hindu priest, Anand Maharaj, that their son was putting others in their house at risk. They told Maharaj that the young man had tested positive for the coronavirus but was asymptomatic; he was still going to work and not isolating.

"It's a lot of carelessness, especially people under the age of 30, because they think they are strong, they think they can fight the sickness," Maharaj said.

Maharaj, who is president of an international council of priests, has urged his affiliated temples to observe social distancing and mask rules when gathering for worship. But the unaffiliated, he said, do not always follow the rules. Outside the temple, he and others are worried that people are still holding house parties.

"Covid fatigue is very much real. And folks want to gather," said Mohamed Q. Amin, director of the Caribbean Equality Project, a nonprofit that works with the LGBTQ Indo-Caribbean community. "We have to cancel fete culture to save lives," he said, using the Caribbean term for any celebration.

Kilawan-Narine, who said she's disturbed by social media feeds showing maskless revelers, recorded a video with testimonials from covid-19 survivors for social media.

"I know our people love to get together, we love to socialize. I know we're getting antsy and we want to get on with our lives, but it's not over yet," it said.

Some on social media told Kilawan-Narine she was stoking fear or said the coronavirus was a hoax. People were also reluctant to get vaccinated.

De Blasio said the city could handle up to 500,000 vaccinations a day once supply replenishes. The closest city site for those in South Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park now is at a high school on the other side of the Van Wyck Expressway. Supplies are limited. The state-run Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park has had limited to no appointments since it opened on Jan. 18. The city on Wednesday opened Citi Field as an additional vaccination site for Queens residents. Signing up can be confusing, though, because the city and state are not coordinating their vaccination sites.

Jatinder Boparai, president of the Sikh Cultural Society, said a representative from the office of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) toured its 84,000-square-foot gurdwara to potentially include it in the Vaccine Equity Task Force's pop-up program.

Boparai said the city called him a day later. While it is unclear when vaccinations will start, he said he is thrilled because no matter "your skin color, how rich, how poor," anyone will be able to receive a shot once the site opens.

"This is a big achievement for our gurdwara," he said. "We know where we're standing now."

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An empty storefront for rent in Richmond Hill, one of the New York neighborhoods with the highest virus positivity rates.

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Lack of a nominee to lead FDA leaves some perturbed

Supporters line up behind two top contenders for the job

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

President Biden announced his choice for secretary of health and human services on Dec. 7. He named the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the same day. But he has said nothing about who will lead another critical health agency on the front lines of battling the coronavirus pandemic: the Food and Drug Administration.

The silence is causing some consternation among FDA veterans, as well as public health and pharmaceutical experts, who say the agency needs a permanent head as it grapples with life-or-death decisions about coronavirus vaccines and treatments, while doing its day job of regulating products that account for 20 cents of every consumer dollar. That job includes approving cancer drugs, warning consumers about contaminated ice cream and overseeing treatments for rare diseases in animals and humans.

A permanent leader also would help rebuild the credibility and morale of an agency whose reputation was hurt by the Trump administration's relentless pressure and bashing, health-care experts say.

"The sooner there is a nominee who gets through the process, the better for public health and the handling of the pandemic," said Stephen Ostroff, who twice served as acting FDA commissioner. "There are decisions that are more challenging when you are in an acting role," especially at the beginning of an administration.

The lack of a nominee has helped fuel an increasingly bitter battle between supporters of the two people most frequently mentioned for the post: longtime FDA drug regulator Janet Woodcock and Johns Hopkins health expert Josh Sharfstein, a former top FDA official and former top Maryland health official. Biden named Woodcock acting commissioner after Stephen Hahn, the Trump administration's last commissioner, left in January.

On Thursday, the contest heated up when 95 cancer experts, including a doctor who treated the late Beau Biden, the president's son, told President Biden in a letter that Woodcock was "uniquely qualified" to be commissioner and praised her for overseeing the approval of dozens of major breakthroughs in treatments for cancer and other diseases.

The letter came just weeks after anti-opioid advocates voiced opposition to Woodcock, saying she and the drug center she helmed had approved too many opioids over the past two decades. Separately, several well-known public health experts have endorsed Sharfstein, saying he would bring fresh leadership to the agency.

The stakes are high: The next commissioner, besides grappling with a deadly and evolving pandemic, will determine the direction of an agency that has strug-



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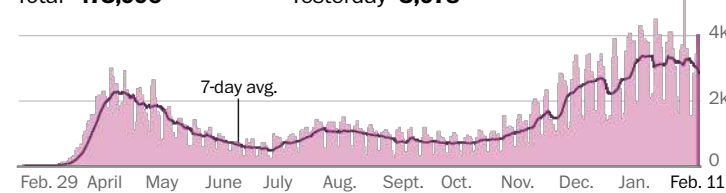
CASES

Total **27,326,506** Yesterday **103,051**



DEATHS

Total **473,996** Yesterday **3,978**



VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED

Total **47,836,379** Yesterday **1,841,286**



gled to find the right balance between maintaining stiff requirements for drugs and devices and pressing for the quickest and most efficient approvals of medical products.

In broad terms, Woodcock, 72, is known for her deep experience in drug regulation and safety, and for prizing innovation, including in clinical trials, and regulatory flexibility. Sharfstein, 51, vice dean for public health practice and community engagement at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, has wide experience in tobacco, food and opioid issues and was a proponent of greater transparency while at the FDA during the first Obama term.

Woodcock is often described as the more industry-friendly of the two, and someone with strong support among patient

groups because of her determination to try new treatments for devastating and rare diseases. Sharfstein is favored by those who think the FDA should raise its drug-approval standards but is opposed by some patient advocates, including in the cancer community. That's because he has talked about changing programs for expedited drug approvals — programs that some advocates say have benefited patients.

In an editorial Sharfstein wrote last year for the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, he said the FDA's programs for expediting drug approval have created "a thicket of special programs, flexible review criteria, and generous incentives." He called for changes to ensure that expedited drugs provide greater benefits to patients.



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TOP: Johns Hopkins health expert Josh Sharfstein, middle, is favored by those who think the FDA should raise its drug-approval standards. ABOVE: Janet Woodcock, the acting commissioner, is favored by patient groups for her willingness to try new treatments.

FDA observers say broad caricatures of Woodcock and Sharfstein don't fully capture the experience and breadth of interests of two people who have spent decades working on some of the nation's knottiest health issues.

"Both have dedicated their lives and careers to public health and public service," said Jason Schwartz, an assistant professor of health policy at the Yale School of Public Health.

The situation was starkly different four years ago, he said, when President Donald Trump flirted with the idea of nominating a staunch libertarian as commissioner who believed the FDA should not review medical products for effectiveness — a cornerstone of the agency's mission. "That would have blown up the FDA," he added.

Woodcock and Sharfstein declined to comment for this article.

Past administrations have typically focused on the FDA job after deciding other higher-priority positions. Scott Gottlieb,

the Trump administration's first FDA commissioner, was nominated in March 2017 and sworn in that May. And unlike the CDC director, the head of the FDA must be confirmed by the Senate.

But the pandemic increases the urgency of installing a permanent commissioner, health experts say. Senior agency officials have expressed relief at the ascension of Woodcock, who is viewed as a stabilizing force; some prefer her to Sharfstein, who sometimes rubbed people at the agency the wrong way. "I can't think of anybody" who would be better to run the agency right now, said Ostroff, the former acting commissioner. "She has vast experience, and she is not shy."

Perhaps because of that, the Biden administration, which has a pressing to-do list, does not appear to be in a rush to nominate a permanent chief.

Several people familiar with its thinking suggest that a nomination could come next month, after it deals with coronavirus

relief legislation and the hoped-for confirmation of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to be secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Becerra has emerged as a target for Senate Republicans. The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

The pro-Woodcock letter sent to Biden on Thursday was signed by 95 cancer researchers and center directors, many of whom helped guide the "cancer moonshot" Biden created in the last year of the Obama administration. Signers included Nobel laureates James Allison of the MD Anderson Cancer Center and Phillip Sharp of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; immunotherapy pioneer Carl June of the University of Pennsylvania and pancreatic cancer specialist Elizabeth Jaffee of Johns Hopkins.

W.K. Alfred Yung, a neuro-oncologist at the MD Anderson Cancer Center who cared for Beau Biden after his brain cancer was diagnosed, also signed the letter.

The endorsement by cancer experts came after anti-opioid advocates expressed vehement opposition to Woodcock, who served for years as head of the agency's drug center.

The groups argued that Woodcock and her division were too permissive in approving opioid medications and did not rein in drugmakers that falsely claimed that narcotic painkillers were less addictive. Democratic Sens. Maggie Hassan (N.H.) and Edward J. Markey (Mass.) also have sharply criticized Woodcock on opioids.

Woodcock supporters say that the epidemic represented a catastrophic failure by many segments of society and that it is not fair to blame her. Former FDA commissioner Robert Califf, who was Woodcock's boss during his tenure at the end of the Obama administration, said the FDA was "far from perfect." But he said doctors who vastly overprescribed the painkillers and pharmaceutical companies that pushed the pills were in large part responsible.

Some Woodcock critics also say she has presided over the lowering of FDA standards — a point her supporters strenuously reject.

Those critics point to her approval of a drug for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a rare genetic disease, over the vociferous opposition of a key agency reviewer and outside advisers. Although the approval was enormously popular among the parents of patients, it caused an uproar within the agency. Woodcock's backers say she deserves credit for providing access to a drug for a devastating illness.

Sharfstein supporters point to his broad experience in public health and say that he would give more weight to issues such as tobacco and vaping and food safety.

Besides being at the FDA, he also was Maryland's health secretary and Baltimore's health commissioner. He won praise for his overall performance but was criticized when the state's health insurance exchange had severe problems during the rollout of the Affordable Care Act in 2013.

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Biden: U.S. will have enough vaccine for 300 million people by end of July

With deals secured for 200 million more doses, supply to increase by half

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President Biden said Thursday that his administration had finalized deals for another 200 million doses of the two coronavirus vaccines authorized in the United States, giving the country enough shots by the end of July to cover every American adult.

In remarks capping an afternoon tour of the National Institutes of Health, Biden said the federal government had purchased 100 million more doses from Pfizer and German company BioNTech, as well as 100 million more from Moderna, using options built into existing contracts with those companies.

The announcement was the centerpiece of an emotional address from Biden, who made a point of speaking through his mask as he called it a "patriotic

responsibility" to wear one.

"We remain in the teeth of this pandemic," he said, observing that January was the deadliest month of the pandemic, in which "we lost over 100,000 of our fellow citizens." Mutations of the virus pose new challenges, he said, even as infections and hospitalizations begin to decline.

Recalling a conversation with a nurse who worked at an Arizona vaccination site, Biden said she described inoculating people against the coronavirus as "like administering a dose of hope."

"We're going to get those doses of hope out," Biden promised.

The new deals don't immediately expand access to shots, which remain in short supply throughout the country. They primarily serve to prevent a shortfall later in the year by increasing supply by 50 percent, bringing the total to 600 million doses.

Because both products are two-dose regimens, that will be enough to fully vaccinate 300 million people. An estimated 260 million people in the United States are currently considered eligible to receive a coronavirus vaccine under the Food and Drug Administration's authorizations, though

trials involving children as young as 12 could widen the pool.

Together, Pfizer and Moderna had already agreed to provide 400 million doses to the United States. Biden said some of those doses would be delivered sooner than anticipated, guaranteeing enough supply by the end of May to vaccinate 200 million people under the two-dose protocols. Pfizer had already expedited its delivery schedule for those doses, and a Moderna spokesman confirmed Thursday that the Cambridge-based company could do the same.

Moderna issued a statement confirming the purchase and saying it was "working with its domestic manufacturing partners," as well as federal regulators, to "explore ways to accelerate delivery, with the goal of providing this new order of 100 million doses before the end of July 2021." Pfizer spokeswoman Amy Rose confirmed the purchase as well as the timeline Biden outlined.

In securing the additional doses, the government used options built into contracts negotiated last year by the Trump administration. Biden said last month that he would seek the additional doses,

part of a strategy to double down on the two vaccines that have already won federal clearance and not count on candidates from other companies becoming available.

With his vow that the additional doses would be available by the end of July, the president noted that the delivery would be "faster than we expected." His advisers had previously indicated that a summer delivery was anticipated, and Trump administration officials said they were operating under the assumption of a quarterly schedule, with an additional tranche possible by August or September.

Biden administration officials have been telling partners that their recent move to expand Pfizer's priority rating under the Defense Production Act would help the pharmaceutical giant obtain needed equipment to produce the additional doses sooner than anticipated, according to people with knowledge of the discussions.

Asked last week about the action under the Korean War-era law, Rose did not address it directly but said, "Our teams continue to work closely on our production as our commercial ramp-up pro-

gresses." A Pfizer executive said in a recent interview with USA Today that the company expects to halve its production time as it gains familiarity with the process, expediting the availability of its product globally.

As the country races to get ahead of more-transmissible and possibly more-lethal variants, health officials have expressed confidence that widespread inoculation would soon be possible because of manufacturing ramp-ups.

"By the time we get to April, that will be what I would call . . . 'open season' — namely, virtually everybody and anybody in any category could start to get vaccinated," Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's leading infectious-disease expert, said Thursday on NBC's "Today" show.

The Biden administration has already increased weekly state allocations by nearly 30 percent, though shortages remain pronounced in many areas. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (D) said Wednesday that the city would temporarily close a vaccination site at Dodger Stadium, along with several other locations, because of insufficient doses.

Additional doses are also expected to come from Johnson & Johnson, which submitted its application for a single-shot coronavirus vaccine to U.S. regulators earlier this month. If approved, the easy-to-store vaccine would further augment supply, although production issues are expected to limit availability until the spring.

Johnson & Johnson's vaccine showed strong protection against severe disease from the variant first discovered in South Africa, but offered less-robust protection against moderate illness. Evidence from laboratory tests suggests the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines work against variants, but the ability of the immune response to block the South African variant is diminished.

As more vaccine becomes available, new challenges, including staffing, will arise. But officials say they're preparing for them. "The good thing is we've had a couple of months of experience doing this that we can learn from," said Kevin Litten, a spokesman for the Louisiana Department of Health.

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IMPEACHMENT TRIAL



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Democrats warn of repeat if Republicans refuse to convict

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"Is there any political leader in this room who believes that if he is ever allowed by the Senate to get back into the Oval Office, Donald Trump would stop inciting violence to get his way?" Raskin asked.

"Would you bet the lives of more police officers on that? Would you bet the safety of your family on that? Would you bet the future of our democracy on that? If he gets back into office and it happens again, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

Trump's defense will begin at noon Friday. Although his lawyers are entitled to 16 hours of argument over two days, a spokesman said Thursday that they expect to rest their case in one day.

David Schoen, a member of Trump's defense team, said Thursday that the managers "told a story" but did not establish a link between Trump's conduct and the violent acts at the Capitol, and he said prolonging the trial was not in the nation's interest. He said the defense could present its case in four hours or less.

"They haven't in any way tied [the attack] to Donald Trump, and I think it's offensive . . . to show the tragedy that happened here that Donald Trump has condemned," he said. "I think it tears at the American people, quite frankly."

A short defense presentation could put the Senate on track to vote on Trump's conviction as soon as Saturday, particularly after key Democratic senators said they believed that the managers had proved their case against Trump and saw no need for testimony from additional witnesses.

"It doesn't appear to be necessary," said Sen. Angus King (I-Maine), who caucuses with Democrats. "The evidence speaks for itself."

As recently as last week, King and others had argued for a fuller accounting of the events surrounding the riot, especially around Trump's actions after he addressed a crowd of supporters outside the White House on Jan. 6, directed them to the Capitol, and urged them to "fight like hell."

But after roughly 10 hours of argument punctuated by archival video, graphic reconstructions and court records, most Democrats said they simply saw no need for more. Under the rules of the trial, the defense arguments are to be followed by a four-hour question-and-answer period, then a possible debate and vote on witnesses. If no witnesses are authorized, the trial would conclude after two hours of closing arguments.

"Donald Trump could certainly come and give his explanation of the day. But, otherwise, it feels

like to me we're done," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.). Trump last week rejected a request to testify, and Schoen gave no indication Thursday that he has changed his mind.

A final vote would follow, with 67 of 100 votes needed to convict Trump, setting up a subsequent simple-majority vote on barring him from future office.

But it remained exceedingly unlikely that the Senate would take those steps, with numerous Republican senators indicating Thursday that they remained unmoved by the Democratic managers' presentations.

"I think the end result of this impeachment trial is crystal clear to everybody," said Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.). "Every person in the Senate chamber understands that there are not the votes to convict."

Cruz consulted briefly with Trump's defense team after Thursday's arguments and said it simply needed to make clear Friday that the House managers did not establish that Trump had incited the riot: "It was a horrific criminal attack carried out by violent criminals. . . . They have not demonstrated that [Trump's] conduct satisfied the legal standard of high crimes and misdemeanors."

While the first day of House argument on Wednesday highlighted the mortal threat faced by lawmakers themselves, on Thursday the managers took time to highlight the other dangers presented by the attack — some as tangible as the physical damage to the Capitol, others as lofty as the threat to the country's democratic influence abroad.

The arguments culminated in several plain-spoken warnings that any outcome other than conviction and disqualification invited further violence, whether by

Trump or some future despot.

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) said Trump created a "powder keg" with his false claims of a stolen election, then, on Jan. 6, "He struck a match, and he aimed it straight at this building."

"We humbly, humbly, ask you to convict President Trump," he said. "If we pretend this didn't happen, or, worse, if we let it go unanswered, who's to say it won't happen again?"

Before the managers' final argument ended at 4:23 p.m., Raskin urged senators to "exercise your common sense about what just took place in our country," closing with a paraphrase of Thomas Paine: "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered, but we have this saving consolation: The more difficult the struggle, the more glorious in the end will be our victory."

The House's argument Thursday asserted that the insurrectionists believed themselves to be doing Trump's bidding — a case they made through the words of the rioters themselves and their attorneys.

Video after video displayed to senators showed rioters chanting slogans such as "Stop the Steal" and "Fight for Trump" that openly embraced the then-president and, in many cases, echoed his own rhetoric.

"We were invited here," said one rioter, caught on video inside the Capitol. "We were invited by the president of the United States."

Another video showed Jenna Ryan, a Texas real estate agent who faces federal charges as a result of the riot, explaining her decision to storm the Capitol and trying to interrupt the final counting of electoral votes.

"I thought I was following my president," she said. "He asked us

to fly there. He asked us to be there. So I was doing what he asked us to do."

The managers argued that the rioters' sense of impunity itself was evidence of Trump's culpability, citing the rioters' comments on social media as well as statements made in court by their lawyers, who have argued that they were simply following orders.

"Donald Trump had sent them there — they truly believed that the whole intrusion was at the president's orders, and we know that because they said so," said Rep. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.). "Folks, this was not a hidden crime. The president told them to be there, and so they actually believed they would face no punishment."

In a presentation on Trump's actions and his apparent state of mind, Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) argued that Trump showed a "lack of remorse and refusal to take accountability" as the attack played out Jan. 6 and in the following days — citing actions that included sending a tweet targeting Vice President Mike Pence as rioters swarmed the Capitol, the delayed deployment of National Guard troops to back up the overwhelmed police forces at the Capitol, and waiting three days to lower flags on behalf of slain Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick.

The managers played video of Trump, less than a week after the riot, telling reporters that his actions that day were "totally appropriate."

"President Trump was not showing remorse — he was showing defiance," Lieu said. "He was telling us that he would do this again, that he could do this again . . . and that that would be 'totally appropriate.'"

Other presentations appeared aimed at winning over skeptical Republican senators, or at least making them wince before refusing to convict Trump. Managers played speeches from four moderate Republican governors, decrying Trump's role in the violence — including Ohio's Mike DeWine, who said Trump "started a fire that threatened to burn down our democracy."

They played comments from two former Trump chiefs of staff, John F. Kelly and Mick Mulvaney, as well as two former national security advisers, H.R. McMaster and John R. Bolton, who condemned Trump's behavior surrounding the riot. They highlighted the resignation statements of several Trump officials who quit in the days following it, including Cabinet secretaries Elaine Chao and Betsy DeVos.

Elsewhere, they showed evidence that the Capitol attack had thrilled and emboldened domestic insurrectionist groups such as

the "boogaloo" movement and the Proud Boys while also sending abroad an unmistakable message about the fragility of American democracy.

Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Tex.) said the attack on a crucial symbol of American government offered a "dress rehearsal" for foreign adversaries pondering a possible assault on the centers of U.S. power. But he said the harm to America's influence abroad could be more devastating if senators did not send the right message by convicting Trump and barring him from office.

"The world is watching us, wondering whether our constitutional republic is going to respond the way it should, the way it's supposed to — whether the rule of law will prevail over mob rule," he said.

Inside the chamber, many senators appeared restless Thursday, a handful pacing around the chamber, taking breaks outside and occasionally sipping water as the sound of candy wrappers rustled. That behavior stood in contrast to Wednesday, when senators seemed rapt as they watched the House presentation that featured never-before-seen security camera footage — including scenes of the senators themselves being whisked to safety, in some case just steps from rioters.

At one point in the early afternoon Thursday, at least 18 Republican senators were missing from their desks, even as all Democrats were present in the chamber. Several GOP senators, including Bill Cassidy (La.), Rob Portman (Ohio), Ben Sasse (Neb.) and Tim Scott (S.C.), continued to take diligent notes.

When managers played video of Couy Griffin, a local New Mexico official who leads the group Cowboys for Trump, threatening harm on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and then-Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), murmurs of disgust were heard from the Democratic side of the chamber.

Schumer on Thursday warned his colleagues not to ignore what he called "probably the most dastardly act any president has ever committed." Doing so, he said, "would not heal, but keep wounds open."

President Biden on Thursday continued to keep distance from the proceedings targeting his predecessor, telling reporters that he hadn't watched any of the live trial coverage but had seen some news reports.

"My guess is, some minds may be changed," Biden said.

Sen. Christopher A. Coons (D-Del.), a close Biden confidant, said he agreed with that assessment but added, "He may not be referring to senators."

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ABOVE: Impeachment managers and staff applaud Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), the leader of the team, after the third day of the Senate trial at the Capitol. BELOW: David Schoen, one of former president Donald Trump's defense lawyers, speaks to reporters as he walks back to the Senate floor. He said that prolonging the trial was not in the nation's interest and that the defense's case could be presented in four hours.



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Day 3 takeaways as Democratic managers rest their case

BY AARON BLAKE

Day three of former president Donald Trump's impeachment trial featured the remainder of Democratic House impeachment managers' case against Trump.

Below, some takeaways.

1. A novel appeal to GOP senators about the consequences of acquittal

If there is one quote that summed up the Democrats' argument for conviction of Trump, it came Thursday from Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.).

The fact that Trump is no longer in office renders the biggest punishment of the impeachment process — removal from office — moot. Beyond that, it's about sanctioning him and preventing Trump from being able to hold high office again.

But Lieu suggested that this wasn't just about preventing Trump from running (and potentially winning) again; he said it was instead about avoiding another situation such as this.

"You know, I'm not afraid of Donald Trump running again in four years," Lieu said. "I'm afraid he's going to run again and lose, because he can do this again."

The comment was clearly intended for Republican senators who might be on the fence. The party establishment has flirted with a break from Trump in an attempt to phase him out, but that's no easy process. And of late, Republicans appear to have rallied behind the former president.

It's also logical that Democrats wouldn't be terribly concerned about Trump running again, given that he just lost and was one of the

most unpopular presidents in history (despite actually coming closer than most recognize to winning reelection). Lieu tried to drive home that this was bigger than just an attempted political disqualification.

Another impeachment manager, Rep. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.), also got at this idea. "All of these people who have been arrested and charged, they're being accountable, held accountable for their actions," she said. "Their leader, the man who incited them, must be held accountable as well."

She added later: "Impeachment is not to punish, but to prevent. We are not here to punish Donald Trump. We are here to prevent the seeds of hatred that he planted from bearing any more fruit."

The concerted message on the final day of the Democrats' arguments was to warn Republicans about what they might have to account for if they let Trump slide.

2. Driving home Trump's history of violent rhetoric

A big question going into the trial was how much Democrats would keep focused on Jan. 6 and Trump's effort to overturn the election, and how much they would address his past rhetoric encouraging or excusing political violence.

Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), the lead impeachment manager, briefly made his team's offering on the latter Thursday.

This is hardly the first time people have tied Trump's comments to real or potential violence. It happened throughout his presidency. It happened to the point that even many Republicans allied with Trump — who are playing

down the need for his impeachment — warned about a situation similar to this, including former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley and Sen. Ted Cruz (Tex.).

Raskin referred to many of these instances, including Trump jokingly praising a Montana politician for assaulting a reporter, suggesting that there were good people on "both sides" of the racist rally in Charlottesville in 2017, and his repeated suggestions both at his 2016 rallies and since that his supporters might get violent. Trump also endorsed a clip from a supporter saying "the only good Democrat is a dead Democrat" — before that supporter was arrested for his part in the Capitol riot.

Perhaps most compellingly, he noted Trump's tweet to "LIBERATE MICHIGAN" in April. It came two weeks before armed protesters flooded the state Capitol there. Trump suggested approval for their show of force and urged Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) to negotiate with them on the coronavirus restrictions Trump had criticized. Two weeks later, protesters returned with more violent rhetoric. Then an alleged plot to kidnap Whitmer surfaced — a plot in which the alleged perpetrators echoed Trump's rhetoric.

"This Trump-inspired mob may indeed look familiar to you," Raskin said of the initial scenes at the Michigan Capitol. "Confederate battle flags, MAGA hats, weapons, camo Army gear — just like the insurrectionists who showed up and invaded this chamber on Jan. 6. The siege of the Michigan Capitol was effectively a state-level dress rehearsal for the siege of the U.S. Capitol that Trump incited on January 6th."

Trump's defenders have focused narrowly on his speech Jan. 6, which they argue was unremarkable, and which they note included one line that those marching to the Capitol should "peacefully" protest. They have even argued that revelations about planning by some Capitol rioters suggest that they couldn't have been incited.

That ignores everything that preceded Jan. 6 and Trump's efforts to overturn the election. The fact is that there had been all kinds of suggestions that Trump's rhetoric could lead to what we saw. Trump often did far less than his critics said he should to prevent or condemn such scenes.

That might be the most significant evidence Democrats have — even if Raskin's presentation gave it short shrift.

3. A rebuttal to Trump's free-speech defense

Democrats offered a rebuttal to an argument the Trump legal team is expected to make Friday, that this is a matter of free speech.

Trump's team, in its briefs, hasn't actually delved into the well-established limits on free speech, which include things like incitement and defamation. Democrats argued that even those limits are beside the point. They said Trump, as commander in chief, is held to a higher standard.

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) cited a letter from legal experts on free speech, including many conservatives, who rebuked the idea that such a defense applies in this case.

"That [defense] has no basis in the evidence," he said. "To hear his lawyers tell it, he was just some guy at a rally, expressing unpopu-

lar opinions. They would have you believe that this whole impeachment is because he said things that one may disagree with."

Raskin said that a president's speech carries inordinate weight when it comes to things like incitement, by virtue of his oath of office.

"Nobody made Donald Trump run for president and swear an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution on Jan. 20, 2017," Raskin said. "But when he did, by virtue of swearing that oath and entering this high office, he took upon himself a duty to affirmatively take care that our laws would be faithfully executed under his leadership."

Raskin also noted that constitutional experts generally agree that impeachment doesn't require a statutory crime. "High crimes and misdemeanors," despite the claims of Trump's legal team this week and in his first impeachment, doesn't actually mean felonies or what the legal code today calls misdemeanors.

"Incitement to violent insurrection is not protected by free speech," Raskin said. "There is no First Amendment defense to impeachment for high crimes and misdemeanors. The idea itself is absurd. And the whole First Amendment smokescreen is a completely irrelevant distraction from the standard of high crimes and misdemeanors governing a president who has violated his oath of office."

4. The participants who cited Trump

The early focus Thursday was on driving home the incitement argument by pointing to rioters who said they had been incited.

Multiple rioters who have been charged with crimes have cited perceived invitations from Trump as part of their defense. That could be convenient for them, legally speaking. But DeGette focused more on people who said these things in real time. Among them:

One man who wrote on the day of the siege, "Trump just needs to fire the bat signal ... deputize patriots. . . and then the pain comes."

Another man said on a live stream from inside the Capitol: "Our president wants us here. We wait and take orders from our president."

A woman responded to now-President Biden's calls for peace by saying, "Does he not realize President Trump called us to siege the place?"

Another talked about calling Trump from inside the Capitol and said, "He'll be happy. . . We're fighting for Trump."

"Have you noticed throughout this presentation the uncanny similarity, over and over and over again, of what all these people are saying?" DeGette said. "They said what Donald Trump said and they echoed each other. 'Stand back and stand by.' 'Stop the steal.' 'Fight like hell.' 'Trump sent us.' 'We are listening to Trump.'"

It's possible to cherry-pick anecdotes in a prosecution. It's also possible that people perceived a message that Trump didn't technically send. The combination of these comments and those citing Trump's invitation as part of their legal defense, though, suggests that this is something many truly believed was done at Trump's behest — or at least that it would meet with his approval.

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As Trump tweeted, he likely knew of VP's peril

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Trump's tweet came at 2:24 p.m. that day — only 11 minutes after live television coverage showed Pence being hustled from the Senate floor because rioters were streaming into the building one floor below. The Senate then abruptly went into recess.

Trump was watching news coverage of the session after he returned from his rally at the Ellipse, according to a person familiar with the events of the day who, like others interviewed for this report, spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe what was happening behind the scenes.

The White House was typically immediately informed by Pence's Secret Service detail about any significant movements involving the vice president, according to another person with knowledge of the security protocols.

In addition, Trump heard directly about the vice president's movements from a GOP senator. Shortly after Pence was rushed out of the Senate chamber, Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) spoke to Trump on the phone and told him about Pence's hasty exit, Tuberville told reporters Thursday.

"I said, 'Mr. President, they just took our vice president out, they're getting ready to drag me out of here. I got to go,'" Tuberville said he told Trump during the brief call.

The exact time of their conversation is unknown, but Pence was pulled from the room by the Secret Service at 2:13 p.m. and senators had fully evacuated the chamber around 2:30.

A Trump spokesman did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump had spent days leading up to Jan. 6 publicly and privately pressuring Pence to use his ceremonial role as the presiding officer of the joint session of Congress to overturn the election results. Pence had warned Trump that he did not believe the Constitution gave him that power.

Former administration officials have said Trump was enraged early that day when Pence privately informed the president that he had made a final decision: He would not interfere with the process.

Still, Trump attacked Pence repeatedly in his midday speech to thousands of supporters gathered at the Ellipse. Though Trump knew of Pence's plans, he led the crowd to believe that the vice president's actions remained an open question — elevating the



Vice President Mike Pence arrives to preside over a joint session of Congress early Jan. 7, hours after rioters had stormed the Capitol. President Donald Trump had railed against his vice president for refusing to try to thwart the electoral college vote in favor of Joe Biden.

suspense and eventual shock among his supporters at Pence's perceived betrayal when the session opened.

"Mike Pence, I hope you're going to stand up for the good of our Constitution and for the good of our country," Trump said. "And if you're not, I'm going to be very disappointed in you."

Before Trump finished speaking, Pence issued a lengthy statement announcing publicly that he would not reject Biden's electoral college votes.

People familiar with Trump's activities said he returned to the White House seething with anger at his vice president. One said Trump had considered tweeting about his anger earlier in the day — but decided to hold off until after Pence had formally opened the proceedings at 1 p.m.

During this week's Senate trial, House impeachment managers have zeroed in on Trump's treatment of his vice president, showing how the mob specifically targeted Pence, hunting him in the Capitol, chanting, "Hang Mike Pence," and calling him a "traitor."

The Trump tweet about Pence came more than an hour after police reported that metal barricades outside the Capitol had been overwhelmed by the angry mob and about 12 minutes after the rioters had made it inside the building.

"Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country

and our Constitution . . . USA demands the truth!" Trump tweeted.

On Thursday, Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), a House impeachment manager, emphasized that Trump did nothing to try to stop the mob as rioters stormed the building, hunting for Pence.

"What did President Trump do?" he asked. "He attacked him more. He singled him out by name. It's honestly hard to fathom."

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Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), impeachment manager, on President Donald Trump's response as rioters hunted for Mike Pence

A group of rioters had quickly made its way upstairs to the Senate chamber, looking for a way in.

Security footage released by the House impeachment managers Wednesday showed that just two minutes later, Pence's security detail was moving him through the building and to a secure location.

Leaving his hideaway near the Senate chamber, Pence and his family dashed about 20 steps to a stairwell through an open area.

Had he followed that route just 12 or so minutes earlier, he would have been in view of rioters who were in a confrontation with Capitol Police officer Eugene Goodman.

Some rioters quickly learned of Trump's tweet. A video clip aired by House impeachment managers Wednesday showed a rioter with a bullhorn on the steps of the Capitol, reading Trump's words aloud to the crowd.

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), who voted to impeach Trump, questioned earlier this week whether the tweet was "a premeditated effort to provoke violence."

The mounting signs that Trump knew about the risks facing Pence when he sent the tweet deepens questions about his delayed efforts to rein in the violence.

Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, one of a only a handful of Republican senators who has indicated he might be persuaded by the Democrats' arguments for Trump's conviction, told reporters after Thursday's session that he wanted to hear an explanation from Trump's lawyers for his actions that afternoon when they present their case Friday.

He noted that while police officers were under attack, "The president was calling to try and get more senators to decertify the election. Now, presumably, since we were at that point being evacuated and I think he was told that, there was some awareness of the

events. So what I hope the defense does is explain that."

That afternoon, Trump was determined to do "whatever it took" to stop the certification, according to a former senior administration official, and encouraged his personal attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani to also call senators. "He was happy the results had been stopped," the official said.

People familiar with Trump's call to Tuberville have told news organizations that the president was calling to urge the newly elected senator from Alabama to issue further objections to the electoral count. A former Auburn football coach, Tuberville was the first senator to announce in the days leading up to Jan. 6 that he would consider objecting to the counting of some Biden electoral votes as Trump wished.

"It shows that his singular focus that day, the day we were attacked, was not protecting us. It was not protecting you, is not protecting the Capitol. It was stopping the certification of the election results," Rep. David N. Cicilline (D-R.I.), one of the House impeachment managers, told the Senate.

The fact that Tuberville alerted Trump to Pence's evacuation emerged after his GOP colleague, Sen. Mike Lee of Utah, objected to the account of the episode by the impeachment managers Wednesday.

Trump had actually initially called Lee, apparently believing

he was calling Tuberville's phone. Lee told the Utah newspaper the Deseret News last month that when he realized the confusion, he handed his phone to Tuberville and watched as he and the president spoke for five to 10 minutes. He then retrieved his phone, telling Tuberville, "I don't want to interrupt your call with the president, but we're being evacuated and I need my phone."

During the impeachment proceedings, Lee objected to how House Democrats had characterized the episode and asked that their comments about it be removed from the record. "I'm the witness, I'm the only witness. Those statements are not true. And I ask that you strike them," he said.

His objection highlighted the awkward reality that senators serving as Trump's jury are also witnesses to his actions that day. Confusion about the call could be cleared up if Lee and Tuberville both provided detailed firsthand accounts of the episode. Senators in both parties, however, had said they do not expect witnesses to be called during the trial.

A spokesman for Lee said Thursday that the log of the senator's cellphone does not go back to Jan. 6, and that he does not remember exactly what time he received the call from Trump.

However, a voice mail that Giuliani intended for Tuberville later in the day made clear what Trump had been hoping to accomplish.

Like Trump, Giuliani was apparently confused about Tuberville's phone number and left the message for Lee instead, according to the conservative publication the Dispatch, which later published the voice mail.

The message was left around 7 p.m. on the night of Jan. 6, by which time law enforcement had cleared rioters from the building and congressional leaders were discussing returning to the floor to complete the counting of the electoral college votes.

"I want to discuss with you how they're trying to rush this hearing and how we need you, our Republican friends, to try to just slow it down so we can get these legislatures to get more information to you," Giuliani said in the message.

He added that he knew Congress was planning to go back into session but that "the only strategy we can follow is to object to numerous states."

Giuliani did not respond to requests for comment.

In the message, rather than expressing concern that the process had been halted by a violent mob, Giuliani complained that Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky was planning to restart the process. McConnell, he alleged, was "doing everything he can to rush it, which is kind of a kick in the head."

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The second Senate impeachment trial of former president Donald Trump seeks to hold him accountable for his role in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot — but fast-tracked proceedings are unlikely to alter partisan views.

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decision to her, according to two people familiar with the conversation. But he also made clear he had no intention of letting the prior president's conduct interfere with the early days of his own administration.

That message shaped the response now on display a month later: A rapid-fire Senate proceeding is on track to be the quickest presidential impeachment trial in American history — one that suits the political calculations of all the parties, but is highly unlikely to result in Trump's conviction.

What stands to be lost, at least temporarily, is a full reckoning for what may have been the most dismal day for American democracy since the end of the Civil War — including an accounting of Trump's actions inside the White House on Jan. 6 as the mob rampaged through the Capitol, with some threatening to kill top congressional leaders and Trump's own vice president.

Initial interest by House impeachment managers in seeking live testimony for the trial quickly foundered, though they have yet to rule out the possibility entirely, according to people familiar with their deliberations, who like others in this report spoke on the condition of anonymity to candidly describe private discussions. Trump rejected a request to testify himself, and calling administration officials — or even nonpolitical White House staff — could spark messy legal battles that could add weeks to the trial.

Many Democrats have concluded that calling witnesses to the violence itself — such as law enforcement officers who battled the mob at the Capitol — could extend the trial indefinitely with little hope changing the outcome, given that 44 of 50 Republican senators voted Tuesday to question the constitutionality of the trial. At least 17 would have to join the 50 Democratic senators to convict Trump and set a potential vote on barring him from future office.

Biden signaled his own desire to move past the trial on Thursday, telling reporters in the Oval Office that he was paying more attention to pursuing his policy agenda.

"I'm focused on my job . . . to deal with the promises I made," Biden said. "And we all know we have to move on."

Key senators of both parties have signaled this week that they see no need for further testimony. For many Republicans, it would only extend what they consider to be a constitutionally invalid proceeding whose outcome is already known. For many Democrats, the case for conviction is already in plain sight — unlike Trump's first impeachment, which was based on actions that largely took place outside the public eye.

Norman Eisen, who served as

counsel to the House managers in Trump's first impeachment, said witness testimony is a crucial element in any trial. But that testimony, he said, need not be live.

"This time, there is a vast amount of incriminating video capturing Trump's comments and the insurrectionists' reactions," Eisen said. "Everyone can and will see for themselves what was said by Donald Trump and what subsequently happened."

But others, including some Republicans, believe eyewitness testimony could make a difference, and that Democrats are missing an important opportunity to document what they view as Trump's culpability for the riot.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), one of the 10 House Republicans who voted in favor of impeachment, said at a Washington Post Live event Wednesday that White House aides could offer "valuable insight" on Trump's actions as the riot unfolded. And he argued that senators should hear testimony from those who were amid the riot — such as D.C. police officer Michael Fanone, who was dragged into the crowd on the Capitol's West Front and heard rioters shout, "Kill him with his own gun!"

"To hear him tell that story, you realize this is real — it's not a false flag operation, and there was real evil that day," Kinzinger said. "A month later we're sitting here and . . . there's some that go, 'Oh, it wasn't really that bad.' No, this was terrible."

'Everything is hearsay'

Under the bipartisan agreement providing for the trial's format, the schedule is more condensed than last year's proceedings, when Trump was acquitted by the Senate after being impeached for a complicated attempt to pressure Ukraine to try to damage Biden.

The agreement this time allowed both the managers and Trump's defense team to make opening arguments beginning Wednesday and wrapping up no later than Saturday — two fewer days than the first trial. Senators will then be able to submit written questions for four hours, a process that lasted two days in the first trial. Only then will the Senate debate whether to call witnesses.

The question of whether the managers will seek testimony may remain unresolved until the last moment. Eisen noted that in the first Trump trial, the possibility of calling one witness — former Trump national security adviser John Bolton — remained alive until the final hours of the trial as House lawyers negotiated with Bolton's lawyer, Charles J. Cooper.

This time, the managers are reserving the right to see how the evidence sits with senators and reserving the right to call witnesses, "those who have already been

Quick pace trade-off lets Democrats avoid lengthy process

identified and those who may step forward as the trial continues," one person familiar with the matter said.

The team of nine House lawmakers has worked to identify possible witnesses since Trump's Jan. 13 impeachment, with a particular focus on those in proximity to Trump who could attest to his conduct on Jan. 6 after he addressed a rally outside the White House.

They were particularly tantalized by a comment made by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) on the syndicated conservative talk show hosted by Hugh Hewitt on Jan. 8. Sasse described Trump's mood as "delighted" by the riot, citing his own conversations with White House officials: "As this was unfolding on television, Donald Trump was walking around the White House confused about why other people on his team weren't as excited as he was as you had rioters pushing against Capitol Police."

Managers eyed possible testimony from senior officials such as Marc Short, the chief of staff to Vice President Mike Pence, but immediately concluded they would run into a legal thicket trying to compel their participation. Meanwhile, they canvassed congressional committees and federal agencies for additional details about what happened inside the Trump administration on and around Jan. 6, but made little headway.

There is some precedent for seeking testimony of those close to the president: In 1998, during independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's investigation into President Bill Clinton, several Secret Service agents were questioned before a grand jury after courts rejected a White House claim of a novel legal privilege prohibiting those guarding the president from disclosing what they see and hear.

But pursuing such testimony now would be likely to spark extended litigation — an untenable scenario for many Democrats.

Other avenues of possible inquiry included calling people listed on planning documents for the Jan. 6 demonstration at the Ellipse, as well as Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who participated in a long, confrontational phone call with Trump just days before the riot.

One option that appears exceedingly unlikely is calling rioters themselves, several of whom have cited Trump's influence as part of their defense in federal

court. At least one — Jacob Chansley, also known as the "Q Shaman," who was captured on video in and around the Senate chamber wearing a fur-and-horns outfit — has offered to testify at the impeachment trial.

Chansley's attorney, Albert Watkins, said in an interview that he has been offering his client's testimony for weeks, but no one involved in the impeachment proceedings has responded. Watkins said that was a mistake.

"In short, they have to prove that, but for the words and actions of the president, those who walked down Pennsylvania Avenue and entered the Capitol would not have done so," he said. "Otherwise, everything is hearsay."

But the managers of an impeachment trial do not have the same obligations as criminal prosecutors, who have to prove every element of a crime, said Russ Feingold, a former Democratic senator from Wisconsin and the president of the liberal American Constitution Society.

Feingold was the only Democratic senator to vote to call for depositions from three witnesses in the 1999 Clinton trial, a motion that was approved and one that Biden had opposed. That vote was warranted "given the complexity of the case," Feingold said, while "this one is not nearly in need of that kind of explication, given the obvious evidence that they're able to present of exactly what happened."

"House managers are really doing a brilliant job of letting the video speak for itself," he said.

Whether the managers request witness testimony is one thing; a separate question is whether senators would allow it. Several Democratic senators this week suggested they saw little need for live witnesses.

"The evidentiary record is pretty clear about what happened," said Sen. Michael F. Bennet (D-Colo.). "I'm in the camp of wanting to do this in a way that's thorough and in a way that the American people understands what this country has just been through, and I think we can do that in an expeditious way."

"We have the witnesses on tape," said Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.). "The House managers have already asked Donald Trump to come here and testify in his defense, and the fact that he refused the invitation, to me, tells you how weak a case he has."

But the relatively bare-bones nature of the proceedings has fueled attacks from Republicans and Trump's own legal team, which argued Tuesday that the lack of due process in the House and the paucity of the Senate review exposed the impeachment effort as a political vendetta.

"Anyone truly interested in real accountability for what happened at the Capitol on Jan. 6 would, of course, insist on waiting for a full investigation to be completed," said Trump lawyer David I. Schoen, citing "new evidence coming in every day about preplanning, about those who are involved and about their agenda, bearing no relationship to the claims made here."

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), who continued his effort to challenge electoral votes after the riot, accused Democrats of "desperately trying to rush this as quickly as they can" in comments Wednesday to reporters.

"They don't want to be doing this, and it's because they know . . . it's a huge waste of time," he said.

'We're in the middle of a pandemic'

Three days after speaking with Pelosi in January, Biden publicly signaled what he had in mind: An accountability process that would not impede his administration's agenda — including his then-coalescing plan to launch a new round of coronavirus relief.

He told reporters on Jan. 11 that he was interested to see if lawmakers could "bifurcate" impeachment and other agenda items, including Cabinet nominations.

"Can we go half-day on dealing with impeachment, and half-day getting my people nominated and confirmed in the Senate, as well as moving on the [relief] package?" he asked. "I haven't gotten an answer from the parliamentarian yet."

The answer was not encouraging: Conducting other business alongside an impeachment trial would require Republican consent, an unlikely scenario.

Two days later, when the House voted to impeach Trump on a single article of "incitement of insurrection," Biden released a statement that said, "I hope that the Senate leadership will find a way to deal with their constitutional responsibilities on impeachment while also working on the other urgent business of this nation."

The message to Capitol Hill was clear: Holding Trump accountable for Jan. 6 was important, but so was delivering on Biden's campaign pledge to take on the pandemic. Even a three-week delay — the length of Trump's first impeachment trial — could be disastrous, Biden advisers concluded.

"We're in the middle of a pandemic, and a new administration. There's huge bits of business to be done," said one person familiar

with Biden's strategy. "The more trial you have on the floor, the less business can be done on legislation needed in the midst of a global pandemic, or nominations for the Cabinet."

But if they had any hope of "bifurcating" the Senate, it ended when Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) — in one of his final acts as majority leader — denied a request from Schumer to bring the Senate back into session to begin the impeachment trial before Biden's inauguration.

White House and Senate officials say they have been in frequent touch with each other about the logistics of the trial and how much floor time will be taken up by it, but they insist that they have had no conversations about the Democratic strategy around impeachment proceedings.

As the trial got underway this week, House lawmakers barreled forward on the coronavirus relief bill — pushing pieces of the sweeping legislation through several committees in hopes of assembling it into a final package that will be passed and forwarded to the Senate later this month.

Biden said Thursday he "didn't watch any of the hearing live" but had seen news coverage.

"I think the Senate has a very important job to complete, and I think my guess is some minds may be changed, but I don't know," he said.

Leading Democrats and many Republicans are already looking for an outside body modeled on the 9/11 Commission to provide an unfettered accounting of the attack — one that could have a freer hand to pursue testimony from inside the White House.

"The mandate of whatever it will do will be very broad," said a senior Democratic aide familiar with the discussions. "The 9/11 Commission's charge was expansive. I imagine this will be, too."

Pelosi has repeatedly indicated that is her preferred avenue of accountability, and House Republicans have made a similar proposal, though there is no firm timeline for its creation.

In an MSNBC interview aired the day before Biden's inauguration, Pelosi discussed the need for such a commission and called for "truth and trust."

"Then," she said, "we can govern."

Asked whether Biden supported such a commission Monday, White House press secretary Jen Psaki gave a familiar answer: "At this point in time, our focus is really on getting the pandemic under control, and we'll leave that decision up to Congress."

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At Delafontaine Hospital in Saint-Denis, France, the room where babies usually are kept right after birth sits empty last week.



Pediatrician Veronique Prevost alongside an empty incubator. Saint-Denis normally has one of France's highest birthrates.



MaMaMa, a Saint-Denis charity set up to assist mothers and babies during the pandemic, has a healthy stockpile of pajamas.



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MaMaMa co-founder Magali Bragard. The financial strains that still bring many women to the charity may also prevent future births.

BY RICK NOACK

SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE — When France confined more than 64 million people under one of the world's strictest coronavirus lockdowns last spring, there was widespread speculation that a baby boom would follow.

"I thought to myself: They're all stuck at home, and they need to occupy themselves. So, they'll make babies," recalled Martine Mabilia Moussirou, a midwife coordinator at the main public hospital in Saint-Denis, a city on the outskirts of Paris that has one of France's highest birthrates.

Nine months on, though, instead of a boom, France is witnessing a sharp decline in births. Economic uncertainty, social stress and in some cases anxieties about the virus itself appear to have prompted families to abandon or postpone plans to have a baby.

The number of babies born at the Saint-Denis hospital plummeted by about 20 percent between mid-December and mid-January and is expected to remain below 2020 levels for at least the first half of the year. While the coronavirus wards were hives of activity last week, lights in the maternity ward were dimmed and the corridors empty.

"Usually, it's bustling here," said Mabilia Moussirou, who was chatting with other midwives next to a board showing the occupancy status of the ward's nine delivery rooms.

Only one was in use. Other maternity wards in France are reporting similar trends, as are cities in Italy. A drop in births is predicted for the United States, as well.

The unusually quiet hospital wards are an early sign of how the pandemic may indirectly shape demographics. They are also one of many indications of the toll on women.

Some developing countries are registering the beginnings of a baby boom, triggered in part by reduced funding for and access to contraceptives and family planning services during the pandemic.

But in France and other developed countries, a pandemic birth slump is emerging, with implications for decades to come.

A dramatic drop in births

The full effect of the coronavirus pandemic on France's birthrate won't be known for months. But experts are increasingly confident that the sudden drops in some hospitals are too steep,

widespread and abrupt to be coincidental.

"We're seeing the decline everywhere across the northeast of France," said Olivier Morel, the academic director of the obstetrics and gynecology department at the university hospital in Nancy.

At the five big university hospitals in the region, births declined 10 to 25 percent in January compared with the same month last year, according to figures provided by Morel.

Those drops are far steeper than the normal year-on-year variations, which are usually in the low single digits.

"Throughout my career, I have never seen a 10 to 25 percent decline," Morel said.

Further south in Lyon, France's second-biggest metropolitan area, two hospitals said they recorded a combined 19 percent decline in births in January — a drop they attributed to the pandemic.

Italy experienced Europe's first major outbreak and was the first Western country to declare a national lockdown in March. Births declined by more than 21 percent across 15 major Italian cities in December, according to a report published by the country's statistics institute last week.

By contrast, hospitals in the German capital of Berlin have so far not noticed a significant downward trend, but the city was hit less severely than hot spots in France and Italy and did not impose the same level of lockdown.

Why families postponed or abandoned plans

Demographers aren't as surprised by the drop in births as the health workers in France might be.

"Fertility has historically been sensitive to cyclical events such as wars, economic crises, epidemics and even to climatic conditions," said Arnaud Régnier-Loilier, a research director at France's National Institute for Demographic Studies. "These events all result in a decrease and not an increase in births."

The Greek financial crisis, for example, contributed to a baby bust.

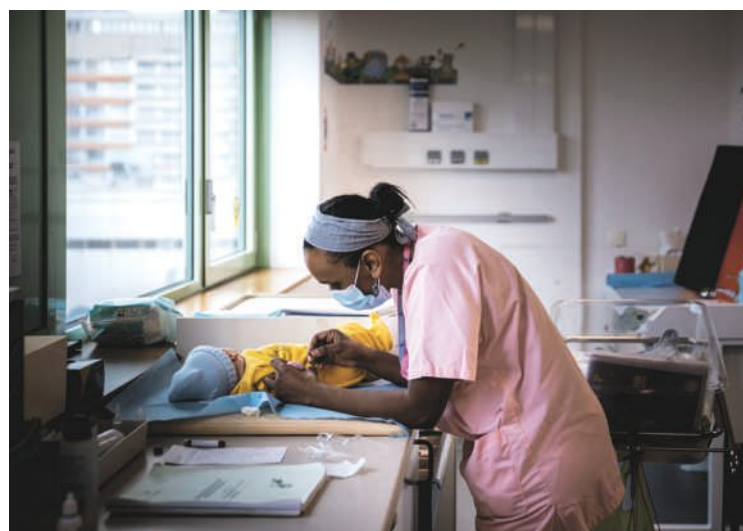
Sometimes, the impact transcends borders. After the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, researchers noticed an unusually low birthrate in Italy nine months later.

Researchers suspect that multiple factors associated with the coronavirus pandemic may be depressing fertility rates.

Economic uncertainty is a big one. People thinking last spring

France sees a baby bust as virus promises a lasting mark

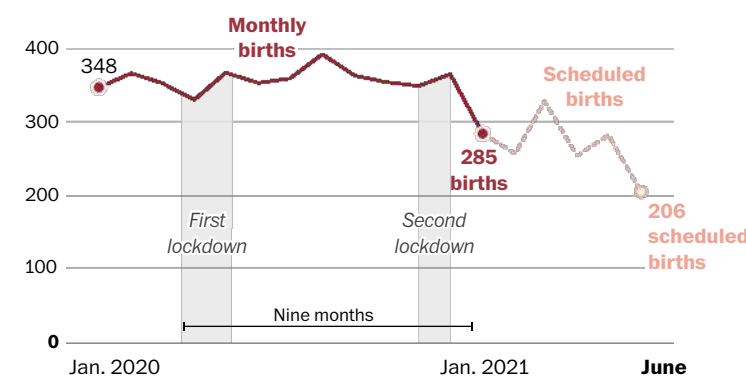
Pandemic's economic, other pressures may shape demographics for decades



The number of babies born at Delafontaine Hospital plummeted by about 20 percent between mid-December and mid-January.

French hospital sees sudden decline in births nine months after lockdown

Monthly and scheduled births at Saint-Denis' main public hospital since January 2020.



Source: Centre Hospitalier de Saint-Denis

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about whether to have a baby may have found themselves out of work or seen that major economies were experiencing record contractions. In France, the economy shrank by 5.8 percent in the first quarter of 2020, the largest decline since record-keeping began in 1949, according to the national statistics office.

Although France and other European governments were quick to offer subsidies for furloughed workers, it was with the understanding that those supports would be temporary and some industries might not recover anytime soon. That left many people feeling less than secure.

The constraints of lockdowns also may have worked against decisions to add a baby. Some families felt the pressure of having older children at home while schools were closed. Some couples may have found that constant proximity strained their relationship. Some might have calculated that the need to shield older relatives would reduce the support they would get as new parents.

Researchers are also exploring how the severity of coronavirus outbreaks may have influenced family planning decisions. Some areas of France now reporting a drop in births were also among the hardest-hit areas during the first wave of infection, suggesting a possible correlation.

Under stress in Saint-Denis

Saint-Denis is a place where multiple stresses collided.

It is one of France's poorest cities, located in a region with one of the highest excess mortality rates due to covid.

Many of its 110,000 residents had barely managed to stay afloat before the pandemic. When the virus hit, the city's informal economy collapsed, leaving undocumented immigrants without income or any way to qualify for unemployment benefits. The closure of schools meant that children could no longer get the heavily subsidized meals many families had relied on.

In the cramped apartments of Saint-Denis's housing projects, enduring the spring lockdown — when people were allowed to go out only once a day, for essential reasons — was especially hard.

Those conditions helped propel riots in the Parisian suburbs in late April — and may have depressed fertility rates as well.

The lockdown led to a surge in domestic violence, said Ghada Hatem-Gantzer, an obstetrician

who heads a hospital-linked center for women in Saint-Denis.

"More than usual, women came asking for an abortion because, as they said, 'I cannot have kids with someone who became so violent during the lockdown,'" Hatem-Gantzer said.

But while the portion of women citing that reason increased last year, the overall number of abortions did not, she said.

MaMaMa, a local charity set up to support mothers and babies through the pandemic, hasn't yet seen the impact of declining births. In a 15,000-square-foot warehouse, volunteers still welcome a constant stream of mothers coming for free essentials, such as bottles, food and clothes. But the financial strains that bring women to MaMaMa may also prevent future births.

Nogochami, 27, was waiting her turn at MaMaMa, wheeling her sleeping 8-month-old in a stroller. The baby was born during France's first lockdown, at a time when the family's income had dropped to a few dollars a day.

"We'll wait a very long time until the next child," said Nogochami, who gave only her first name because she is an undocumented immigrant from Ivory Coast. "Everything is very difficult. I just can't have another one now."

Possibly prolonged impact

Mabilia Moussirou, the midwife coordinator, said she was still hoping for a speedy rebound in births, even a boom, once women regain confidence about the future. But some colleagues are less optimistic.

While the economy in France and some other European countries had slowed less than expected by the end of last year, economists still warn of a double-dip recession. Meanwhile, a resurgence of the virus and fears of more contagious variants have brought on second and third lockdowns in Europe.

Initial findings from a long-term study conducted by Morel and other doctors in the northeast indicate that pregnant women's economic concerns have only grown.

"I really believe we will face a significant drop in the number of births for several years," Morel said.

And for a continent that had already been dealing with rapidly aging populations and declining fertility rates, he said, that should spark "serious concern."

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CONGO

Second Ebola death recorded in the east

A second Ebola case and subsequent death have been recorded in Congo's North Kivu province, health officials say.

The victim was a 60-year-old woman who died Wednesday in the health zone of Biena, according to provincial health minister Nzanzu Syalita. He said she had been to the same health post as the first victim.

Officials had confirmed a case of Ebola on Sunday in another woman from Biena, in eastern

Congo. The governor's delegate in the zone said the cases have created panic among residents.

Syalita said the second victim's body was handled by community members before burial. Ebola is spread through bodily fluids, and corpses are especially infectious.

While the original source of contamination is still unknown, the first woman was the wife of an Ebola survivor, officials said.

The cases come less than three months after the end of Congo's 11th Ebola outbreak, in the west. A 2018 outbreak in the east was the second deadliest in the world, killing 2,299 people.

— Associated Press

VATICAN

Charity confirms abuse claim against founder

A pontifical foundation has admitted that its late founder was credibly accused of sexually assaulting an employee, who came forward in 2010 after learning the priest was being considered for beatification.

Aid to the Church in Need, which raises money to build churches and train priests in poor countries, said it "deeply regrets" and condemns the alleged behavior of the Rev. Werenfried van Straaten, who died in 2003.

The Germany-based charity posted a statement on its website Wednesday after the German newspaper Die Zeit reported on the allegations, the latest in a string of sexual misconduct claims against founders of Vatican-sanctioned religious orders, movements and charities.

Aid to the Church in Need said it paid the woman \$12,000 for her suffering, plus \$7,269 for her pension. She was 23 at the time.

The charity, which van Straaten founded in 1947, said the claims were reported to the Vatican, which found no other similar claims against him.

— Associated Press

Saudi coalition says it destroyed Houthi missile

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said it had destroyed a ballistic missile that Yemen's Houthi rebels launched toward the southern Saudi city of Khamis Mushait, state media reported. The coalition also said it had foiled an explosives-laden drone sent by the Iran-aligned rebels toward the same city.

Israel says Hamas arsenal has grown

The Hamas militant group ruling the Gaza Strip has replenished its arsenal since a 2014 war with Israel and has a vast collection of rockets, guided missiles and drones, a senior

Israeli military commander said. According to Israeli estimates, Hamas has 7,000 rockets, as well as 300 antitank and 100 anti-aircraft missiles, said the commander, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under military rules. It also has acquired dozens of drones, he said.

Boy killed by rocket in Pakistan

Rockets fired by militants in Afghanistan killed a 5-year-old boy and injured seven other children in northwest Pakistan, the army said. The rocket struck in Bajur, a former tribal region that was once a Taliban bastion.

— From news services

U.S.-China flash points flare up quickly in Biden-Xi call

Conversation sets stage for what is likely a rocky road ahead post-Trump

BY GERRY SHIH

TAIPEI, TAIWAN — After the first call between President Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping, the U.S. and Chinese governments released accounts that diverged sharply in tone and focus. But both sides signaled they would not yield on the thorny issues of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Xinjiang, foreshadowing the areas that could generate protracted tensions in the post-Trump era.

In the call Wednesday evening U.S. time, Xi spoke in conciliatory tones about the importance of a healthy bilateral relationship, according to the Chinese state broadcaster. But Xi pointedly warned Biden to “act prudently” in regard to the three regions, where China’s forceful policies have drawn U.S. condemnation.

Biden took a harder tack, telling Xi he had “fundamental concerns about Beijing’s coercive and unfair economic practices, crackdown in Hong Kong, human rights abuses in Xinjiang, and increasingly assertive actions in the region, including toward Taiwan,” according to the White House.

Following weeks of tough comments from senior U.S. officials,

Biden’s exchange with Xi underscored the deep differences between the two leading world powers that will define their contests in trade, technology, military prowess and a range of other areas for years to come.

China’s stern warning about Taiwan, a U.S.-backed, self-ruled democracy that China claims as its territory, has been a consistent message going back to the latter months of the Trump administration, when bilateral relations entered a free fall, according to Chinese analysts and U.S. scholars and business executives who speak with Chinese officials. Aside from seeking assurances that U.S. policy toward Taiwan would not change dramatically, these people say, China has low expectations that the new president will quickly adopt a much softer approach to China and offer changes that Beijing seeks, such as dropping President Donald Trump’s tariffs or his technology sanctions.

“Taiwan is the first issue — always — more so than tariffs,” said Xin Qiang, deputy director of Fudan University’s Center for American Studies. “China wants to wait patiently to see what the U.S. will say and do in terms of Hong Kong, Taiwan, Xinjiang. The struggle concerning those issues between China and the U.S. will shape the direction of the relationship in the upcoming four years.”

Then-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo designated China’s crackdown on the region’s mostly Mus-

lim population in Xinjiang as “genocide” in the final days of the Trump administration, enraging Beijing, and lifted State Department restrictions on interactions with Taiwanese officials. His successor, Antony Blinken, concurred with the genocide designation and has spoken forcefully in favor of supporting Taiwan. Biden national security adviser Jake Sullivan has also publicly recommended the United States be prepared to “impose costs” on China for its crackdowns in Hong Kong and Xinjiang and for its “bellicosity and threats” toward Taiwan.

Aside from the three regions that China considers core national interests, Xi urged a restoration in relations — the “most important” in the world — and proposed a resumption of dialogue between the governments. Communication had all but broken down toward the end of Trump’s term, with only the countries’ trade representatives still talking.

Most Chinese state media framed the call, which came shortly before the Lunar New Year, a success. “The significance of the phone call today not only lies in that it has further promoted the personal communication between the two leaders, but also provided a sense of ritual to China-US relations and expresses mutual respect,” wrote Hu Xijin, the influential editor of China’s Global Times tabloid. “Doing so on this special day for Chinese, I think is of considerable positive

significance for realizing the goals of managing differences.”

China has been eager to restart dialogue and has waited for a call since the Jan. 20 inauguration. Officials had informally floated the idea of sending China’s top diplomat, Yang Jiechi, to Washington even earlier to meet with Biden officials, according to people with knowledge of the discussions. But the U.S. response was chilly as Biden and senior officials such as Blinken first spoke to U.S. allies and friends, including Canada, Britain, Japan, Australia and India, on calls that often touched on the Indo-Pacific region and China.

Unable to quickly secure meetings, Yang delivered a public address via videoconference to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, while Chinese Ambassador Cui Tiankai similarly addressed the Carter Center. In both cases the officials dug in firmly on territorial issues and accused the United States of single-handedly driving the downturn in relations. But they also have offered to cooperate on fighting the coronavirus and climate change, which they see as Biden priorities.

In recent months, particularly since the inauguration, comments from the Biden administration have cemented the belief in Beijing that its relationship with the United States has changed fundamentally into one of competition.

Zhao Tong, senior fellow at the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center in Bei-

jing, noted that on the call, Xi quoted Biden’s post-election victory speech on the theme of “possibilities” and that Chinese state media have highlighted the history between the two men. But he said those in policy circles in Beijing know that realistically it can only bide time, avoid confrontation with Biden and seek limited cooperation, while it inevitably builds up national strength that can challenge that of the United States.

“China has traditionally felt confident it can shape the view of top U.S. individuals by building on personal relationships,” Zhao said. “But China has been a little disappointed so far. Biden’s rhetoric has been very tough, which is convincing the Chinese that we need to build our own capability. China is confident that over time, the balance of power is shifting.”

Senior Biden administration officials on Wednesday outlined a U.S. strategy that would borrow some elements of Trump’s adversarial approach to China while rejecting his unilateral tactics.

The officials said Biden would also hold back on rolling back tariffs “right out of the gate” and would weigh new prohibitions on sensitive technology exports. Biden also announced a Defense Department review on China-related military strategies on Wednesday, the same day a senior State Department official met with Taiwan’s envoy to Washington.

Taiwan Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Joanne Ou said her ministry thanked the Biden administration for “continually demonstrating support for our country” since the inauguration and pledged Taiwan would continue to closely collaborate with Washington.

Inside China, most state media coverage of the call was heavily and selectively edited, and social media users seemed pleased that Biden sent Lunar New Year greetings to the Chinese people. A few posters who accessed foreign websites, presumably using virtual networking software to circumvent domestic censorship, expressed surprise to see the White House version of the readout and to find Biden in fact “lectured” China on sensitive issues about its periphery.

Policy thinkers in Beijing took a more realist view.

“The Biden administration does not have much interest and space to actively ease Sino-U.S. relations,” Fu Suixin, research fellow at the China Institute of International Studies wrote in a syndicated piece lamenting Washington’s positions on Hong Kong, Taiwan and Xinjiang. “Instead, it hopes to use a tough stance to seek psychological advantages and bargaining chips in its interactions with China.”

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3 weeks in, Biden still hasn’t called Netanyahu

Some Israeli politicians are ready to call the silence a political snub

BY STEVE HENDRIX

JERUSALEM — Is Biden ghosting Bibi?

Since President Biden took office, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, or Bibi as he is known here, has been waiting for the traditional courtesy call from the Oval Office. After all, both Presidents Donald Trump and Barack Obama reached the prime minister within days of taking their oaths of office.

But three weeks into his term, as Biden has worked deep into his Rolodex of world leaders without dialing Netanyahu’s Balfour Street office, much of Israel’s political class is ready to declare it a full-blown diplomatic snub. In the president’s “thundering silence,” some see a long-feared frosty tumble from the warm embrace Netanyahu enjoyed with Trump.

“Biden and his aides aim to tell Netanyahu, ‘You’re nothing special,’” security analyst Yossi Melman wrote in the daily Haaretz. “The personal connection and chemistry you had with Donald Trump not only fail to advance your standing in Washington, they’re an obstacle.”

Officials in both capitals have dismissed the idea that Biden’s call log carries any coded rebuke of Israel or its head of government. The White House says that Biden is dialing region by region and that the Middle East is coming up.

The president’s first calls, to Mexico and Canada, and to European and Asian capitals, addressed issues including immigration, trade, climate change, NATO and containing China, according to reports. The White House has also been consumed by a raging pandemic and eco-



An employee watches a wall of televisions at an electronics store in Ashkelon, Israel, broadcasting President Biden’s inauguration on Jan. 20. After three weeks in office, Biden has not yet called Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, despite the United States being one of Israel’s closest allies.

nomics crisis.

“There’s no reason for any drama,” said Dan Shapiro, the U.S. ambassador to Israel during the Obama administration, who expects Netanyahu’s phone to ring soon. “Biden took office at a time of national emergency that no president has faced since FDR. The calls he has conducted reflect those priorities.”

Netanyahu himself downplayed the possibility that he was being slighted by the new president. The prime minister noted that he and Biden have known each other for decades and that he called Biden soon after he was

declared the winner of the election in November.

“He is making calls to world leaders according to the order he sees fit,” Netanyahu said when questioned about Biden during an appearance with the Greek prime minister in Jerusalem this week. “The Israel-U.S. alliance is strong, and so is our friendship of almost 40 years, though we may not agree on everything.”

Asked about when Biden might place the call, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Thursday that he “looks forward” to speaking with Netanyahu. “He’s obviously somebody

that he has a long-standing relationship with, and obviously there’s an important relationship that the United States has with Israel on the security front and as a key partner in the region. But he’ll be talking with him soon,” Psaki said. She added that she did not have a specific date or time.

Netanyahu has built his image as a political colossus, in part by touting his speed-dial relationships with leaders around the world and in Washington in particular. In three previous elections, he boasted of commanding a near hotline to Trump via

then-U.S. Ambassador David Friedman, the president’s former bankruptcy lawyer.

The Trump White House seemed willing to help. Several major concessions to Netanyahu, such as supporting the annexation of the Golan Heights, were announced shortly before Israeli voters went to the polls.

Now, with Israel’s fourth election in two years scheduled for March 23, the contrast with a White House that hasn’t yet made a phone call must sting, according to those who know the prime minister.

“There is no doubt that he is

not happy about this,” said Aviv Bushinsky, Netanyahu’s former chief of staff and media adviser. “I think Netanyahu will see it as a lack of respect.”

The no-phone-call chatter reached a pitch Wednesday when Israel’s former United Nations envoy, Danny Danon, tweeted a list of countries that Biden has already called leaders of and attached a number for the prime minister’s office (one that had been disconnected, as it turned out). “Might it now be time to call the leader of Israel, the closest ally of the US?” he asked.

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China to pull BBC News off the air, state regulator says

BY ADAM TAYLOR

China’s broadcasting regulator has moved to pull BBC News off the air in the country over a “serious content violation,” the Chinese state news agency Xinhua reported Thursday.

China’s National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA) said in an announcement on its website that the broadcaster, which is partly funded by the British state but editorially independent, had “undermined China’s national

interests and ethnic solidarity.”

Chinese state media greeted the news with a sense of triumph, while U.S. and British officials have criticized the decision. British Foreign Minister Dominic Raab called the move an “unacceptable curtailing of media freedom.”

The BBC is “disappointed that the Chinese authorities have decided to take this course of action,” a spokeswoman for the broadcaster said in an email to reporters. “The BBC is the world’s most trusted interna-

tional news broadcaster and reports on stories from around the world fairly, impartially and without fear or favor.”

The announcement, which arrived with the Lunar New Year holiday in China, followed recent disputes between Chinese officials and BBC News.

It also came just a week after Britain’s media regulator pulled the Chinese state-run television channel CGTN off British airwaves because of alleged errors in an application to transfer its license to another company.

In December, BBC News produced a report that alleged the forced labor of ethnic minority Uighurs in China’s cotton industry in Xinjiang. Chinese state media outlets bristled at the

work, calling it “fake news” and accusing the BBC of political bias.

“Far from being fake news, our evidence, along with the post-publication propaganda designed to undermine it, is proof of a coordinated effort to control the narrative, extending from the shadowy minders in unmarked cars, all the way up to the national government,” John Sudworth, one of the team who reported the story, later wrote.

BBC News also produced a lengthy report detailing allegations of systematic rape in Xinjiang camps where Uighurs and other minorities are held.

China’s NRTA did not detail precisely why BBC News was being pulled off air or how the

move might affect the organization’s staff in the country, but it said any new applications for a license would not be considered.

The Global Times, a newspaper run by the Chinese Communist Party, said the BBC would no longer be available anywhere on the Chinese mainland. Some Chinese academics who spoke to the Global Times, known for its nationalistic stance, said the next step might be to expel journalists.

Even before the ban, BBC News was not available widely in China, mostly limited to hotels that cater to foreigners. Even so, it comes amid a wave of restrictions on foreign journalists in recent years that has seen a number of reporters be arrested or have their credentials pulled.

In a tweet shortly after the announcement, Raab said the Chinese decision was an “unacceptable curtailing of media freedom” and noted that China already had some of the “most severe restrictions” on media and Internet freedoms in the world.

“This latest step will only damage China’s reputation in the eyes of the world,” he added.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said at a briefing Thursday that the U.S. government condemned the decision to ban BBC News, adding that China maintained “one of the most controlled and most oppressive, least-free information spaces in the world.”

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THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Hong Kong's 4th wave of infections brings tide of racism

Residents and an official suggest ethnic minorities are spreading virus

BY THEODORA YU
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HONG KONG — A man of Nepali descent said he was denied a job after an employer saw his complexion. A woman said people recoiled from her in an elevator, apparently disgusted. A child was turned away from a school that cited a preference for “locals.”

Racism, especially against South Asians, is not a new phenomenon in Hong Kong, whose population is 92 percent ethnic Chinese. But a wave of incidents during the pandemic — including comments from an official who suggested minorities were spreading the coronavirus — is bringing prejudice into sharp relief in this city of astronomical housing prices and extreme inequality.

Adding to the sting, blue-collar workers such as delivery drivers, cleaners and others providing essential services are bearing the brunt.

“I feel angry, but there's nothing I can do,” said Ali, a government worker who said he had been a victim of racist behavior and who spoke on the condition of using only his nickname because he feared repercussions.

While Hong Kong's virus cases are comparatively low, the city since November has battled a fourth wave of infections that began in upscale restaurants and dance clubs catering to wealthy women.

In January, authorities began imposing “pop-up” lockdowns in specific neighborhoods. Rather than the dance clubs, which were not immediately forced to close, the ambushes have targeted mostly poor areas with high proportions of minority, often South Asian, residents.

The accounts of discrimination also underscore the barriers faced by ethnic minorities, and policies that fail to take them into account. Many ineligible for Chinese citizenship now face extra hurdles in traveling abroad after the government said it would no longer recognize the British National (Over-



A migrant worker from Nepal protests for equal pay at a Hong Kong rally in 2013. Virus-related racism has added to their worries.

seas) passport, after Britain granted holders of the document a path to U.K. citizenship.

‘They think we are responsible’

Due to their culture and religion, ethnic minorities like to have family gatherings where they “share food, smoke, drink alcohol and chat together,” public health official Raymond Ho said in a news conference in January, adding that doing so without masks increases the risks. In addition, Ho said, residents in crowded living environments may need to share sanitary facilities, raising the chance of contracting the virus.

The comments sparked frustration. Bista Gandendra Limbu, 31, a Nepali who came to Hong Kong when he was 2, said the Yau Tsim Mong area, the first to come under a 48-hour lockdown last month, is a “mini Kathmandu,” fueling impressions that the entire Nepali

community is carrying the virus.

“Everyone [in Hong Kong] drinks, everyone hangs out,” he said. “But we don't have anyone who can speak up for us.”

Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's top local official, said there was nothing to suggest ethnicity contributed to contagion, but that factors included “social behaviors, living conditions and workplace hygiene.” More than a quarter of the city's 661 locally transmitted cases from Jan. 4 to 18 involved people of South Asian descent, according to government figures, mostly from the Yau Tsim Mong area.

Lam's intervention did little to defuse prejudice, according to ethnic minority individuals, who say they have since been targeted at work, forced to stay home despite negative coronavirus tests, and shunned by Chinese colleagues and friends.

Limbu, who runs a Facebook page for Nepali people in Hong Kong, said grievances started

pouring in, including from a woman who reported that someone spat on her at a subway station.

A retail worker of Nepali descent, who spoke on the condition of being named only as Rai because of safety concerns, said his ethnically Chinese co-workers called him constantly and told him to get tested. (He has taken nine tests, all negative.)

“Suddenly they think we are responsible [for the virus],” Rai said. “They just don't want to listen.”

With the economy in dire straits, Rai fears losing his job, especially after getting rejected for more than 100 positions.

Also last month, pro-Beijing lawmaker Elizabeth Quat proposed locking down the city's mostly Filipino and Indonesian domestic helpers on Sundays — their only day off. The government rejected the idea, but Sarah Pun, vice chair of the Union of

Nepalese Domestic Workers, said many employers have asked their helpers not to go out.

‘License for others’

South Asians began arriving in Hong Kong in the 1840s, when British troops brought Indian soldiers and traders. Later came Sikhs, then Nepalis who had previously worked as Gurkhas, followed by Pakistanis, Filipinos, Indonesians and Thais. The minority population rose by about 70 percent between 2009 and 2019.

But a lack of inclusion and lack of Chinese language skills are major barriers, according to a report by the Zubin Foundation, an advocacy group, and those obstacles result in limited opportunities, bias and discrimination. Of the 836 racial discrimination complaints Hong Kong's Equal Opportunities Commission handled in the past six years, not one led to a conviction.

With a quarter of the ethnic

minority population living in poverty, many have no choice but to stay in cramped subdivided apartments and share sanitary facilities, said Shalini Mahtani, Zubin's founder.

“I don't believe Raymond Ho was trying to intentionally demean ethnic minorities,” she said. “But because he is in a position of power it gives license for others to operate the same way.”

It wasn't the first time the government was criticized for cultural insensitivity. Last month, for the second time in under a year, officials distributed food packages containing pork to Muslim residents affected by a lockdown. Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung said the packages were handed out with more than one group in mind.

Judy Gurung, a Nepali community coordinator of ethnic affairs for Hong Kong's Democratic Party, said her phone rang nonstop after officials announced the lockdown in Yau Tsim Mong. People were scared and, facing language barriers, they were confused on the specifics.

“People didn't know if they could go to work, [if they had] enough halal food, medicine,” she said. She recounted her own recent experience in an elevator, where people flinched back from her and stood as far away as they could, with looks of disgust on their faces.

Incidents such as these have reopened old wounds. Limbu recalled how a job interview for a security guard role last year lasted only 30 seconds after the interviewer saw his face and asked where he was from — despite enthusiasm during a prior phone call when Limbu communicated like a native Cantonese speaker. He was then asked to take off his mask. His application was rejected.

The experience reminded him of all the degrading words he has heard used against his community.

“We can still hear these words, even until now,” Limbu said.

Rai, meanwhile, is struggling to enroll his son in kindergarten. He tried three to four schools but to no avail, he said; one informed him the school had a “preference for locals.” His son was born in Hong Kong.

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Around the world, quirky mascots promote health and vaccines

Characters range from Brazil's pro-inoculation Joseph Droplet to the American polio-fighting ‘Wellbee’ of the 1960s

BY MIRIAM BERGER

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has been a vocal skeptic of measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus. But that hasn't stopped him from posing for photos with Zé Gotinha, known as Joseph Droplet in English, the country's smiley, vaccine-touting mascot.

Brazil's Health Ministry first created Zé Gotinha as a friendly (and to some uncanny) face to promote polio vaccine programs for children in the 1980s. The character has since been used in a range of inoculation campaigns against diseases such as measles, tuberculosis and whooping cough.

These days, Zé Gotinha's smile is sometimes concealed behind a face mask. But the message persists that vaccines are no cause for fear.

Mascots have a long history in public health campaigns worldwide, said Heidi Larson, director

of the Vaccine Confidence Project at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

They are “humorous, playful,” said Larson, in contrast to an often “didactic government” take on vaccination programs.

“It makes it seem less clinical, less government-driven, less ‘You have to take this,’” she said. “It can engage all ages.”

In the 1960s, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention unveiled the “Wellbee,” designed as “the personification of good health,” to promote the uptake of the oral polio vaccine for children, according to the CDC.

Other campaigns have been more memorable because of their shock effect. A few years back, the U.K. Male Cancer Awareness Campaign released its mascot — named Mr. Testicles — intended to reduce social stigma around the disease.

The coronavirus pandemic, Larson said, has been a period of particularly “interesting innova-



Some mascots, such as Koronon, Japan's anti-coronavirus cat mascot, have been visual markers of the pandemic since it began.

tion and creativity” around public health messaging because of its global gravity.

“I don't think that vaccines have ever had the opportunity to show their value way beyond health as they do now,” she said. “It's such a difficult time and a down time. I think something to get a little bit of personality and humor and humanity in it — we need it.”

Some characters circulating are not coronavirus-specific, like the happy-go-lucky cartoon kid that Clalit, the largest of Israel's state-mandated health service organizations, used in its messaging pre-pandemic and is now plastered on its posters and immunization cards.

Other mascots have been visual markers of the pandemic since it began.

Campaigns have featured characters such as Koronon, Japan's anti-coronavirus cat mascot, and Covid-Kun, a red-pronged blob geared toward educating children about the virus.

The phenomena has been particularly visible in Asian countries, especially Japan, where there's already a thriving mascot culture.

One challenge on social media, said Larson, is that a mascot in one context can appear inappropriate in another — such as some iterations of Brazil's Zé Gotinha that to an American audience might conjure up images of the Ku Klux Klan's signature garb.

In Israel, a tongue-in-cheek ad produced by the Health Ministry to promote coronavirus precautions — in which a winged character named “covid, Cupid's stepbrother” describes itself as being from Wuhan, China — caught the ire of Chinese officials in August and was ultimately deleted.

“The best principle is to co-create it with audiences you're trying to reach,” Larson said.

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Germany and France part ways on new restrictions

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PARIS — When a coronavirus variant forced Britain into lockdown in December, it triggered alarm across Europe. Within hours, France, Germany and other countries shut their borders or imposed restrictions, leaving thousands of travelers and lorry drivers stranded.

But almost two months on, the European Union's two most populous nations are increasingly divided over how to confront more highly transmissible variants, including the ones first discovered in Britain and South Africa, that account for a growing number of infections.

Despite a drop in total recent coronavirus cases, German Chan-

cellor Angela Merkel and state leaders extended the country's lockdown for another month Wednesday, with Merkel warning that the variants have significantly moved the goal posts.

But after arguing for weeks that France was probably also headed into another lockdown, French officials abruptly changed course this week, offering a far more optimistic assessment.

“It's possible and desirable that we'll never have to go back into lockdown,” French Health Minister Olivier Véran said this week, leaving some observers puzzled.

France now has more than twice as many new cases per capita as Germany does, and the highly transmissible B.1.1.7 variant, first detected in Britain, is estimated to account for up to 25 per-

cent of new infections in the country, according to figures released Thursday. The variants first identified in South Africa and Brazil have also been detected in France, though they are less widespread.

“Do you have a hard time recognizing our government and its optimism right now?” a journalist with France's public broadcaster wrote in a column Thursday. “Same here.”

Scientists have watched the U-turn with alarm. “The French approach is immensely dangerous,” said Tobias Kurth, the director of the Institute of Public Health at the Charité hospital in the German capital.

French officials have emphasized the adverse mental health and economic effects of lockdowns, with Véran saying every week without a lockdown “is a week with additional freedoms.”

Germans have been living under a tightening state of lockdown since early November, with schools and kindergartens shut-

tered and those who can do so working from home. Cafes and restaurants have been closed except for takeout, and some states have introduced nightly curfews.

Even though Germany at first struggled to bring down case numbers, they have steadily declined in recent weeks. From a peak of more than 36,000 daily cases in December, the country is now reporting fewer than 10,000 a day.

While the United States has also seen declining numbers without such strict measures, the German leadership attributes the progress to its restrictions.

More than 63,000 people have died of the coronavirus in Germany, compared with nearly 473,000 in the United States — more than seven times as many deaths, though the U.S. population is only four times the size.

Vaccination rates are ramping up while deaths and infections are dropping, Merkel told the German parliament Thursday.

“And if that were the whole picture, then you would see me here looking quite confident, even with all the difficulties,” she said. But the danger of the variants is “a great danger for this good path we are on.”

Germany raised its bar for new openings this week, from an average of 50 weekly infections per 100,000 people to 35 per 100,000. The country's current rate is about 70 per 100,000.

Throughout much of January, French ministers had struck a tone similar to Merkel's. Amid fears of a looming third wave of the virus in Europe linked to the new variants, France moved a curfew from 8 p.m. to 6 p.m. last month, ordered the closure of some shopping centers and banned nonessential travel from outside the European Union.

But schools, hotels and most shops have remained open. Employees still take crowded subways into offices. France's quarantine policies are also less strict

than Germany's, and they're enforced less than in Britain, where new arrivals will need to quarantine in government-approved hotels and risk 10-year jail sentences if they flout the rules.

Still, the number of new infections and hospitalizations in France slightly dropped over recent days. But scientists fear the numbers may provide a false sense of reassurance.

“There are signs that the British virus variant, the corona mutation B.1.1.7, will prevail,” Johannes Danckert, head of Berlin's Vivaltes clinics, told the Tagesspiegel newspaper this week.

But whereas Germany could at least manage to slow the variants' spread, France's current approach may put it on track for a surge far sooner, said Kurth.

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

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UP 53.24, 0.4%

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↓ CRUDE OIL \$58.24
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HUD expands protections for LGBTQ people

Directive aims to build on Obama-era bid to ban housing discrimination

BY TRACY JAN

The Department of Housing and Urban Development said Thursday it will investigate complaints of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, expanding civil rights protections for LGBTQ people seeking housing or temporary shelter across the country.

The announcement comes three weeks after President Biden issued an executive order directing all federal agencies to implement a June ruling by the Supreme Court that civil rights law prohibiting sex discrimination includes gender identity and sexual orientation. HUD is the first to respond, agency officials said.

The HUD directive builds on the Obama administration's efforts to end housing discrimination against gay and transgender people, protections that the

Trump administration attempted to dismantle.

The 2012 Equal Access Rule barred federally funded housing programs from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. In 2016, HUD clarified that sex-based discrimination could be motivated by perceived nonconformity with gender stereotypes.

The change was meant to protect transgender people from discrimination — and danger — at homeless shelters because they were often denied access to emergency shelter that corresponds to their gender identity.

"This limited enforcement of the Fair Housing Act's sex discrimination prohibition, while a step forward, is insufficient to satisfy the Act's purpose of providing fair housing throughout the United States to the full extent permitted by the United States Constitution," wrote Jeanine M. Worden, acting assistant secretary for HUD's Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity in Thursday's memorandum.

A HUD official told The Washington Post that Thursday's move expands the universe of people

who can file a fair-housing complaint because individuals will no longer have to make a nonconformity allegation in discrimination claims.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. But before last summer's Supreme Court ruling in an employment discrimination case, HUD's legal interpretation of what constituted sex discrimination changed, depending on the presidential administration.

"What the Biden administration is doing now is incredibly important, doing right by some of the most marginalized people in the United States who need access to federal housing programs," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality.

Under the Trump administration, HUD introduced a proposal to allow federally funded homeless shelters to deny people admission on religious grounds or force transgender women to share bathrooms and sleeping quarters with men.

Former HUD secretary Ben Carson angered agency staff and civil rights advocates when he expressed concern about "big, hairy men" trying to infiltrate women's shelters during an internal meeting at HUD's San Francisco office in 2019.

Carson often justified the reversal of Obama-era protections by saying he believes in equal rights, not "special rights," and said he had received complaints of men who pretend to be women to gain access to battered women's shelters. (Transgender advocates called Carson's defense a common, damaging and insulting trope that had long been debunked.)

The Trump administration not only eroded fair housing protections for transgender people and other groups, but it also rarely enforced existing law. Civil rights and housing advocates have recommended that Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio), Biden's HUD nominee, reinstate and expand those protections.

Now, after consulting with the White House and Justice Department, HUD officials say they have determined that the Fair Housing

Act bars discrimination based on gender identification and sexual orientation and will enforce the law to combat such biases. They said the new guidance was necessary because studies have shown same-sex couples and transgender people experience less favorable treatment than their straight and cisgender counterparts when seeking rental housing.

The agency will accept and investigate complaints from people who think they have been subject to housing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity going back to Jan. 20, 2020, one year before Biden's executive order. HUD officials said the fair housing office has received about 200 complaints alleging discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation in the past year, but expect those numbers to rise as people are made aware of the agency's new enforcement policy.

In a call with reporters, HUD officials characterized Thursday's action as the first step the Biden administration is taking to uphold LGBTQ rights.

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Biden asks for pause in effort to ban WeChat app

BY JEANNE WHALEN

The Biden administration Thursday asked a federal appeals court to place a hold on proceedings surrounding the Trump administration's attempted ban of the Chinese social media app WeChat, a day after it asked a different court for a similar delay involving a TikTok case.

In both cases, the administration said it needed time to review the Trump administration's proposed bans, which are now the subject of appeals hearings.

"As the Biden Administration has taken office, the Department of Commerce has begun a review of certain recently issued agency actions, including the Secretary's prohibitions regarding the WeChat mobile application at issue in this appeal," the Justice Department said in a filing Thursday with the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco.

"In relation to those prohibitions, the Department plans to conduct an evaluation of the underlying record justifying those prohibitions. The government will then be better positioned to determine whether the national security threat described in the President's August 6, 2020 Executive Order, and the regulatory purpose of protecting the security of Americans and their data, continue to warrant the identified Prohibitions," the filing said.

The filing added that the Biden administration "remains committed to a robust defense of national security as well as ensuring the viability of our economy and preserving individual rights and data privacy."

The Biden administration used similar language in a request it filed Wednesday with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, asking for a delay in proceedings involving the TikTok ban.

President Donald Trump tried to prohibit both apps last fall, calling them national security threats because they collected "vast swaths" of data on Americans and offered the Chinese Communist Party avenues for censoring or distorting information.

A federal magistrate in San Francisco temporarily halted Trump's proposed WeChat ban in September over First Amendment concerns. A federal court in Washington later issued a preliminary injunction blocking the TikTok ban. The Trump administration appealed both of those rulings.

The moves come as some Republicans express early concerns about the Biden administration's plans for China policy. Conservatives, and also many Democrats in Congress, want the new administration to maintain a hard line on China and its tech companies.

Last week, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) placed a hold on Biden's nomination of Gina Raimondo to head the Commerce Department, after she declined to specify during a Senate hearing whether she would keep Chinese telecom giant Huawei on a trade blacklist.

In a Feb. 4 tweet, Cruz said he would lift the hold "when the Biden admin commits to keep the massive Chinese Communist Party spy operation Huawei on the Entity List." Cruz's office didn't immediately provide comment.

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A muted Lunar New Year



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Visitors walk Thursday among Lunar New Year decorations at a shopping mall in Jakarta, Indonesia. Celebrations of the Year of the Ox, which begins Friday, are expected to be restrained in much of the world because of coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

DIGEST

ENERGY

Shell details plan to transition from oil

Royal Dutch Shell said its carbon emissions and oil production have peaked and will decline in the coming years as the company laid out a detailed plan for its transition to cleaner energy.

In a sign of how much the petroleum industry has shifted away from its mantra of growth and exploration, Shell said its oil production will fall by 1 percent to 2 percent a year. Assuming an annual reduction on the upper end of that range, the oil major's production would fall by 18 percent by the end of the decade. Output of "traditional fuels" will be 55 percent lower by 2030.

In a wide-ranging strategy update published Thursday, the

Anglo-Dutch company set new targets for electric-car charging, carbon capture and storage, and electricity sales. It also sought to reassure investors that it could maintain returns through the energy transition, reiterating its pledge for an annual dividend increase of about 4 percent and the resumption of share buybacks once its net-debt target has been achieved.

Shell's measured approach to the energy transition stands apart from its peers BP and Total, which have announced large deals to rapidly boost their clean-energy capacity. BP has promised to slash its oil production by 40 percent and ramp up low-carbon spending to \$5 billion annually by the end of the decade, prompting some to say the firm is overpaying for renewables. Meanwhile, Shell's investments in the space will remain at \$2 billion to \$3 billion

a year.

Critics at environmental groups Greenpeace and the Dutch arm of Friends of the Earth argued the oil and gas major is leaning too heavily on reforestation and carbon capture and storage.

— Bloomberg News

AVIATION INDUSTRY

Bombardier to end Learjet production

The Learjet, which became synonymous with lifestyles of the rich and famous, is about to fade into aviation history.

Canada's Bombardier announced Thursday that it will stop production of the Learjet later this year to focus on more profitable planes.

That means the elimination of 1,600 jobs in Canada and the United States, another blow to

aircraft manufacturing, which has withered in the pandemic.

The iconic jet was among the first private luxury planes. William Lear based his design in part on military jets. The first Learjet flew in 1963, and more than 3,000 had been built since.

"It was sleek, and it had almost a fighter jet pedigree," said Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace analyst for Teal Group. "For its time it symbolized personal executive transportation. Besides, Carly Simon put it into a fantastic song."

Along with being a line in Simon's 1972 hit "You're So Vain," the jet showed up elsewhere in pop culture, including the hit TV show "Mad Men." Frank Sinatra let Elvis Presley borrow his Learjet to elope with Priscilla Beaulieu in 1967.

In recent years, production of the plane had slowed to about

one a month. Thursday's decision was foreshadowed in 2015, when Bombardier pulled the plug on an all-new model, the Learjet 85, citing weak demand.

"The only thing the pandemic did was accelerate a sad ending," Aboulafia said.

— Associated Press

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Kellogg has struggled to keep Frosted Flakes cereal on store shelves in recent months, recalling the production snags that plagued manufacturers earlier in the pandemic and left some pantry staples hard to find. The packaged-food maker has also been unable to meet demand for its MorningStar Farms meat alternatives and Corn Flakes cereal, the company said Thursday as it reported quarterly results. The supply challenges for some of Kellogg's

marquee brands come as many retailers say the pandemic-driven pantry-loading trend is beginning to wane. Kellogg acknowledged that it was caught flat-footed by soaring demand for certain foods in 2020 after several "flattish to down" years for cereal.

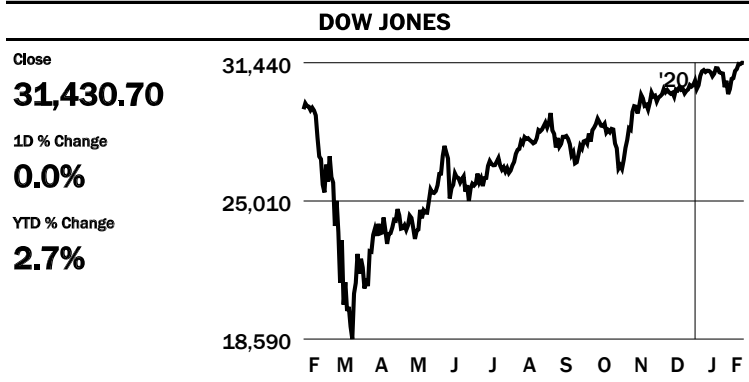
Amsterdam has displaced London as Europe's biggest share-trading center after Britain left the European Union's single market, and picked up a chunk of British derivatives business along the way, according to data published Thursday. The City of London had long warned of the consequences of leaving the E.U. single market without adequate provisions for trade in services and notably finance, which accounted for more than 10 percent of British tax receipts before Brexit.

— From news services

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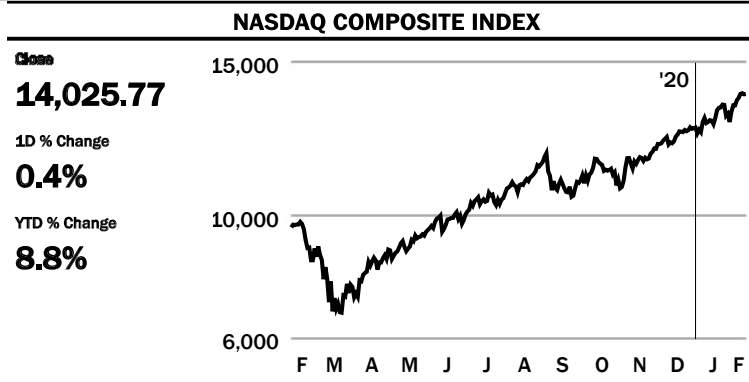
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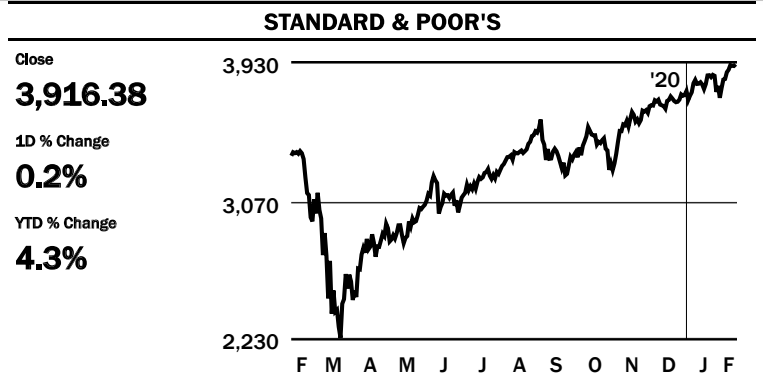
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3M Co	177.21	-2.1	1.4	J&J	166.06	-0.4	5.5
AmerExpCo	128.31	0.1	6.1	JPMorgan	139.27	-0.3	9.6
Amgen Inc	235.04	-1.4	2.2	McDonald's	214.27	-0.1	-0.1
Apple Inc	135.13	-0.2	1.7	Merck & Co	74.74	-0.2	-8.6
Boeing	210.66	-0.6	-1.6	Microsoft	244.49	0.7	9.9
Caterpillr	198.35	0.3	9.0	NIKE Inc	143.54	0.8	1.5
Chevron	92.02	-0.5	9.0	Prcter& Gmbl	128.33	0.1	-7.8
Coca-Cola	50.30	1.4	-8.3	salsfrc.cm	241.24	1.9	8.4
CscSys /DE	47.58	0.7	6.4	Travelers Cos I	146.34	0.3	4.3
Dow Inc	57.67	0.0	3.9	UntdHithGr	333.07	-0.1	-5.0
Gldman Schs	302.32	-0.6	14.6	Verzn Comm	54.60	-0.7	-7.1
Hnywll Int	202.18	0.0	-4.9	Visa Inc	210.66	2.0	-3.7
Home Depot	277.06	-0.6	4.3	Walgreens	50.12	-2.9	25.6
IBM	120.91	-1.1	-3.9	Walmart	144.02	-0.1	-0.1
Intel Corp	60.66	3.1	21.9	Walt Disney	190.91	0.7	5.4



RATES

Instrument	Rate	1D-yr note Yield
Bank Prime	3.25%	1.16%
30-Yr Fixed mtg	2.82%	
Federal Funds	0.25%	0.46%
15-Yr Fixed mtg	2.33%	
LIBOR 3-Month	0.20%	0.11%
1-Yr ARM	2.84%	
Consumer Rates		
Money Market Natl	0.10	0.05%
5Yr CD Natl	0.47	
6Mo CD Natl	0.21	
New Car Loan Natl	4.01	
1Yr CD Natl	0.36	
Home Equity Loan Natl	4.75	

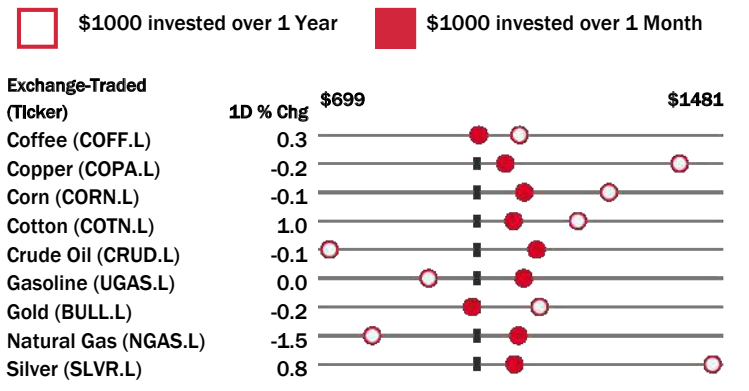


S&P 500 Industry Group Snapshot

Industry Group	Daily % Chg	Chg % 1Yr
Real Estate Mgmt & Dev	3.3	+58.2%
Semiconductors & Semi Eqp	3.1	
Construction & Engineerng	2.7	
Personal Products	1.9	
Auto Components	1.7	
Health Care Technology	-3.9	
Distributors	-3.2	
Energy Equipment & Svcs	-1.9	
Leisure Equipment & Prod	-1.8	
Air Freight & Logistics	-1.7	

COMMODITIES

Futures	Close	1D % Chg	Futures	Close	1D % Chg
Copper	3.77	0.0	Silver	27.05	-0.1
Crude Oil	58.24	-0.7	Sugar	15.79	-0.3
Gold	1826.80	-0.9	Soybean	13.67	1.1
Natural Gas	2.87	-1.5	Wheat	6.39	-0.3
Orange Juice	1.12	-0.8	Corn	5.40	1.3



Currency Exchange

EU C	Japan ¥	Britain £	Brazil R\$	Canada \$	Mexico \$
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Markets	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
Americas			
BRAZIL IBOVESPA INDEX	119299.80	0.7	+5.6%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX	18392.99	-0.4	
S&P/BMV IPC	44060.09	-1.5	
Europe			
STXE 600 (EUR) Pr	411.35	0.5	+3.1%
CAC 40 INDEX	5669.82	0.0	
DAX INDEX	14040.91	0.8	
FTSE 100 INDEX	6528.72	0.1	
Asia Pacific			
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	6850.11	-0.1	-11.5%
CSI 300 INDEX	5807.72	2.1	
HANG SENG INDEX	30173.57	0.4	
NIKKEI 225	29562.93	0.2	

Gainers and Losers from the S&P 1500 Index

Company	Close	1D % Chg	Company	Close	1D % Chg
Shutterstock Inc	85.35	23.6	Nu Skin Enterprises	53.62	-14.7
VandaPharmaceuticals	18.67	21.2	Ligand Pharma	180.04	-14.6
Generac Holdings Inc	316.11	13.9	Trupanion Inc	106.38	-11.3
Century Aluminum Co	14.76	10.8	Comp Programs & Sys	29.29	-10.7
Zebra Technologies	470.08	10.0	Qualys Inc	105.07	-10.6
CONSOL Energy Inc	10.60	9.8	Molson Coors Bvrg Co	44.50	-9.1
Tempur Sealy Intl	32.18	9.5	Tupperware Brands	32.59	-8.1
KLA Corp	324.48	9.0	YETI Holdings Inc	71.78	-8.0
Meridian Bioscience	29.89	8.9	Lumen Technologies	11.50	-7.9
Axon Enterprise Inc	203.51	8.3	Invacare Corp	9.64	-7.5
Triumph Group Inc	15.18	8.3	RPC Inc	4.78	-6.6
HNI Corp	36.95	8.0	Ingevity Corp	68.49	-6.3
Lam Research Corp	572.21	7.5	Range Resources Corp	9.57	-6.1
MKS Instruments Inc	162.85	7.3	Pool Corp	329.89	-5.9
FutureFuel Corp	17.68	7.3	Michaels Cos Inc/The	15.66	-5.8
Acadia Realty Trust	16.67	7.1	Tyson Foods Inc	65.34	-5.7
Cohu Inc	50.48	6.9	Ryder System Inc	65.30	-5.6
Realogy Holdings	18.02	6.8	Pilgrim's Pride Corp	21.67	-5.6
Applied Materials	113.00	6.7	El Pollo Loco Inc	19.78	-5.6
Myriad Genetics Inc	30.14	6.7	USANAHealthSciences	93.32	-5.3

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Biden's HHS to rescind Medicaid work requirements

Policy introduced under Trump has been tied up in federal courts

BY DAN DIAMOND AND AMY GOLDSTEIN

The Biden administration is planning Friday to wipe out one of the core health policies of the Trump era, taking actions that will immediately rescind permission for states to compel poor residents to work in exchange for receiving Medicaid benefits.

Federal health officials will withdraw their predecessors' invitation to states to apply for approval to impose such work requirements and will notify 10 states granted permission that it is about to be retracted, according to a draft plan obtained by The Washington Post and confirmed by two individuals familiar with the decision, who spoke

on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The actions anticipated Friday, outlined in bullet points in the draft, will come two weeks after President Biden signed an executive order instructing officials to remove barriers to Medicaid coverage. Work requirements enabled under President Donald Trump were the one policy mentioned in Biden's directive.

In practice, the moves have little immediate effect because work requirements adopted in three states — Arkansas, Kentucky and New Hampshire — have been ruled illegal by two levels of federal courts, and other states have held back during the legal challenges to the policy. A case on such requirements is now before the Supreme Court.

Still, the swift rescinding of the Trump administration's effort to remake the safety-net program represents a particularly sharp pendulum swing on the ideological divide over the proper roles of

government and individuals living under economic strain.

Spokesmen for the Department of Health and Human Services did not respond Thursday night to a request for comment on the plan, first reported by Politico.

Medicaid, a collaboration between the federal government and states, was a pillar of the War on Poverty of the mid-1960s and is the nation's largest source of public health insurance. For years, conservative state leaders had sporadically asked federal officials to allow them to compel some people on Medicaid to work for their benefits, but such requests always had been rebuffed.

However, in early 2018, Seema Verma, then-administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, issued a letter to state Medicaid directors inviting them to apply for permission to create what she called "community engagement requirements," in which certain people on Medicaid would need to work or

participate in activities to prepare for employment. That letter is expected to be withdrawn Friday, according to the draft and the individuals.

Verma and other proponents have contended that such requirements promote economic self-reliance, eventually weaning poor people off government assistance. Undeterred by court rulings against the requirements, she advocated them until the Trump administration ended last month. "I support innovative efforts by governors that are trying to help people, trying to lift them out of poverty and find a path forward" she told the Aspen Institute in October.

Opponents of the policy, including most Democrats, counter that insurance that helps poor people to be healthy is a prerequisite to being able to work. Unlike the federal welfare system, which has required work since the mid-1990s, they argue, health coverage should be considered a right, not a privilege

that is contingent on following other rules.

In its planned announcement, the Biden administration said the requirements were especially unwise during the coronavirus pandemic, which has sickened millions of Americans and forced many out of work. The agency overseeing Medicaid "has serious concerns that now is not the appropriate time to test policies that risk a substantial loss of health care coverage or benefits," according to the draft plan.

According to the 15-page document, the Trump administration approved work programs in 13 states, and 10 others were still seeking approval. A few withdrew when GOP governors were replaced by Democrats. Arkansas was the only state that actually implemented its requirements, and 18,000 poor residents there were removed from Medicaid rolls over several months before the program was blocked by a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Accompanying the steps to reverse the Trump policy, HHS also plans to release an analysis Friday assessing how the Trump policy limited low-income Americans' access to health coverage, according to the two individuals familiar with the plans.

The analysis was overseen by Ben Sommers, a longtime Harvard researcher who joined HHS last month as a deputy assistant secretary for strategy and planning and had previously written about the drawbacks of Medicaid work requirements, the officials said. "[W]e found no evidence that the policy succeeded in its stated goal of promoting work and instead found substantial evidence of harm to health care coverage and access," Sommers and colleagues wrote in a September 2020 analysis in the journal Health Affairs.

Sommers did not respond Thursday night to a request for comment.

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Disney had nearly \$5 billion less in revenue in holiday period than in 2019

BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK

The coronavirus continued to hammer Disney in the final months of 2020, with the company's revenue dropping 22 percent over the holiday period while it eked out a much smaller profit than usual.

For the entertainment giant's fiscal 2021 first quarter, which ran from October through December 2020, Disney saw revenue go from \$20.9 billion in 2019 to \$16.3 billion in the same period in 2020, as coronavirus shutdowns and consumer caution cut attendance at movie theaters and Disney theme parks, the company said Thursday.

The revenue — which comes heavily from advertising, merchandise, TV and digital subscriptions — is slightly better than the \$15.9 billion many ana-

lysts had projected. The company did make money, but by a much reduced margin: Its operating income plunged from \$4 billion in 2019 to just \$1.3 billion in 2020, a drop of 67 percent. Once taxes are factored in, the company's profit stood at just \$29 million, after topping \$2.1 billion in the same quarter a year earlier.

The Disney Plus streaming service was a bright spot, however. The company said that as 2021 began, the service had reached 95 million subscribers, up from the 86.8 million it cited at an investor day in mid-December.

The unit is not expected to be profitable for several years. But investors are watching the subscriber number closely as Disney looks to tighten its hold on the streaming market as a solid No. 2 behind Netflix, which has about 200 million global subscribers. (Disney also has an additional

40 million Hulu subscribers and 12 million ESPN Plus subscribers.)

In fact, Wall Street does not seem much concerned with the impact of the pandemic, preferring instead to focus on streaming growth. Buoyed by ongoing enthusiasm for those services, Disney's stock closed Thursday at a record high of \$191, up 58 percent since the beginning of November. The share price rose an additional 2 percent in after-hours trading after the new figures were released.

The news for the rest of the company, however, was bleaker. The earnings followed a familiar trend for 2020: Disney posted an 82 percent drop in operating income in the previous quarter that ended in September.

The company has been hit hard by the closure of most of its theme park attractions in South-

ern California and reduced capacity and attendance in Florida. During the most recent quarter, revenue at Disney theme parks dropped 53 percent, from \$7.6 billion a year ago to \$3.6 billion in 2020, while the company lost \$120 million in the division after posting a gain exceeding \$2 billion the previous year.

Executives noted an "estimated detriment of approximately \$2.6 billion at the Disney parks" because of the virus — that is, operating income would have been that much higher without the shutdowns and capacity restrictions. Theme park losses are slowing somewhat, going from \$2 billion in the spring to \$1 billion in the summer to \$120 million this quarter, thanks both to reopenings and, of course, cost-cutting. The company also hopes the limited reopening of California Adventure in March could

provide a boost.

Asked on an investor call about the forecast for theme parks, Disney chief executive Bob Chapek said it will be "determined by the rate of vaccinations. . . . We have ample demand despite everything that's happening with the pandemic."

Due to an internal reorganization, the company did not break out results for its studio division. But that, too, has been hit hard as movie theaters remain largely closed and most big releases stay on shelves or are moved to streaming, as Pixar release "Soul" was at Christmas. In 2019, Disney posted revenue of nearly \$4 billion at its studio, driven by hits such as "Frozen II" and "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker."

It remains uncertain when Disney will bring its movies back to theaters. One of the next major releases, the Marvel film "Black

Widow," is scheduled for May after having been postponed a year by the pandemic. Chapek said the company is "still intending it to be theatrical but we're going to be watching very carefully" to determine whether it might move to a streaming platform. He did not suggest a further postponement was likely.

Disney canceled its dividend in the second half of 2020 as its finances remained under pressure. Executive chair Bob Iger saw his annual compensation package drop from \$47 million to \$21 million last year, while Chapek took in \$14.2 million for the year.

The results come exactly a year after Chapek took over from Iger after the latter surprisingly stepped down. The waters quickly turned choppy after that as the virus spread around the world.

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Federal workers hit by virus could get more paid leave

BY ERIC YODER

Federal employees who exhaust their sick leave for reasons related to the coronavirus pandemic could receive additional paid leave if those problems continue to prevent them from working, under a bill to be considered in a House committee on Friday.

Employees who meet certain eligibility criteria could receive as much as 600 hours — 15 work weeks — of extra leave time to be paid from a \$570 million fund that the bill would create. The fund would apply to all agencies, including the semi-corporate U.S. Postal Service, and would operate through Sept. 30.

Under the proposal, federal employees would have to use up their regular sick leave before drawing from the fund. Full-time workers accrue 13 sick leave days per year with no limit on carrying unused leave year to year. Part-time workers get proportionate amounts of sick leave and would be eligible for a proportionate additional amount from the fund.

The additional leave would be available to those who are "unable to work" because they are subject to a quarantine order or have been medically advised to self-quarantine; or are experiencing symptoms of covid-19, the disease the coronavirus causes, and are seeking a medical diagnosis; or are getting vaccinated or recovering

from side effects of a vaccination.

It further would apply to those unable to work because they are in quarantine under an order or medical advice; or one who has a disability or is age 65 or older and incapable of self-care, if the regular source of care is unavailable because of the pandemic; or for a child whose regular day care is unavailable or whose school is less than fully open.

The provision is among those to be considered by the House Oversight and Reform Committee as part of an economic stimulus and pandemic response bill being drafted this week for planned voting in the House in upcoming weeks. The committee's portion also includes \$350 billion for state and local governments and \$117 million for oversight of that spending.

Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.), chairman of the subcommittee on government operations, said some federal employees already have exhausted their paid sick leave because of the pandemic.

"We get information about people who are really struggling because they had serious bouts of covid-19 or someone in the family has. . . . You can be out of work for months, and then you could have lingering effects," he said in a phone interview.

"There are all kinds of lingering

effects that may require time off. Maybe not the full 15 weeks that we address in this bill, but this pandemic may require chunks of time that sick leave simply doesn't cover," he said.

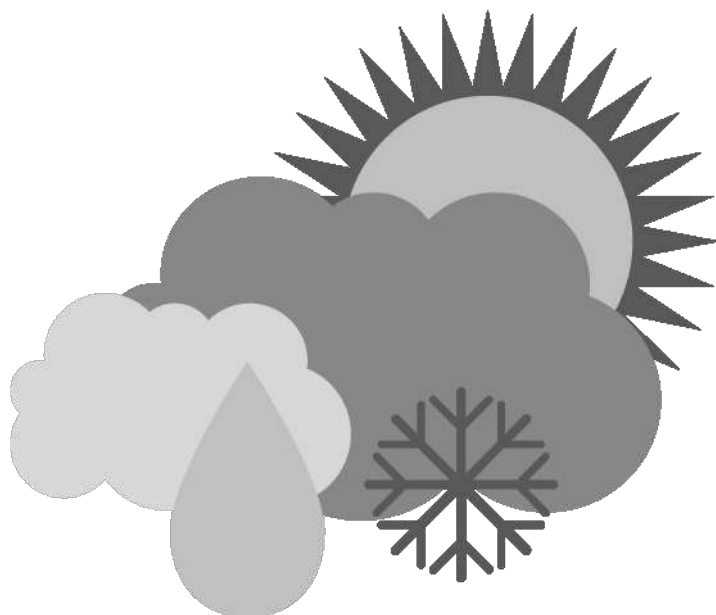
Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), the ranking Republican on the committee, though, said in a statement that it is "unfair to the American people to provide an additional 600 hours of paid leave on top of regular paid leave to federal workers who already enjoy many work perks. The Democrats' priorities are incredibly distorted given that many small businesses are struggling and millions of Americans are unemployed."

The proposal is the latest of a recent series of bids to enhance federal employee leave benefits, both directly related to the pandemic and not.

Democratic leaders of the committee recently introduced a bill to substitute paid leave for unpaid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act for federal employees needing time off for personal or family medical reasons. That would expand an existing policy allowing them to use paid time rather than unpaid for parental purposes under the FMLA law. The limit of 12 weeks within any 12-month period would remain, with use of paid time for one reason reducing how much could be used for another.

Also, a group of Democrats representing Washington-area districts recently asked the Office of Personnel Management to allow federal employees paid time off for getting vaccinated.

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FRIDAY OPINION

FAREED ZAKARIA

Where is Biden's foreign policy ambition?

Joe Biden has begun his presidency with great success. He has moved to address the central issue facing the country — the pandemic — and proposed big, bold policies to help the country recover. He seems to have learned a key lesson from the Obama years: that Democrats do well when they act with imagination and courage, rather than waiting around and watering down proposals in the vain hope of Republican support. But while the Biden administration has adopted a confident, assertive stance on domestic policy, on foreign policy it has taken a strikingly different approach — hesitant, diffident and fixated on preemptively mollifying its Republican critics.

Ever since then-President Donald Trump pulled out of the Iran deal, Biden and his top advisers have made clear that the withdrawal was a serious mistake, one that dramatically undermined the United States' credibility with the world and created a more dangerous Middle East. The deal had placed Iran in a box, imposing strict limits on its nuclear program. Without them, Tehran was moving ever closer to nuclear weapons.

You would assume that, once in office, the Biden administration would be searching for a quick way to return to the deal. No, it turns out. Both the secretary of state and the director of national intelligence say that rejoining the deal is “a long ways” away. They insist that Iran first come back into compliance, but that's largely a tactic to avoid confronting the issue. Diplomats could find a method for the two countries to rejoin simultaneously. Many of Biden's officials helped negotiate the Iran accord and argued strenuously that it was the best deal that the United States could get. Have they changed their minds?

On China, the administration has been falling over itself to prove how tough it is. The American readouts from both Biden's call with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Secretary of State Antony Blinken's call with his Chinese counterpart, Yang Jiechi, sound less like diplomatic documents than pieces of performance art designed for a domestic audience. The readouts are studded with words like “coercive” and “unfair,” and include stern vows to hold Beijing “accountable for its efforts to threaten stability.”

The Biden campaign described Trump's trade war with China as “an unmitigated disaster” that cost Americans money and jobs. When Biden was asked in an August interview whether he would keep Trump's tariffs, he answered “no” and offered a wholesale critique of Trump's China policies. But none of that is being reversed. It's all “under review.”

On Cuba, during the campaign Biden attacked Trump's policies and pledged a return to the Obama-era effort to relax the embargo and engage with Cuba, arguing that these policies would be more effective in changing the island nation than a decades-long policy of isolation and sanctions. Nothing has been reversed. Again, it's all under “review.” One would have thought Biden and his advisers had already spent the past four years carefully reviewing Trump's policies, since they publicly declared them to be disastrous.

I suspect Biden's foreign policy team is trying to play domestic politics, hoping to deflect Republican criticism of being soft on U.S. foes. It won't work. Already, Republicans have sensed weakness and are pursuing a campaign to keep the Iran deal from ever being resurrected, which would be touted as a great victory for Republicans. On China, Cliff Sims, a former top Trump official, responded to that tough readout of the Biden-Xi call by suggesting that it was a lie and that the real story was “the Bidens' selling out the country with Chinese Communist Party business deals.” Meanwhile, the same day, former secretary of state Mike Pompeo accused Democrats of trying to funnel taxpayer dollars to the Chinese Communist Party and questioned their patriotism. Let me confidently predict that no matter how aggressive Biden's policies, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and Pompeo will accuse him of appeasement.

Democrats should keep in mind that when they run scared on foreign policy, they never win. Lyndon Johnson sent half a million troops into Vietnam for fear that Republicans would say he was soft on communism. After 9/11, Democrats eagerly voted for the Patriot Act and the Iraq War. Then-Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.) was a war hero with three purple hearts and (like Biden) voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq. In return, Republicans smeared him as a coward who had lied about his war record.

President Barack Obama achieved his foreign policy successes — the Paris climate accords, the bin Laden raid, the Iran nuclear deal, the opening to Cuba, the Trans-Pacific Partnership — because he was an unusual figure willing to question bipartisan groupthink, take risks and, above all, stop conducting foreign policy on Republican terms. Biden's officials are highly intelligent and capable. Many of them helped craft these policies. Do they not believe in their own accomplishments?

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President Donald Trump with reporters outside the White House in October 2019.

KAREN TUMULTY

Not so futile after all

I am not generally a fan of futility, which is why I was skeptical about the wisdom of congressional Democrats pursuing a second impeachment and post-presidential conviction of Donald Trump.

The ending of this unprecedented exercise was written before it even began: Once again, Trump would be acquitted by the Senate, where fewer than the requisite 67 would vote to convict him. And once again, it would be safe to predict that the 45th president will claim this is some sort of exoneration.

It seemed smarter, and politically safer, to punish Trump some other way — perhaps with a censure, which would require only a majority.

But having watched what unfolded this week in the Senate chamber — a scene of the crime — I now realize I was wrong.

The House managers have laid out a devastating case, for the American public and for history. They are making clear not only Trump's culpability but the complicity of the Republican hierarchy that enabled him and the murderous, self-styled “patriots” who took up his call for insurrection.

These people are now the face of Republicanism. That is probably why a Gallup Poll this week found that only 37 percent of Americans approve of the GOP, which is a six-point slide from November. (By comparison, Democratic favorability has shown a slight rise, to 48 percent.)

Trump well understood the spineless opportunism of those who claim to be the leaders of his party, as well as the gullibility of people who could chant “U-S-A! U-S-A!” as they com-

mitted acts of insurrection based on his lie that the 2020 presidential election had been stolen.

Isolated and aggrieved, he was counting on the impulses that he had been stoking. The impeachment managers played clip after clip of Trump encouraging violence, going back long before the mob of his supporters attacked the Capitol.

“These tactics were road-tested,” said Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), the lead impeachment manager. “January 6th was a culmination of the president's actions, not an aberration from them.”

As one of the rioters shrieked in a video shown during Thursday's proceedings, “We were invited here! We were invited by the president of the United States!” At least one rioter beat a police officer with a pole that was flying an American flag.

Until this trial, the horror of Jan. 6 was, for most Americans, a series of vignettes — snippets of video that went viral, news accounts of individual perpetrators. Even those who were in the Capitol that day had only a narrow sense of what happened.

Only now, thanks to the case laid out in excruciating detail by the House managers, is it clear how close a call that day was for so many, including Trump's own vice president. Or how little regard the president had for their safety.

“Let me be very clear: The president wasn't just coming for one or two people, or Democrats like me,” Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) said in his presentation Wednesday. “He was coming for you. For Democratic and Republican senators. He was coming for all of us, just as the mob did at his

direction.”

There can be no doubt that Trump knew the seriousness of the situation. Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) told Politico that he had personally informed Trump that Vice President Mike Pence had been evacuated from the Senate chamber.

Trump's concern, however, was for himself. Right around the time he learned that Pence's life was in danger, he tweeted his outrage, not at the mob, but at the vice president, who lacked what he said was “the courage” to violate his constitutional responsibility to certify the result of a fairly decided election.

Senior aides to the impeachment managers' team claim they are seeing signs that some Republicans may be wavering and might be convinced to vote for a conviction. As one aide put it on Thursday: “Evidence has the power to change minds.”

I remain skeptical, given that all but six of the Republican senators have already voted against allowing the trial to proceed at all.

They will continue to cling to a procedural read, asserting that once Trump was out of office, he should go free on any impeachable offenses he committed while he was president. Legal experts across the political spectrum disagree.

An acquittal does not foreclose the possibility that the Senate could still consider censuring Trump. But it is doubtful that most Republican senators would even go for that. We are learning so much this week — not only about a shameful attack on our very government, but the shamelessness of the people who made it inevitable.

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PAUL BUTLER

Why Republican senators can, and should, vote to convict Trump

Are the Republican senators who voted to dismiss the impeachment charges against Donald Trump now required — since they interpret the Constitution as barring a trial — to find him not guilty? Or are they free — at least in theory — to vote to convict the former president?

This week, 44 senators — all members of the GOP — said they were persuaded by Trump's argument that it's unconstitutional to try him because he is no longer in office. But they were overruled by all 50 Democrats, plus six Republicans, who found that the trial should proceed. Under the established Senate procedure, the jurisdiction issue was to be resolved by majority vote, with all senators then expected to adhere to the result.

So the responsibility to proceed with the trial should be clear — especially for members of a party that purports to stand up for law and order.

Traditional legal principles support not only the idea that these senators are empowered to vote for conviction, but also that they should. Indeed, respecting the agreed-upon process and then holding Trump accountable would be the more conservative approach.

Of course, the argument that the Senate lacks jurisdiction over a departed president may be a dodge on the part of Republican senators desperately seeking an escape hatch to avoid passing judgment on Trump. Still, while the majority of legal scholars believe the Constitution allows an impeachment trial of a president who is no longer in office, there is at least an arguable case to the contrary.

So let's assume, for the purposes of this column, that Republican senators who voted to dismiss the charges were acting in good faith. How should they now proceed? Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has stated his understanding that senators who, like

him, personally believe the Senate lacks jurisdiction can still vote to convict Trump, but other Republicans disagree.

There is an extensive body of law on how jurors and judges should respond when they disagree with law they are asked to apply. This precedent is instructive, even with the understanding that the impeachment process is quite different from ordinary legal proceedings.

In every impeachment, senators are called on to act as both judges and jurors — they both determine what the law is and decide how to apply it to the facts at hand.

Our legal system sets out different rules and roles for jurors and judges. Basically, jurors are expected to follow the law — even when they don't agree with it. However, a practice called “jury nullification” allows them to find a criminal defendant not guilty when the jurors think the person committed the crime but view the prosecution as unfair. In most jurisdictions, jury nullification is discouraged, but the Supreme Court has ruled that it's a constitutional prerogative of jurors.

Thinking about the senators as jurors, assume there are Republican senators who believe Trump actually incited the insurrection but voted against proceeding with the trial. These senators would be engaging in the Senate version of jury nullification if they disregarded the majority's interpretation of the Constitution and voted to acquit.

Considering senators in their role as judges points to a more constrained role. Generally, judges are supposed to apply the existing law whether they like it or not, or even if they believe the prevailing view of the law is wrong or even unconstitutional. This issue has come up in Supreme Court death penalty cases, in response to the court's 1976 ruling upholding capital punishment.

Two justices, Thurgood Marshall and

William J. Brennan Jr., dissented in that case and subsequently refused to consider any future death penalty cases on the merits. Because their view was that the very practice is unconstitutional, they automatically voted to overturn every death sentence that came before the court, even when the law had been correctly followed.

Justice John Paul Stevens took a different approach. Stevens came to agree with Marshall and Brennan that the death penalty was unconstitutional, but he accepted that the court's majority had ruled to the contrary. Thus, Stevens voted on occasion to uphold death sentences that he thought were consistent with the law — even law that he personally believed was unconstitutional.

So Senate Republicans who vote to acquit Trump on the grounds that he is no longer subject to impeachment would be acting in the proud tradition of nullifying jurors and iconic liberal justices. Cool, but hardly conservative.

Many years ago, I wrote a scholarly article describing my experience with jury nullification as a prosecutor in D.C. Frequently, in nonviolent drug cases, African American jurors would nullify. They would explain they knew the guy was guilty, but they didn't want to send another Black man to jail. When, as a scholar, I endorsed this practice, I caught hell from conservatives who claimed that nullification undermined democracy and the rule of law.

If their conservative principles actually matter, Republican senators should play by the rules. That means considering the case on the merits, and voting to convict.

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America's diminished influence, laid bare

The Biden administration wanted to spend its first weeks carefully reviewing all aspects of U.S. foreign policy before making any big moves — but the generals in Myanmar spoiled its plans by launching a coup. President Biden's team responded to its first major international crisis with competence and quick action. But the sad reality is that their well-minded policy response probably won't make much difference — laying bare the stark diminution of U.S. power and influence abroad.

On Thursday, less than two weeks after the Myanmar military seized power and imprisoned democratically elected leaders, including the government's de facto civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi, the White House announced sanctions on 10 current and former military officials, including Armed Forces Commander in Chief Min Aung Hlaing. Three junta-related companies were also sanctioned. The Biden administration also announced it will impose new export controls and redirect \$42 million of U.S. assistance away from the now military-controlled Myanmar government.

The White House is trying to show the world that Biden is restoring a foreign policy bureaucracy severely damaged after four years of malign neglect. Biden and his senior team have been making calls to their international counterparts nonstop since the coup. There have been five National Security Council Deputies Committee meetings on the issue. The State Department delivered a legal determination on the coup in record time. The United States secured a U.N. Security Council statement that even Russia and China signed on to.

“The world has a way of intervening and imposing questions on you. And Burma [as Myanmar is also known] was the first of these that required us to adjust our approach quickly and react,” a senior administration official told me.

The Biden administration wants Myanmar's military to immediately restore power to the democratically elected government, end the state of emergency and release all political prisoners, including Aung San Suu Kyi. But even Biden's officials aren't predicting any of that will happen anytime soon.

“If they choose to do the right thing and reverse these steps they've taken against Burma's transition to democracy, [the sanctions] do not have to be permanent,” the senior administration official said. “But we are posturing ourselves for the likelihood that that doesn't happen and that we will be in this for the long haul.”

Min Aung Hlaing was already sanctioned because of the military's atrocities against Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya population. On Wednesday, Biden froze \$1 billion of the Myanmar government's funds held in the United States, to keep it out of the junta's hands, but that is also unlikely to move the needle.

Some in Washington accuse the Biden team of failing to act in the days before the coup, as reports of the impending crisis mounted. The administration issued few public or private warnings to the military in the days before the takeover — and it's clear the junta wasn't listening anyway. Biden officials did try several times to reach out to Aung San Suu Kyi, but she never returned their calls. Even the U.S. government's relationship with the democratic leader it had long supported had deteriorated beyond much usefulness.

“The Biden folks inherited a situation that's much worse than we presented to the Trump folks, because many key relationships have atrophied,” said former U.S. ambassador to Myanmar Derek Mitchell, now president of the National Democratic Institute. “They had fewer levers to pull. And they were just finding their seats.”

Some in Washington blame the Obama administration for the current predicament, because he removed all sanctions (and thereby relinquished all leverage) when the military first promised to support the transition to democracy. In recent years, both Democrats and Republicans rightly distanced themselves from Aung San Suu Kyi when she defended the military's atrocities against the Rohingya. But it seems clear now that U.S. engagement with Myanmar's democratic leaders was too narrowly focused on her in the first place.

Neither the Trump nor Obama administrations devoted the attention and resources necessary to maintain significant U.S. influence in Myanmar, much less compete with China there. Beijing's relationship with the Myanmar military is complicated, but China's investment and involvement there outweigh the United States and its European allies combined. As for Myanmar's regional neighbors, as Biden's incoming Agency for International Development chief, Samantha Power, tweeted, “Most decide to look the other way.”

The Biden administration's return to competence is welcome, and it's hard to disagree with its policies. But a sober assessment shows that their effects may be negligible because American influence in Myanmar has waned so much. The Biden team earns good marks for process, but its actions actually raise a more disturbing question: Does any of this matter in a world that has moved on from American leadership?

The backsliding of democracy in Myanmar is just the latest indication that American foreign policy impotence is the true legacy of President Donald Trump's “America First” approach. The people of Myanmar are now suffering the consequences. They won't be the last.

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Don't let up now

Mr. Biden's tough stance on Saudi Arabia is getting results. He shouldn't relent.

JOE BIDEN promised during his campaign to withdraw the "blank check" then-President Donald Trump offered to dictators such as Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Just three weeks after the change in administrations, the benefits of restoring that principle to U.S. foreign policy are already manifest.

Since the beginning of the year, Saudi Arabia has carried out two policy reversals long sought by the United States: an end to its three-year-old feud with neighboring Qatar, and the release of prominent political prisoners. Last week, two U.S. citizens jailed by the kingdom since 2019, Salah al-Haidar and Bader al-Abraham, were freed on bail. A couple of weeks before that, a third dual U.S.-Saudi citizen, Walid al-Fitaihi, saw his looming prison sentence canceled.

On Wednesday, Mohammed bin Salman, known as MBS, delivered his most conspicuous concession yet: the release of Loujain al-Hathloul, a 31-year-old women's rights activist who had become the best-known Saudi political prisoner. Ms. Hathloul was abducted from the United Arab Emirates in 2018 and later held with other women's activists in a secret prison, where she was brutally tortured. She and the other women were

tried on trumped-up "crimes," such as discussing human rights with Western diplomats.

Senior Trump administration officials, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, attempted repeatedly to obtain freedom for Ms. Hathloul and the Americans and end the Saudi boycott of Qatar. They failed. That's because MBS knew he had the protection of Mr. Trump, who bragged that he had "saved [MBS's] ass" after the 2018 murder of exiled journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a permanent U.S. resident and Post contributing columnist. Now that the United States has a president unwilling to grant him carte blanche, MBS is rapidly backpedaling.

That's not to suggest that the serious problems the crown prince has introduced to U.S.-Saudi relations have been resolved. The war in Yemen that he launched, which has killed thousands of innocent civilians, must still be ended; President Biden has rightly announced the end of U.S. support for Saudi bombing and appointed a senior diplomat to pursue peace talks.

Many Saudis who peacefully sought rights for women and other reforms remain unjustly imprisoned. Even the recent releases were half-steps: Ms. Hathloul and Mr. Fitaihi remain on

probation, and they and their families are banned from travel. They could be reimprisoned if they so much as tweet. The two other Americans still face criminal charges.

More significantly, no one involved in the unjust detention and torture of Ms. Hathloul and other activists has been held accountable. Chief among the culprits is Saud al-Qahtani, a close associate of MBS who, according to Ms. Hathloul, was present during her torture. According to a United Nations investigation, he also oversaw the operation to murder Mr. Khashoggi. Mr. Pompeo asked MBS to hold Mr. Qahtani accountable; once again, he was rebuffed.

Mr. Biden promised during his campaign that those responsible for killing Khashoggi and "murdering children" in Yemen would be made to "pay the price" and become "a pariah." He also said he believed MBS had ordered Khashoggi's killing; Mr. Biden's director of national intelligence, Avril Haines, promised to release a CIA report on MBS's responsibility. The new administration should now deliver on those commitments. U.S.-Saudi relations should not be normalized until Mr. Qahtani and his boss, Mohammed bin Salman, are held accountable for their crimes.

Raise the minimum wage — carefully

Democrats must listen to the data instead of simply embracing the 'Fight for \$15.'

IT MAY or may not be possible, under Senate rules, for Democrats to pass a \$15 minimum wage in the next economic support package, as Senate Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) urges. If the new majority in Washington wants to make policy according to objective economic research, however, it will reconsider the Sanders-led "Fight for \$15."

We do not say this to oppose an increase in the federal minimum, which has been \$7.25 since 2009, and is therefore declining in real terms. Rather, we are responding to the latest analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, which confirms that the bill under discussion would impose significant costs on low-income Americans, despite undeniable benefits.

First, the upside: If the hourly minimum more than doubled through annual increments between June 1, 2021, and June 1, 2025, as the bill provides, 900,000 people would be lifted out of poverty while as many as 27 million workers, including 17 million currently making less than \$15 an hour and 10 million already receiving that much or more, would get paid more. The downside, though, is that employment would fall by 1.4 million, with losses concentrated among young, low-skilled workers. By 2025, half of the 1.4 million would have dropped out of the labor force, the CBO notes. Taking into account the full range of revenue and spending effects, the \$15 minimum bill would increase federal deficits \$54 billion over 10 years, not including interest. This is contrary to predictions that a higher minimum saves the government money because increased wages reduce demand for nutrition assistance and other means-tested benefits.

These risks are not surprising considering that the Sanders-backed proposal would create a structural increase in the cost of low-skilled labor, which, other things being equal, encourages employ-



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Workers demand a \$15 minimum wage during a protest in Las Vegas in 2019.

ers to use less of it, including through automation. The bill does so very rapidly and to an unprecedented level, likely well above the all-time high for the minimum wage of 52 percent of the median national wage set in 1968, given the outlook for hourly wages. (For reference, the May 2019 national median was about \$19.15 per hour.)

Fortunately, it should not be difficult to craft a minimum-wage proposal that maximizes the benefits while minimizing the costs — bearing in mind that low-income people will face the latter as well as the former. One option would be to stretch out the scheduled increase to \$15 over a longer period, such as 10 years, before indexing the minimum to national median wages, as the bill also provides — a sound idea that would help end

constant political battles over increasing the minimum wage. Also worth considering are proposals that would calculate the minimum wage based on regional economic factors. The earned-income tax credit, a federal wage supplement, delivers poverty reduction for working families without the minimum wage's potential for discouraging hiring; it should be expanded, as Democrats have suggested.

Advocates of a higher minimum have won legislative and referendum battles in many states and cities, such that a significant majority of the U.S. population is already legally entitled to more than \$7.25 per hour. This fact, coupled with the CBO's analysis, suggests that Congress should proceed to a new minimum wage — but with caution.

That's no place for a fence

Secure the Capitol. But don't deface it with a permanent barricade.

THIS WEEK, D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) announced she will introduce legislation to bar the use of federal funds to build a permanent fence around the Capitol. It really shouldn't have to come to that. Walling the Capitol into a fortress so clearly goes against the grain of America's proud tradition of government open to the people that one would hope the Democratic leadership of Congress would just squelch this bad idea. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) have taken a wait-and-see approach. They should make clear now that they will not let the Capitol fall victim to the rigid security thinking that has scarred far too much of Washington with fences, bollards and concrete barriers.

In the aftermath of the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol, the acting chief of the Capitol Police and the acting House sergeant-at-arms both recommended a permanent fence to fortify the Capitol against possible future attacks. The day after the mob attack on the Capitol, a "temporary" seven-foot fence with coiled barbed wire went up around the Capitol Complex in advance of President Biden's inauguration. It remains today, an eyesore that

obstructs views of the majestic dome and inconveniences residents long accustomed to using the grounds. There is no hint about when it might come down.

Ms. Pelosi and Mr. Schumer have said they want to await an outside security review that is expected to be completed next month. "I would tend to defer to the experts as to what is the safest way to be," Mr. Schumer tweeted. "The speaker," her spokesman said, "looks forward to General [Russell] Honoré's final assessment in order to understand what infrastructure changes are necessary to ensure the safety of the U.S. Capitol Complex."

It is prudent to undertake a review of security issues, but, if experience is any guide, the inclination of the security experts will be to take the easy way out by simply putting up more barriers to public access. Never mind that the problem on Jan. 6 was not the absence of a fence but the failure of Capitol Police to take seriously — and properly plan for — warnings about the threat posed by supporters of President Donald Trump, which included members of extremist groups prone to violence. Washington has been the scene of many mass demonstrations and marches that never got out of hand because law enforcement

planned properly.

"There are many state-of-the-art options that wouldn't needlessly wall off the Capitol complex like a fortress that needs to be protected from the people we represent," Ms. Norton wrote in a tweet on Monday announcing the bill. There is agreement from some Republicans who wrote to Ms. Pelosi urging removal of the temporary fencing and raising alarms over prospects of a permanent structure. "It is appalling that Communist China allows their citizens more freedom to visit historical sites like Tiananmen Square than currently exists for Americans who want to visit the Capitol in Washington D.C.," wrote the 42 Republicans.

The Capitol Police Board — which consists of the House sergeant at arms, the Senate sergeant at arms and doorkeeper and the architect of the Capitol, with the Capitol Police chief a nonvoting member — would likely be the one to formally request the fence. The House and Senate sergeants-at-arms are effectively selected by the speaker and the Senate majority leader, which means, if they agree on a matter, Ms. Pelosi and Mr. Schumer effectively control the board. They need to use their influence to secure the Capitol without defacing it.

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Marijuana is wrong for Va.

Virginia House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn's rationale for the legalization of marijuana in Virginia, that "it's what the public wants," as reported in the Feb. 6 front-page article "Va. shift on pot, death penalty all but certain," is hardly solid ground for approving the widespread use of what studies have shown is a drug that can have very harmful effects on the developing brains of teenagers and young adults, to include suicidal ideation.

No doubt the real temptation for the General Assembly and Gov. Ralph Northam (D), who is a pediatric neurologist, is the potential \$300 million in annual revenue from taxing marijuana sales. That Virginia would potentially sacrifice the well-being of our young people for money or simply because it has popular support is reprehensible.

Stephen E. Freeman, Springfield

Full representation on boards

I hope that corporations paid more attention to the content (citing the one Black female Fortune 500 chief executive, among other comments) and not the title of Ernest Owens's Feb. 7 op-ed, "I don't want corporations celebrating Black History Month." Because Black people are 13 percent of the population, maybe we can abandon Black History Month 50 years after Black people occupy 13 percent of every occupation available, including Fortune 500 chief executives.

Gladstone Tony Alleyne, Upper Marlboro

Remembering Mr. Shultz

As saddened as I am at the loss of such a great man as George P. Shultz, I cannot help but share a treasured and happy memory from his earliest days as secretary of state ["GOP force aided in Cold War's end," front page, Feb. 8]. As chief interpreter (for State and the White House) during his entire tenure, it fell to me to provide interpreters for him and, on the occasions he needed one of my languages, to interpret for him myself. When he first came to State, he told me that he was fascinated with the work that we interpreters do and would be interested in meeting them in an informal setting. He came to our conference room, made a few remarks and asked for questions. Somewhat intimidated, the normally voluble group fell silent, so I asked him how many staffers he had brought into the State Department with him. He made a "zero" with his thumb and index finger, and said, "This is the State Department with the most intelligent and best trained people imaginable. Why should I bring in anyone else?"

He was a man who trusted us to do our best for him, and so we did.

Stephanie van Reigersberg, McLean

In her Feb. 8 op-ed, "Why George Shultz was one of the most consequential secretaries of state," Condoleezza Rice described George P. Shultz as a statesman who believed in protecting humanity and worked tirelessly to find creative paths toward agreement between divided parties. He engineered landmark agreements internationally and within the Republican Party. Ms. Rice told us that Mr. Shultz was "consumed with the challenges of climate change."

In fact, Mr. Shultz was closely associated with the Climate Leadership Council. An international institute composed of business, opinion and conservative environmental leaders, the council promotes "a carbon dividends framework as the most cost-effective, equitable and politically-viable climate solution." Taxing

fossil fuels and returning that revenue as dividends to American families can be the bridge our divided country needs. According to the 2020 Yale climate opinion poll, 68 percent of Americans support a carbon tax. We can honor Mr. Shultz's legacy by joining forces to pass legislation based on this creative solution.

Sally Kelly, Chevy Chase

Look deeper on abuse

I hope that Candida Moss did not mean to play down in her Feb. 7 Outlook essay, "Five Myths: Catholicism," the damage done to individuals and families by pedophiles in the Catholic Church.

Though most people who have been sexually abused do not abuse others, those who abuse others have been disproportionately abused themselves. Convicted abusers should be interviewed as to their past trauma to discover how prevalent this problem is. Many priests and bishops do, apparently, break their vow of celibacy and involve themselves with consenting adults. Secrecy means that priests who abuse children may not be reported because of the information on vow-breaking that they hold on others in their ranks.

The damage must stop, and Ms. Moss and others must lay out what steps the Catholic Church and law enforcement must take to make that happen. Dismissing celibacy and homosexuality as causes for this serious problem is not enough.

Barbara Francisco, Silver Spring

How to save the USPS

The Feb. 7 front-page article "Clash looms over chaos at USPS" was a good overall discussion of the problems with the U.S. Postal Service. An accompanying graphic contained raw data that could easily lead to a solution to part of the problem. The graphic illustrated that marketing mail is about half of the total volume of mail. It also illustrated that the same marketing mail provides only approximately one-fifth of the revenue.

It appears obvious that correcting the imbalance and having marketing mail pay its fair share is key to an improved overall cash flow. In my home, most marketing mail goes unread and nonstop to the recycle bin, and I know that is the case with many of my friends and neighbors. I have seen a USPS argument that says the marketing mail subsidizes the first-class mail. Let's turn that argument around. If the marketing mail postage is increased to a fair share, then the USPS revenue goes up. If the marketing mail industry decides that it does not want to pay its fair share, the marketing mail volume goes down, and the USPS can reduce the operating costs associated with processing it.

Albert Giambalvo, Fairfax

Ending poverty takes money

Sen. Mitt Romney's (R-Utah) plan to supposedly reduce child poverty would be "paid for" by cutting other child poverty programs, including nutrition assistance ["Aid bill takes on child poverty," front page, Feb. 8]. That's neither a good deal for low-income families nor particularly moderate. In contrast, when Mr. Romney championed \$1.9 trillion in tax cuts, which went overwhelmingly to wealthy people, he never insisted that those tax cuts be paid for by cutting other government assistance to the wealthy. Just as you cannot end a drought without more water, there is no way to reduce child poverty in the United States without spending more money.

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An antidote to Chinese ambition

The Biden administration is quietly developing an ambitious plan for an alliance of “techno-democracies” to try to prevent dominance of global technology by an authoritarian China.

The policy is still in the discussion phase at the White House and State Department, but it has the strong backing of Secretary of State Antony Blinken and national security adviser Jake Sullivan. The goal of the alliance, says a senior State Department official, would be “setting the rules and shaping the norms that govern the use of technology” and pushing back against China and other “techno-autocracies.”

The Chinese have broadcast their hopes for dominating new technologies such as artificial intelligence and quantum computing. They already have a string of initiatives, such as the “Made in China 2025” plan and the Digital Silk Road project, both announced in 2015. The Biden administration wants to contest this challenge before it’s too late.

China’s argument is that its system, however anti-democratic, is the most efficient in producing the economic and technological growth the world wants. The Biden team wants to confront that head-on, by showing that democracies aren’t just freer and more open — but also more efficient, innovative and productive.

By defending the economies of the United States and its allies against a rising China, the Biden administration hopes to protect future jobs and prosperity, rather than allow them to leech abroad. In that respect, the plan could be an important component of Biden’s otherwise fuzzy claims to promote a foreign policy for the middle class.

The initiative, in some respects, represents a broadening of the Trump administration’s efforts to protect key technologies from Chinese competition. Biden would continue to pressure allies against buying Huawei’s 5G telecommunications systems. The United States would also deny Huawei and other Chinese companies access to the West’s most advanced technologies, such as high-end semiconductors.

Biden’s goal is to move beyond protecting against Huawei to promoting alternatives. That might mean investment in cross-border joint ventures with competitors such as Ericsson, Nokia and Samsung. It might mean a common embrace of new technologies such as open radio access networks, or O-RAN, a software-based approach to 5G networks.

The techno-democracy plan could also involve some ideas that were mentioned in a recent, privately circulated paper written by a China strategy group headed by Eric Schmidt, former chief executive of Google, and Jared Cohen, a senior executive at Google. The paper recommends an international technology finance corporation to help countries buy Western products and resist the Digital Silk Road; a new body that would set global standards to frame a safe and open architecture for technology; and “trust zones” that would share research and technology with countries that agree not to buy from Huawei, for example.

Several aspects of the plan are likely to be controversial. In mobilizing investment and global standard-setting for key industries, it carries echoes of what used to be known as “industrial policy.” Critics will argue that such decisions should be left to the free market. And by building a moat around Western technologies, the plan would — quite intentionally — decouple aspects of the U.S. and Chinese economies.

Discussing this idea with administration officials over the past week, I recalled the experience 45 years ago of watching an Asian competitor (in that case, Japan) devour the American steel industry. The response to the Japanese challenge to steel was entirely defensive — protectionist tariffs that would have hurt consumers. The new proposed approach is much more sensible because it would try through investment to foster a more competitive tech sector to maintain dominance. The destruction of Rust Belt jobs by foreign competition is one of the themes that powered Trumpism — a fact that isn’t lost on the Biden team.

The “techno-democracies” concept was first articulated in detail in a November article in Foreign Affairs by Cohen and Richard Fontaine, a former aide to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and head of the Center for a New American Security. Their article proposed that the initial group, which they dubbed the “T-12,” should include a dozen technologically advanced democracies: Australia, Britain, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, South Korea and Sweden, along with the United States.

The Chinese hear footsteps. A paper circulated this month by a Chinese think tank is titled “Competition Without Catastrophe: A New China-U.S. Cybersecurity Agenda.” It calls for dialogue and new cooperative measures. Biden administration officials see it as part of a charm offensive by Chinese officials who are worried about the new administration’s plans.

The techno-democracies alliance is a big idea that simultaneously tackles what arguably are the two biggest problems for the United States and its allies: eroding economic growth at home that fuels populist anger, and a growing challenge abroad from China.

One nagging fear: History shows that attempts to deny other countries markets and raw materials can sometimes lead to conflict. An alliance of techno-democracies is a creative and sensible plan, but it will need very careful management.

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Senators at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday.

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It is not too late for senators to be ‘profiles in courage’

BY WILLIAM KENNEDY SMITH AND KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND

In 2016, Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, the last of the nine children of our grandparents Joe and Rose Kennedy, co-wrote an op-ed with one of us that ran in *The Post*, titled “Political violence is no joke.” Written in response to inflammatory rhetoric by then-candidate Donald Trump, it read in part, “Political violence is a terrible inherent risk to any free society. . . . Anyone who loves politics, the open competition of ideas and public participation in a free society, knows that political violence is the greatest of all civic sins. It is not to be encouraged.” In the wake of the Capitol Hill insurrection, those words may read as prophetic, but from the very first days of Trump’s campaign, it was clear where he intended to take our civic life. The real question was who was willing to help him. This week that question remains center stage.

Our family has firsthand experience with political violence. We know how it affects a family, a country and even the world, for generations. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to those who were killed or wounded at the hands of the mob on Jan. 6 and to those who took their lives in the aftermath. They died in service to the highest ideals of our democracy. Calls to “move on” from those who, literally or figuratively, wave the Confederate battle flag alongside a

Trump banner in the Capitol demean their memory and their sacrifice. Despite the pain of reflecting on that day’s events, we must not fail to repudiate the injection of violence into our politics.

Trump has been consistent in cultivating the threat of political violence since he first emerged as a candidate. The danger became increasingly apparent over the years of his presidency, and even more so as he lost his bid for reelection. Among those who denounced his tactics was Republican election official Gabriel Sterling of Georgia, who on Dec. 1 presciently warned, “Someone’s going to get hurt, someone’s going to get shot, someone’s going to get killed. . . . It’s not right.”

Judgment and action on the matter of Trump’s role in the insurrection now rest with the U.S. Senate. That body holds a special place in our family’s history. John, Robert and Edward Kennedy all served in the Senate, and John’s book “Profiles in Courage” examined the roles of eight senators in some of the great historic struggles between the competing demands of politics and statecraft. It seems clear that the measure of political courage necessary for a senator to achieve statesmanship today is infinitely greater than it was in President Kennedy’s day. The ability of lies, however ridiculous, to drive the national narrative seems almost unlimited; and tribalism, stoked by public figures, partisan media, social media and other actors both foreign and domestic, can turn

a mob against anyone. Former vice president Mike Pence can speak to that point directly.

We are not among those who believe the outcome of the trial now underway in the Senate is a foregone conclusion. In “Profiles in Courage,” John Kennedy wrote, “A man does what he must — in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures — and that is the basis of all human morality.” It is true that times change, but we believe our leaders are still capable of living up to that standard.

Political violence, the “greatest of all civic sins,” remains a cancer on our body politic. It cannot be left unchecked to grow and metastasize. This reckoning is not simply about addressing past transgressions — it is about reclaiming our future, and it is on that basis that we will be judged by our children and by history. Senators should use the tools at hand, however imperfect, and find the courage and the decency to say what really matters most to those who were killed or wounded defending the Capitol and to the millions of Americans, including Trump, who watched as horrific damage was inflicted on our democracy. It was wrong. Enough is enough. Never again.

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MICHAEL GERSON

The stakes are bigger than Trump

The impeachment case against Donald Trump is difficult to answer because its essence is unanswerable. Trump’s main problem is not incompetent counsel; it is damning reality.

The Capitol attackers were not only motivated by the big lie of a stolen election. They were also told by then-President Trump that Jan. 6 was the day to gather and intimidate Vice President Mike Pence and elected Republicans into taking unconstitutional action to overturn the November election’s outcome. The prosecution has pressed an element of its case with righteous tenacity: If Trump did not intend the assault, why did he wait for hours to respond to it? Why did he continue to incite the crowd against Pence after the attack began? Why did he refuse to criticize the attackers in any way? Why did he celebrate their lawless accomplishment afterward?

Republican senators are running out of fig leaves. Many still cling to the weak procedural argument that former presidents can escape justice because they have left office. But history does not offer an out this easy. A vote on jurisdiction has already been taken. A vote for acquittal will properly be regarded as “not guilty.”

So what are we to make of the intransigence of Republican senators in the face of compelling evidence?

A few (see Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz) seek to surf the wave of anger Trump has created. In a choice between their ambition and the health of the republic, the republic doesn’t stand a chance.

But this category does not cover most Senate Republicans. They simply want to avoid being political pinatas. Why become a MAGA target to punish

a political figure who has already left office? Maybe there is a case to be the decisive 17th Republican vote for conviction. But who wants to be the useless seventh vote? Why take a massive risk to support a highly unlikely outcome?

It is my natural tendency to sympathize with their plight. We can’t expect routine heroism from public officials. But this time, heroism is the only honorable response.

Above all else, senators are determining the role of threats and intimidation in American politics. Trump gathered his misfit army to try to scare members of Congress into obedience. Now he threatens retribution against any elected Republican who calls him to account. His language often has overtones of violence, as it did in his speech on Jan. 6. His followers accurately interpreted his words, which repeatedly urged them to “fight,” to show “strength” and to intimidate disloyal members of Congress. This is politics as organized thuggery.

There is a stage of democratic decline in which political movements become attached to gangs and militias, and physical threats begin to replace civil discourse. Trump has brought American politics to this point. We have seen him urge violence against protesters at his rallies. (“Just knock the hell out of them. I promise you, I will pay for the legal fees.”) We have seen him fail to criticize violence by his supporters. The attack of Jan. 6 was the culmination of his strategic brutality.

The impeachment trial is not a useless or irrelevant exercise for a simple reason: Trump remains the single largest threat to the health of American democracy. A second Trump

administration would be liberated from even establishment Republican constraints. During his last months in office, Trump was getting the knack of placing cronies in strategic positions at the Departments of Justice and Defense. He was attempting to use his power to target enemies. He has allied his movement to armed radicals. He has shown the ability to turn the fanaticism of his supporters into a tool of political and physical intimidation. And his bitterness and sense of grievance are bottomless.

Elected Republicans have turned away from this before, hoping the Trump storm would simply pass. Each time, it has gained in strength and destructive power. Now, Republican senators have the opportunity to disqualify Trump from holding future office. In this circumstance, a failure of duty is not understandable. It would be the evidence of moral cowardice at a consequential moment of national testing.

Everyone strives to be the hero of his or her own story. Who really wants to play a bit part in the deterioration of the constitutional order? Republican senators who refuse to hold Trump to account would be complicit in the advance of political violence. If they wilt under Trump’s continuing promises of political retribution, they would be pitiful custodians of the American ideal.

But the opposite is also true. A well-timed act of political courage can be the most valued possession of a political lifetime. In this case, it would honor an oath, inspire others, and push our politics toward peace and sanity. This is entirely unlikely, but completely necessary.

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People are staying away from college. That’s bad.

Here’s a distressing new feature of the pandemic-caused recession: Americans who could financially benefit the most right now from further education and training — unemployed workers, as well as low-income and minority high school seniors — are staying away from college.

And that could weigh on the economic recovery in the months and years ahead.

Usually, postsecondary enrollment increases during tough economies, as workers seek shelter from the lousy job market and invest in upgrading their skills. This can be a (small) silver lining of downturns: If displaced workers choose wisely when it comes to educational and retraining programs, they can emerge from the recession better equipped to boost their earnings. In the long run, a higher-skilled populace increases economic growth, too.

This has been a different kind of recession, of course.

The campuses that would normally enjoy recession-driven enrollment surges are shuttered or are struggling to adapt to remote and blended coursework. Many lower-income and rural students don’t have sufficiently reliable Internet access to take classes online. Some degree or certificate programs have in-person requirements (such as clinical requirements for nursing programs) that have been severely restricted or even halted by social distancing measures.

For all these reasons, workers may cancel or delay the educational choices they’d normally make when faced with a terrible job market.

And lots of fresh data show that college completions and new enrollment have plummeted since the coronavirus pandemic began. That’s particularly true for programs below the level of bachelor’s degrees. The number of first-time associate’s degree earners dropped 6.7 percent in spring 2020 from the year prior, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center; first-time certificate earners fell nearly 20 percent.

Enrollment trends for the current school year look bad, too. Enrollment overall is down 2.5 percent from the previous year. Much steeper declines are clear among first-time postsecondary students (13.1 percent) and especially first-time students over age 24 (down 30.1 percent). These non-traditional-aged students are presumably those most likely to be switching careers.

These trends are especially troubling given the current scale of worker displacement — and how many displaced workers are likely to need new skills or training to find different jobs.

When large swaths of the economy shut down last spring, it initially looked as though most of the affected workers would be recalled swiftly. But the longer the crisis dragged on, the less likely that became. Businesses have failed or retooled their operations; a rising share of jobless workers are now on permanent, rather than temporary, layoff.

Unsurprisingly, a lot of unemployed workers express gloom about their job prospects.

In a Pew Research Center survey released Wednesday, about half of jobless adults said they were pessimistic about their prospects for future employment. Two-thirds said they have seriously considered changing their occupation or field of work. Notably, the share of unemployed people saying they need to change fields to find work is higher today than when Pew asked these same questions a little over a decade ago, in the wake of the Great Recession. This suggests there could be greater need for reallocation and retraining of workers this time around.

Yet the share of unemployed adults who said they had pursued job retraining or educational opportunities is slightly lower today (33 percent) than it was in 2010 (38 percent).

So the gap between those who perceive the need to switch careers and those actually taking steps toward that switch has grown. It’s hard to fault these workers, of course, given the lackluster college experiences available now.

One question is what happens this fall if the job market remains poor. Will more unemployed workers, or recent high school graduates newly entering the job market, decide that “upskilling” looks worthwhile?

The answer depends in part on whether colleges begin offering more attractive and accessible learning experiences. Clues so far suggest that the would-be students who’d financially benefit most from postsecondary education are staying away.

Data from the Common Application — a consortium of about 900 institutions that accept a common admissions application — show that the number of students applying to college is up a touch. But the numbers are down among applicants who qualify for fee waivers (i.e., lower-income applicants) or would be the first generation in their family to attend college.

Similarly, the number of high school seniors completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is down about 10 percent from a year earlier, according to the National College Attainment Network. FAFSA completions have fallen especially sharply at high schools with large concentrations of low-income or minority students.

Perhaps by fall these trends will change — and laid-off workers and new high school graduates will either find work in higher numbers or begin enrolling in the educational programs necessary to improve their job prospects later on. But if they don’t, we’re all in for some trouble. Higher education should be an engine of economic growth and economic mobility. The way trends are heading, it threatens to be neither.

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Leaders at Justice blocked bid to search Giuliani records

Two of Trump lawyer's associates already have faced federal charges

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Justice Department political leaders repeatedly stymied efforts by federal prosecutors in Manhattan to obtain a search warrant last year for the digital records of Rudolph W. Giuliani, former president Donald Trump's personal lawyer, frustrating career government attorneys and effectively leaving the decision to the incoming Biden administration, people familiar with the matter said.

The move, first reported Wednesday by CNN, ultimately may have a limited impact on the federal investigation of Giuliani, as officials said prosecutors simply could renew their request. Like others, they spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a case that remains politically sensitive.

Still, the passage of time is unhelpful to any investigation, as

documents could be destroyed and witnesses' memories may fade. And the matter will present a critical first test for President Biden's Justice Department, where officials are trying to separate the institution from political matters and restore public faith that it will enforce the law impartially.

Spokespeople for the Justice Department and the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan declined to comment. Robert Costello, a lawyer for Giuliani, did not respond to a request for comment, but he told CNN he had not been contacted by federal prosecutors and did not think his client had done anything wrong.

Giuliani has rigorously defended his activities as above board.

The investigation came to light in October 2019 after federal prosecutors in Manhattan charged two of Giuliani's associates, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, with a scheme to funnel foreign money to U.S. politicians while allegedly trying to influence U.S.-Ukraine relations.

Parnas and Fruman had been working with Giuliani to investigate then-candidate Biden. Separately, Giuliani was paid \$500,000 for consulting work by a company

Parnas co-founded, Fraud Guarantee, that remains a focus of federal prosecutors.

People familiar with Giuliani's case have said previously that investigators were scrutinizing the former New York mayor's consulting business and examining donations made to America First Action, a pro-Trump super PAC set up by Trump's advisers and allies after the 2016 election, as well as its affiliated nonprofit entity. Investigators were looking for evidence of several possible crimes, including foreign lobbying registration violations, destruction or alteration of documents, aiding and abetting federal crimes, and foreign contributions to U.S. candidates, according to people familiar with the matter.

By summer 2020, prosecutors decided they had probable cause to get a warrant to examine Giuliani's communications, people familiar with the matter said. Mindful they were seeking the communications of a lawyer in a politically sensitive case, Manhattan prosecutors approached leaders at the Justice Department in D.C. seeking approval to move forward. They were rebuffed, people familiar with the matter said,

though varying explanations for the denial have been cited.

One person familiar with the matter said the request was considered to have come too close to the presidential election, noting that Justice Department policy and tradition prohibit taking public steps in a case with potential electoral ramifications.

Others, though, said the prosecutors first approached senior officials at a time when those policies do not normally apply, and that Justice Department officials expressed other objections.

After the election in November, prosecutors in Manhattan renewed their bid for a search warrant, people familiar with the matter said. Officials in the deputy attorney general's office again turned them down, the people said.

One person said that officials harbored concerns about the strength of the evidence, and that the renewed request was coming during Trump's challenges of election results. Giuliani played a key role in those efforts.

Career Justice Department officials, though, felt their probable cause for a search warrant was strong, people familiar with the

matter said. They noted that even amid Trump's post-election challenges, department leaders approved issuing a subpoena and taking other steps in another politically sensitive investigation: that involving Biden's son Hunter.

"At the end of the day, we're not talking about getting an indictment," said a person familiar with the matter. "We're talking about getting a search warrant. What's the purpose of a search warrant? To get more evidence."

The seriousness of Giuliani's legal jeopardy remains unclear; people familiar with the matter cautioned that just because investigators wanted search warrants as they investigated him does not by itself indicate he will be charged with a crime. Giuliani was notably not among those whom Trump pardoned before leaving office, despite widespread speculation that the outgoing president might do so.

The investigation represents a remarkable downfall for a former U.S. attorney who once was dubbed "America's mayor" and widely praised for his leadership of New York City after 9/11. In the 1980s, Giuliani led the same federal prosecutor's office now investi-

gating his conduct.

Giuliani once fancied himself a possible secretary of state for Trump, and he served as the president's personal lawyer during the special counsel investigation into possible coordination between Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia to influence that year's election. All the while, he separately maintained a lucrative consulting and legal practice, taking on clients from all over the world while wielding considerable influence inside the U.S. government.

His eclectic efforts raised some alarm inside Trump's administration. At one point, then-Attorney General William P. Barr warned Trump that Giuliani had become a liability. But Trump never distanced himself, even as Giuliani's legal woes seemed to intensify and questions mounted about possible conflicts between his work for the president and his work for foreigners.

For his part, Giuliani has insisted he kept the two roles separate.

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), third from right, leaves a news conference at the Capitol on Thursday. Democrats are expected to pass a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package in a matter of weeks.

Estimates don't count \$1.9 trillion aid package

DEBT FROM A1

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell said the unemployment rate for January should be considered closer to 10 percent, rather than the official number of 6.3 percent, due to misclassification errors and workers permanently leaving the labor force.

But Republican lawmakers and deficit hawks warn that such unprecedented levels of peacetime spending threaten a risk to the economy. A sudden surge in inflation — not currently considered likely or imminent — could force the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates, which would in turn dramatically increase the costs of U.S. borrowing. The central bank has vowed to keep interest rates low.

The CBO's debt estimates are based on current policy and do not account for the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package Democrats are expected to pass in a matter of weeks.

"It's pretty horrific. The trouble is it's high and escalating and on an unsustainable trajectory," Douglas Holtz-Eakin, who served as director of the CBO and as chief economist to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), said of the debt figures. "World financial markets will at

some point lose their faith in the ability of the U.S. to make the numbers add up, and they will either cut us off entirely or charge prohibitively high rates."

Democrats are expected to press forward with their relief package despite the federal debt. America's economic recovery from the coronavirus has sputtered as the pandemic rages across the country this winter. Alarming, job growth in the United States has all but stalled out, even as about half of the 22 million jobs lost during the crisis have returned.

President Biden's relief package would devote hundreds of billions of dollars to the U.S. response to the public health crisis, including vaccine distribution; another round of stimulus payments for millions of American households; extended unemployment benefits through August; and spending for schools and local governments. Biden has frequently downplayed the potential danger of spending too much, and White House officials have pointed to a range of Wall Street analysts who have said more spending is necessary.

Additionally, inflation has remained firmly in check, and the central bank has signaled it would

not hike rates even with modest price increases. Powell noted on Wednesday that inflation "has been much lower and more stable over the past three decades" than it had before.

"The biggest risk is not going too big, if we go — it's if we go too small," Biden said last week at the White House.

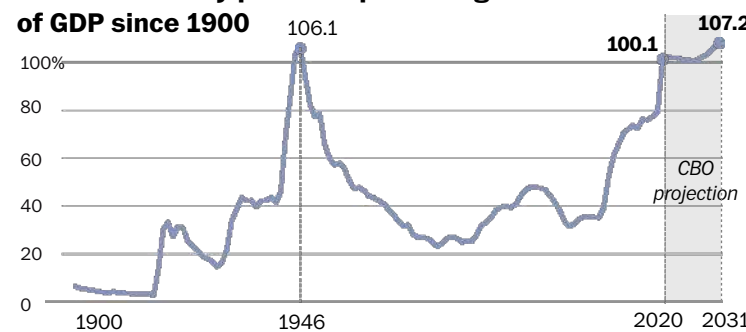
Some economists say more deficit spending could be the help the economy needs. Joseph E. Stiglitz, a Nobel Prize-winning economist at Columbia University, said a significant gap remains between the nation's actual economic output and its potential economic output. Lawmakers should be focused on closing that gap to reduce unemployment and expand the economy, he said.

"Deficit spending expands output and employment, which can generate more tax revenue," Stiglitz said. "If as the result of a little more deficit spending we get more growth and higher employment, that should not be too big a worry."

Yet, just last week, former Obama administration economic adviser Larry Summers penned a column in *The Washington Post* warning that another big stimulus package would bring some risk of setting off inflation.

"There is a chance that macroeconomic stimulus on a scale closer to World War II levels than normal recession levels will set off inflationary pressures of a kind we have not seen in a generation, with consequences for the value of

U.S. debt held by public as percentage of GDP since 1900



Figures are for fiscal years ending in September of the year shown.

Source: Congressional Budget Office

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the dollar and financial stability," he wrote.

When asked about Summers's column, White House senior economist Jared Bernstein denied that the administration was dismissing inflationary risks but said: "This is risk management. This is balancing risks. And in our view, the risks of doing too little are far greater than the risks of doing too much."

To be sure, even the CBO has warned about the challenges in their projections. Its debt and deficit projections could worsen significantly if the pandemic or new coronavirus variants continue to wreak havoc on the American economy. The CBO projects that higher levels of vaccinations will dramatically reduce the number of coronavirus cases, with economic growth quickly returning to pre-pandemic levels by as soon as the middle of 2021.

Even under this relatively rosy

scenario, the CBO projects the national debt is now on pace to grow to 107 percent of the GDP by 2031 — which would be an all-time high in American history.

But the rollout of vaccines has proven uneven at times, and fears have mounted about new variants of the virus and their effect on the nation's pandemic response and economic recovery more generally. The CBO said in July that its projections reflect an "average of possible outcomes," noting the unusually high uncertainty surrounding the pandemic.

"There are so many uncertainties: about the vaccine; about when people come back to work; about what this looks like on the other side — and the standard way of CBO presenting their thinking does not have a framework for quantifying those risks," said Claudia Sahm, an economist who worked at the Federal Reserve. "And that's a big problem right

now because people are basing their policy advice on these numbers."

Other budget experts point out that tackling the federal deficit requires more structural reforms to the nation's economy, such as its low federal tax rates and projected increases in spending on Medicare and Social Security.

The United States is projected to hold about \$21 trillion in debt in 2021, and that number is expected to increase to \$32 trillion by 2030. A \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill represents a fraction of that increase, although White House officials have also discussed trying to approve a multitrillion-dollar infrastructure package later this year. The CBO projections also assume the expiration of numerous provisions of the 2017 GOP tax law aimed at the lower and middle class by the middle of this decade.

Marc Goldwein, senior vice president at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which pushes for deficit reduction, said lawmakers face a long-term challenge in getting spending and deficit levels to balance. That is not something that hinges on the precise size of Biden's stimulus package, Goldwein said.

"Even without the \$1.9 trillion, we will be at record-high debt levels" in a few years, he said. "Realistically, it's going to come much sooner than that."

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 8 p.m. 32°

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THE DISTRICT
 George Washington University commits to banning single-use plastic items from campus. **B2**



MARYLAND
 Gov. Larry Hogan criticizes House Democrats' push to expand eligibility for coronavirus relief. **B8**



OBITUARIES
 S. Clay Wilson, 79, helped usher in a taboo-breaking era in American cartooning. **B6**

Five charged in Jan. 6 riot allegedly worked with Kansas City Proud Boys

BY SPENCER S. HSU AND RACHEL WEINER

Five people worked with Proud Boys from Kansas City and other unnamed individuals to breach the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, U.S. prosecutors alleged, unsealing charges Thursday in one of the largest co-defendant cases yet brought in an investigation in which more than 200 have been charged.

The defendants, wearing helmets, vests and tactical gear

Arrests bring number affiliated with far-right group to about 18

marked with fluorescent orange tape, "appeared to gesture and communicate to one another" to coordinate efforts during and after forcing entry to the Capitol, the FBI alleged.

Surveillance footage showed

at least four taking actions to prevent police from deploying descending metal barriers to seal off underground access to the Capitol, allowing the invading crowd to surge forward, the FBI said in a 28-page affidavit dated Wednesday.

The arrests of William Chrestman, Christopher Kuehne, Louis Enrique Colon, all of Kansas City, and siblings Felicia and Cory Konold bring the number of those affiliated with the Proud Boys to about 18 among those

charged with battling law enforcement and obstructing the electoral vote confirmation of President Biden's victory.

Federal prosecutors and the FBI have accused self-identified Proud Boys of leading some of the earliest, most destructive and critical efforts to overrun police lines and break into the Capitol building.

Two have been charged with counts listed as federal crimes of terrorism, relating to destruction of government property to

intimidate or coerce the government.

Charges for the Kansas City group were unsealed after all five were taken into custody. Information about their lawyers was not available, and efforts to contact relatives were not immediately successful.

The Proud Boys, a far-right group with a history of violence, was embraced by former presi-

'Key figure': Navy vet is accused of playing role in Capitol riot. **B4**

dent Donald Trump during the election campaign, and it mobilized to attend the Jan. 6 events in Washington. Proud Boys leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, who was arrested two days earlier for allegedly having burned a Black Lives Matter banner torn down from a historic church during a previous rally in the city, has pleaded not guilty and denied that the Proud Boys organized any violence at the Capitol.

Nevertheless, the charges un-
 SEE ARRESTS ON B4



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'I'll pick up pretty much anything'

A software executive was bothered by the trash he saw in the District. So, he started bagging it.

BY SYDNEY PAGE

Most people walk by trash they pass on streets and sidewalks. Some people don't even notice it. Then there's Billy Adams. He not only sees it, he picks it up — all of it.

Since the spring, the 54-year-old Montgomery County man has spent his daily walks into the District collecting garbage around the city, usually filling at least two trash bags with waste.

"It's just something I do," he said. "It's become part of my routine."

He leaves his home, which is just over the D.C. line, about 8:30 a.m., garbage bag in hand, ready for a brisk 12-mile traverse around the city. Typically, he walks down Massachusetts Avenue, then to 14th Street, continually squatting to collect the trash he spots along the way.



Billy Adams, above and top, picks up garbage alongside Canal Road in Georgetown on the way home from the gym. The Montgomery County man usually fills two trash bags with waste during his daily 12-mile walks through the District.

Dressed in activewear and tracking his walk on a sports watch, Adams scoops up everything in sight, from plastic water bottles to food wrappers, beer cans and disposable face masks. Lots of masks.

"I'll pick up pretty much anything," Adams said. He doesn't wear plastic gloves, he said, but he washes his hands whenever he stops along the way.

Eventually, he turns toward home, usually going from Q Street over to Georgetown, where he drops off his first bag full of garbage in a public trash can. Then he stops at a Starbucks on M Street for a Grande Americano — and requests a fresh garbage bag. He always leaves a \$1 tip.

Starbucks employees said they've come to know Adams as the "garbage guy." They often have a bag ready for him when he visits the store.

"The first time he came I was confused,"
 SEE TRASH ON B2

2 virus variants detected in D.C.

MD. OPENS 3RD MASS VACCINATION SITE

High demand for doses challenges rollout efforts

BY ERIN COX, JULIE ZAUZMER AND RACHEL CHASON

Coronavirus variants first identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa have been detected in D.C. residents, the city's health director announced Thursday, while Maryland announced the state's third mass vaccination site to battle the pandemic.

Appointments will begin at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore on Feb. 25, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) said Thursday, and residents can begin reserving their spots next week.

Maryland earlier this month opened mass vaccination sites at Six Flags America in Prince George's County and at the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital. Three additional mass vaccination sites at yet-to-be announced locations in Western, Eastern and Southern Maryland will open in March if sufficient doses are available, Hogan said.

SEE REGION ON B5

New cases in region

Through 5 p.m. Thursday, 5,083 new coronavirus cases were reported in the District, Maryland and Virginia, bringing the total number of cases to 947,416.

D.C.	MD.	VA.
+185	+1,199	+3,699
38,533	367,865	541,018

Coronavirus-related deaths

As of 5 p.m. Thursday:

D.C.	MD.*	VA.
+8	+21	+26
973	7,467	6,958

* Includes probable covid-19 deaths

Judge orders report on alleged racism unsealed

Pr. George's blasted for trying to block details of police department probe

BY KATIE METTLER

A federal judge on Wednesday ended a bitter legal dispute over court records between Prince George's County and a group of Black and Hispanic police officers, ruling that an expert report detailing allegations of racism within the police department must be unsealed and made available to the public.

U.S. District Judge Theodore D. Chuang chastised the county for trying to shield the information and said there is a compelling public interest in releasing the records because of the nature of the allegations facing the department in the lawsuit.

"Particularly at a time when there is an intense public focus on the question of whether there is systemic race discrimination within police departments nationwide, there is understandably significant public interest in the present case, as Plaintiffs are effectively alleging systemic racism within the police department serving a majority-minority

SEE REPORT ON B3

Back to class might not mean back to socializing



Petula Dvorak

My son sat alone in the classroom this week, surrounded by empty desks in a silent formation. Even the teacher's desk up front was forlorn.

"this is stupid," he texted me. "i'm here all dressed up, everyone else is at home. in sweats."

A camera on a tripod focused on him as the rest of the class and the teacher logged in from their homes. A bored proctor sat in the corner, scrolling through her phone.

Welcome back to school — hurrah?

The mid-pandemic return to the classroom is totally weird, and there are no easy answers.

As the coronavirus continues to infect millions and kill hundreds of thousands in the United States, returning kids to their scholastic normalcy is proving to be a halting, difficult process.

There are teachers in Chicago who are holding class outside as parents bring them hot coffee and build fire pits, and teachers in Southeast Washington wearing masks, visors and clothes they sanitize after a full day inside buildings they fear aren't properly ventilated.

SEE DVORAK ON B3

Metro bond plan moves ahead despite wariness

Some board members wanted to hold off on projects amid pandemic

BY JUSTIN GEORGE

Metro's precarious financial condition amid the pandemic was worrisome enough for some board members that they considered a pause Thursday on buying buses and selling bonds — two moves that would put the transit system hundreds of millions of dollars deeper into debt.

But Metro officials argued that

holding back on replacement vehicles and renovations would further degrade a transit system that's already billions of dollars and years behind on maintenance.

Board members were deciding whether to advance Metro's plan to sell \$360 million in bonds this year to help pay for more than \$22 billion in construction, replacement, expansion and renovation projects over the next decade. Their biggest cause for concern: the unknown future of transit after the pandemic and a bruised economy that has limited fare revenue and regional tax dollars that Metro relies upon.

SEE METRO ON B4

This 'garbage guy' is on a mission to help keep D.C. clean

TRASH FROM B1

said Ahmed Oukchir, the store manager at the M Street Starbucks. "I thought: 'Why is he asking for trash bags every day? What's going on with this guy?'"

Despite being baffled by the request, Oukchir graciously would give Adams a fresh bag upon each visit. Soon, he realized what the bag was for.

"I saw him picking up trash outside the store, and I said, 'Don't worry about doing that,'" Oukchir recalled. Adams smiled at him, then continued cleaning, he said.

Adams shows up at the Starbucks location most days of the week, and "sometimes, he will come twice a day," Oukchir said.

"He is always cleaning parks, roads and side streets," he said, adding that because of Adams, Oukchir himself is now more conscious of litter around the city. "Billy has inspired me big time. When everybody does their part, the world will change."

That's certainly Adams's motto. Although his daily trash pickups are mostly a one-man mission, "I would love to see more people do it," he said.

Onlookers and friends have taken note of Adams's garbage-hauling habit, including his fitness trainer, Jamie Bredbenner.

"In rain, snow, sleet or hail, he is always picking up garbage," said Bredbenner, who works at Bodysmith Gym. "I so admire it. I do it in my own neighborhood while walking my dog."

Along Adams's walk from his home to the gym for a training session, he also collects trash. And when he's about to leave the gym, "he'll say, 'Do you have a trash bag? I like to pick up trash on the way back,'" said India Taylor, who works at the gym's front desk.

Adams began regularly picking up garbage in June, but his daily walks became a ritual more than a decade ago as part of a rigorous exercise routine.

"I also swim and lift weights four times a week," he said. "This thing happened to me in 2011, and it changed my life. I realized I



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Billy Adams, shown here in Georgetown, associates different areas with specific types of trash. For instance, the Capital Crescent Trail has become a popular place during the pandemic, with strawberry banana GU Energy packets and Nature Valley granola bar wrappers there.

needed to be healthier, and walking is just one piece of it."

Adams was on vacation in Hawaii with his wife and three children when his family decided to go zip-lining.

"They have to weigh you, and I remember these two women behind the counter looking at each other, and I was like, 'Oh, my God, have I gotten that big?'" he said.

Adams, an executive at a software company, said his previous job — which he left in 2018 — spurred an unhealthy lifestyle.

"I was working on a case for nine months and didn't have a day off," he said. "I didn't go home on the weekends and slept at the office. I gained a whole bunch of weight."

"As soon as we got back from Hawaii, I decided I was going to start walking to work," Adams said, adding that his former office was about five miles from his house. "Then it became part of my daily routine."

When the pandemic hit, he vowed to continue walking, even though he was working from home and had nowhere to go. Adams's workday typically starts about noon, since his company is based in Australia, giving him flexibility to exercise in the morning. He takes any early work phone calls on foot, while exploring new areas around the city.

That's when he took note of all the trash, which "really started

"Billy has inspired me big time. When everybody does their part, the world will change."

Ahmed Oukchir, store manager at the M Street Starbucks, where Billy Adams stops after his daily garbage collecting to request a new trash bag

bothering me," said Adams, who grew up in Bethesda.

So, he grabbed a bag and started gathering garbage. His new ritual, he learned, was immensely satisfying.

"The trash is just out of place; it doesn't belong there. Finishing my projects is definitely rewarding," Adams said, explaining that he often changes his walking paths, which he refers to as his "projects," to ensure he covers as many areas around the District as possible. "When you see it beforehand, then you walk by it after and it's all clean, that's a good feeling."

"You start picking up on patterns as you do this," Adams explained. He now associates differ-

ent areas with specific types of trash. For instance, the Capital Crescent Trail has become a popular exercise site during the pandemic, he explained, so, "you'll always find strawberry banana GU Energy packets and Nature Valley granola bar wrappers there."

Although Adams's customary cleanup — which typically takes him about three hours — might be unusual, exercising while picking up trash is actually a trend of sorts. There's a popular Swedish fitness craze that involves collecting trash, called "plogging," a mix of jogging and "plocca upp" — Swedish for pick up. In recent years, plogging groups have popped up around the world, including in the D.C. area.

Adams isn't seeking to start a plogging group, he said, but he does encourage friends and family to join him on trash walks, including his sister, Caroline Miller, who has accompanied him on several occasions with her husband.

"People know who he is. They wave at him, they honk at him," Miller, 59, said. "But he is determined to do it whether people join and support him or not. I'm amazed by his focus and his grit."

According to Miller, the daily trash hauls exemplify her brother's nature.

"Billy is somebody who likes to do the right thing. He is very moral, and if he sees trash on the ground, he can't just walk past it," she said.

Upon joining her brother on walks, Miller notices him "constantly scanning the environment," she said. "Where my husband and I saw a walking path, Billy saw trash."

"Now when I walk, I look for trash. It has a contagious impact on you, and anybody who went on one walk with Billy would feel the same way," Miller added.

For Adams, he hopes his trash pickups motivate others to litter less and pick up more.

"I hope people see me and go, 'Hey, maybe next time I walk around I'll bring a trash bag and do that, too,'" he said. "The simple act of picking up trash makes a huge difference."

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THE DISTRICT

GWU makes sustainability pledge to ban single-use plastic products

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

George Washington University will begin to eliminate single-use plastics from campus, Thomas LeBlanc, the school's president, said at a sustainability event Thursday.

The announcement is part of a campuswide, years-long effort to shrink the university's carbon footprint, LeBlanc said. The campus over the past decade has invested in renewable energy, reduced food waste and shared plans to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Leaders recently committed to divesting the university's holdings in fossil fuel companies.

The ban will apply to plastics that are designed to be used once and then discarded — water bottles, cutlery, candy wrappers and bags — that clog local waterways and overwhelm landfills, LeBlanc said.

GWU is the first university in the D.C. area to make such a commitment, school officials said.

"We've long been a leader in sustainability," LeBlanc said in an interview. "If you look at the work that we did last year in a number of areas, including our divestment policy, we've taken a lot of concrete steps, and this is the next very important step."

The university has already started phasing out single-use plastics, installing additional water-bottle refill stations across campus to encourage the use of reusable containers and filling vending machines with aluminum cans, which are easier than

Effort to include more water-bottle refill spots, cutlery alternatives

most plastics to recycle, said Meghan Chapple, director of the school's sustainability office.

Most students probably will not see the changes until the fall, when the university has said it expects to reopen "to the fullest extent possible." The school has been operating in a mostly virtual format since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

On Thursday, LeBlanc also unveiled a policy that will prohibit university departments, student groups or guests from selling or giving away certain plastics, including beverage bottles and eating utensils. The university will work to find alternatives, such as reusable straws made from bamboo or snacks with compostable wrappers.

Officials at GWU, which has made budget cuts during the pandemic, did not say how much it will cost to invest in plastic alternatives and install water-bottle refill stations in every campus building. But LeBlanc said he expects the investment will pay off over time.

Chapple said the university will ultimately save money by eliminating the need to purchase "unnecessary plastics" and cutting down on recycling and garbage disposal fees.

School leaders said their plan will require some creativity, such

as finding sanitary ways for students to reuse food containers at campus restaurants and investing in cutlery made from corn or seaweed instead of plastic, which is made from the fossil fuels that are driving climate change.

It will also take a shift in the campus's culture. Students will not be punished for using single-use plastics on campus, but school officials plan to offer enough alternatives so that students will not need to rely on plastics, Chapple said.

"We're trying to make it easy," said LeBlanc, adding that the next class of incoming first-year students will be given reusable water bottles when they move onto campus.

The university's announcement comes as the school celebrates its bicentennial and days after students marched to LeBlanc's on-campus residence and demanded the closure of the Regulatory Studies Center, the GW Hatchet reported.

The academic center was established to produce research on regulatory issues but has come under scrutiny. Public Citizen, a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization, reported that the center advocates for government deregulation and receives funding from Charles Koch, the billionaire philanthropist whose company is tied to the fossil fuel industry.

University officials, including more than a dozen professors, released a letter Thursday that called the Public Citizen report "misleading and inaccurate" and said the center "does not take



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"We've long been a leader in sustainability," said George Washington University President Thomas LeBlanc, also citing the university's recent commitment to divest its holdings in fossil fuel companies.

institutional positions on any issues."

But to some, GWU's support of the research center is at odds with the school's stated commitment to environmental sustainability.

"I don't think they can say that they're a leader in sustainability while also doing something that's so clearly anti-sustainable," said Kat Ruane, a junior and co-president of Take Back the Tap, a campus organization that advocates for reusable beverage bottles and access to free water.

Ruane and other student activists have been vocal opponents of plastic water bottles and have worked with the university over the past year to introduce the single-use ban.

Jennifer Cuyuch, another Take Back the Tap leader, said that she

is happy with the school's progress but that student organizers have other demands. She called on the school to make deeper investments in the Office of Sustainability and develop more classes — in addition to the minor GWU offers in sustainability — on environmental conservation.

"I think it's a good step forward," Cuyuch said. "Most people don't necessarily know about the issue of plastic water bottles on campus."

Jeanne Braha, executive director of Rock Creek Conservancy, said plastic bans can have a positive effect on the environment.

After the District introduced its 5-cent plastic-bag fee in 2010, conservancy volunteers noticed a "dramatic drop" in the number of bags that were pulled from

Rock Creek, Braha said.

But other plastics remain a challenge. Volunteers from the organization dedicated to protecting Rock Creek and its surrounding parks recently pulled more than 8,000 pounds of litter — much of it beverage bottles, wrappers and plastic waste — from the watershed.

Reversing that trend will require people to make significant lifestyle changes, which can be difficult, Braha said.

"It's overwhelming and challenging to make changes, even small changes, on your own," Braha said. "So, to have an entire system that's changing, having the university's systems set up to enable people to use alternatives makes it a lot easier for students to fall in that habit of using reusable items."

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LOCAL DIGEST

MARYLAND
3 charged in scheme to sell vaccine doses

Federal prosecutors have filed a criminal complaint against three Baltimore County men in a scheme to allegedly sell purported coronavirus vaccines for \$30 a dose.

Olakitan Oluwalade, 22, and his cousin Odunayo Baba Oluwalade, 25, both of Windsor Mill, and Kelly Lamont Williams, 22, of Owings Mills were charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Each could face 20 years in federal prison.

The charges were announced in a news release Thursday from the office of the U.S. attorney for the Maryland. The three men did not immediately appear listed in federal court records online. Their attorneys could not be reached for comment.

According to the news release, the men created a phony website to resemble the site of vaccine maker Moderna.

The men are scheduled for an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Baltimore on Friday.

"My office and the entire law enforcement community are committed to bringing to justice fraudsters who are preying on citizens during this unprecedented public health crisis," U.S. Attorney Robert Hur said in the news release.

— *Baltimore Sun*

VIRGINIA
Woman sentenced in money-laundering case

A former Virginia store owner was sentenced to eight years in federal prison for her part in a money-laundering operation involving an international drug cartel, a federal prosecutor said.

Ana Bella Sanchez-Rios, 48, was sentenced last week for moving more than \$4.3 million from her Martinsville store for the Mexican-based Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), acting U.S. attorney Daniel Bubar said in a news release Wednesday. The U.S. Justice Department considers the cartel to be among the most dangerous organizations in the world, the news release said.

According to the news release, Sanchez-Rios admitted in court documents that from May 2016 through September 2018 she used her business to launder the drug-trafficking proceeds on behalf of CJNG. Her role was to receive U.S. currency from people working for CJNG, which she was aware was drug trafficking proceeds gained through criminal activity, according to the news release. Sanchez-Rios also admitted wiring money to Mexico in small amounts using fake names and addresses as senders.

Sanchez-Rios and 12 members of the cartel were indicted in March 2019, the news release said. She pleaded guilty in June 2020 to conspiracy to commit money laundering and operating a business that transmitted criminally derived funds.

— *Associated Press*

PETULA DVORAK

Being back in class is weird right now

DVORAK FROM B1

There are kindergartners who have never met a teacher in real life and, on the other end of the scale, high-schoolers who've been back in classrooms for weeks.

Even when schools opt for hybrid learning the way my son's school did, a largely unvaccinated nation — only about 10 percent of our population has received at least one dose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — is confused and conflicted about whether kids should show up.

In D.C., as schools open in phases this month, the return-to-school rate is different based on Zip code. The wealthier wards had kids returning to class at twice the rate as the poorest ward in the city, according to city data.

Maybe it's because the wealthier wards have higher vaccination rates than the lower-income wards, whose residents are primarily people of color.

And because coronavirus infection and death rates have hit American Black and Brown communities and lower-income neighborhoods harder, it would make sense that those families aren't comfortable sending their

kids back to school yet.

"The reality is that as African Americans — and I can speak clearly to this — our health outcomes have not been the same as our peers, and a lot of that is related to systemic racism," Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee, who is Black, told *The Washington Post's* Perry Stein. "Every child is different, and every circumstance is different."

But it doesn't have to be about income, race or Zip code to divide a school on the return.

Even though my son's private Jesuit school in D.C. spent a fortune on tech and logistics creating a hybrid schedule rotating three cohorts into the classroom, my son kept finding himself alone or among just a few to go to class in person.

There are a bunch of reasons for this. Some of the students have parents or siblings with health issues who can't risk exposure to the virus. Some families have grown used to a pandemic schedule — Mom and Dad aren't going into the office — so they decide that everyone should just stay home. And some kids prefer learning from home, sleeping in and wearing sweatpants to virtual class.

It's the same story I heard from a friend in New Jersey. Her kid — like mine — was suffering

under the isolation and flatness of distance learning and couldn't wait to go back in.

But when their public school district opened up for hybrid learning, most of her daughter's peers decided to stay online and at home. On top of that, schools opened and then closed again at whiplash speed. Closed because of a positive case. Now open. Wait, closed.

The 17-year-old "asked to go all remote," my friend said. "She was tired of the back-and-forth."

But even when the response is tepid, schools have to provide the option. In too many cases, there are still kids who continue to be shut out of online learning because they don't have reliable WiFi. Or they have other circumstances that make remote learning tough. In D.C., 60 percent of elementary kids who are returning to the classroom are learning English as a second language, receiving special education services, are homeless or are otherwise at risk.

Or there are the younger kids who thrive the most when they're in social settings.

"It was great. It was amazing," said Wesley Hanks, 13, who finally got to meet his new teacher in person for the first time last week, when Eliot-Hine Middle School in Northeast



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Third-grade teacher Angela Isom gives a lesson at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Southeast Washington.

Washington opened up.

"I got to see Miss Maxwell," he said, talking about a beloved teacher whom he hasn't seen since March (except for once, "around Christmas when she was picking out Christmas trees").

"I also got to see my classmates," he said, whom he also hadn't seen for almost a year. He said he hopes D.C. opens up all the classrooms to all the kids. But, alas, that's not easy to do.

Schools, we keep forgetting in so many other cases, are part of a community. And until that community is fully vaccinated and everyone feels safe, neither can thrive.

Some kids will return, some will stay at home, some will bounce back and forth for the rest of the year, the way my son plans to. That's okay.

The most important thing we can do for the kids, besides push for every possible way to speed up the nationwide vaccination effort, is to keep in mind that whatever they end up doing in these crazy times, they are not losing a year of learning. They're gaining a year of firsthand experience in resilience, flexibility and grit that's rarely part of a lesson plan.

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Pr. George's ordered to release details of racism allegations

REPORT FROM B1

county of close to one million residents located adjacent to the nation's capital," the judge wrote.

The county and the plaintiffs, all current or former Prince George's police officers and members of the United Black Police Officers Association (UBPOA) and the Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association (HNLEA), have 10 days to collaborate on filing an unredacted version of the records.

The county said in a statement that it will cooperate fully with the judge's order and will "continue to vigorously defend the employment practices of the Prince George's County Police Department."

"The release of the reports from both sides, and other files, will make it clear that the Prince George's County Police Department did not engage in discriminatory behavior," county attorney Rhonda Weaver said.

The officers, who filed a discrimination lawsuit against the county two years ago, have been arguing since the summer that a report and its supplemental materials — written by a former Los Angeles deputy sheriff who was hired by the officers to analyze demographic, disciplinary and use-of-force data — should not be redacted. It was initially filed with the court under seal by request of the county in mid-June, the same day former police chief Hank Stawinski announced his resignation.

The report cites specific examples from civilian complaints, department emails and internal affairs data to demonstrate what the officers in the lawsuit assert is a pattern of discrimination and retaliation based on race.

Attorneys for the county have said the report should be kept from the public eye — arguing that police personnel files, including disciplinary histories, are protected under Maryland public record statutes.

The officers filed a motion to unseal the report, which was joined by community groups calling for transparency and reform, a news organization and, in a rare move, both the Prince George's state's attorney and top public defender.

Chuang heard arguments from all parties on Jan. 29, and ruled in favor of mostly unsealing the report in a lengthy decision filed in court Wednesday.

The ruling comes at a time of change in the county, as the department prepares to implement 46 police reforms recently proposed by a work group and approved by the county executive — without a permanent police chief. After eight months with an interim chief, the county executive is expected to announce her new hire soon.

The group found disparities within the department's hiring and recruiting practices, though the county executive said at a recent news conference that the work group's report and the pending lawsuit are separate is-

sues. The judge will allow some details to remain under seal, including the personal contact information of individuals named in the report and the names of officers, victims and witnesses listed in internal affairs investigations but who are not named in the amended complaint.

However, the details of those investigations and the allegations of wrongdoing will be unredacted.

Chuang also ruled that the state's attorney's office shall be granted unfettered access to the report — including the information that will remain redacted for the public.

The state's attorney's office sought access to the report, saying prosecutors need to ensure their police witnesses are not among those accused of racism or wrongdoing. The public defender's officer also sought the material, saying it needs to be aware of misconduct allegations against police officers testifying against their clients.

During his arguments in January before Chuang, the state's attorney's office said that the county and police department had denied their request to see the unredacted report — citing the pending court case.

In his ruling Wednesday, the judge called that argument from the county "a gross mischaracterization of this Court's order" and one that is "wrong and arguably disingenuous."

The county attorney said in her statement that the judge's order provides "important guidance as to what information could and could not be released" under Maryland state statute.

Dennis Corkery, an attorney with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and one of the lawyers for the officers, said they are pleased with the judge's ruling and feel the decision to unseal the report validates "the concerns we are raising, that racist policing in Prince George's County is a matter of public importance."

"We hope that this can inspire more transparency in the police

department," Corkery said.

Chuang wrote that the decision in favor of unsealing the report was informed by the First Amendment, common law and a compelling public interest in the case — particularly because it involved a government agency.

"The public cannot make well-informed judgments on the propriety of positions taken by the [Prince George's County Police Department] in this litigation, particularly its decision to seek exclusion of numerous instances of alleged discrimination, without access to the underlying information on the incidents in question," the judge wrote.

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LOTTERIES

Results from Feb. 11

DISTRICT

Day/DC-3:	6-3-0
DC-4:	8-8-8-6
DC-5:	1-1-3-8-5
Night/DC-3 (Wed.):	1-1-4
DC-3 (Thu.):	1-1-6
DC-4 (Wed.):	9-5-1-0
DC-4 (Thu.):	6-8-9-6
DC-5 (Wed.):	2-1-7-7-0
DC-5 (Thu.):	1-0-5-3-3

MARYLAND

Mid-Day Pick 3:	6-7-2
Mid-Day Pick 4:	1-4-7-6
Night/Pick 3 (Wed.):	4-7-3
Pick 3 (Thu.):	4-4-1
Pick 4 (Wed.):	1-9-1-7
Pick 4 (Thu.):	1-4-6-4
Multi-Match:	1-7-18-33-34-37
Match 5 (Wed.):	13-22-23-25-36 *19
Match 5 (Thu.):	3-16-20-27-38 *7
5 Card Cash:	JS-5C-JC-5D-10H

VIRGINIA

Day/Pick-3:	0-5-7
Pick-4:	3-2-5-5
Night/Pick-3 (Wed.):	3-3-6
Pick-3 (Thu.):	3-2-5
Pick-4 (Wed.):	8-7-8-5
Pick-4 (Thu.):	3-5-5-4
Cash-5 (Wed.):	1-7-24-27-37
Cash-5 (Thu.):	1-20-22-25-29
Bank a Million:	1-3-13-15-30-31 *28

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Cash 4 Life:	8-9-24-32-36 *12
Lucky for Life:	7-9-15-31-39 *1
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Metro bond plan advances

METRO FROM B1

Ultimately, members of the board's Finance Committee unanimously approved the bond sales proposal, a first step in its approval. The board also increased Metro's capital budget this fiscal year by \$255 million because of a multi-year platform replacement project that transit officials expedited because of reduced ridership.

It's the second time since June that Metro has sought to sell bonds to finance capital projects. While government agencies have done so for years, Metro's foray into the bond market was made possible after D.C., Maryland and Virginia made permanent in 2018 an annual dedication of capital project money for Metro.

With a reliable stream of money, the agency has sought to get hundreds of millions of dollars upfront to pay for the backlogged projects.

The bonds would be paid back over 25 years using the dedicated funding from jurisdictions served by Metro. The agency also sold \$534 million in bonds over the summer.

While the money will finance a slate of projects, most immediately it will be used to pay for new platforms at 20 stations with a price tag of \$431 million. Because Metro moved up the project's timetable, the agency needs more money upfront to pay contractors.

Other projects include purchasing the latest model of rail car, replacing escalators and sta-

tion lighting, buying 90 new buses and rolling out a mobile fare payment system and app.

Over the next 10 years, Metro has projected it will need to spend \$6.8 billion in modernization costs and nearly \$16 billion to keep the transit system in what the agency calls a "state of good repair." While transit officials have spent the past six years re-prioritizing safety over expansion and performance, Metro estimates it's still about \$5 billion behind where it should be.

While board members support the system improvements, some worried about going deeper into debt to complete them. The transit agency this fiscal year is operating using \$1.3 billion from two federal coronavirus relief packages, and Metro officials say they believe it will need a third stimulus by the end of the year to bridge a more than \$170 million budget gap.

Metro board member Michael Goldman suggested Thursday that Metro pause on the scheduled purchase of 100 buses and redeploy that money to Metro's platform project.

"While we all have a sense of euphoria and expectation and hope that Congress is going to enact this \$30 billion in covid-related relief funding for transit... until that actually happens, I think we're running some risk here," he said.

Pausing on bus purchases, he said, would give Metro time to shift future purchases to more environmentally friendly electric

buses.

Metro Board Chairman Paul C. Smedberg said money from bond sales would not only help Metro keep up with maintenance but also take advantage of a period of low transit usage. The system would be better poised to help the region recover once the pandemic ends, he said.

"Don't we have platforms that are quite literally and figuratively crumbling?" he asked Metro staff members. "Aren't there efficiencies in doing some of this work while ridership is low and in getting sort of ahead of this so we are ready when people do come back?"

Metro Board Vice Chairwoman Stephanie Gidighi Jenkins said she wanted to avoid limiting bus improvements. She said Metro should focus more on improving Metrobus, which is disproportionately used more by service workers and lower-income residents.

"Metrobus is a critical aspect for essential workers to be able to get to where they need to go to," she said. "Just as much as we're raising the notion of 'state of good repair' as it relates to Metrorail, I hope that we will hold that same consideration as we talk about Metrobus."

Other board members said they worried about Metro's later capital needs if the transit agency used all of its credit in more recent years.

"I'm concerned about the period from that point — '28 to '31 — where apparently we will have



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expended all of our dedicated funds," said board member and Loudoun County Supervisor Matthew F. Letourneau (R-Dulles). "Then how do we fund the capital program? So we need to start thinking about that."

The full board is expected to vote on the bond sale proposal this spring.

Board members on Thursday also heard updates on the completion of the long-delayed Silver Line extension to Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County.

Construction is being super-

vised by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which had estimated the project would be ready to hand over to Metro this spring. But Laura Mason, Metro's executive vice president of capital delivery, said Thursday that several construction issues remain unresolved or incomplete.

Those include incorrect distances between insulated joints and signals, malfunctioning fans and station platform pavers that leak water. Mason on Thursday estimated the Silver Line would be complete in June, and then

Metro would need five months to test the system.

The assessment, board members said, meant the extension would not be ready to operate until at least November — four months beyond the last tentative opening date the transit system had set for Phase 2.

"So November 1 would be a reasonable day based on your schedule?" Goldman asked. "What I think I hear you saying is it could be a little earlier or it could be somewhat later."

"Correct," Mason replied. justin.george@washpost.com

THE REGION

Prosecutors allege ex-FBI official, Navy vet is 'key figure' in Capitol breach

BY RACHEL WEINER AND SPENCER S. HSU

A former U.S. Navy intelligence officer and FBI official from Virginia has emerged as a "key figure" in the federal investigation of the Jan. 6 Capitol breach, as U.S. prosecutors alleged Thursday that he organized a group of trained fighters and was in contact with self-styled militia groups including the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers and Three Percenters.

In asking a federal judge to detain Thomas Edward Caldwell, 66, pending trial, prosecutors revealed some of the most explicit evidence to date of discussions allegedly indicating coordination and planning among groups under scrutiny for the assault on Congress that left one police officer and four others dead, delayed the confirmation of President Biden's victory and led to charges against more than 200 people.

Prosecutors allege Caldwell used his military and law enforcement background to plan violence — including possible snipers and weapons stashed on a boat along the Potomac River — weeks ahead of the Capitol insurrection. Caldwell, of Berryville, Va., is charged on counts of conspiracy, obstructing an official proceeding, trespassing, destruction of government property, and aiding and abetting.

Va. resident accused of using expertise to plan violence ahead of Jan. 6

Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes — identified as Person One by prosecutors in documents charging Caldwell — called on members of the group to "stand tall in support of President Trump" on Jan. 6, and, prosecutors say, Caldwell responded. He had been coordinating with the Oath Keepers since the week after the election, prosecutors allege, when he hosted members at his Virginia home for a pro-Trump protest that turned violent.

"Next time (and there WILL be a next time) we will have learned and we will be stronger," he messaged others afterward, according to the court documents. "I think there will be real violence for all of us next time. . . . I am already working on the next D.C. op."

Associates of the Oath Keepers had a chat group on the encrypted app Signal to prepare for Jan. 6, according to prosecutors, while Three Percenters met on Zoom.

Caldwell's lawyer, Thomas K. Plofchan Jr., didn't address the new allegations in the government brief when reached Thursday but reas-

serted his client's innocence. Plofchan argued that the federal prosecutors didn't address the two issues pending before the court — whether Caldwell, an ailing 66-year-old, is a flight risk or a danger to the community.

Caldwell holds a top-secret security clearance and worked as both a government official and contractor, Plofchan has said. Records show Caldwell won repeated jobs for information technology work from the Drug Enforcement Administration, including one \$500,000 solicitation for computer-related services.

Prosecutors alleged in Thursday's court filing that Caldwell's military and law enforcement background probably taught him operational tactics that he used "to the detriment of the citizens he at one time swore to serve."

After the November protest, Caldwell suggested that in its next D.C. foray the group organize into four-man teams with snipers and getaway drivers, according to messages included in the Thursday filing. For Jan. 6, according to the court filing, he suggested stashing "heavy weapons" in a boat on the Potomac River. He shopped online for a "Surgical Steel Tomahawk Axe" and a concealed firearm built to look like a cellphone, prosecutors alleged, and discussed coordination

with Proud Boys and Three Percenters.

Five people who prosecutors allege are associated with the Proud Boys were arrested Thursday and charged with crimes connected to the Jan. 6 riot. Prosecutors say several rioters appeared to be associated with the Oath Keeper and Three Percenter movements. Both are loosely organized collections of armed, right-wing groups that focus on recruiting among military and law enforcement veterans. The Proud Boys are a mostly male far-right group that has a history of violence.

On Dec. 23, Caldwell texted a contact with the Three Percenters saying that he expected Oath Keepers from North Carolina, whom he hosted in November, to return for Jan. 6, according to court documents. Prosecutors also said he expected "a big turn out of the Proud Boys" and local Vietnamese Trump supporters. One week later, prosecutors alleged, Caldwell followed up with the contact about plans by his group's members.

The Three Percenters said on Twitter that "this guy may have reached out to a member, but nothing was coordinated. In fact, we didn't participate in the Capitol breach."

Caldwell also compiled a "death list" that included a state election

official, prosecutors alleged, and described his political enemies as "cockroaches" and "maggots" that he would dispose of by "killing them, shooting them, and mutilating their corpses to use them as shields."

In a statement after Caldwell's indictment, Plofchan said Caldwell is being used as a "scapegoat" and was merely "an observer of increased frustration by some members of the public." He did not enter the Capitol, Plofchan said, and is not an Oath Keeper.

Prosecutors say it is irrelevant whether Caldwell personally breached the building.

"Like any coach on the sideline, Caldwell was just as responsible as his players on the field for achieving what he viewed as victory that day," they wrote.

In an interview last month, Rhodes — who has not been charged — said Caldwell "helped" Oath Keepers during the November rally because "he's a local," but is "not a leader of any kind."

Among those who prosecutors allege coordinated with Caldwell before and on Jan. 6 was Jessica Watkins, a 38-year-old Oath Keeper from Ohio. She too is a "key figure" in the violence and too dangerous to be released, prosecutors said in a Thursday filing.

In a search of Watkins's home on

Jan. 17, federal authorities say they found protective equipment and battle gear, medical supplies, a mini-drone, firearms, a paintball gun, a "bomb making recipe," zip-ties and pool cues cut down to baton size.

Both she and Caldwell, prosecutors say, "harbor . . . a doomsday mindset that, if anything, risks greater radicalization if released into a community of like-minded individuals."

On Jan. 21, prosecutors note that Rhodes called Biden's presidency "illegitimate" and said that while he was "not calling for the initiation of violence," his followers should "BE PREPARED TO MOVE."

Watkins talked about going "underground" if the attempt to keep Trump in power was unsuccessful, according to the court records. Caldwell, prosecutors say, was ready for the next fight: "So it begins," he messaged a contact the day after the riot. "They murdered at least one of us. This is OUR Boston Massacre."

No attorney is listed for Watkins, who told the Ohio Capital Journal in January that she didn't commit a crime and that the riot was a peaceful protest that turned violent.

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Proud Boys allegedly had key riot role

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sealed Thursday significantly expand the number of those allegedly affiliated with a group of dozens of Proud Boys allegedly led by Joe Biggs of Miami and Ethan Nordean of Seattle, who have been charged separately.

In a footnote to a charging affidavit, an FBI agent noted, "Your affiant believes that there may be more persons involved in this particular conspiracy than the persons described throughout this affidavit, and the investigation is ongoing."

The FBI previously has alleged that Proud Boy Dominic Pezzola, of Rochester, N.Y., was one of the first to lead the mob both outside and inside the Capitol. The FBI has accused him in court filings of removing barricades, stampeding police, stealing an officer's riot shield and using it to smash in a Capitol window, allowing others to rush into the building perilously close to Vice President Mike Pence as he was being led to safety.

Pezzola faces charges including counts of obstructing a government proceeding and two crimes of violence, including destruction of government property to intimidate, coerce or retaliate against government action — which by law is a federal crime of terrorism, prosecutors said Wednesday in securing his detention pending trial.

Also charged is Nordean, 30, whose communications the FBI alleged indicate that he and

others were planning in advance to organize a group that would try to overwhelm police barricades and breach the U.S. Capitol.

Nordean, also known as Rufio Panman, also was charged with obstruction of the vote certification and the statutory terrorism charge of aiding and abetting destruction of property to intimidate or retaliate against the government.

Federal prosecutors are appealing a magistrate judge's release order for Nordean issued Monday.

The FBI has alleged that Nordean and others appeared motivated in part by what they perceived to be an insufficient police response to the stabbing of one of their members who attended a December pro-Trump demonstration in D.C.

The Kansas City group arrested Thursday interacted with the Nordean-Biggs group, appearing to move together and communicate during the riot, the FBI alleged.

All five in the Kansas City group wore pieces of orange tape on their headgear or backpacks, the affidavit alleged, and rolls of tape were carried at one point by Kuehne. Chrestman carried a wooden club or ax handle wrapped in a blue flag, court documents said.

The bearded Chrestman, wearing a black cap, hooded sweatshirt and tactical vest, has similar facial features to Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes, the

FBI agent noted, and has been misidentified as McInnes by some social media sleuths who noted Chrestman's appearance in videos of the riot.

Video footage taken as a crowd presses up against a thin line of Capitol Police on the west front of the building shows Chrestman shouting, "Whose house is this?" and the crowd answering, "Our house," according to charging papers.

"Do you want your house back? Take it!" he said, according to the FBI.

At another point, Chrestman allegedly threatened an officer and called on others in the crowd to stop police from arresting one rioter, "Don't let them take him!"

In a self-style video she allegedly posted on social media and which was recovered by the FBI, Felicia Konold said that evening, "I never could [unintelligible] have imagined having that much of an influence on the events that unfolded today. [Laughs] Dude, people were willing to follow."

In a Snapchat video on a site the FBI said it traced to Konold, a woman is heard speaking as a coin is shown that appears to be marked as belonging to the Kansas City Proud Boys, and the speaker celebrates that she has just been recruited to a chapter from Kansas City. She says in the video, according to the FBI, that even though she is not from Kansas City, she is "with them now."

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VIRGINIA

Media and design executive was fun, irreverent 'force'

BY DANA HEDGPETH

Tiffany Shackelford had a unique, fun style that her friends and family members said reflected her bright personality, sense of humor and love of helping others to connect.

She often wore big rings, chunky necklaces, brightly colored scarves and tops, always paired with classic black pants.

A 46-year-old media and design executive who lived in Alexandria, Shackelford died Dec. 27 of complications related to the coronavirus. She left behind a husband and their 9-year-old son.

After her death, her husband and son put some of her favorite items in the room where she did yoga. Perfume bottles stand next to bright scarves, her jewelry box and the urn with her ashes — all sitting on an antique table that belonged to her parents.

Her son, Sam, calls it “the memory room.”

“I’m devastated,” said Aaron Castelo, 51, Shackelford’s husband. “It happened so quickly and unexpectedly.”

An only child, Shackelford was born in Jacksonville, Fla. Her mother was an artist and elementary school teacher and her father was in the Navy. They moved around when she was a child before settling in Fairfax County in the 1980s.

Shackelford graduated from West Potomac High School in 1992 and earned a degree in poetry four years later from East Carolina University.

Her career mixed news publications with public policy, state politics and digital technology, according to her colleagues.

She started working as assistant managing editor of Stateline, a news site that covers trends in state politics, and she went on to become the chief strategy officer and communications director for the National Governors Association.



Tiffany Shackelford of Alexandria, on a family trip to Alaska. She died in December at age 46 from complications due to covid-19, leaving behind a husband and 9-year-old son.

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Shackelford was known for being “part tech geek, part journalist and part policy wonk,” said her longtime friend Barb Rosewicz, the director of Fiscal 50, a project of the Pew Charitable Trusts.

“She didn’t just specialize in just one,” Rosewicz said. “She merged them and bridged those worlds.”

Shackelford was involved in several professional organizations, including the Association of Alternative Newsmedia and the Online News Association. She helped found and later served as executive director of Capitolbeat, which provided training and support to statehouse editors and reporters.

Most recently, Shackelford worked as executive director of the Society for News Design — a

group for media professionals who work in graphic and Web design. Since last year, she also had been working on a project with the USC Annenberg School of Communication to teach state election officials how to improve cybersecurity.

“She enjoyed connecting people and you could see her love in helping others,” said Matt Mansfield, a partner at a D.C.-based consulting firm who worked with Shackelford and became a family friend.

“She would talk to someone and they’d say something they needed in their business and she’d say, ‘Oh, I know someone. Let me help you.’”

Shackelford was known for having a “sly smile, wrapped in a bawdy sense of humor,” according to an online tribute.

Her longtime friend Catherine Wigginton, 43, of D.C. said Shackelford was a natural storyteller who liked to drink bourbon and was known in her professional — and personal — lives for being “funny, irreverent, smart and outrageous.”

“She was just a force,” Wigginton said.

After her parents died, Shackelford made her close-knit group of friends her “village,” Wigginton said. She would invite friends for Thanksgiving and Easter dinners at her home, which is decorated with a mix of artwork by her mother and friends, plus a few posters of the Grateful Dead, one of her favorite bands. She would sometimes get guests to play croquet at Easter celebrations — a nod to one of her favorite movies, “Heathers.” Shackelford met Castelo, a lobbyist,

at a party, and the two married in 2006.

Her friends and husband said Shackelford was happiest when she was talking about — or with — her son. She reveled in watching him learn and grow, and shared stories with friends of how he liked playing baseball, took up bass guitar lessons and was interested in history.

Shackelford and Sam loved collecting seashells on walks at their family vacation home in Atlantic Beach, N.C.

“She loved seeing who he was becoming,” Wigginton said. “She was delighted by him.”

In August, Shackelford was sick with cold-like symptoms and a fever, Castelo said. She tested negative for the coronavirus and so did her husband and their son. But then Shackelford got sick again.

Three days before Christmas, her husband said Shackelford started to have “cold-like symptoms” and “just wasn’t feeling good.” On Christmas Day, she said she was tired and went back to bed. She had no fever.

“We just didn’t think it was covid,” her husband said.

She developed a cough the day after Christmas, so the following day they planned to see a doctor. That morning, she went to take a shower. Castelo heard a “loud noise” and raced to find his wife had fallen.

He called 911 and paramedics arrived. She was taken to a hospital in cardiac arrest.

EMTs told Castelo that she was stabilized and would soon be taken to the intensive care unit, but a doctor came in 15 minutes later and “told me she had died,” Castelo said.

His first thought, he recalled, was: “Oh, my God. I’m going to have to tell Sam.”

A friend had taken their son when Shackelford became ill. Castelo left the hospital, picked up his son and took him to a nearby

garden area. He sat him on a bench and “just told him.”

“It’s the hardest thing I’ve ever done,” Castelo said.

Castelo soon tested positive for the coronavirus. His son tested negative. A babysitter took care of Sam in the family home while Castelo was in isolation, and the father and son used walkie-talkies to communicate.

Of his wife’s illness, Castelo said, “we have no idea how this happened.” Other than running errands, they rarely left the house and never ate a restaurant during the pandemic. Both had been working from home and their son was in online schooling.

“I have a hard time grasping how this was fatal for Tiffany and for me it felt like a bad sinus infection,” Castelo said.

He continued: “You sit and watch the numbers on CNN at night,” he said of coronavirus victims, “and you think, ‘That’s other people.’ We were doing everything we could to be safe.”

At her memorial service, only nine people were allowed at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, the same place in Alexandria where her parents’ funerals had been years ago. About 50 other people sat in their cars in the church’s parking lot, listening to the service on a low-frequency radio station.

Her husband read a speech he had found in their attic after Shackelford’s death. She had written it after graduating from high school and read it to her church’s congregation.

Shackelford had quoted from the song “Life Is a Highway”: “Life’s like a road that you travel on / When there’s one day here and the next day gone. / Sometimes you bend, sometimes you stand. / Sometimes you turn your back to the wind.”

As the closing lines, she added: “Life is like a highway. We’ve got to journey on.”

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Providers vying for doses

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Maryland and Virginia reported their first cases of coronavirus variants days ago, and D.C. Health Director LaQuandra Nesbitt had said she suspected the highly contagious variants already were circulating in the District. On Wednesday night, she got proof: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified three patients in the city with the variant first seen in the U.K. and one with the variant first identified in South Africa.

There might be many more, Nesbitt said, as only a small sample of all positive coronavirus tests are sequenced to detect variants. In many cases, a patient might never know which variant was contracted.

Leaders in the District and Maryland on Thursday continued to confront enormous demand for vaccine doses from residents and from the pharmacies, clinics and health departments administering the shots.

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County health departments in Maryland have seen their allocations drop in recent weeks as the state siphons doses into its expanding network of vaccinators, frustrating local leaders, who are struggling to meet demand at public clinics. The Hogan administration has defended its decentralized system as critical to building an infrastructure that can ramp up when the federal government delivers more doses.

To help assuage the concerns of local governments, Hogan said the state will offer a four-week guarantee of doses so public clinics can plan accordingly.

“The basic problem is very simple: We need more damn vaccine,” Hogan said. “Just because you may be eligible does not mean that a vaccine or an appointment for a vaccine will be available to you.”

Hogan said county health departments receive about one-third of the state’s vaccine allotment. He said he considers their push for

more vaccine an effort “to monopolize” doses, calling it an “absurd” request.

He noted that although just 24 health departments and 80 hospitals initially were authorized to administer shots, there now are 2,300 “points of access” to get vaccinated across the state. Doses must be distributed throughout the network, he said, and not concentrated in health departments.

The governor also announced Thursday that the state will provide 1 million coronavirus tests to public and private schools that offer in-person learning. Tests will be distributed based on the number of teachers, staff members and students participating in in-person instruction. Rapid antigen and the more-sensitive polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, tests will be available.

Hogan encouraged Maryland public school systems to reopen by March 1. Clinics throughout the state have prioritized vaccinations for teachers, although demand for shots far outpaces supply.

Hogan said progress in Maryland’s vaccination campaign, which has distributed 753,000

first doses, has prompted him to decide that nursing homes without active outbreaks can resume in-person visits starting March 1, nearly a year after they were suspended.

Meanwhile, concerns continued to mount Thursday that the rush to vaccinate residents has unfairly favored the state’s White residents, who have received a disproportionate number of vaccines, even though Black and Latino residents have been hit harder by the virus. Black people make up 31 percent of the state’s population but have received just 15.2 percent of the vaccines, according to state data.

Hogan announced that each county needed to designate a liaison to work with the state’s task force on vaccine equity, led by Brig. Gen. Janeen Birkhead of the Maryland National Guard.

Thursday marked the first day since the District started offering vaccine registration twice a week that every available appointment wasn’t snatched up within minutes. The difference, Nesbitt said, was that this time the city reserved more than 1,000 of the 2,500 ap-

pointments for patients who called to sign up.

Previously, city officials drew from the same pool for both online registrations and those made over the phone. All online registrations were claimed Thursday morning, but appointments were still available by phone in the midafternoon.

Nesbitt said she worried that residents who had heard about long phone waits in the early days of vaccine registration were too discouraged to try calling in recent days.

“We’re creatures of learned behavior,” she said, urging residents to keep trying to schedule a shot as the District works toward its goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the city’s senior citizens by the end of the month.

She also noted a decline in the portion of residents answering contact tracers’ phone calls, which has dropped below 70 percent for the first time since September.

In Montgomery County, officials emphasized Thursday that only residents in Category 1A and those 75 and older are eligible for vaccinations at county sites.

Health officials said a “significant” number of residents — including teachers — who did not fit into those categories have been turned away from county sites.

“People need to follow the rules,” County Executive Marc Elrich (D) said. “It is not orderly right now.”

Elrich said the short supply of vaccine doses in the county and across the country means that it is important to focus on older residents, who are most vulnerable. He said about one-third of Montgomery residents at least 75 years old have received their first shot.

Montgomery County Health Officer Travis Gayles noted that no vaccine doses are tossed out when people who signed up are turned away. The vaccines are stored for future clinics.

A line outside Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville on Thursday stretched multiple blocks, with people reporting that they waited for more than two hours in frigid weather to get their vaccines.

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OBITUARIES

ANNE FEENEY, 69

Folk singer blended political lyricism with humor

BY LOUIE ESTRADA

Anne Feeney, a Pittsburgh-based folk singer, songwriter and guitarist who was known for rollicking political anthems that extolled civil rights activism and labor unions while eviscerating corporate greed and forms of oppression, died Feb. 3 at a hospital in Pittsburgh. She was 69.

She had been undergoing physical therapy for a fractured back before she developed coronavirus-related pneumonia, said her daughter, Amy Sue Berlin.

Ms. Feeney, a self-described “hell raiser” with a velvety voice and lush red locks, began a professional recording career in the late 1980s after working as a trial lawyer for more than 10 years. As a musician, she blended elements of Irish, bluegrass, folk and pop music while coupling many of her melodies with political lyrics, sometimes tinged with satire and humor, that were reminiscent of 1960s protest songs.

She released 12 albums, and her biggest hit — “Have You Been to Jail for Justice?” — was also recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary. The song begins:

Was it Cesar Chavez? Maybe it

was Dorothy Day

Some will say Dr. King or Gandhi set them on their way
No matter who your mentors are it's pretty plain to see

That, if you've been to jail for justice, you're in good company.

In the 2000 documentary “This is What Democracy Looks Like,” she can be seen singing about civil disobedience on a stage with the United Steelworkers at the 1999 World Trade Organization protests in Seattle. As she sings, the video shows police arresting demonstrators.

Her other recordings include original songs like “I Married a Hero,” “Look to the Left” and “War on the Workers,” as well as covers — in some cases with updated lyrics — of union hymns “Dump the Bosses Off Your Back,” “Solidarity Forever” and “The Internationale.”

Ms. Feeney often spent between 200 and 300 days of the year on tour, performing at folk festivals, fairs and concert halls across the country and in Europe. She toured at times with Pete Seeger, Loretta Lynn, John Prine and the Indigo Girls.

As an activist singer, she raised money for union shops and pro-

gressive causes, performing at churches, picket lines, and labor and political demonstrations, including the 2004 March for Women’s Lives on the National Mall in Washington.

“She would track where workers were on strike. She just wasn’t singing about the union movement; she was part of the movement,” said Evan Greer, a musician, songwriter and activist who toured with Ms. Feeney for about nine years until health problems in 2015 prevented her from traveling. “She was always passing the hat at her gigs for one strike fund or another, even when she was scraping by herself.”

Ms. Feeney, who served as president of the Pittsburgh Musicians’ Union from 1997 to 1998 and was its first and only woman elected to that post, took a hiatus from performing in 2010 when she was diagnosed with single cell lung cancer and told she could have only weeks to live. She recovered and continue to tour until the cancer returned in 2015. She then did occasional shows, most recently a virtual online performance in December.

Anne Feeney was born July 1, 1951, in Charleroi, Pa., a blue-

collar town on the banks of the Monongahela River, and grew up in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Brookline. Her father was an engineer at Westinghouse Electric Co., and her mother was a homemaker.

A descendant of Irish immigrants who worked in the coal mines of southwestern Pennsylvania, Ms. Feeney grew up in a home where traditional Irish music and singing were a constant. Years later, she organized and led summer singing tours of Ireland.

Ms. Feeney started playing the guitar in high school and performed publicly for the first time at an antiwar protest in 1969.

While attending the University of Pittsburgh, she joined the antiwar and anti-apartheid group Thinking Students for Peace and was arrested in 1972 while protesting the renomination of President Richard M. Nixon at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach. She also served on a committee that started the rape crisis center Pittsburgh Action Against Rape.

She graduated from Pitt with a bachelor’s degree in 1974 and a law degree four years later. She worked more than 10 years as a



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Anne Feeney performs in November 1997 at a steelworkers rally in Pittsburgh. The folk singer described herself as a “hell raiser.”

trial lawyer but took on only cases he believed in, said her niece, Kimberly Sever. “Anne approached everything she cared about with the same tenacious passion,” Sever said.

Her marriage to Ron Berlin, with whom she had two children, ended in divorce. In 2002, she married Swedish political artist Julie Leonardsson.

In addition to her husband, of Koppberg, Sweden, and her daughter, Amy Sue Berlin of Aus-

tin, survivors include a son, Dan Berlin of Mexico City; and a sister.

“She believed in the power of music to reach and inspire people in a way that you couldn’t in an essay or speech,” Greer said. “While she had strongly held political views and worked her whole life for the things she believed in, she always did it with love and joy even as it was backed up with anger at injustice.”

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION FROM THE S. CLAY WILSON PAPERS/RARE BOOK & MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY/COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

An undated portrait of cartoonist S. Clay Wilson set within one of his illustrations. To his left is the Checkered Demon, one of Mr. Wilson's best-known characters in a body of work populated by a deranged cast of demons, lowlifes, barkeepers, ghouls, drunks, bikers and pirates.

S. CLAY WILSON, 79

Underground cartoonist broke taboos

BY HARRISON SMITH

S. Clay Wilson, an underground cartoonist whose unabashedly violent, sexually exuberant and savagely funny artwork burst out of the pages of Robert Crumb's Zap Comix series in the late 1960s, helping to usher in a new taboo-breaking era in American cartooning, died Feb. 7 at his home in San Francisco. He was 79.

The cause was complications from a traumatic brain injury, said his wife, Lorraine Chamberlain. Mr. Wilson spent a year in the hospital after being found face down and unconscious between two parked cars in 2008. He had been walking home drunk from a friend's house in San Francisco, his wife said, and he suffered seizures and aphasia before being hospitalized in 2019 for a ruptured esophagus.

Mr. Wilson populated his work with a deranged cast of demons, lowlifes, barkeepers, ghouls, drunks, bikers, prostitutes and — though he grew up in Nebraska — pirates, drawing richly detailed panels that drew comparisons to the nightmarish paintings of Dutch artist Hieronymus Bosch. Although he was often overshadowed by Crumb — the creator of “Keep on Truckin’,” Fritz the Cat and the bearded mystic Mr. Natural — Mr. Wilson was widely credited with paving the way for the underground comix movement of the 1960s and ’70s. The Comics Code Authority had regulated comics sold in drugstores and newsstands, but Mr. Wilson effectively grabbed hold of their rule book, ran it through a shredder and set the scraps on fire, shocking even Crumb.

“The content was something like I’d never seen before, anywhere, the level of mayhem, violence, dismemberment, naked women, loose body parts, huge, obscene sex organs, a nightmare vision of hell-on-earth never so graphically illustrated before in

the history of art,” Crumb later recalled, describing his first exposure to Mr. Wilson's work in 1968. “After the breakthrough that Wilson had somehow made, I no longer saw any reason to hold back my own depraved id in my work.”

Mr. Wilson published his cartoons in a host of underground magazines, tabloids and anthologies, including Bill Griffith and Art Spiegelman's Arcade, Kim Deitch's Gothic Blimp Works and Crumb's Weirdo. But he was most closely associated with Zap, which began in San Francisco in early 1968 as a showcase for Crumb. Later that year, it expanded to include work by Mr. Wilson, Rick Griffin and Victor Moscoso. The cover of its second issue promised “gags, jokes, kozmic truths,” at a cost of only 50 cents.

“I remember thinking, ‘I’m going to go to hell for reading this,’” cartoonist Gilbert Hernandez told the New York Times in 2014, when Fantagraphics published a 1,100-page collection of all 16 issues of Zap. “The Zap artists, they’re like these crazy children. The naughtiest kids in the world.”

Distributed at head shops and under the counter at comic stores, Zap came out in the midst of the 1960s counterculture, with anti-Vietnam War protests raging, LSD use on the rise and the film industry shedding its own longstanding production code. The magazine's comics sparked censorship battles, crackdowns at bookstores and public outrage, not least over Mr. Wilson's cartoon “Head First,” a one-page flurry of sex, dismemberment and cannibalism that featured his Pervert Pirates characters.

“He showed us we had been censoring ourselves,” Moscoso later told the Times. “He blew the doors off the church. Wilson is one of the major artists of our generation.”

Mr. Wilson collaborated with writers, artists and musicians

such as William S. Burroughs, Terry Southern, Kathy Acker and Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders, and was credited with shaping the beat and punk movements, as well as biker and tattoo cultures.

In recent years, he and some of his raunchier peers were accused of sexism and misogyny, criticized by younger generations of cartoonists and critics who asked why they needed to draw women who were mutilated or raped.

Mr. Wilson insisted that he never felt a need to dial things back.

“I’m doing these things because I like drawing dirty pictures,” he once said, according to Patrick Rosenkranz's 2014 biography “Pirates in the Heartland: The Mythology of S. Clay Wilson.” “It’s enjoyable because it’s dirty. It’s the idea of breaking a taboo. Probably even as little as five years from now a lot of this stuff will either look fairly bland or be accepted.”

“I have this morbid fascination with deviancy, and I like drawing it in comic strips,” he added. “I find it entertaining. I’m sure a shrink would have a field day trying to figure out why I did it. People can take it or leave it.”

Steven Clay Wilson was born in Lincoln, Neb., on July 25, 1941. His father was a master machinist — “he could make anything, including silencers and fuel pumps for Offenhausers,” Mr. Wilson said — and his mother was a stenographer at a psychiatric hospital. An uncle ran a drugstore and brought him unsold issues of EC Comics, fueling Mr. Wilson's early desire to be a cartoonist.

“I remember as a kid seeing the first television in my neighborhood,” he told cartoonist Spain Rodriguez in 2005, for an interview in Juxtapop magazine. “I asked Ma, ‘When are we going to get a TV?’ She looked at me and threw a pencil at me. She said, ‘Draw your own pictures.’”

Mr. Wilson studied art and anthropology at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, served in the

Army and moved to Lawrence, Kan., where he published some of his first drawings in the poetry magazine Grist. He settled in San Francisco in 1968, befriended Crumb and soon began contributing to Zap.

The magazine's second issue featured the Checkered Demon, Mr. Wilson's best-known character, a portly devil with a gap-toothed smile that evoked the Mad magazine mascot Alfred E. Neuman. Mr. Wilson was said to have created the character after watching “Juliet of the Spirits,” a dreamlike 1965 movie directed by Federico Fellini, while on LSD.

The demon remained a staple of his work for decades, battling bad guys and cavorting with characters such as Star-Eyed Stella. Mr. Wilson also turned to more family-friendly material in the 1990s, providing the illustrations for fairy tales written by Hans Christian Andersen and the Brothers Grimm.

In 2010 he married Chamberlain, his on-again-off-again girlfriend of more than four decades, and an artist who was previously married to sculptor John Chamberlain. After his brain injury, he slowly lost the ability to draw and turned into a “kinder, gentler S. Clay Wilson,” as she once put it. He had long been known for his rapid-fire conversation and heavy drinking, with a neighborhood watering hole, Dicks, serving as his office in San Francisco.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a sister.

“I think a comic strip, like jazz, is pretty American,” Mr. Wilson once said. “The variations of how much stuff you can cram into a comic strip or how far you can stretch the envelope in a form of music or a comic strip is pretty endless, you’re limited only by your imagination. You get aesthetic debates and nuances of details. . . . But just draw [it] and argue later.”

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SUSAN BAYH, 61

D.C. lawyer also was former first lady of Indiana

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Susan Bayh, a lawyer and former Indiana first lady, died Feb. 5 in McLean, Va. She was 61.

Her family announced the death, saying she had been under treatment for brain cancer.

Mrs. Bayh was Indiana's first lady for eight years after her husband, Democrat Evan Bayh, was elected governor in 1988.

Evan Bayh served two terms as governor before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998. He was

reelected six years later and did not seek reelection in 2010. The Bayhs had lived in the Washington area since 1999.

Susan Lynne Breshears was born Nov. 28, 1959, in Los Angeles. Her father was a corporate executive, her mother a TV journalist.

She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and received a law degree in 1984 from the University of Southern California.

She met Evan Bayh in the early 1980s while both were working in Washington. They married in 1985 as he was following his father, former Democratic U.S. senator Birch Bayh, into Indiana politics. Birch Bayh died in 2019.

Evan Bayh was the nation's youngest governor, at 32, when he was elected in 1988. The Bayhs' twin sons, Beau and Nick, were born in 1995.

Mrs. Bayh worked in Washington for the law firm of Gibson,



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Susan Bayh, shown in 1987, also served on the boards of several companies.

Dunn & Crutcher, then in Indianapolis for the firm of Barnes & Thornburg. She was also a legal counsel for the Eli Lilly pharmaceutical company.

She served on the boards of

several companies in biotechnology, telecommunications and health care and was a member of the board of trustees at Butler University in Indianapolis, where she also taught for several years. Mrs. Bayh also served on the dean's council at Indiana University's Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and was an adjunct professor at her alma mater, the University of Southern California law school, helping place students in internships.

Mrs. Bayh underwent surgery in 2015 to remove a benign brain tumor. She later had multiple surgeries and radiation and immunotherapy treatments after a malignant glioblastoma was discovered in May 2018.

In addition to her husband and sons, survivors include her parents, Bob and Carol Breshears; a brother; and two sisters.

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DEATH NOTICE

DeLOACH

JOHNNIE J. DeLOACH, SR.

Johnnie J. DeLoach, Sr., of Upper Marlboro, MD, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 1, 2021. He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter Pamela DeLoach-Jupiter (Angelo, Sr.); two sons: Johnnie J. DeLoach, Jr. (Lauren), Jason DeLoach (Cathleen); one sister Daphne Wardell; one brother Herbert Coleman (Lorie); five grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. A private viewing and funeral for family only will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Strickland Funeral Services. Viewing at 3 p.m. Funeral at 4 p.m. Services may be streamed at stricklandfuneralservices.com.

DeSARNO



MARY ELLEN DeSARNO

Mary Ellen DeSarno, age 74 passed away peacefully on February 8, 2021. She was born on August 10, 1946 in Washington, DC as the youngest of three children to Elmer and Helen Gladman.

Mary Ellen dedicated her life to loving and nurturing the children in her life. As a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and teacher, she was most satisfied with life when she was sharing the joys of living and learning with young people. She taught primary grades in Catholic schools in three states over the course of three decades, and her caring nature made her a memorable favorite for many of her students. Mary Ellen loved her children and her grandchildren, and she spent most of her time and energy loving them, worrying about them, and telling everyone about her pride in their accomplishments.

Mary Ellen was blessed with a wonderful extended family, and countless close friends. When phones had cords, she needed a very long cord because she had a lot to do, and many friends and family members to talk to while trying to drink coffee and control her rowdy kids. She is predeceased by her parents, her brother James Gladman, and her brother-in-law Bill Sheahan. She is survived by her children and their spouses Matthew and Caroline DeSarno, Michael and Kathy DeSarno, Mary Theresa and Jason Lantz, and Nicholas and Lauren DeSarno; her grandchildren Vincent, Francesca, Dominic, Molly, Lila, Theresa, Chase, Camilla and JJ; her sister Patricia Sheahan and many nieces and nephews and their spouses and children. Friends and family are invited to attend a Funeral Mass Saturday, February 13 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington, MD. Visitation 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable contribution to the Catholic Education Foundation in memory of Mary Ellen at adv.org/CEF. www.COLLINSFUNERALHOME.com

GORMAN

PAULA LYNN RUSSO GORMAN

Died on Friday, February 5, 2021 of ongoing medical conditions. Friends may visit with her and family Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Murphy Funeral Home at 1102 West Broad St. Falls Church, VA 22046. Condolences and fond memories may be made at www.murphyfuneralhome.com.

HALL

LARRY HALL
The officers and members of American Legion Clinton Post 259 regretfully announce the passing of Past Post Commander Larry Hall who transferred to Post Everlasting on Sunday, February 7, 2021. There will be no Legion Service provided.

HELD

LEONA RUTH HELD
Leona Ruth Held married to the late Murray Held passed peacefully on February 8, 2021 at age 97 surrounded by loving family. Leona has three daughters, Linda (Carl) Kain, Cheryl (Alan) Goldstein, and Carla (David) Richter and a son, Michael (Donna) Held and grandson, David Held (both deceased). She is also survived by seven grandchildren. Leona served others as a WWII Army Nurse, a Jewish War Veteran, and a nurse at NIH and the VA Hospital in Washington, DC. After retirement, she volunteered as a nurse. Leona was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and will truly be missed by all. Interment Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. Donations may be made to Capital Caring Health Adler Center in Aldie, Virginia, or Congregation Adat Reyim in Springfield, Virginia.

HOFBERG

STEVEN HABER HOFBERG

On February 7, 2021, Steven Haber Hofberg of Rockville, MD passed away. Husband of Margie Hofberg; father of Jason (Ilana) Hofberg and Mark Hofberg (Patrick Brendle); brother of Rhonda (Patrick) Kyle and Michael Hofberg; grandfather of Lance Hofberg; uncle of Max Kyle and Brandon Kyle; son of the late Maxine and the late Joseph Hofberg. Graveside services at Judean Memorial Gardens will be private. Donations may be made to Ashley Adair treatment center. <https://www.ashleytreatment.org/donate/tribute-6-memorial-arrangements-by-hines-rinaldi-funeral-home-llc-under-jewish-funeral-practices-committee-of-greater-washington-contrast>.

JOHNSON

DR. RICHARD JOHNSON

On February 7, 2021, Richard K. “Dick” Johnson, age 88, of Fenwick Island, DE, beloved husband of the late Dr. Judith S. Johnson; loving father of Lori Johnson and Jack Johnson; brother of Suzi Gittinger; grandfather of three grandchildren. Prior to retirement, Dick was the Senior Researcher on Sensory Disability with the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) in Washington. Services are private. Donations in his memory to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802. Condolences to www.bishopastingsfh.com.

DEATH NOTICE

JONES

MARK STEVEN JONES

May 7, 1959 - February 6, 2021
Mark went home to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer. Preceding him in death was his wife, Robin. He lovingly leaves behind his sons, Kyle, John, Michael and James; mother, Margaret; brother, Marvin and family; sister, Lisa Niemann, aunts, cousins and many friends. Donations may be mailed in Mark's memory to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Celebration of life to be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to SNOWDEN FUNERAL HOME. www.snowdencares.com

McKAY

HELEN BRUCE McKAY (Age 92)

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 3, 2021. She will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date with her husband, Warren Bruce McKay, who preceded her in death. Her son Donald McKay, grandson Brian McKay and her brother Cecil Bruce preceded her in death. She is survived by her son William McKay (wife Jeannie), three grandchildren and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and her sister Estelle Horstman (husband John).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Up County Community Resources, P.O. Box 2982, Germantown, MD 20875. Please sign the family online guestbook at www.pumpfreyfuneralhome.com

MOFFAT

JAY PIERREPONT MOFFAT, JR.

January 17, 1932 - October 23, 2020

Jay Pierrepont Moffat, Jr., known as Peter, a retired career diplomat and former Ambassador to Chad, died Friday, October 23, 2020. He was 88.

Born in New York to Ambassador Jay Pierrepont Moffat and Lilla Cabot Grew Moffat in 1937, he is predeceased by his older sister, Edith Alice Pierrepont Spenser. He spent some of his childhood in Australia and Canada, before his father's untimely passing in 1943. He attended the Groton School and graduated from Harvard University in 1953. In that year he married Pamela Mary Dawson, daughter of Shakespeare scholar Giles Dawson and Margaret Williams.

He served in the Army and the National Security Administration from 1953 to 1956 before joining the Foreign Service as an intelligence research officer from 1958 to 1970. He was posted in Kobe, Paris, Bern, and Washington. He was the Deputy Chief of Mission in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from 1971 to 1974 and in Rabat, Morocco from 1976 to 1980. He served as the temporary chargé d'affaires in The Gambia and Lesotho before becoming the chargé d'affaires in N'Djamena, Chad (en.wikipedia.org) in 1982. He was appointed Ambassador to Chad in May 1983 and served until July 1985, during the Chadian-Libyan Conflict. Afterward he was briefly the senior vice president of the National War College. After his retirement, he split his time between Washington, DC and Hancock, New Hampshire.

He traveled extensively and was an avid reader and tennis player. His sense of humor always made his stories a delight. He was a longtime member of the Alliance Française and the Metropolitan Club of Washington.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children: Sarah Srebro, of Lakeville, Massachusetts, Matthew Moffat, of Hamilton, Massachusetts, and Nathaniel Moffat of Bowie, Maryland; as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

An Memorial Service will be held in Hancock, NH the summer of 2021 COVID dependent

REID

CHARLOTTE ANNE REID

Died on Friday, January 29, 2021 peacefully at home with her spouse and sister-in-law.

Char will be remembered lovingly by her wife of 27 years, Polly Smale, niece Angela Reid, brother George Barstar III, nieces, nephews, friends and dog Hardy.

Charlotte was born on March 27, 1953 in Cherry Hill, NJ to William A. and Anne G. Reid. Charlotte graduated from Cherry Hill High School West in 1971 and Ohio Wesleyan University in 1975. She received her law degree from Catholic University of America in Washington DC in 1981 and spent most of her career as an attorney for the federal government. At retirement, she was a former Assistant General Counsel for Compliance at the Federal Housing Agency.

Charlotte lived much of her adult life in Alexandria, VA. She and Polly retired to Rehoboth Beach, DE, where she was able to explore a variety of interests and became an active member in her community. She belonged to MCC of Rehoboth.

Char will be remembered for her generosity, kindness and humor.

Donations can be made to Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network or Canine Companions for Independence.

Due to COVID restrictions, a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

VAJDA

FRANK STEPHEN VAJDA

USAF (Retired)

Colonel Frank Stephen Vajda passed away peacefully at home on January 27, 2021. He was born to Frank and Helen Vajda on August 2, 1937, in New Brunswick, N.J. He attended Rutgers University on a full academic scholarship, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering. He retired in 1984 after 28 years of service. His assignments included the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, the Los Alamos, NV Test Site, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Defense Nuclear Agency, two tours at the Pentagon and a tour with the Foreign Technology Division, where he met his future wife, Judith.

Following retirement, Frank volunteered for over twenty years as a member of his neighborhood watch program. He also volunteered his time with the Fairfax County Park Authority representing Mason District. He represented Mason District as a member of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board for 16 years.

In 2018, Frank and his wife moved to Westminister at Lake Ridge, a retirement community in Prince William County, VA. He was active in the Westminister Kitchen Band, The Spiritual Life Committee, The Westphalians, and had recently begun training to volunteer with the Capital Caring hospice program.

He is survived by his wife, Judith, and will be missed by his faithful companion, Jake.

Burial in Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

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DEATH NOTICE
WALKER




EDITH IRENE YOUNG WALKER
Edith Irene (Toye) Walker-young daughter born of Clarence and Martha Toye in Aquasco, MD. Edith, a 1947 graduate of Pomonkey High School met and married Sims S. Walker, Sr. in 1947. On January 7, 2021, Edith transitioned to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by parents; Clarence and Martha Toye; husband: Sims Walker, Sr.; sisters: Mable Whalen, Lucielle Chapman and Bernice Wong. She leaves behind her children: Sims(Althea), Gail and Dyrrel Walker, brother: Robert(Margaret) Toye, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other lifelong friends. Edith will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Bryantown, MD on February 12, 2021.

IN MEMORIAM
MOORE



HARVEY T. MOORE
Remembering my brother, Harvey T. Moore who passed away at the age of 83, twenty-one years ago today. Loving you always, your sister Annie E. Moore
Not how did he die, but how did he live? Not what did he gain, but what did he give? These are the units to measure the worth of a man as a man, regardless of birth. Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed? But had he befriended those really in need? Was he ever ready with word of good cheer, to bring back a smile, to banish a tear? Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, But how many were sorry when he passed away.
--author unknown

WELTHER




BLAIR L. WELTHER
12/31/73 - 2/12/02
Forever Loved and Remembered.
Mom, Dad, Freddie, Joanne, Michael, Susan, Janet, Nieces and Nephews and Your Friends.

DEATH NOTICE
DONOHUE



Throughout his life, he remained devoted to Chaminade and Catholic University. In that regard, he was a faithful donor and went on to serve on several Catholic University boards over the course of more than three decades. These include the Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents (Vice Chairman), the Alumni Board of Governors (President) and the Board of Visitors at Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.
He was a dedicated father and grandfather, employing his writing talent to craft a library of colorful short stories starring his nine grandchildren. He was also famous for his witty poems, written to dear friends and his beloved wife on special occasions.
David is survived by his wife of 59 years and his three children: David Donohue, Jr., Carolyn Donohue Marieb, and Christopher Donohue (Lisa Donohue). Additionally, he is survived by his grandchildren: Griffin, Julia, Claire, Dugan, Erin, Kylie, Patrick, William, and Vivian. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thomas Donohue. He is survived by siblings Margaret Mary Donohue, Alice Langen, Paul Francis Donohue and William Ward Donohue.
Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, February 13, 2021 will be livestreamed beginning at 12:45 p.m. Please see the link www.fairfaxwellpartners.com/donohue. Interment will be private.
Gifts in memory of David Donohue may be made to the Columbus School of Law at "The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law", PO Box 424060, Washington, DC 20042-4060 (www.law.edu/support-cua-law/) or to Catholic Charities, DC (Annual Giving), 924 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 (www.catholiccharitiesdc.org).
Please view and sign the family guestbook at www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE
EDWARDS



WILLIAM CLARK EDWARDS, PhD
Economic Research Service (Retired)
Clark Edwards (1925-2021), a resident of Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, Virginia, died peacefully on January 19, 2021, a few months before his 96th birthday. A long-time resident of Alexandria, Virginia, Clark was pre-deceased by his wife Rose Szyrwil Edwards in 2005. Clark is survived by his children, Suzan, Jane (Dick Harris-deceased), Don (Chun Shi), and Barbara Binder (John), grandchildren, Katherine (Sam), Davis, Ryan, Sam, and Jill (Skyler); great-grandchildren, Ezra, Lorelai, and Lila; and dear friend Reba Heffernan.
Dr. Edwards was born in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest of three siblings, and attended the John Dewey Lab School of the University of Chicago in Hyde Park until he moved

DEATH NOTICE
CIZEK



GREGORY J. CIZEK
Gregory J. "Greg" Cizek, 94, passed away peacefully at his residence in Springfield, VA on February 5, 2021. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he was the second child of the late Edna Cole Cizek and Manuel A. Cizek. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps - serving in WWII and the Korean War. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1968 and had a second career with the American Trucking Associations as a systems analyst. Greg is preceded in death by his wife Joan and his youngest son Andrew. Survivors include his daughters Vickie Craig, Vickie Findley (Clyde), Sue Wells (Quinton), son Greg Cizek, Jr. (Ellen), daughter-in-law Sherri Cizek, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. There will be a private funeral mass for family. For more information - www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

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DRAKE



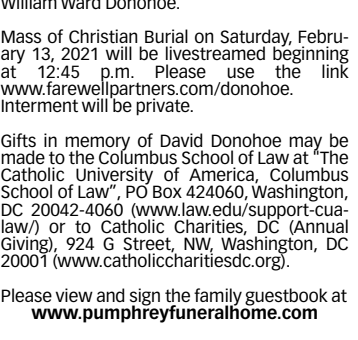
SAPHRONIA ANNETTE DRAKE (Scott)
September 24, 1959-January 30, 2021
In Loving Memory
Saphronia Annette Drake (Scott), age 61, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2021. She has returned to the heavenly father where she is reunited with her father, Thomas Scott, mother, Annabelle Scott and brother, Troy Scott. She is survived by her husband, Paul Drake, children, Winston Drake, Jessica Edwards and her husband, William Edwards. Also, she is survived by grandchildren, Donte Drake, Mason Edwards and due to arrive next month Carter Edwards. This in conjunction with her sister, Janice Ataiyero and a host of other family and friends.
Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at the Marshall-March Funeral Home, 4308 Sultland Road, Sultland, MD 20746. Viewing open to all starting at 10 a.m., ceremony starting at 11 a.m. will be livestreamed through the Marshall-March funeral home website. For complete obituary and condolences please go to <https://www.marshallmarchfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Saphronia-Drake/#/Obituary>.

DEATH NOTICE
HOVERSTEN



ESTIL V. HOVERSTEN
A significant figure in the evolution of communication technology, passed away on February 4, 2021 at the age of 84.
Estil was born on September 2, 1936 in Ames, Iowa. He received his BS, MS and PhD in electrical engineering at Iowa State University in Ames. Upon graduation, Estil fulfilled a military commitment by teaching at the Air Force Institute of Technology. He then went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology ("MIT") where he became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering.
In 1973, he moved to Washington and took a senior position in the Defense Communications Agency ("DCA"). While there, he worked with DARPA (the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) on the transition of the operational responsibility for Arpanet (the computer network that led to the development of the internet) to DCA.
In 1976, he took a senior position at the Communications Satellite Corporation ("Comsat") where, among other things, he supported DARPA's Atlantic packet satellite network. This enabled communication with researchers in Europe and became one of the initial three networks that formed the early internet.
After Comsat, Estil spent the rest of his career in the private sector at Linkabit, M/A-COM, Hughes Communications, and Hughes Network Systems. He was involved in developing and exploring the use of Very Small Aperture Terminals ("VSATs") with satellites, securing satellite distribution of television signals, and developing packet satellite technology. Estil was a relentless pioneer in developing and deploying VSAT technology. This technology aided many large organizations that had widely distributed operations allowing them to perform in a coherent fashion with digital technology. These technologies were eventually used in mainstream commercial applications. They allowed Walmart to implement their "just-in-time" inventory system, and allowed homeowners to access television programming via Directv. Estil's efforts on packet satellite technology, and its application via VSAT were essential contributions to communications technology.
Estil Hoversten died of complications related to Parkinson's disease and kidney disease. He is survived by his wife Margaret "Peg" and son Erik.
No services are planned due to COVID, possibly planned at later date. Friends of Estil can leave memorial messages at: <https://estilhoversten.remembered.com>

DEATH NOTICE
JONES



CHRISTOPHER PATRICK JONES (Age 34)
It is with sadness that on January 31, 2021, beloved son of Joy and Anthony Aiken, Sr.; loving brother of Phillip Jones, Anthony Aiken, Jr., and Alicia Aiken was called home. He is also survived by grandmother Betty Wimmer, a host of family members, many friends, and fellow teachers. Friends may visit with family on Saturday, February 13, 2021, from 9 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at Marshall March Funeral Home, 4308 Sultland Road, Sultland, MD. Condolences may be sent to 12605 Crozet Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. www.marshallmarchfuneralhome.com

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GREIG



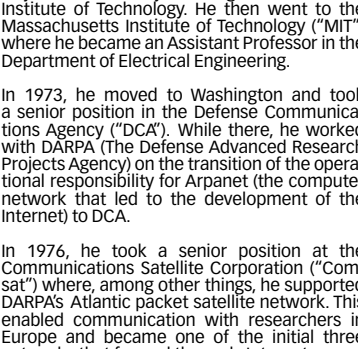
BETTY CARTER FORT GREIG
On January 30, 2021, Betty Carter Fort Greig, daughter of the late Vice Admiral George H. Fort, USN and Edyth N. Fort, a native Washingtonian, died peacefully at home in the Knollwood Military Retirement Home at the age of 97. She was born in New London, Connecticut and spent her childhood in Navy posts on the West Coast and in Annapolis, Newport, RI and Washington, DC. She became a permanent resident of the District in 1948. She attended the Mary C. Wheeler School in Providence, RI, graduated from the Katherine Branson School in Ross, California and was an honor graduate of Smith College in 1944. Upon her graduation from Smith College during World War II, she worked in Washington, DC for the Office of Strategic Services and later for its successor the CIA. After the war she held a teaching fellowship in Spanish at the University of Washington when her father had command of the 19th Naval District in Seattle.
She received a Master's Degree in Education from the Catholic University of America and taught at Westbrook Elementary School in Montgomery County for 23 years. Earlier she had taught at the DC Society for Crippled Children (now the Easter Seal Society) and the National Child Research Center. She was a member of the Chevy Chase Club, the Army Navy Club, the Junior League of Washington, the Smith College Club of Washington, the Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington and the Assistant Professor Club. She served on the Women's Board of the Columbia Hospital for Women.
In 1998, at the tender age of 75, she married Pickett Magruder Greig of Jamestown, RI. He predeceased her in 2005. Services will be private.

DEATH NOTICE
MAKINGS



ISAAC S. MAKINGS (Age 75)
Passed peacefully February 8, 2021. Survived by his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, Patience; his loving children Linda, John, Charles and Lisa; two granddaughters Charlee and Ricki who affectionately called him "Grandy"; cherished nephews, nieces, and a host of other family and friends all over, from the U.S. to Nigeria. Services will be held in his homeland of Ponyan, Nigeria.

DEATH NOTICE
McKINNEY



MARY VIRGINIA EVANS MCKINNEY (Age 99)
of Washington, DC, passed away on January 18, 2021, at home with family. She was born July 31, 1921 in Drury, Maryland, the only child of Mary Thomas Evans and Philmore Evans, (both deceased). Mary's husband, Wallace McKinney preceded her in death. Survived by her two daughters, Sandra A. Proctor (Rinaldo) and Janis M. Williams; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of other loving relatives and friends.
Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, February 13 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 5301 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC. Visitation 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Private Service: 11 a.m. (Invitation Only). All guests must wear masks and social distancing protocols will be enforced.
Livestream on church website: www.plymouth-ucc.org or <https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthChurchDC>
Interment, Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Maryland, 20722

DEATH NOTICE
MERKEL



LINDA S. MERKEL
Linda Merkel died on Monday, February 1, 2021, in Baltimore, MD, due to blood cancer (MDS) and congestive heart failure. She was 72 years old.
Linda was born in Grand Forks, ND, on May 1, 1948. She met her future husband, David, in her first year as an English teacher in a junior high school in Fernandina Beach, FL. They later taught as a teaching couple in Yokohama, Japan, and Silver Spring, MD. After her two children entered elementary school, Linda returned to the classroom in two Catholic schools in Kensington and Bethesda, MD. In her last of students whose lives she helped to mold. We will all miss her greatly.
Linda was a lifetime knitter, and everyone who knew her was in awe of her needlework talents. In particular, she knitted and donated hundreds of exquisite baby blankets for the Christ Child Society in Washington.
Linda loved people, and her love was reciprocated in countless ways. She will be remembered fondly by her family, friends, and members of her school communities, especially the thousands of students whose lives she helped to mold. We will all miss her greatly.
Because of the pandemic, a memorial service will be planned for a later time. Her family requests that any donations be made to mds-foundation.org.

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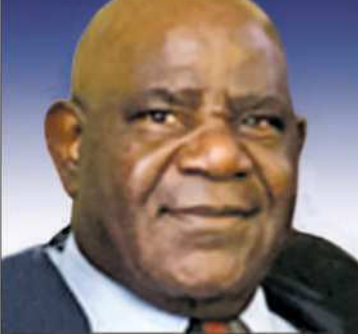
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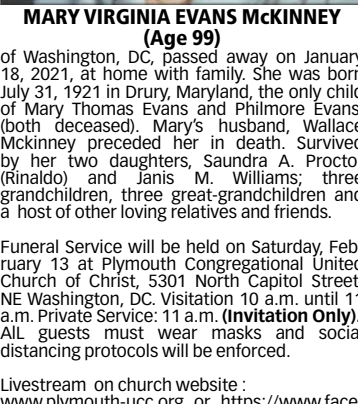
MARIE-CHRISTINE C. LEON "Christine"
Passed away on January 23, 2021 at the age of 69, after valiant 18 month battle with cancer. She died peacefully, surrounded by family members at the Casey House Hospice Center in Montgomery County. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Judge Richard J. Leon, her son, Nicholas C. Leon, her brother, Daniel J. Costa, Jr. of Chicago, and her sister, Claudine Costa Eilberg of Needham, MA. Christine was raised in Wellesley, MA and graduated from University of Massachusetts Boston in 1974. She worked in the banking industry in New York City from 1977 to 1983 at European American Bank. In 1983, she and her husband moved to Washington, DC, where she joined the money market division at American Security Bank. In 1990, they moved to Chevy Chase, MD, where they raised their son, Nicholas. A devoted mother, Christine was highly involved in all things relating to Nicholas's education, acapella singing, and athletic activities. She also loved gardening, photography, and politics. She was well known for her warm, caring personality and collection of stylish hats. She retired from banking in 1999 to devote full time to Nicholas's education and extracurricular activities. She particularly enjoyed her involvement in the Mothers' Club at Gonzaga College High School, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in private at The Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD. A larger Memorial Service to celebrate her life, however, will be announced and celebrated on a date later this year. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Christine C. Leon Performing Arts Scholarship at Gonzaga College High School, 191 Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

DEATH NOTICE
ROBINSON



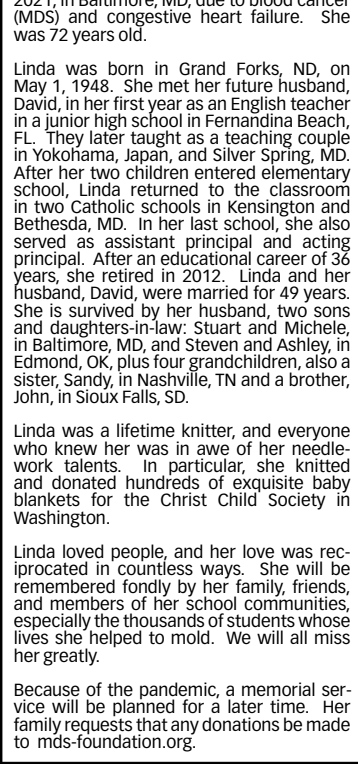
ROSA MAE ROBINSON "Rosa Mae"
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DEATH NOTICE
SCOTT



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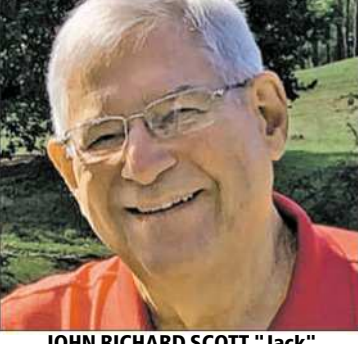
BEATRICE R. THOMPSON
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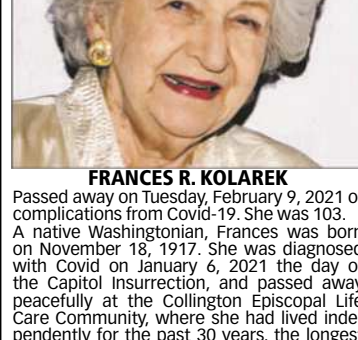
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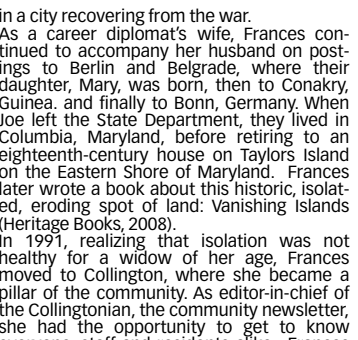
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ATTENTION!!
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KOLAREK



FRANCES R. KOLAREK
Passed away on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 of complications from Covid-19. She was 103.
A native Washingtonian, Frances was born on November 18, 1917. She was diagnosed with Covid on January 6, 2021 the day of the Capitol Insurrection, and passed away peacefully at the Collington Episcopal Life Care Community, where she had lived independently for the past 30 years, the longest she lived anywhere.
Frances graduated from Central High School in Washington, DC, in 1934 at the age of 16. She attended George Washington University but the Great Depression interfered with her studies. Instead, she went to work at the Washington Times-Herald, and became a reporter, a remarkable accomplishment for a woman at the time. It was here that she began two love affairs: one with writing, the other with her future husband, Joseph C. Kolarek, whom she married in 1942.
In 1945, Joe began his career with the Office of War Information, later known as the United States Information Agency, in New York City. His first posting was to Prague, in 1945. Frances traveled out of the U.S. for the first time in her life in 1946 to join him. She sailed with Covid on the second passenger ship to cross the Atlantic after the war. She had been working for Time magazine in New York as a fact checker. When she moved to Prague, Time asked her to file stories on life in a city recovering from the war.
As a career diplomat's wife, Frances continued to accompany her husband on postings to Berlin and Belgrade, where their daughter, Mary, was born, then to Conakry, Guinea, and finally to Bonn, Germany. When Joe left the State Department, they lived in Columbia, Maryland, before retiring to an eighteenth-century house on Taylors Island on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Frances later wrote a book about this historic, isolated, eroding spot of land: Vanishing Islands (Heritage Books, 2008).
In 1991, realizing that isolation was not healthy for a widow of her age, Frances moved to Collington, where she became a pillar of the community. As editor-in-chief of the Collingtonian, the community newsletter, she had the opportunity to get to know everyone, staff and residents alike. Frances was a great listener, and she took what she heard and acted on it, mentoring employees, writing letters on their behalf, and sharing a lifetime of experience. In her late nineties, Frances wrote a blog about her perspective on aging. "Mrs. Kolarek" will long be remembered for zipping around the halls at Collington on her scooter, greeting friends and offering words of wisdom.
Despite her peripatetic life, Frances continued to enjoy travel, especially to Italy. She instilled her love of art in her daughter, who became an art historian. Frances' affinity for islands manifested itself in her love of another vanishing island, Venice, which she visited many times.
Frances is survived by her only child, Mary E. Frank, and adoring son-in-law, Howard, of Coral Gables, Florida; a host of nephews and nieces, and all the people whose lives she touched with her love and concern. We express our deep appreciation to Collington for the loving care extended to Frances during the past month of her illness and to Hospice of the Chesapeake for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, a memorial service may be made to the Collington Foundation, 10450 Lottsford Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721 OR to Save Venice, Inc. 133 East 58th Street, Suite 501, New York, NY 10022.
A memorial service will be held at a later time.

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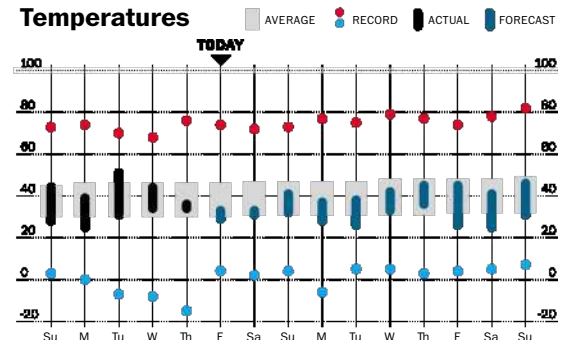
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Cloudy and cold

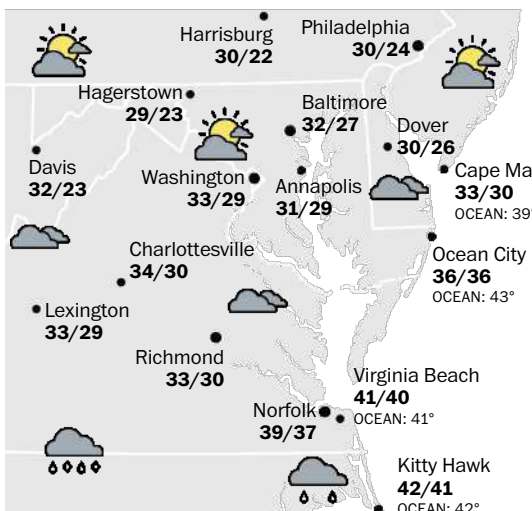
Clouds are enjoying their stay, and any breaks are minimal. There could be a few snowflakes at times, but they shouldn't amount to much. Readings are mainly in the upper 20s to lower 30s for afternoon highs. Winds, fortunately, are light.

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy, cold	Snow, ice	Cloudy	Rain or snow possible	Ice, rain	Partly sunny
33° 29°	33° 31°	41° 32°	37° 28°	38° 26°	42° 33°
FEELS: 30°	FEELS: 25°	FEELS: 36°	FEELS: 30°	FEELS: 32°	FEELS: 40°
CHNCE PRECIP: 25%	P: 25%	W: N 6-12 mph	W: N 7-14 mph	W: NNW 7-14 mph	W: NW 6-12 mph
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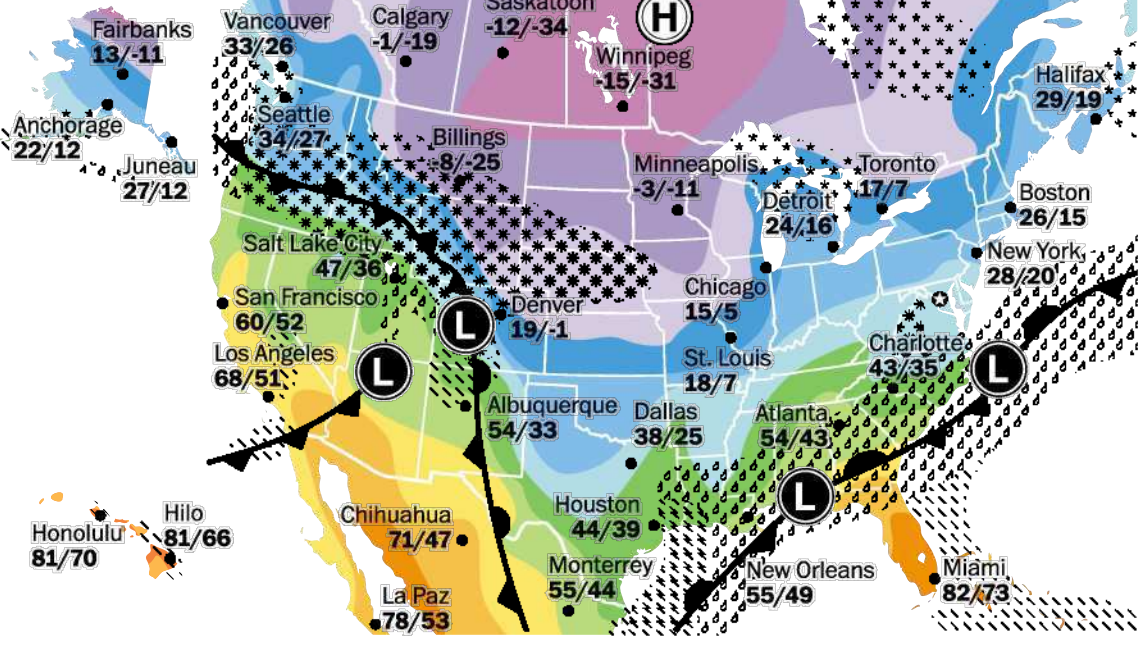


Pollen: Low
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Particulates

UV: Low
1 out of 11+

NATION



Yesterday's National High: Immokalee, FL 86° Low: Cotton, MN -46°

World High: Birdsville, Australia 114° Low: Khabardino, Russia -50°

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow	Des Moines	0/-5/sn	2/-10/sn	Oklahoma City	24/11/c	22/5/c	WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	18/4/pc	19/12/c	Detroit	24/16/c	22/9/sn	Omaha	1/-4/sn	5/-6/sn	Addis Ababa	75/53/pc	75/52/pc
Albuquerque	54/33/c	56/32/pc	Fairbanks, AK	13/-11/s	10/-10/s	Philadelphia	30/24/pc	30/28/sn	Amsterdam	25/14/s	27/17/s
Anchorage	22/12/s	23/15/s	Fargo, ND	-7/-21/pc	-10/-26/pc	Phoenix	72/50/c	73/51/pc	Athens	63/48/s	55/49/r
Atlanta	54/43/r	47/43/r	Hartford, CT	28/10/pc	29/20/c	Pittsburgh	29/20/c	30/23/sf	Auckland	72/61/s	75/64/pc
Austin	39/34/f	40/29/sh	Honolulu	81/70/pc	82/69/pc	Portland, ME	24/5/c	26/15/pc	Baghdad	74/46/s	74/48/s
Baltimore	32/27/c	32/29/sn	Houston	44/39/c	45/34/r	Portland, OR	27/24/sn	32/26/sn	Bangkok	92/72/s	92/73/c
Billings, MT	-8/-25/sn	-8/-27/pc	Indianapolis	24/16/c	23/8/sf	Providence, RI	29/15/pc	31/22/pc	Beijing	57/28/s	47/26/c
Birmingham	51/44/r	49/36/r	Jackson, MS	43/35/r	41/28/c	Raleigh, NC	38/39/c	39/34/r	Berlin	28/11/s	28/13/pc
Bismarck, ND	-4/-20/pc	-6/-24/pc	Jacksonville, FL	74/58/r	68/61/r	Reno, NV	52/39/c	47/25/sh	Bogota	66/50/sh	68/48/sh
Boise	36/28/sn	36/18/sn	Kansas City, MO	8/-1/c	5/-2/sn	Richmond	33/30/f	35/31/f	Brussels	27/17/s	32/19/s
Boston	26/15/pc	28/23/pc	Las Vegas	67/48/pc	64/47/c	Sacramento	62/48/pc	64/39/sh	Buenos Aires	75/69/sh	77/70/t
Buffalo	21/10/c	20/15/sn	Little Rock	36/24/pc	34/19/r	St. Louis	18/7/c	13/-1/c	Cairo	75/54/s	72/51/s
Burlington, VT	11/-3/pc	13/5/c	Los Angeles	68/51/pc	65/54/c	St. Thomas, VI	83/75/pc	84/75/pc	Caracas	68/65/pc	67/63/sh
Charleston, SC	59/46/r	50/46/r	Louisville	33/22/c	31/18/c	Salt Lake City	47/36/r	41/22/sn	Copenhagen	28/21/s	33/27/s
Charleston, WV	38/31/c	39/29/r	Memphis	34/25/pc	29/18/f	San Diego	63/53/c	63/53/c	Dakar	74/65/s	73/64/s
Charlotte	43/35/r	41/36/r	Miami	82/73/pc	83/74/pc	San Francisco	60/52/pc	59/47/sh	Dublin	38/32/c	39/38/sh
Cheyenne, WY	8/-8/sn	6/-14/sn	Milwaukee	13/5/s	14/-7/sn	San Juan, PR	82/73/sh	84/73/pc	Edinburgh	36/24/pc	31/27/c
Chicago	15/5/c	14/-6/sn	Minneapolis	-3/-11/pc	-1/-18/c	Seattle	34/27/sn	36/29/sn	Frankfurt	29/16/s	31/16/s
Cincinnati	30/19/c	29/15/sf	Nashville	39/31/pc	35/24/f	Spokane, WA	18/10/pc	22/14/sn	Geneva	31/21/sn	28/19/pc
Cleveland	27/18/c	26/16/sf	New Orleans	55/49/r	54/43/sh	Syracuse	16/3/c	19/15/c	Ham, Bermuda	69/66/t	69/65/sh
Dallas	38/25/c	33/22/c	New York City	28/20/pc	30/26/c	Tampa	78/68/c	79/68/t	Helsinki	16/12/pc	27/15/pc
Denver	19/-1/sn	15/-5/c	Norfolk	39/37/r	43/38/r	Wichita	13/3/c	11/1/c	Ho Chi Minh City	88/70/pc	87/69/s

Blue Ridge: Today, mostly cloudy, morning snow. High 27-31. Wind southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, cloudy, sleet, freezing rain late. Low 24-28. Wind southwest 6-12 mph. Saturday, cloudy, ice. High 29-33. Wind south 6-12 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy.

Atlantic beaches: Today, cloudy, rain south. High 32-39. Wind north 10-20 mph. Tonight, cloudy, rain south. Low 25-37. Wind north 8-16 mph. Saturday, cloudy, rain. High 35-43. Wind northeast 10-20 mph. Sunday, cloudy, rain. High 38-44.

Waterways: Upper Potomac River: Today, mostly cloudy. Wind northeast 6-12 knots. Waves around a foot. Visibility mostly clear. Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay: Today, mostly cloudy, snow showers. Wind north 8-16 knots. Waves 1-2 feet on the lower Potomac and 2-3 feet on the Chesapeake. River Stages: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.80 feet today, falling to 3.70 Saturday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in Bold)

Washington	3:11 a.m.	8:26 a.m.	3:23 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Annapolis	5:11 a.m.	11:29 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	none
Ocean City	1:28 a.m.	7:52 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	8:04 p.m.
Norfolk	3:40 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	10:18 p.m.
Point Lookout	1:13 a.m.	7:27 a.m.	2:11 p.m.	8:45 p.m.

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Hogan criticizes House Democrats' push to expand covid relief eligibility

Latino, Black caucuses support inclusion of tax-paying noncitizens

BY OVETTA WIGGINS AND ERIN COX

An effort by Maryland House Democrats to expand eligibility for Gov. Larry Hogan's covid-19 stimulus plan, including to non-citizens, is receiving pushback from the Republican chief executive, who said it could jeopardize passage of the legislation and the help it would provide to others.

"Anything they attempt to do to change the bill that's already been passed unanimously by the Senate... it threatens the bill," Hogan said Thursday.

The House Ways and Means Committee nevertheless voted to amend the legislation to include noncitizens who pay income taxes. The Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus had pushed for that change and enlisted the support of the Legislative Black Caucus.

Hours before the committee voted, a top aide to Hogan told the chair of the Legislative Black Caucus that expanding eligibility for the aid could jeopardize the legislation.

Hogan spokesman Mike Ricci said the message from chief legislative officer Keiffer J. Mitchell Jr. was that the caucus could be "sacrificing the \$5 million in the bill for minority businesses."

"I find it appalling that he would try to pit one item over another," said Del. Darryl Barnes (D-Prince George's), the caucus chair.

The stimulus package is Hogan's top legislative priority. His \$1 billion proposal would provide checks of up to \$750 to many families who qualify for the state's Earned Income Tax Credit. The proposal also included sales tax breaks of up to \$12,000 for small businesses and other tax relieves designed to help keep companies afloat.

Maryland's top legislative



Gov. Larry Hogan has said Democratic amendments to his stimulus package threaten the bill's ability to pass in the House of Delegates.

leaders privately discussed their own stimulus ideas for weeks. But they did not reach a consensus on how big a package should be or who would be eligible before the start of the General Assembly session last month.

The Senate has added roughly \$520 million worth of targeted aid to Hogan's package, including \$1,000 checks for people with unemployment claims in limbo, benefits for people on disability, money for food banks, cash assistance for utility bills and an array of aid for transportation, small businesses and nonprofit groups.

A House committee took the proposal further this week, replacing Hogan's \$750 payments to 400,000 poor families with a three-year anti-poverty plan that would increase the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Instead of two payments totaling \$750, the House plan would give poor families an initial \$500 check and then a larger payment once they file their taxes.

For a family with two children with income of \$25,000 a year, that would amount to an extra \$1,100 annually for the next three years. People without children would also qualify for the larger benefit, which would be the most generous state Earned

Income Tax Credit in the country, according to legislative staff.

House Majority Leader Eric G. Luedtke (D-Montgomery) called it a "game-changing" policy, potentially lifting tens of thousands of families out of poverty.

On Thursday, several members of the immigrant advocacy group CASA demonstrated outside of the State House to urge the House of Delegates to include tax-paying undocumented immigrants and green-card holders in the bill.

About 86,000 such people filed tax returns in 2019 so far, using tax identification numbers instead of Social Security numbers. While they are not eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, a House staff member estimated that tens of thousands have incomes low enough that they would qualify for the stimulus aid if they were eligible.

The House delayed plans to consider the stimulus bill from Thursday until Friday.

While Hogan said stimulus checks for undocumented workers, and the House's other changes, would be a dealbreaker for him, key Senate leaders have not publicly said whether they would accept the changes or not.

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'Naaaaancy': A 'Shining' moment in U.S. history



Monica Hesse

As rioters made their way through the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, some went looking for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. New footage of this was released at Wednesday's

session of the impeachment trial. The mob roamed hallways, searching for her office, and as they did, they called for her. "Oh, Nancy," one man cried out, three syllables ricocheting off the walls. "Oh, Naaaaaaancy."

If you cannot stomach reading an entire column about three syllables, you should stop here.

Oh, Naaaaaaancy is a very specific scene from a horror movie. *Oh, Nancy* is what the protagonist hears when she is hiding in a parking garage, or in a stairwell, or crouched under her desk, or pressed flat on the ground in a damp cornfield. Her terror is played out for entertainment, whether that means a narrow escape or a bloody death.

Oh, Naaaaaaancy is said in a singsongy voice. It is the same voice that a child would use to say, *Come out, come out, wherever you arrrrrre* in a backyard game of hide-and-seek

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BOOK WORLD

A stunning debut set in paradise, underworld

BY HAMILTON CAIN

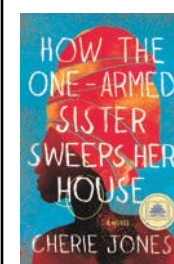
Rare is the first book that reveals the writer fully formed, the muscles and sinews of her sentences firm and taut, the voice distinctly her own — think Imbolo Mbue's "Behold the Dreamers" or Casey Cep's "Furious Hours."

But Cherie Jones's lavish, cinematic debut, "How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House," rises to that high bar, its beguiling title a stepping-stone into a Barbados that's both Caribbean paradise and a crime-riddled underworld.

Which is to say: The novel's a stunner.

"How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House" is mostly set in Barbados during the sultry summer of 1984. Eighteen-year-old Stella, known as Lala to all but her grandmother Wilma, is about to give birth to her first child. Her

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HOW THE ONE-ARMED SISTER SWEEPS HER HOUSE
 By Cherie Jones
 Little, Brown,
 288 pp. \$27



LOVE AT SIX FEET

Five people talk about how their dating rituals have changed during the pandemic. C2



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The clash at Mar-a-Lago

Trump has bickered for decades with Palm Beach over his club. His desire to live there is the latest skirmish.

BY MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA

One night in late January 1994, fireworks sparked in the sky above Mar-a-Lago, a grand estate in Palm Beach, Fla., with a gilded ceiling, an entry gate clad in antique Spanish tiles and a dining room modeled on the room in Rome's Chigi Palace that the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini later used as his office.

The splashy display, and opulent setting, befitted the showy sensibilities of Donald Trump, then a 47-year-old boom-and-bust real estate mogul who had been hemorrhaging money to keep up the place and had recently cut a deal with the Town of Palm Beach to convert the historic property from his



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residence to a private club.

But there was a little problem.

"Dear Mr. Trump," began a gently chiding letter from a code compliance officer, who went on to remind Mar-a-Lago's owner that in the future "you are requested" to get the town's approval before setting off fireworks.

That same year, another "Dear Mr. Trump" letter went out, this time asking him to shut down a photo shoot involving pop music superstar Madonna at the estate, which was then being prepped for its club opening. Such frivolities as "magazine feature photography and the like" were against the rules in the moneyed enclave,

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TOP: Former president Donald Trump on the lawn in front of Mar-a-Lago Club in 1995 before it opened. His attorney assured the council he wouldn't live at Mar-a-Lago, but since leaving the White House, Trump has made the club his home. ABOVE: A supporter greets the motorcade on Jan. 20.

CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

Arts commission should not be Parthenon white

BY PHILIP KENNICOTT

A photograph taken a few years after the 1910 founding of the Commission of Fine Arts shows its seven members and the commission secretary at a moment when the capital of the United States was being radically redesigned as a grand, monumental city. All of the members are White men, and all are dressed in suits and ties. Among them is Daniel Chester French, the sculptor who created the giant statue of the 16th president that commands the inner sanctum of the Lincoln Memorial; Cass Gilbert, the architect who designed the Supreme Court building; and Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., a landscape designer

whose last name is synonymous with gracious green space in America's finest cities.

Look at the commission today and you see some similarities. After Donald Trump made a flurry of hasty, last-minute appointments to the board that oversees the design of much of what is built in the capital, the CFA is once again all White and all male after decades of more diverse membership. And many of these men are partial to suit jackets and bow ties, a sartorial throwback to the imaginary age when America was "great," when White men like French, Gilbert and Olmsted ran things without women or people of color being allowed to express

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

The CFA, circa 1915. Clockwise from left, Charles Moore, Peirce Anderson, Edwin Blashfield, Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., Daniel Chester French, William Harts, Thomas Hastings and Cass Gilbert.

BY JULIA ROTHMAN AND SHAINA FEINBERG

DATING IS ROUGH
Pandemic dating?
Even rougher. But
these five people
persevered. Below,
their covid-19
dating stories.

LOVE at SIX FEET

"In January 2020, we started working on a theater project together. Because of the pandemic we started to FaceTime each other on a regular basis. Finally, one day in May or June, he decided to take the risk to come visit me. He wore layers of clothes, and wrapped himself in plastic and masks just to travel 40 minutes to see me. We finally became officially boyfriends in September."
—Dennis Yueh-Yeh Li, 34, theater director, New York City



"I decided if I find someone I like, I'm just going to dive in 100 percent. You don't have the luxury of keeping it casual for longer — it's like, let's do this or not. With the guy I'm seeing now, we didn't even kiss for a long time. It was like a month in. It's like old-school courting. We held hands, that was a big thing. We finally removed our masks and kissed. I felt like we were in the '50s."
—Alyssa Jung, 35, furniture designer, Seattle



"There's all these beats built into an in-person date. Like: getting seated, looking at the menu, waiting for your order. But with a Zoom date it's purely talking. The focus is 100 percent on the person on the other side of the screen. If you're at a restaurant and you get up to use the bathroom, you're still in a physical place together, so the date doesn't just end. With a Zoom date it ends when someone has to use the bathroom. You're like: Are you going to wait while I go to the bathroom? It's pretty weird."
—Casey Roonan, 29, art educator, Providence, R.I.



"The dating pool for people who are transgender is pretty small and the dating pool for people who are old is also small. When you're both transgender and old? It's an eyedropper of a dating pool. I've made a couple of dates where we were going to go out and meet at a place, but they were canceled because of a massive spike in cases in Monroe County. So I have had exactly one date during the pandemic."
—Penny Sterling, 61, storyteller, Rochester, N.Y.



"It seems like people are trying to ignore the fact that there's a pandemic but also being very paranoid about it. Everyone wants to be safe, until the date actually starts. And then people are like: We should be holding hands, we should kiss. Like it's a regular date. I gauge it on whether I can trust the person. And if I can't, I'm like, I don't feel comfortable."
—Joseph Jones, 32, bar manager, D.C.

Julia Rothman and Shaina Feinberg are co-authors of "Every Body: An Honest and Open Look at Sex from Every Angle."

MONICA HESSE

Capitol rioters' hunt for Nancy Pelosi should make every woman's skin crawl

HESSE FROM C1

tag. It is playful. It is sinister. It says, I am planning to take my time, and it will not be pleasant, and it will not end well for you. The men looking for Pelosi in the Capitol were strolling, not running.

The "Nancy" part is intentional. Footage shows us that the rioters were also looking for male lawmakers; they were looking for Vice President Mike Pence. They referred to him as "Pence," not "Mike." They yelled his name instead of cooing it. They wanted to show they were angry with him. Her? They wanted to show she was their toy. Some women — and I won't say all, but I think it is closer to

all than none — have heard their own first names called out in this singsong tone. Maybe a woman heard it when the front door clicked open, announcing the homecoming of the boyfriend who hits her sometimes. Or maybe she heard it intoned with flirtation and menace by the unnerving guest at a party; maybe she was hiding in the pantry at the time, concocting her excuse to leave. Or maybe she heard it while lying in bed, eyes wide-open, wishing she hadn't told the pushy date he could sleep it off on the sofa.

Oh, Naaaaaaancy. A woman who hears it thinks of a specific kind of danger, and a man who says it thinks of that danger, too. That's why he says it. To make

clear that he is the hunter, and guess what you are?

After watching the newly released footage from the Capitol siege — a cornerstone of the House impeachment managers' case against former president Donald Trump — it is hard to imagine there is a man, woman or nonbinary individual inside the Capitol who did not fear for their lives that day. But to be a woman in the Capitol then meant fearing for your safety in a specific way.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) spoke of this in an Instagram live stream last week: how she was acutely aware of her status as a minority woman as she rifled through staffers' gym bags looking for sneakers to

swap for her heels so she could run for her life. Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) spoke of it in an interview with *New York Magazine*: how when the breach began, her first reaction was to see whether any liberal female congresswomen were on the House floor. She was relieved to see that none were. She hoped that meant they were somewhere safe.

A HuffPost investigation into multiple people arrested on charges connected with their presence in the building revealed that, long before they stormed the Capitol, they had terrorized women. One had choked his wife until she nearly passed out, according to police reports. One was arrested after he allegedly

pulled his sister's door off its hinges so he could attack her. One allegedly lured his estranged wife to a hotel room, duct-taped her mouth and handcuffed her. One had allegedly harassed his ex with repeated texts: "Do the right thing and kill yourself already."

Et cetera. Et cetera. Mental health experts have recently begun to explore the connection between public acts of violence and misogyny, which is a connection many women already knew existed, and that is why their skin runs cold when they hear someone calling, Oh, Naaaaaaancy.

Oh, Naaaaaaancy is also self-aware. It *knows* it sounds like a horror movie. It is the sort of

affectation a bad man might pick up after too many viewings of "The Shining." It is what a man stalking a woman thinks a man stalking a woman should say.

He is performing a role. He is reciting a line. He is enacting a scene: The woman is hiding in the parking garage. The woman is hiding in the stairwell. The woman is hiding in her office. The woman is the speaker of the House of Representatives. For this scene, that doesn't matter. She's not a powerful politician right now; she's Nancy.

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Novel set in Barbados is both gritty and refined

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husband, Adan, a professional thief, is a "giant" of a man, all swagger. They live in a rickety stilt-house at the fringe of Baxter's Beach, an affluent resort that caters to foreign, predominantly White, tourists, an Eden where "you can watch the early-morning swimmers take their tentative steps into water bathed in the lilac and orange hues of sunrise, . . . You can watch the women, especially, lay back and float so that their silky strands of hair fan around their heads."

Jones's evocation of Barbados is exquisite, her brushwork assured, as she portrays pink sands and gated villas, decrepit hospitals and 24-hour convenience stores. For income, Lala braids hair along the beach, estranged from Wilma, who has sniffed the corruption on Adan and turned her face away. Adan manages to hover just beyond the reach of the

law; his rages fuel the novel's action. These star-crossed lovers are no Romeo and Juliet, but neither are they Bonnie and Clyde; they've been sentenced to their fates by a social order that preys on the poor. Jones detonates a couple of narrative grenades in the opening pages, igniting a tale that reads as equal parts literary thriller and a nuanced exploration of race and class, the violence that passes down from generation to generation like a mutated gene.

"How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House" — the title derives from a cautionary yarn Wilma tells to convey the pitfalls of disobedience — could have veered into melodrama, but Jones is far too savvy a writer, beautifully choreographing entrances and exits as she metes out her story, redirecting our attention at just the moment we think we've cracked her code. Through flashbacks, Jones deftly widens the



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Cherie Jones's debut novel, "How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House," is a tale that reads as equal parts literary thriller and a nuanced exploration of race and class.

novel's aperture, expanding her cast to include other lives ensnared in the clashes between the haves and have-nots, among them a widow ambivalent about her loss, a cheeky prostitute who calls herself the Queen of Sheba and an investigator with secrets of his own: "This policeman is a short black man built broad and soft by a well-meaning wife. . . . Lala fixes her eyes . . . while he talks, which he does in the nasal whine of children after inhaling the helium in balloons, a whine under which a laugh, the type that has nothing to do with humor, lies waiting." The residents of Baxter's Beach — White, Black, wealthy, impoverished, stoic, haunted — may yearn for the better angels of their natures, but too often they've cut deals with the devil. And those deals inevitably lead to bloodshed. Jones won't allow us to look away.

Murders, prostitution, child beatings: all lurk behind the gleaming facade of Baxter's Beach. Jones moves in and out of her scenes like elegant tracking shots, drilling down into her characters' fears and desires while sprinkling a pinch of wit into the mix. She can't resist a satirical

poke at the resort. "The whores who work behind the Holborn Hotel are aware, for the most part, of its many pretenses," she writes. "They know, for example, that the verdant green that stretches across the tiny Walled Garden in which guests are invited to have 'high tea' is in fact a carpet bought secondhand from the entity that managed the National Stadium and is made of a plastic bristle."

Jones's prose is supple, often luxuriant, but the structure of her novel is even more impressive as she bobs and weaves through the aftermath of two mysterious crimes. The pieces snap together, one by one, exposing the consequences of dreams deferred. In Jones's telling, sin and redemption are both personal and communal. With its rich imagery, confident pacing and moral vision, "How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House" reads like a third or fourth book. Here's the launch of a stellar literary career.

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Neighbors are divided over residency squabble

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Mr. Trump was reminded.

And so it has gone — year after year, in ways large and small, for more than a quarter-century — Trump forever pushing the bounds of patience and tolerance of a community where he can still be seen as a crass interloper. Hundreds of documents obtained via a public records request show, at a granular level, how Trump has frequently ignored basic rules and promises, steamrolled the locals and gotten away with it. The material also reveals Trump and his minions in all their Trump World glory — bullying, name-calling and framing the future president as a victim.

The love-hate relationship between Trump and Palm Beach — a history speckled with lawsuits, wars over everything from airplane flight patterns to a preposterously enormous American flag, and occasional periods of detente — is once again being tested this week as the town's reluctant officials are being pressed to decide whether he can call Mar-a-Lago his home during his post-presidency. Horrified preservationists and Trump antagonists say Trump's assurance long ago at a town council meeting that he wouldn't live at Mar-a-Lago, and the agreement he signed to make the estate a private club, prevent him from living there, as he's done since leaving the White House on Jan. 20.

"He knows no limit. He has no respect for the social contract," Anne Pepper, a local community activist, said in an interview. "He has no respect for anything."

The residency issue came before the town council on Tuesday — the same day that the former president's Senate impeachment trial began in Washington — but no decision was made. As in Washington, where Trump seems to be on a glide path because many Republican senators are saying they'll vote to acquit him, the former president has already wrangled a significant advantage in Palm Beach.

Under pressure from Trump, the town's attorney has preemptively declared that the former president's promise not to live at the club is meaningless. The attorney — John "Skip" Randolph — has handed the council just the sort of powerful tool it would need to let Trump have his way, opining that there's nothing it could do to stop him from living at the club as long as he is determined to be a "bona fide" employee of Mar-a-Lago. Randolph asserts that the town's zoning laws let employees live at clubs. His analysis was enough for the council's president, Margaret Zeidman, who told the council audience via Zoom on Tuesday that she doesn't think Trump has committed a violation.

That position is echoed by Trump's own attorney, who penned a letter to the town on Jan. 28, just three days after Trump took over as the president of the limited liability corporation that owns Mar-a-Lago, a position held by his son, Donald

Trump Jr., while the elder Trump was president.

"It's silly that we have to waste the town council's time even talking about it," Trump's attorney, John Marion, said in an interview. "He deserves to be treated with the dignity of any former president of the United States, and he absolutely has the right to live at Mar-a-Lago."

Creating an 'equity club'

"Mar-a-Lago is indisputably one-of-a-kind," Trump and his development team declared, with a showman's flair for breathless hype, in their 1993 application to make Mar-a-Lago a private club. "No other property in Palm Beach, the United States or even the world is quite the same. To use the Latin, legal expression, it is *sui generis*."

Trump needed to go big because — six years after writing "The Art of the Deal" — he had a megadeal to sell to Palm Beach, a town known for fiercely protecting landmark properties. His pitch to turn his home into a club came with a dire warning, laid out by one of his attorneys, in a lengthy meeting with the town council: "Mar-a-Lago cannot be preserved forever as a single-family home."

The council members and some Palm Beach residents worried about Trump's association with gambling in Atlantic City, where his casino and hotel operations had turned into epic fiascos. But Trump's attorney, Paul Rampell, assured the council that Donald Trump "could be trusted."

Trump initially wanted to make Mar-a-Lago an "equity club," in which members would buy shares and essentially be co-owners. But that wouldn't do, council members said. If the club flopped, the town didn't want to deal with a horde of owners. It wanted a single person on the hook: Donald Trump.

So Trump started making promises. His attorney assured the council he wouldn't live at Mar-a-Lago and would have use of the guest suites for only 21 days a year like any other member. In Trump's application, he also placated preservationists by saying he wasn't asking to build any new structures or erect any new signs.

The final agreement said there'd be no cabanas. No circuses either — at least the kind involving animals.

But barely a year after his much-hyped 1995 opening of the remodeled property, he was trying to get out of much of what he'd promised. He wanted the limit on guest suite stays — put in place because neighbors were concerned that they'd be living next to a hotel — eliminated. He also wanted the limit on 500 members abolished.

When he didn't get what he wanted, he sued.

And even though he lost his lawsuit, as the years passed, he usually got what he wanted. The town caved to his request for cabanas. It let him build an entertainment pavilion.

When he couldn't get permission, he often just went ahead and did what he wanted without official sign-off.

When he once again flouted



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Former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club served as a weekend getaway during his days in the White House. One perk he had there while in office — a helipad — will no longer be allowed.

the rule against magazine photography in 1999, the town convened formal proceedings to consider the violation.

He was fined \$50.

One of Trump's biggest promises was his pledge not to build a dock, but in the club's second year of operation, he set in motion a sneaky plan to build one anyway. He went straight to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to Florida's state environmental protection department to seek permission for a 120-foot marina that would require dredging 600,000 cubic yards of material and impact 24 acres on the Lake Worth side of his club, including potentially damaging precious coral reefs.

All of this was news to the town of Palm Beach.

The town eventually blocked his marina plan. Nearly a quarter-century later, he's making another attempt to build a dock, albeit this time he's going through the town council, as he's supposed to do. The plan was stalled last spring when he temporarily pulled his proposal after a Washington Post article about the restrictions in his original agreement. But he has vowed to resurrect it.

If there's anything Trump loves to do, it's put his name on buildings, and Mar-a-Lago is no different. Preservationists were appalled in 2003 when coats of arms appeared out of nowhere on the club's beach cabanas: Ornate coats of arms emblazoned with the Trump name.

One preservationist sniffed to the New York Post that they were "unseemly" and "blatant advertising." Trump hadn't gotten permission from the regulators in town, who are famously zealous about blocking signs. But Trump protested that his would be hard to remove.

The coats of arms stayed up.

'A silly fight'

In 2005, locals noticed a shift. Robert Moore, one of the city's most celebrated public officials, retired from his position as the town's director of planning, building and zoning. Though they'd clashed at times, Trump and Moore had found a way to amicably coexist.

"I found [Trump] very easy to deal with," Moore had told the

Tampa Bay Times several years before his death. "Very realistic and very straightforward. And never dishonest. Now, did he push the envelope? Of course . . . that was part of the give and take with him. But he always was three steps ahead of us, that's for sure."

The new regime that took over in 2006 could be confrontational, and Trump was not pleased. He was at the height of his pre-presidency powers in those days, making millions as the star of the hit reality television show "The Apprentice."

When Trump blew past attendance restrictions for a 2006 Elton John charity concert to raise money for AIDS research, the town fined him \$5,000. Aggrieved, Trump complained about the town's "harsh tone." "I am deeply disappointed that the Town would want to penalize my efforts to host one of the world's foremost entertainers for a very worthwhile charity," Trump wrote.

Trump and his attorney chafed at the town's plans to require an annual form stating that regulations were being followed, and its announcement of possible random inspections.

"To our ears, there is a fascist echo in this warning," Trump's longtime attorney, Rampell, wrote in a letter. In another, he compared the reporting requirement to "a McCarthy-era loyalty oath."

Relations were fast deteriorating, but Trump wasn't going to stop being Trump. He put up an 80-foot-tall flagpole in 2007 without asking permission — nearly double the 42-foot limit — drawing sneers from annoyed locals that it made the club look like a car dealership.

It took the imposition of large daily fines and a lawsuit filed by the town to get Trump to take it down, lower the height and move it to a less conspicuous spot.

Trump was starting to run into roadblocks that he couldn't get around. The county got tough with him when he filed a suit trying to change the flight path to West Palm Beach's airport, arguing that planes were damaging his club. He dropped the lawsuit in 2016. But he knew he'd win a partial victory anyway: As president, planes would be banned

from flying over Mar-a-Lago when he was there. (Trump is losing one of his presidential perks — a helipad at Mar-a-Lago — that will no longer be allowed now that he has left office.)

Now he's changed his official domicile to Mar-a-Lago, registered to vote with the club address and taken up residence there — despite complaints from some neighbors and local activists, alarmed that he'll be a magnet for violent supporters, such as those who attacked the Capitol in early January as Congress was about to formalize President Biden's election victory.

What's so quintessentially Trump about his insistence on calling Mar-a-Lago his legal residence is that there had been an easy solution to the spat: He owns three homes nearby. He could just as easily use them for purposes of his domicile, and pop over to Mar-a-Lago whenever he wanted. Even if he ended spending all his nights at the club, it would take round-the-clock surveillance to prove he was residing there — an unlikely scenario.

But he isn't budging.

Which is understandable, said Jeffrey Greene, a wealthy Mar-a-Lago neighbor, who called the residency tempest "a silly fight."

Town Manager Kirk Blouin said in an email that the town is not intimidated by Trump's litigiousness. Palm Beach's mayor, Gail Coniglio, and members of the town council did not respond to interview requests.

A new opposition group composed of several attorneys — Preserve Palm Beach Inc., which was formed in the past few days — is building a legal case to attack Trump's residency plans. The group's attorney, Philip Johnston, told the council Tuesday that allowing Trump to live at Mar-a-Lago could make Palm Beach a "permanent beacon for his more rabid, lawless supporters."

Another opponent, Glenn Zeitz — a pugnacious former mob attorney in New Jersey who owns a home in Palm Beach — said in an interview that making accommodations for Trump would "set a bad precedent" for similar "use agreements" between the town and clubs, including at least one use agreement that is currently being negotiated. Decades earlier, Zeitz had defeated Trump in

an Atlantic City eminent domain battle.

Marion, Trump's attorney, has tried to counter suspicions that Trump is not actually a bona fide employee of the club by telling the council that the former president now walks around the grounds acting as if he's "the mayor of Mar-a-Lago." He also showed the council a list of Trump's jobs at the club, including the sort of greeter job that senior citizens take at big-box stores: "welcomes/thanks those attending" events.

With so many lawyers lining up to challenge Trump, the agreement he signed is sure to be parsed in excruciating detail — both for what's in it and what isn't. It doesn't specifically say that Trump can't live at the club; but it doesn't specifically say he can, either.

The formal use agreement with the town makes clear that if Mar-a-Lago ceases to be a club it would revert to being a single-family residence — but it doesn't say whose. The club is required to disclose that provision to its members, who pay up to \$200,000 to join and in the neighborhood of \$14,000 a year in dues, according to a member who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a private transaction.

Mar-a-Lago's membership agreement is even more explicit: It states that if Mar-a-Lago stopped being a club it would revert — specifically — to being Donald Trump's residence, rather than simply saying it would revert to be a private residence, according to a membership agreement obtained by The Washington Post.

Trump's opponents see this as a kind of riddle with no logical answer: If the club is Donald Trump's residence already, how could it revert to being his residence if it were shut down?

The controversy is playing out while the future success of Trump's club is uncertain, with rumblings about members potentially fleeing now that he is not president. It's a situation made all the more precarious by disgust about his incitement of the rioters who stormed the Capitol.

"Like I would ever go to a club with a guy like that," said Greene, a former member, who lives with his 94-year-old mother. "I don't think it's safe. They don't wear masks in there."

Greene is referring, in part, to a New Year's Eve party Mar-a-Lago hosted at which many attendees did not wear masks, even as Florida's coronavirus cases were spiking. Social media posts of maskless partiers caught the attention of a Democratic member of Florida's legislature who called for Mar-a-Lago to be shut down.

Blouin, the town manager, shrugged off the issue, saying police officers responsible for enforcing a mask mandate can't go onto private property "uninvited." Instead, he told The Washington Post days after the party that he's trying to educate businesses and the community about the mask mandate.

The county could have fined Trump and Mar-a-Lago up to \$15,000. But it didn't.

Trump had gotten away with it. Again.

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Trump made an arts commission all White, all male and mostly mediocre

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an opinion.

If the two images resemble each other, however, it is mostly superficial. The fundamental difference is this: The original members, and the vast majority of those who followed them over the past 110 years, were giants in their field, while the Trump appointees who now run the CFA are minor figures, chosen not for their accomplishment but for their ideological conformity to a rigid doctrine of architectural classicism.

Over the years, the CFA has been a workhorse group whose members serve without salary, dedicated to improving the design of everything from monuments and memorials to federal coins, medals, insignia and office buildings. It may have begun as a White guys club, but that changed over the years and the CFA evolved into a living pantheon of American design excellence. Those who have served include some of this country's greatest African American architects, Harry Robinson and Phil Freelon among them, as well as giants of modernism and mid-century design, such as Gordon Bunshaft and Kevin Roche. Women have been essential to its work and success, too, among them Aline Saarinen, Chloethiel Woodard Smith and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk.

With only a few exceptions, the

qualification for appointment to the CFA has been: You have won the top awards in your field and you can rise no higher in your chosen profession. Few if any of the Trump appointments come even close to that standard.

The Trump appointments to the CFA would effectively make the group useless and could lead to its demise. President Biden should move quickly to remove the current members, including the newly elected chairman of the commission, Justin Shubow, who isn't a professional architect or designer, and recent appointments such as Steven W. Spandle, who designed the Trump tennis pavilion at the White House, and Perry Guillot, who gave a Trump makeover to the beloved White House Rose Garden. They should be replaced with a diverse body of professionals, including women and people of color, who bring a wide and spirited range of aesthetic viewpoints to the commission's monthly meetings.

Fortunately, there are signs that the Biden administration is paying attention to things that might otherwise be seen as a low priority, given the crisis of the pandemic and its economic toll, and given the history of recent administrations, including Barack Obama's, which neglected the several federal bodies that tend to arts and culture. On Feb. 3, Biden removed two Trump appointees to the Na-

tional Capital Planning Commission, another design oversight and planning group, and the chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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A clean sweep of the CFA wouldn't just enable the administration to uphold its commitment to diversity within the federal government. It would save the administration major headaches, which are coming soon if the current commission remains in place. The last-minute Trump appointments weren't just an egregious example of the administration embedding Whiteness into the federal government. They were a last-minute backstop to defend one of the Trump administration's more risible executive orders, the Dec. 21 order called "On Promoting Beautiful Federal Civic Architecture,"

which would make classical architecture the effective default style for federal buildings in Washington and potentially around the country.

The Trump-appointed Bow Tie Boys, who bring very little substantial architectural or design experience to the table, were almost certainly put in place to defend that order, which could be extraordinarily costly to the American taxpayer.

Consider hypothetical federal construction projects and their fate if they aren't graced with classical columns and bedazzled with pediments and acroteria. If the Bow Tie Boys send them back to the drawing boards, or require impractical or unfeasible changes, costs could rise and delays ensue. If the Biden administration is forced to step in at that point, all manner of insinuations would follow about motive. Better to do it now, before remaking the CFA becomes entangled with the politics of any particular federal building or monument.

Can the CFA members simply be removed? Nothing in the authorizing legislation explicitly prohibits that, though no one familiar with the commission can remember it having happened in the past. But what is unprecedented isn't illegal, and the circumstances are extraordinary. These are not paid positions — they are not federal judges — and much of

what the commission does is advisory. An advisory board without the confidence of the administration it advises is useless.

The low professional standing and middling accomplishment of the Trump members also offers a substantial defense for removing them. The 1910 legislation that created the CFA called for "seven well-qualified judges of the fine arts," and for decades, through Republican and Democratic administrations, the definition of "well-qualified" has been set at an extraordinarily high level.

It is hard to argue that the current members rise anywhere close to the level of their predecessors.

If the Biden administration has any bandwidth available to think about these things as it wrestles with a raging pandemic, it might also consider this a unique opportunity, not just to undo the mischief of the Trump administration, but to expand the role and influence of the CFA. If you have ever sat through a CFA meeting — before Trump stacked it with ideologues — the experience was quietly thrilling. The members listen respectfully to architecture and design presentations, and then they go to work.

The discussion is often about details: *If you added a course of brick here, this line would have more heft and substance. If you tweak the lighting on that path, you wouldn't detract attention*

from the statue. If you rounded that curve just a little more, you could pull the line of the fence away from traffic and noise . . .

It is painstaking work, often highly subjective, but when the panel is made up of professionals, it's a wonder to watch.

The good the CFA does is in many ways invisible: It resists haphazard, careless, shoddy design. We never see the ugliness that was headed off before it got built.

We live at a moment when many people are trying to understand how ugliness becomes rooted and permanent in society. One essential lesson is that none of us can see all the ugliness from his or her own perspective, and many of us carry ugliness within us, unaware and unknowing, if no one confronts our assumptions. Only a diverse, robust, completely professional, highly respected, politely opinionated and innately collegial CFA can bring the range of perspective and expertise necessary to resist bad buildings, incompetent design, cheap renovation and cynical compromise in federal architecture.

So, find those people, impanel them, celebrate their work, and invite the public in to see one of the enduring success stories of the federal government — before the Bow Tie Boys run it into the ground.

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TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



Nadiya Bakes (Netflix) “The Great British Bake Off” winner, chef and author Nadiya Hussain serves up an array of beautiful baked goods and spotlights creative kindred spirits.

The Blacklist (NBC at 8) Red and Dembe go to great lengths to fulfill the final wishes of a dear friend.

MacGyver (CBS at 8) Taylor and Bozer work with Jerry Ortega to infiltrate a Codex cell.

20/20 (ABC at 9) The fiancée of a world-renowned surgeon is caught in his web of lies and deceit.

Lovers’ Lane Murders (Oxygen at 9) College students Cassandra Hailey and Keith Call go missing in 1988 from a lovers’ lane area in Tidewater Virginia.

Real Time With Bill Maher (HBO at 10) Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), Markos Moulitsas and Steve Schmidt.

Premieres
Buried by the Bernards (Netflix) In this reality series, the bickering but big-hearted Bernard family manage their budget-friendly funeral home while helping grieving families say farewell.

Movies
To All the Boys: Always and Forever (Netflix) Senior year of high school takes center stage as Lara Jean returns from a family trip to Korea and considers her college plans — with and without Peter.

The Map of Tiny Perfect Things

(Amazon Prime) Quick-witted teen Mark is content living the same day in an endless loop when his world is turned upside-down by the mysterious Margaret, and the two struggle to figure out how to escape their never-ending day.

Judas and the Black Messiah (HBO Max) Offered a plea deal by the FBI, William O’Neal infiltrates the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party to gather intelligence on Chairman Fred Hampton.

MINISERIES
Hip Hop Uncovered (FX at 10) How America’s streets helped shape hip-hop culture from an expression of survival and defiance into music’s most dominant genre.

SPECIALS
Hate by Dani Rovira (Netflix) Dani Rovira reflects on human beings’ nonsensical hatred in this unfiltered comedy special.

LATE NIGHT
Tonight Show/Fallon (NBC at 11:34) Kenan Thompson, Lana Condor, Fireboy DML.

— Nina Zafar

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4.1 WRC (NBC)	•News	•Hollywood	•The Blacklist		•Dateline NBC				News	•J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	The Munsters	The Munsters	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	Fox 5	•TMZ	•WWE Friday Night SmackDown				Fox 5 News at 10		News	The Final
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	•Wheel	•J’pardy!	•Shark Tank		(9:01) •20/20				News	•J. Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	The Q&A	•MacGyver	•MacGyver		•Magnum P.I.		•Blue Bloods		9 News	•Late-Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	La Rosa de Guadalupe	•Vencer el desamor	•Te acuerdas de mí		•Dulce ambición			Noticias	Noticiero	
20.1 WDCW (MNTV)	•Family Feud	•FamFeud	Fox 5 News	•FamFeud	Fox 5 News	Creek	Big Bang	Big Bang	•Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	State	Artworks	A Confession		•In Concert at the Hollywood		•Lidia Celebrates		•Wash	Decisions
26.1 WETA (PBS)	•PBS NewsHour		Wash	Rubenstein	•In Concert at the Hollywood		Dave Chappelle: The Mark Twain Prize		Amanpour	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	DW News	The Journey	Josh Groban: An Evening of Harmony		Attucks		Democracy Now!		World News	Veterans in
50.1 WDCW (CW)	•black-ish	•black-ish	•Go-Big Show		•Penn & Teller: Fool Us		•Seinfeld	•Seinfeld	Two Men	Two Men
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CABLE CHANNELS										
A&E	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48		Rescue	Rescue Cam	(11:04) Live Rescue: Rewind			
AMC	(5:30) Movie: Jumanji ★★	Movie: The Intern ★★ (2015)					(10:45) Movie: Home Again ★★ (2017)			
Animal Planet	River Monsters	Mysteries of the Deep: Predators Rising			River Monsters		River Monsters			
BET	(5:30) Movie: All Eyez on Me ★★ (2017)				Movie: Antwone Fisher ★★★ (2002)					
Bravo	Below Deck	Below Deck			Movie: Friday ★★★ (1995)				Movie: Friday ★★★ (1995)	
Cartoon Network	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
Comedy Central	Creek	Creek	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Tiffany Haddish: She Ready!	
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt	Gold Rush							Gold Rush	
Disney	Bunk’d	Bunk’d	Secrets	Gabby Duran	Gabby Duran	Big City	Bunk’d	Bunk’d	Secrets	Gabby Duran
E!	Meet-Parents	Movie: Meet the Fockers ★★ (2004)					Movie: Little Fockers ★ (2010)			
ESPN	NBA	NBA Basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks (Live)			NBA Basketball: Grizzlies at Lakers					
ESPN2	College Basketball: St. Bonaventure at VCU (Live)				2021 Australian Open Tennis: Third Round (Live)					
Food Network	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		Diners	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	
Fox News	FOX News PrimeTime	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity (Live)				The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night	
Freeform	(6:30) Movie: 10 Things I Hate About You	Movie: Love, Simon ★★★ (2018)							The 700 Club	
FX	(6:00) Movie: Straight Outta Compton ★★★ (2015)				Hip Hop Uncovered		Hip Hop Uncovered		Hip Hop Un	
Hallmark	Movie: Love on the Sidelines (2016)				Movie: A Timeless Christmas (2020)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	All of My Heart: Inn Love	Movie: All of My Heart: The Wedding (2018)					Movie: Crossword Mysteries: A Puzzle to Die For (2019)			
HBO	Fake Famous	The Investig	(8:10) Movie: Irresistible ★★ (2020)				Real Time, Bill Maher		Painting	Real Time
HGTV	Fixer Upper		Self-Made Mansions		Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home
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TBS	Movie: Central Intelligence ★★ (2016)				Movie: Fences ★★★ (2016)					
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Party Girl ★★	Movie: Casablanca ★★★★★ (1942)					Movie: West Side Story ★★★★★ (1961)			
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TNT	Bones		Movie: Avengers: Infinity War ★★★★★ (2018)						(11:15) Movie: Jurassic Park	
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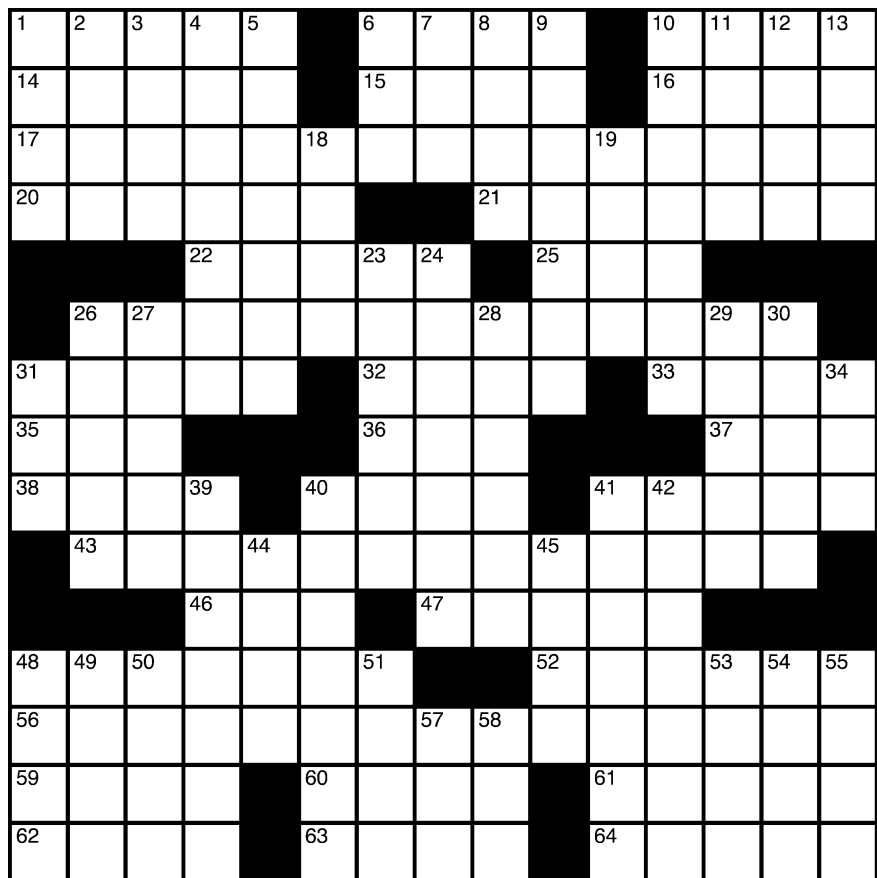
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LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Jeffrey Wechsler

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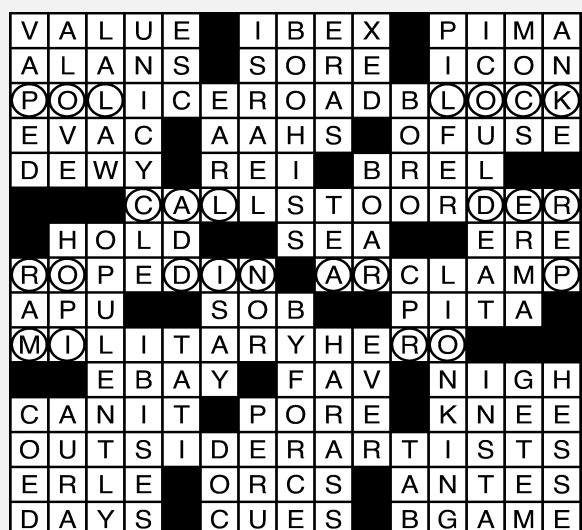
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THURSDAY’S LA TIMES SOLUTION



DOWN

- 1 Loose garment
- 2 Came to rest



Dish up the truth, but don’t stir the pot



Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My sweet husband loves to cook and almost always has something bubbling away when I arrive home at the end of the workday. The problem is that 9 times out of 10, what he has prepared is practically inedible. Then, owing to the whoever-cooks-doesn’t-clean-up rule, I’m left with a tremendous mess to deal with. Pots, pans, graters, presses, measuring utensils are everywhere, and every surface — including the surrounding floor — is littered with slops, spills, skins, peels, etc. It takes me the better part of an hour to load the dishwasher, hand-wash piles of other dishes, clean the counters and cooktop, and tidy the floor. Often all I want to do when I get home from work is grab a bowl of cereal and chill out.

I know, I know. A husband who cooks for me every night? Aren’t I lucky? And I am! He’s an amazingly loving and caring soul who is easily hurt.

How do I gently tell him I’d like this routine to change? I’ve tried suggesting we take turns making dinner, but he insists it’s his passion and he gets great joy

from cooking. He knows the food he prepares isn’t great but chalks it up to a learning experience. He carefully adds recipes to a binder he keeps while I am horrified he’d ever make some of these dishes again.

We have a healthy marriage and communicate easily and freely. This one topic, however, seems to be especially touchy for him, and I’m truly at a loss on how to broach it. Help!

— Left With the Mess

Left With the Mess: You are lucky for another, entirely different reason: You can address the bigger of your problems without having to touch the third rail of his cooking-skill problem.

You love that he loves cooking! No really, you do. But you don’t love being on the hook for a long hour of cleanup after a long day of work. You can say this verbatim because it doesn’t put his chef-feelings in play.

Ask him for relief in the form of, let’s say, dishes every second or third night vs. nightly. You can present this to him in the most lovingly-love-loving way as a choice between two options: for him to cook on fewer nights, or do his own dishes on more nights.

The I-cook-you-clean rule is about fair distribution of chores. If he’s going to frame this as his passion, then the math changes; the work of cleaning up after his hobby wouldn’t devolve to you if he sculpted or gardened or tinkered with cars. Since you dine on the results, you can say you’ll sign on for some cleanup, but not all.

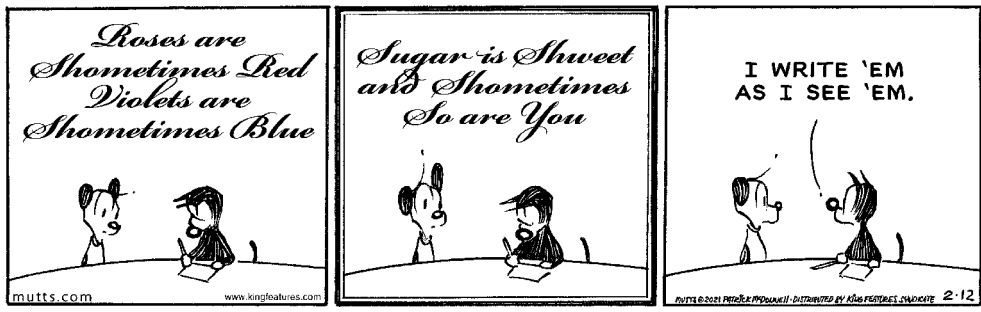
That’s the specific answer. The general one: Don’t be afraid to have this out in your usual, maritally healthy way. Just keep your opinion of his cooking completely, utterly and meticulously out of it. It’s a separate issue, for one; feelings will only bring pain and distraction to a straight-up fairness problem; and it’s the kind thing to do.

Not to mention, smart — all this practice could make perfect cooking techniques . . . eventually . . . and you don’t want even justified skepticism to stand in the way of that. Maybe you can suggest some, ah, “favorite” recipes for him to try?

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BIRTHDAY | FEBRUARY 12

Multitalented, determined and conceptual, you're often devoted to a cause. This year, your endurance and persistence carry you toward success against formidable odds. Bravo. If single, you meet someone this year who rocks your world and opens you up to the higher planes. It will be up to you if a commitment ensues. If attached, a creative connection is important, as well as recognition and appreciation. Taurus keeps you grounded.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19). You will feel the need to keep secrets today. Gossip and chatter will be constant, and discretion is an issue. This provides a perfect opportunity for self-analysis and soul-searching. Many surprising insights come.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20). Today brings a deeper sense of self. Diversify rather than get bogged down by one large, overwhelming project. Finances brighten, and your heart is warmed by the love and regard of others.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20). A job or project could be ending. Don't try to struggle against the inevitable. If one door closes, another will open - even if it feels like it is nailed shut. Update your job knowledge and skills. Reach out to colleagues.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22). Today reveals new opportunities on the horizon. Your luck is changing for the better. Select goals for the future. Write a wish list. Much information and many new ideas are directed your way.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22). You'll be doing some sleuthing today. There is a mystery you are determined to solve. An intriguing new course of study presents new perspectives. It is a wonderful time to pursue projects that have interested you before.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). You'll find that it is a time to review your many types of relationships. Today releases a relationship you've outgrown. In regard to business as well as romance, seek progressive associates who bring fresh outlooks.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22). Get enough rest and avoid companions or situations that you know aren't good for you. Your long-term wellness depends on you being your own best friend today. Be good and gentle with yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21). Today enables you to understand children well. Listen carefully to loved ones, and a new rapport will develop. Friendships move to a deeper level. Others will offer you the emotional support you need.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21). A household gathering is peppered with lively discussions. Ideas and stories that family members exchange will inspire you. The day promises ease and satisfaction. If you feel like being a homebody today, that is perfectly okay.

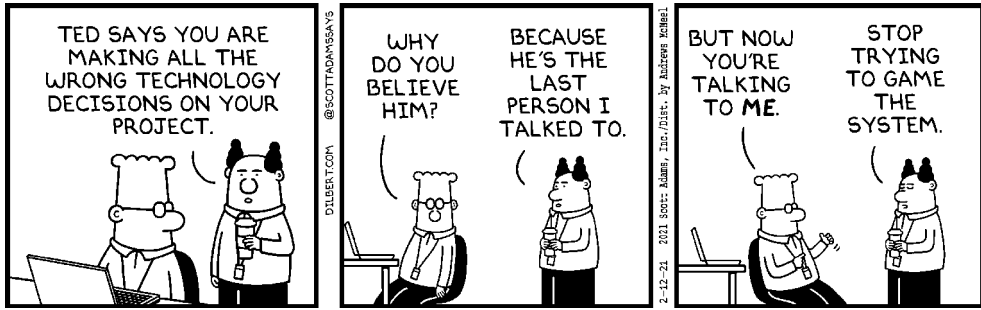
CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19). You will speak and move more quickly today. Short journeys, meetings and many conversations set a busy pace. Stay well-informed. It is an excellent time to catch up on correspondence, make plans or try some serious writing.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18). Today emphasizes your finances. An extra job or project opportunity might very well boost your income. Careful study of your budget assists in stretching your hard-earned money. Avoid being too generous with others.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20). Your motivation is exceptionally high today. If you can maintain perspective and avoid overkill, much will be accomplished. Select peace, forgiveness and release as your themes. It is time to welcome a fresh start.

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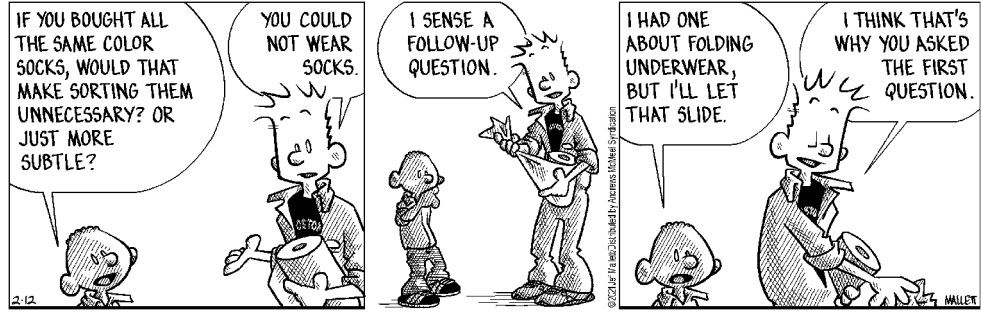
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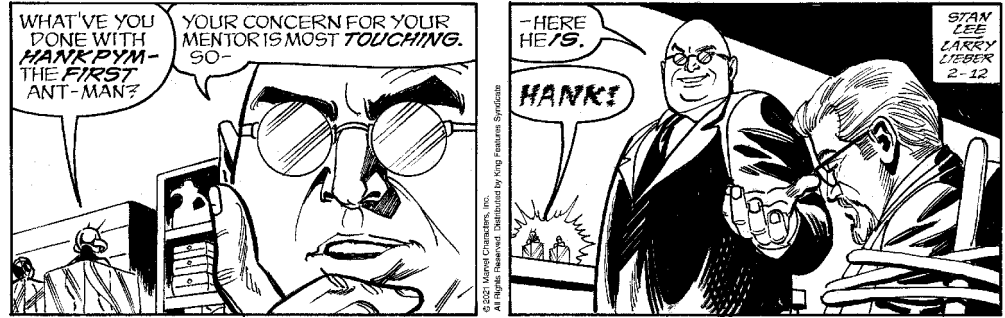
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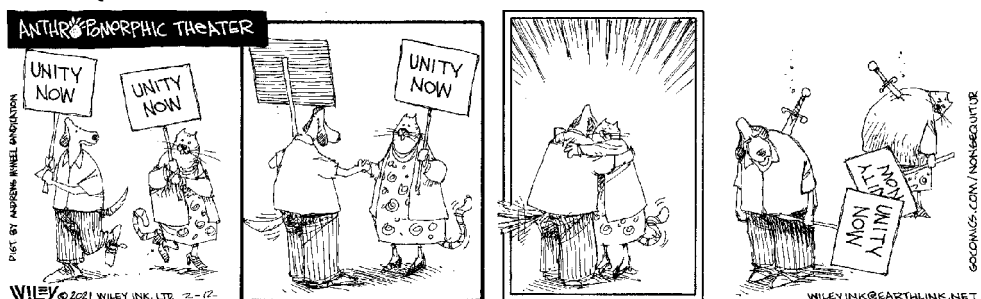
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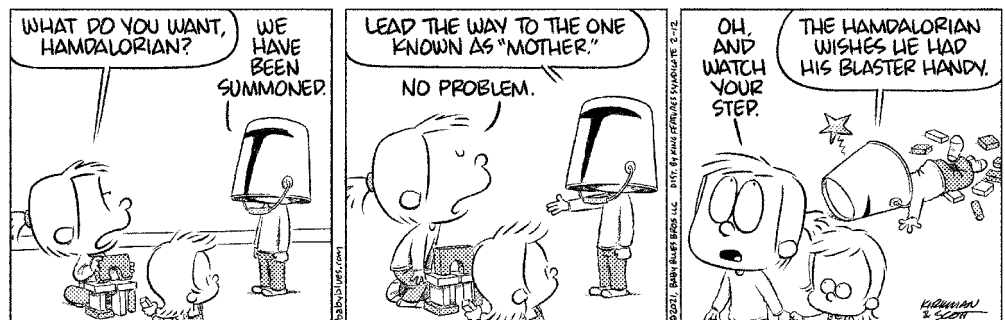
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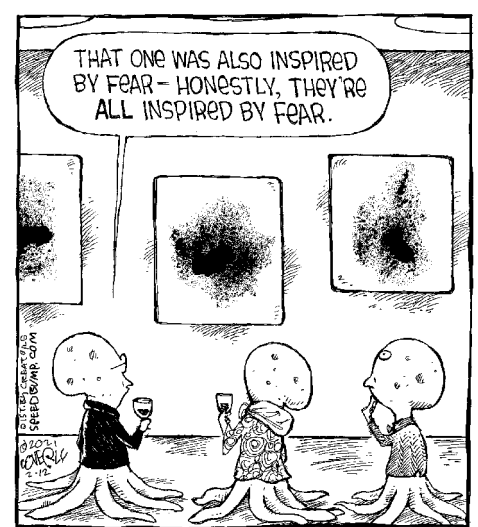
PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

Scrabble words and scores: RACK 1 = 10, RACK 2 = 68, RACK 3 = 70, RACK 4 = 59, TOTAL 207.

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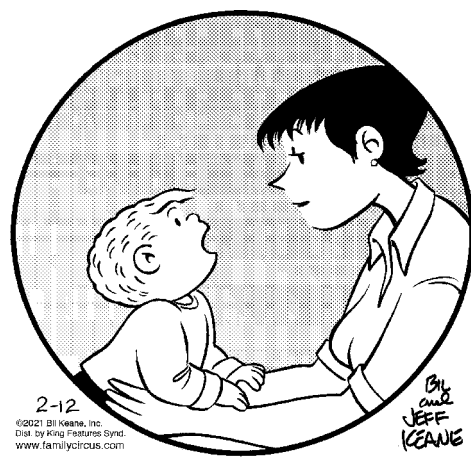
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FAMILY CIRCUS



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DONNA A. LEWIS

Health battle reaches complicated end

Widow of Texas Rio Grande Valley coach says rare disease killed him. Others point to coronavirus diagnosis.

BY DAVE SHEININ

When the team bus arrived back at campus around 3 a.m. Sunday, Renee Hill was parked there waiting for her husband. It had already been an emotional 24 hours for Lew Hill, men's basketball coach at Texas Rio Grande Valley, with the Vaqueros losing on a last-second shot at Texas Southern in their first game in three weeks, followed by the difficult news Hill delivered to his players in the locker room after the game: He was stepping aside, effective immediately, to focus on his health.

On the 5½-hour bus ride back to campus, he phoned his athletic director to convey the same news and to ask for a meeting in the morning, which was Super Bowl Sunday. He didn't sleep on the bus, even as Saturday night bled into Sunday morning.

The Hills, married for nearly 21 years, kissed each other as Lew bent his 6-foot-5 frame into the passenger seat. They talked on the ride home. Lew said he was tired. He showered and went to bed. Renee went to wake him around 8:30 a.m.

"It's something you would never expect," Renee Hill said in a

telephone interview Wednesday, three days after her husband died, "when someone lays down to go to sleep and you go to wake him up the next morning and God has already whispered in his ear — and he couldn't refuse. God needed him more than we did here on Earth."

Hill's death at 55 dealt a devastating blow to the school near the southern tip of Texas, about 20 miles north of the Mexican border, and to the collegiate basketball coaching community. Though a native of Mount Vernon, N.Y., Hill was best known and beloved in the southern Great Plains,

having starred at Wichita State in the late 1980s and later serving as an assistant under Lon Kruger at UNLV and Oklahoma. He landed the top job at UTRGV in 2016.

"Lew represented the best of all we could want in our leaders," Kruger said of his longtime assistant, who helped coach the Sooners to the Final Four in 2016, "and anyone working with young people in any walk."

But Hill's death also offered a sobering reminder of the possible health stakes involved in playing sports through a global pandemic.

In January, Hill received two

SEE HILL ON D3



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Texas Rio Grande Valley's Lew Hill, diagnosed with amyloid light-chain amyloidosis and the coronavirus last month, died Sunday.

Capitals seem to be back at full strength

Entire lineup is available at practice as trip to Pittsburgh approaches

BY SAMANTHA PELL

For the first time in three weeks, the Washington Capitals had their entire season-opening lineup on the ice for practice Thursday. With the team mired in a three-game losing streak, a return to health couldn't have come at a better time.

Also working in the Capitals' favor has been an unexpected week off — the result of three games postponed because of coronavirus issues — after less than a month of play. The result is a chance for an early reset with a trip to Pittsburgh looming Sunday.

"It feels like we've been playing the season for a long time, but I know we're still pretty early in the year," forward T.J. Oshie said.

The practice marked the first time the Capitals had a full roster available since Jan. 19, when the Capitals played the Penguins at PPG Paints Arena. Four players — Alex Ovechkin, Evgeny Kuznetsov, Dmitry Orlov and Ilya Samsonov — were added to the NHL's covid-19 protocol list Jan. 20 after Samsonov tested positive for the coronavirus.

Then the Capitals began

SEE CAPITALS ON D4

Capitals at Penguins Sunday, 3 p.m., NBC

BASEBALL

The Dodgers' unorthodox Trevor Bauer Zoom rollout befits team's new ace. D2

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Melbourne to ban fans after a covid-19 outbreak at a quarantine hotel. D3

PRO BASKETBALL

The Wizards will rest Bradley Beal against the Knicks tonight. D4



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One giant leap for Hoppe

BY STEVEN GOFF

As the number of Americans swelled in top European soccer leagues this season, with many filling big roles with top clubs, Matthew Hoppe ran undetected in Germany.

He had never played for a youth national team and hadn't parlayed an MLS career into a celebrated transfer abroad.

His name was lost among the dozens of teenagers chasing the dream of playing abroad, kids contracted by first-tier clubs and toiling in the developmental flights.

Then a month ago, less than a year after playing in the obscurity of the German under-19 circuit, the soft-spoken striker from Southern California simultaneously crashed the elite U.S. party in Europe, jolted the Bundesli-

ga and offered hope to a famed club stomach-aching a cataclysmic season.

Hoppe (pronounced Hop-E) scored three goals in 21 minutes bridging halftime as Schalke defeated Hoffenheim, 4-0, and ended a 30-game winless streak in league play.

"It was pretty crazy how it all came about," he said this week, reflecting on his rapid rise. Never before in the Bundesliga's 57-year history had an American recorded a hat trick. And it was accomplished not by Christian Pulisic, Gio Reyna or any predecessors with brawnier names and portfolios.

"He had an amazing day," Schalke Coach Christian Gross said. "He will remember it for the rest of his career."

Hoppe, who turns 20 next month, did not

SEE HOPPE ON D2

Teen's status among young U.S. stars soars after breakout in the Bundesliga

Matthew Hoppe was a little-known striker for Schalke before last month, when he became the first American to record a hat trick in the Bundesliga.

Pregame anthem is a reminder of sports' place in our society



Barry Svrluga

Who among us knows what a "rampart" is anyway?

Table that for a few minutes and consider rising to sing the national anthem at an in-person sporting event. (Those of us not in, say, Texas and Florida can dream of in-person sporting events, right?)

What once was a rote afterthought is now a charged and fraught choice and not just because Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban stopped playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" before games this season and the NBA responded Wednesday by

saying the anthem would be played before all games. Rather, because we live in times in which we can't agree on whether masks limit the spread of airborne viruses or whether chocolate chip cookies taste good, standing or not standing for the anthem has become a statement of where we stand and who we are.

So why do it? Why play the national anthem at sporting events at all?

It's worth mulling. At a time when we need whatever unity we can find and sports might be one place to find it, the anthem could be a two-minute span when we agree that we're all Americans, that we should be together rather

SEE SVRLUGA ON D4



COURTESY OF KELSEY PRICE

Tierra Haynes, the wife of Maryland basketball assistant DeAndre Haynes, wrote a children's book that features their three sons.

Seeking better representation, coach's wife writes kids' book

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

Years ago, when two of Tierra Haynes's three children were still toddlers and the family lived in Toledo, she shuttled her kids around in a minivan with a DVD player in the back seat. The youngest two boys, Devon and Dallas, loved "Mr. Peabody & Sherman," repeatedly watching the movie that follows a boy and a dog as they time travel to visit historical figures. One day, Haynes thought to herself: Why do these characters rarely meet anybody Black?

Around the same time, Haynes's oldest son, DeAndre Jr., realized he was one of the only Black kids in his class. Conversa-

tions during Black History Month felt uncomfortable when the other third-graders looked toward him. That planted the idea in Haynes's mind. Her kids — and all kids — needed to know more about important Black figures in American history. She imagined writing a children's book to help fill the void. But her life was busy, raising three boys and investing in dozens of others who played basketball for her husband's teams, so the thought remained nothing more than an unfinished idea.

DeAndre Haynes's job took the

SEE MARYLAND ON D3

Minnesota at Maryland Sunday, 7 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NFL NOTES

Brady set to undergo procedure on his knee

FROM NEWS SERVICES
AND STAFF REPORTS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady will undergo offseason knee surgery in the aftermath of his seventh Super Bowl victory.

The surgery was confirmed by a person familiar with the situation, but further details were not available. Buccaneers Coach Bruce Arians told the Tampa Bay Times that the procedure will entail “a cleanup” of Brady’s knee.

Brady, 43, said that he plans to continue playing. “Yeah, we’re coming back,” he said during the on-field postgame celebration following the Buccaneers’ 31-9 triumph Sunday over the Kansas City Chiefs in Tampa in Super Bowl LV.

He had said during the lead-up to the game that he would consider playing beyond age 45.

Brady won his fifth Super Bowl MVP award after throwing for 201 yards and three touchdowns Sunday. He did not miss any games during the regular season or postseason.

Both Super Bowl quarterbacks will end up having offseason surgeries. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes underwent surgery Wednesday for the turf toe that plagued him during the postseason.

— Mark Maske

• **JAGUARS:** Jacksonville Coach Urban Meyer defended the hiring of a former Iowa assistant accused of racism, saying he “vetted him thoroughly along with our general manager and owner.”

Iowa agreed to pay strength coach Chris Doyle \$1.1 million in a resignation agreement in June after more than a dozen former players said he bullied and discriminated against them. Doyle denied the allegations. An investigation by an outside law firm later found that the program’s rules “perpetuated racial and culture biases and diminished the value of cultural diversity” and allowed coaches to demean players without consequence.

A lawyer for 13 Black ex-Iowa football players filed a lawsuit alleging his clients suffered racial discrimination under longtime coach Kirk Ferentz. Doyle is among the defendants.

Meyer officially hired Doyle as Jacksonville’s director of sports performance — part of his 30-person staff — and said he will assist the strength and conditioning and athletic training programs. Doyle served as Iowa’s strength and conditioning coordinator for more than two decades (1999-2019).

“I feel great about the hire, about his expertise at that position,” Meyer said. “I vet everyone on our staff, and like I said, the relationship goes back close to 20 years and a lot of hard questions asked, a lot of vetting involved with all our staff. We did a very good job vetting that one.”

— Associated Press

Bauer, unorthodox star with unorthodox deal, gets unorthodox intro

On Baseball

CHELSEA JAMES

The Los Angeles Dodgers made their signing of Trevor Bauer official Thursday afternoon with a news conference unorthodox even for the Zoom era. A camera opened on a shot of the pitcher sitting next to team president Andrew Friedman on a platform in center field at Dodger Stadium, with Bauer sitting in the center, his face blurred at times by the glare of the Southern California sun.

The scene was fitting, given that the shine of adding the reigning National League Cy Young Award winner to the defending World Series champions obscured the picture of exactly what the Dodgers are getting in the enigmatic right-hander.

His baseball credentials are unique among those afforded record-breaking contracts — and Bauer’s \$40 million salary for 2021, part of a three-year deal worth up to \$102 million, makes him the highest-paid player for a single season in baseball history.

Bauer has been good for several years but excellent for two — a breakout 2018 that saw him post a 2.21 ERA over 175½ innings and the shortened 2020 in which he pitched to a 1.73 ERA, striking out 100 in 73 innings. His résumé gleams with durability. But it does not mirror Clayton Kershaw’s, which includes three Cy Young awards, three World Series trips and eight all-star appearances.

Off the field, Bauer has been

polarizing. In a sport that values being one of 26, in which no one in a clubhouse puts himself above the others, the outspoken Bauer is active on social media, speaks openly of his brand, sells merchandise on his website and referenced his “vlog” in his introductory news conference. He reiterated Thursday what he said many times all winter — that he sought a team that would be willing to start “a partnership” with him that would let him be himself.

Those habits run the risk of ruffling feathers in any clubhouse, let alone a World Series champion group loaded with veterans. But so far, most of Bauer’s critics have been found online.

Bauer has pestered women who challenge him on Twitter, a habit made more noticeable by the fact that he has not handled male critics on the platform so pointedly. In one such 2019 diatribe, Bauer made a comment that disparaged and discredited trans and nonbinary people.

Shortly after, he issued a statement discouraging similar harassment and promising to do better. A few weeks ago, a New York Daily News reporter tweeted that she received death threats and Holocaust jokes after Bauer attacked her on the platform in 2020.

“Everyone makes mistakes in the past. I try to learn from them,” Bauer said in answer to one of several questions he got about his social media behavior. None of

those answers included the word “sorry.” When asked directly whether he would stop fighting back on social media, Bauer dodged and reiterated his commitment to “having a positive impact on the community.”

“I try to understand other people’s viewpoints on things and be better in the future. I think if you look at my history as a baseball player, my history on social media, my history as a person, those who know me well will see I apply that process to everything that I do,” Bauer said. “I’m committed to doing that moving forward as well.”

Friedman said Dodgers officials did their research on Bauer and even spoke to him about those issues. He said he hopes that he and his staff have built up “some trust and credibility” in terms of their vetting of players. Friedman said the Dodgers talked to clubhouse staff, trainers and especially teammates.

“There was some stuff that was more public with Trevor that we definitely wanted to dig into. We had multiple conversations with Trevor. Stan [Kasten] and I talked to Trevor,” Friedman said. “And the most important thing is every teammate we talked to, all the feedback we got from every organization he was with was not only incredibly positive about the type of teammate he is but also in terms of the impact he makes on each organization.”

Friedman said the Dodgers had targeted Bauer, a Southern

California native, all offseason. He admitted that a week ago, when reports circulated suggesting Bauer was headed to the New York Mets, he went to bed “pretty bummed.”

On Friday morning, the Dodgers changed their offer in a way that made Bauer rethink things. He called to receive financial advice on tax implications, then had a chat with his father. Soon after, Bauer released a video saying he was a Dodger.

While many veteran pitchers seek long-term security in their big free agent deals — and with security expected to loom even larger because of uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic — Bauer chose a three-year deal with two opt-outs and record annual value for the first two years. He insisted the decision was about flexibility, not money.

“I want a chance to win, and I don’t want to be a player who signs a long-term deal and then is resented, either by the fan base or the organization or on my end for having my performance slip below what my contract dictates,” Bauer said.

If Bauer pitches to the level his contract dictates, even for just one year, the Dodgers are clear favorites to repeat as World Series champions. Friedman said one concern he had coming into 2021 was not the talent on the pitching staff but the depth — after a shortened season, would starting pitchers struggle to carry more

than double the load they did last year?

In Bauer, Friedman saw depth and durability — and a player quick to adjust. He is a voracious consumer of analytics, one of the game’s most prominent stories about how a commitment to data can help an already solid player emerge as a star. Bauer said he chose the Dodgers in part because of the way they interpret data, not merely that they use it.

But many things about Bauer, from his two-agent tag team to his self-produced decision video, are different. And his experience with the Dodgers may end up that way, too.

A day before he was officially introduced, Bauer tweeted about his excitement to meet Dodgers fans but also his desire that they “have some respect for my personal space when I’m at my house or hotel.”

“It’s not ok to follow me through the hotel demanding that I sign,” he wrote, before explaining in his news conference that the message was prompted by an encounter with one particularly dogged fan in his Los Angeles hotel. Bauer has never played professionally in a market such as Los Angeles before, never played in a clubhouse as established and accomplished as that of the Dodgers.

“Obviously, time will tell,” Friedman said. “but I think he’ll be a tremendous add not just on the field but in the clubhouse, in the community.”

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Hoppe’s game takes giant leap, raising his status among U.S. peers

HOPPE FROM D1

stop there, scoring in subsequent matches against Eintracht Frankfurt and Köln.

He accomplished it while working under an amateur contract — crumbs compared with what full professionals earn in Germany. On Feb. 1, Schalke rewarded him with a pro deal through the 2022-23 season. Terms were not disclosed.

Hoppe’s exploits launched him into the national team conversation as a busy year of tournaments and 2022 World Cup qualifying commences. U.S. Coach Gregg Berhalter will consider summoning him for friendlies in Europe in late March. He also could land with the under-23 squad vying for an Olympic berth.

“We don’t need to get ahead of ourselves,” Berhalter cautioned. “A player establishes himself by continuing to perform at this level. It’s great to see him reach these heights, and now he needs to maintain it. And if he does that, I am sure he will get an opportunity with the national team.”

Hoppe’s run has cooled: four consecutive appearances without a goal for a club that, after 10 top-five finishes the previous 16 seasons, is last with a 1-14-5 record entering Saturday’s visit to Union Berlin and in danger of tumbling into the second division for the first time since 1991.

He is no longer catching opponents by surprise.

“Before, people didn’t really know who I was, but now I hear the defenders always saying my name or my number to the other



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Matthew Hoppe has a shot to make the U.S. Olympic team and could play in friendlies and World Cup qualifiers for the national team.

defender,” Hoppe said. “They are always making sure they have an eye on me.”

Hoppe’s uncommon ascent began in typical youth soccer circles. He played for clubs near his home in Yorba Linda, Calif., experienced European tours and joined the Los Angeles Galaxy’s academy.

When that MLS pathway didn’t pan out, Hoppe, at age 16, enrolled in a residency academy in Casa Grande, Ariz., run by FC Barcelona, the Spanish superpower.

He had always been a midfielder, but at the Barcelona academy, coaches decided to try him at forward. The goals flowed.

“I kept telling [the coach] to put me back at midfield,” Hoppe said. “He kept saying I have natural instincts.”

Hoppe became the leading scorer in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, a national web of

top-tier youth academies and clubs.

Barcelona arranged a two-week stay at La Masia, the club’s famed developmental center in Spain. He also received tryouts with several German clubs, including Schalke.

Hoppe had planned to enroll at San Diego State, but the pull of Europe became too strong. In June 2019, he signed with Schalke. The first step was the U-19 squad, for which he scored five goals.

This season, Hoppe was promoted to the U-23 team competing in the German fourth division. Though his production was modest (one goal in 16 matches), the organization believed he was on track for first-team opportunities. Besides, Schalke’s awful season heightened the need to introduce fresh talent.

In a training game against the first team last fall, Hoppe scored

for the U-23s.

“Since then, they called me up and I trained well,” he said. “They gave me the chance to make my debut, and I haven’t looked back.”

Hoppe’s Bundesliga debut came in a Nov. 28 start. In his third start, on Jan. 9, he ran wild against Hoffenheim and became the first Schalke player to record a hat trick since December 2014.

“It was hard to believe at first,” he said. “It was hard to process and realize it was real and it happened. But once I got those [goals], my confidence went up, and I was able to feel a lot more confident and show what I am capable of.”

At 6-foot-3, Hoppe is a natural target. But he also displays quality footwork and a killer instinct around the goal. In March, when the coronavirus pandemic shut down sports leagues around the world, Hoppe returned to California and worked on his game.

“For four months, I figured out things I needed to improve: my first touch, shooting,” he said. “I worked on it every day. I returned with all those things under my belt.”

Hoppe’s skill set appeals to Berhalter. While the national team has a wealth of attacking players, many of whom are performing at high levels in Europe, there is a dearth of strikers. Jozy Altidore is 31, and Josh Sargent, who turns 21 this month, is finding his way at Germany’s Werder Bremen.

Others, such as 20-year-old Nicholas Gioacchini, are in the mix.

“What I really liked is the transition moments, the moments when

Schalke won the ball,” Berhalter said of Hoppe. “There was space behind the defense he was able to really take advantage of with really clever movement. And then when he got into position to score goals, he finished them off with cleverness and really good effort.”

Hoppe was in the U.S. under-20 team’s plans last year until the pandemic wiped out the schedule.

He said he is “looking forward to whatever the U.S. national team has for me, and I can’t wait.” He was doing whatever he could, he said, to show he deserved a call-up.

His primary concern, however, is helping lift Schalke from the bottom of the Bundesliga. Two teams will fall to the second division, and a third will enter a play-off.

Relegation would be a massive embarrassment for a club that reached the Champions League’s round of 16 five of the previous 10 seasons and made the semifinals in 2011.

“That’s where all my focus is right now,” he said.

Though he has established his Bundesliga credentials, Hoppe remains a wide-eyed newcomer. After a recent defeat to Bayern Munich, he made a point of seeking out superstar Robert Lewandowski and requesting his jersey.

“Everything changed so fast,” Hoppe said. “There have been some moments where I was able to take a step back and look at all that’s happened.

“It is crazy. It is like my dream is coming true, and it’s been special for me.”

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OLYMPICS

Japan’s Mori to resign after sexist comments

The head of the Tokyo Olympics organizing committee is set to resign, Japanese media reported Thursday, after an uproar over sexist remarks he made about women at a meeting last week.

Yoshiro Mori, an 83-year-old former prime minister with a record of insensitive and sexist pronouncements, had tried to justify the lack of women at a senior level in the Japanese Olympic Committee by saying women talk too much at meetings and make them run on too long. The following day he apologized but showed no apparent remorse and said he had no intention of resigning.

The comments provoked an unprecedented reaction in Japan, with more than 146,000 people signing an online petition calling on him to step down. Nearly 500 Olympic volunteers withdrew, and one poll found fewer than 7 percent of respondents thought Mori was qualified to continue in his role.

— Simon Denyer and Julia Mto Inuma

GOLF

Patrick Cantlay looked just as

good at Pebble Beach as the last round he played 18 days ago.

Coming off a 61 in the California desert followed by a two-week break, Cantlay opened with seven birdies in eight holes and closed with two straight birdies for a 10-under-par 62. That tied the course record at Pebble Beach last matched 24 years ago by **David Duval**, and it gave Cantlay a two-shot lead in the Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Henrik Norlander and 19-year-old **Akshay Bhatia** were at 64.

AUTO RACING

Aric Almirola won the first Daytona 500 qualifying race to put a Ford from flagship Stewart-Haas Racing in the second row of NASCAR’s season-opening spectacular, which will be Sunday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Almirola held off a charge from **Joey Logano**, who pulled alongside Almirola on the final lap of the first 150-mile race at Daytona International Speedway. **Christopher Bell** waffled briefly on which driver he wanted to push and first seemed to choose Logano before dipping down behind Almirola. . . .

Formula One driver **Fernando Alonso** is recovering from a cycling accident in Switzerland, said his team, Alpine F1.

“Fernando is conscious and

TELEVISION AND RADIO

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

3 p.m. **G League: Oklahoma City vs. G League Ignite** » ESPN3
7 p.m. **NBA: New York at Washington** » NBC Sports Washington, WFED (1500 AM)
7:30 p.m. **NBA: New Orleans at Dallas** » ESPN
10 p.m. **NBA: Memphis at Los Angeles Lakers** » ESPN

NHL

7 p.m. **Boston at New York Rangers** » NHL Network

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. **St. Bonaventure at Virginia Commonwealth** » ESPN2
7 p.m. **Akron at Miami (Ohio)** » ESPN
8 p.m. **Georgia Tech at Clemson** » ACC Network
9 p.m. **Illinois at Nebraska** » Big Ten Network

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon **Saint Joseph’s at Fordham** » NBC Sports Network
6 p.m. **Connecticut at Georgetown** » CBS Sports Network
9 p.m. **Washington State at Arizona** » Pac-12 Network

SOCCER

2 p.m. **FA Women’s Super League: Manchester United at Manchester City** » NBC Sports Network
3 p.m. **Spanish La Liga: Elche at Celta de Vigo** » beIN Sports
10 p.m. **Mexican Liga MX: Leon at Tijuana** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

6 p.m. **Australian Open, third round** » Tennis Channel
9 p.m. **Australian Open, third round** » ESPN2
3 a.m. **Australian Open, third round** » ESPN2 (Saturday)

well in himself and is awaiting further medical examinations tomorrow morning,” the team said in a statement.

The 39-year-old Spaniard has won 32 F1 races, with 97 podium finishes. He is returning to F1 this year after retiring at the end of his final season with McLaren in 2018.

SOCCER

Tammy Abraham put Chelsea

into the FA Cup quarterfinals by scoring the second-half winner in a 1-0 victory over second-tier club Barnsley, which missed several chances to stage an upset at home.

Southampton also advanced after a 2-0 win at Wolverhampton Wanderers, with **Danny Ings** and **Stuart Armstrong** scoring. . . .

Bayern Munich beat Tigres, 1-0, to win the Club World Cup in Doha, Qatar, for its sixth title

GOLF

3 p.m. **PGA Tour: Pebble Beach Pro-Am, second round** » Golf Channel

AUTO RACING

3 p.m. **NASCAR Truck Series: NextEra Energy 250, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
4:30 p.m. **NASCAR Xfinity Series: Beef. It’s What’s for Dinner 300, practice** » Fox Sports 1

7:30 p.m. **NASCAR Truck Series: NextEra Energy 250** » Fox Sports 1

MEN’S COLLEGE HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. **Minnesota at Notre Dame** » NBC Sports Network

WOMEN’S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

6 p.m. **Alabama at Georgia** » SEC Network
7:30 p.m. **Florida at LSU** » SEC Network
9 p.m. **Auburn at Missouri** » SEC Network

COLLEGE WRESTLING

6 p.m. **Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech** » ACC Network
7 p.m. **Ohio State at Michigan** » Big Ten Network

WOMEN’S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

1 p.m. **Mississippi at Mississippi State** » SEC Network

under Coach **Hansi Flick**, hours after midfielder **Thomas Müller** tested positive for the coronavirus. . . .

Paris Saint-Germain forward **Neymar** will be out for up to four weeks with an adductor muscle injury and could miss both matches against Barcelona in the round of 16 of the Champions League. The French champions said that medical examinations revealed a tear along the Brazilian’s left adductor. . . .

In its first Copa del Rey semifinal in 86 years, Levante held host Athletic Bilbao to a 1-1 draw in the first leg.

The teams will meet again for the second leg next month, with Levante trying to make it to the

final for the first time and Athletic aiming to get there twice in a row. Last season’s Copa final between Athletic and Basque Country rival Real Sociedad has yet to be played.

WINTER SPORTS

Vincent Kriechmayr overcame a tricky course and high expectations to win the men’s super-G at the skiing world championships in Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy. . . .

Lara Gut-Behrami dashed to gold in the women’s super-G, and **Mikaela Shiffrin** took bronze in her first speed race in more than a year.

— From news services and staff reports

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Fans to be banned beginning Saturday

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Fans will be banned from attending the Australian Open at Melbourne Park for five days starting Saturday because of a coronavirus outbreak at a quarantine hotel.

Victoria state Premier Daniel Andrews announced a five-day lockdown Friday starting a minute before midnight local time, imposing new restrictions that allow residents to leave home only to shop for essential supplies, care and caregiving, exercise and essential work.

The tournament will be allowed to continue as a workplace but without crowds.

Fans arriving at Melbourne Park on Friday before the announcement were instructed at the entrance gates to maintain social distancing, apply sanitizer to their hands and pull up their masks over their noses.

The Australian Open was the first Grand Slam tournament in a year to allow sizable crowds.

Under the initial plan for the Australian Open, the government allowed up to 30,000 people daily at Melbourne Park, about 50 percent of capacity. The biggest daily attendance in the first four days was 21,010 on Thursday.

The lockdown is set to end at midnight Wednesday, when decisions on restrictions will be made.

In early action Friday, Serena Williams needed a bit of everything, including one on-the-run, back-to-the-net, no-look, over-the-shoulder shot, to get past a challenge from a player who's 20 years younger than she is.

A year after a surprising loss in the third round, Williams got past that stage by beating Russian teen Anastasia Potapova, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Potapova served for the opening set at 5-3. But the 2016 Wimbledon junior champion double-faulted five times in that game, including twice on set point.

Williams — who has won seven of her 23 Grand Slam singles titles in Australia — then trailed 5-3 in the tiebreaker. But she took the next four points, the last on a 21-stroke exchange that ended with Potapova putting a forehand into the net.

Williams will next face Aryna Sabalenka, who matched her best Grand Slam showing by advancing to the fourth round with a win over American Ann Li, 6-3, 6-1.

Seeded seventh, Sabalenka is the only woman among the top 16 seeds who has yet to reach a major quarterfinal. Her best effort previously came when she earned a fourth-round berth at the 2018 U.S. Open.

"I really want to play well in the Grand Slams, go as far as I can," the 22-year-old from Belarus said. "I'm trying to come out in the big stadiums and show my best."

On Thursday, Sofia Kenin was ousted early in her first attempt to defend a Grand Slam title.

Upon realizing she probably would be playing big-hitting veteran Kaia Kanepi in the second round, Kenin acknowledged, she "maybe kind of broke down a little bit."

Kenin was right to be worried. And with Kanepi at her best, this one was over quickly. Delivering 10 aces, Kanepi powered her way past the fourth-seeded Kenin, overwhelming the 2020 champion, 6-3, 6-2, in only 64 minutes.

"I obviously felt like I'm not there 100 percent — physically, mentally, my game. Everything just feels real off, obviously. It's not good," Kenin said at her news conference, where she wiped away tears. "I mean, I just — I know I couldn't really handle the pressure."

One person who knows how to defend a major title is Rafael Nadal, who shares the men's record of 20 with Roger Federer.

Nadal shrugged off some heckling from a spectator before beating 177th-ranked Michael Mmoh, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, in the final night match Thursday, showing no signs of the back soreness that has bothered him.

Nadal was serving for the second set at 5-4 when a woman yelled out and made hand gestures as he prepared to serve. She yelled again at 30-0, and stadium security escorted her out of Rod Laver Arena. As the rest of the crowd started booing the woman, Nadal laughed.

After the brief delay, he hit two aces to finish off the set. He wrapped up the match in 1 hour 47 minutes.

Terps coach's wife writes a kids' book

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family from Toledo to Michigan and now to the University of Maryland, where he's an assistant basketball coach. His family's life orbits sports. Little Dre, 13, plays AAU basketball, and 7-year-old Devon loves football. Their childhood has been packed with role models by way of their dad's basketball teams. They consider former Michigan player Jordan Poole a brother, and when Devon recently gave his mom a list of people to invite to his virtual birthday party, he included former Terps Anthony Cowan Jr. and Jalen Smith. Ask Little Dre what he wants to be when he grows up, and he will say an NBA player. If not that, maybe he would coach like his dad.

Tierra Haynes half-hoped she would pass a bookstore and see somebody else had written the books she envisioned, but the void remained. And then this spring, following the killings of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd and too many others, she realized she couldn't wait.

"It became painfully clear to me that these were stories that needed to be told," Haynes said. "It became very important to me for my boys to not only have the news or the NBA to see images of other Black men."

While at home during the pandemic, Haynes wrote for months. She long ago landed on Guion Bluford Jr., the first African American to go to space, as an ideal character. By the fall, Haynes had finished a manuscript for a book that follows her three sons on a trip to space, where they meet and learn about Bluford. A couple of weeks ago, she finally held a hardback copy of her book, "The Adventures of Us: Getting to Know Guion Bluford Jr.," and now it's landing in the hands of other children.

Tierra and DeAndre Haynes want their boys to see an array of career paths. Little Dre has lately become interested in videography, and his parents have pointed out the member of Maryland basketball's staff who does that work. Devon enjoys art, and 6-year-old Dallas loves animals.

"We try to tell them that: Your life doesn't have to be just sports," DeAndre Haynes said. "You look at it out here, man, there are so many successful people who are not doing something with a basketball, with a ball, on a field, on a court. And we want them to know that."

When Haynes was a kid in Detroit, he watched the Pistons and their rival Michael Jordan. "I didn't see other successful Black people," he said, and basketball launched Haynes to the life he has now. He was a standout point guard for Kent State before playing overseas. But even decades later, during team conversations about racial injustice last sum-



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In their mother's book, Dre, Devon and Dallas Haynes meet Black astronaut Guion Bluford Jr.

mer, Haynes realized some of his players were unaware of important Black individuals in American history.

As parents, Haynes and his wife found books with diverse characters for their kids to read, "but it had to be intentional," Tierra said. "It wasn't typically something that you would just stumble upon." In the room where they now attend virtual school, she hung posters of Thurgood Marshall and Bessie Coleman. It's all part of the effort to reinforce that they can do anything. That's the purpose of the book, which Haynes hopes is the first in a series.

After Haynes had the idea while living in Ohio, then settled on Bluford as the character while living in Michigan, her husband found an illustrator because of his ties at the University of Maryland. Nearly two years ago, an assistant coach for the Terrapins' women's basketball team posted a digital drawing of her staff, noting that her friend Morgan Jennings had created the image. DeAndre, who had long believed in his wife's idea for a book, immediately contacted Jennings and Kaitlynn Fratz, the Maryland assistant. The first question he asked Jennings: "Can you draw Black people?" Realistic illustrations were nonnegotiable.

Jennings played college bas-

ketball at California University of Pennsylvania, where she became close friends with Fratz. During college, Jennings gravitated toward art and incorporated Black characters and culture into her work — "all I had ever wanted to do was work for Disney so that I could see myself as a character," she said.

When working on this book, Haynes wanted the three boys to undoubtedly look like her sons. Jennings said she drew the space-suits specifically so they would not cover the boys' hair. When Dallas dreams of being an astronaut on the final page, Jennings didn't want the thought bubble to show a silhouette or the back of a head. It needed to be "him as a Black man on the moon," she said. "That's important. They need to see that. It's little details that we really focused on to make sure the idea of representation is definitely there."

Haynes's children had a role in the design process, offering feedback to Jennings. Little Dre wanted his character to also wear glasses, and they made sure Devon had the gap between his front teeth. Dallas said he wants to learn how to do a backflip soon, so Jennings drew him upside-down while floating through space.

Haynes chose Bluford as the subject of her first book a few years ago because, at the time, her boys were interested in space. She

knew that would be a visually appealing topic to make learning more fun. She wants her boys to become even more involved moving forward, letting them choose possible topics to explore. Little Dre suggested the next book be about an important woman in Black history "so that it could be equal," the 13-year-old said, explaining how a young Black girl could see herself in these books, too.

Basketball will always be an integral piece of their lives. And if Little Dre wants to be a professional basketball player, his parents are going to help him get there. Subtle reminders of the sport appear in the book: Little Dre is holding a ball on one page, and later, Dallas calls Bluford "the Michael Jordan of astronauts." But basketball — and dreams of becoming an astronaut, an architect or a doctor — can intersect.

At some of her husband's previous coaching stops, the team's players have read books at local schools. That's one of the visions she has with the book — to have the Jordan Pooles and Jalen Smiths of the world read to kids, highlighting these paths of possibility.

"That would be such a full circle moment," Haynes said, "for all the pieces of our lives to be able to come together in that way."

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Hill battled rare illness and covid-19 before his death

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sobering diagnoses. The first came after a nearly year-long search for what was causing chronic fatigue, including multiple trips to Houston to see various specialists. It was, doctors finally told him, a rare bone marrow disorder called amyloid light-chain (AL) amyloidosis, which causes organs and tissues to thicken and eventually lose function.

Then came the second diagnosis: the coronavirus. Upon receiving the positive test Jan. 22, Hill immediately began isolating at home, and the team, as so many others have this college hoops season, was put on hiatus for 10 days. It resumed practices Feb. 1.

School officials have not announced a cause of death. But Renee Hill is convinced it was the amyloidosis, not covid-19, that he appeared to have beaten. It was the amyloidosis that sometimes made it difficult for Lew Hill to walk around their block. He was due to begin treatment Monday, the day after he died.

"To the outside world, it's easy for people to say it was the corona. No, it was not corona. There are people losing their life to corona," she said. "It's infuriating to me because people don't know what he was going through. . . . His energy was sapping [from the amyloidosis]. It didn't decrease more with covid."

Renee Hill spoke to a reporter Wednesday, she said, because she hoped to use her husband's death to raise awareness for Hill's condition, which sees 4,500 new cases diagnosed every year, primarily affecting men ages 50-80, according to the Amyloidosis Foundation's website.

"He's smiling big knowing we are saving lives," she said of her husband. "If you have a physical

tomorrow, get tested for it. If you're having bloodwork, have your doctor add that."

But the proximity of Hill's coronavirus diagnosis to his sudden death Sunday, plus the revelation of his underlying condition, naturally led those close to him to ponder the what-ifs surrounding his return to the bench and the decision to coach Saturday night's game.

The Vaqueros were supposed to have played at home that night against Grand Canyon University, but GCU was forced to cancel because of its own coronavirus outbreak. The game at Texas Southern was thrown together Friday, about 30 hours before tip-off, when Texas Southern also had an opponent suddenly cancel because of the virus.

"Knowing the long road and journey he's been on," UTRGV Athletic Director Chasse Conque said in an interview, referring to Hill's year-long search for a diagnosis, "a thousand thoughts go through your head. You run through all those scenarios — everything he's been going through to better understand why he was so fatigued."

Hill revealed to Conque the amyloidosis diagnosis Friday, sending Conque immediately to Google to better understand the condition. But he did not inform him of the decision to step away from coaching until the following night, on the bus ride home from Texas Southern.

Despite the painful loss, Conque said, Hill's first words in that call were, "I had fun tonight." But that was followed by: "Hey, boss. I'm going to need to step away for little bit and take care of myself."

Conque said he frequently reminded Hill he didn't have to be Superman. "If there was anything

he needed to do for himself or his family, we'd have his back," he said. "We were sold on Lew Hill. We wanted him here as long as he wanted to coach here."

"The way he coached, the way he loved, the way he treated those young men of his — there's a void here today."

On Feb. 4, Hill called one of his best friends from the driveway outside his house. Rickie Stanley, Hill's former teammate at Mount Vernon High and now the assistant principal at the school, sensed something was wrong.

"This is my time to be outside," Hill said from the driveway, according to Stanley's recollection. "I've been stuck in hospitals and in my house, and now I'm just sitting out here in the sun."

Hill texted Stanley a link for a live stream of Saturday night's game, and Stanley watched on his computer, the first time he had laid eyes on his friend since November. "He looked like he had lost so much weight," Stanley said. "I was saying, 'Gosh, covid did that to him?' He just had that look, like a guy who had a lost a lot of weight really rapidly. I could see he was sick. But of what, I didn't know."

Stanley couldn't have imagined they would never speak again. "People sometimes embellish how great or how caring or how genuine someone was after they pass away," he said. "You don't have to do that with Lew. He really was."

During the Vaqueros' 77-75 loss at Texas Southern that night — decided on a tip-in with less than a second remaining — Hill stayed seated for much of the game, but he became animated at times. Late in the first half, he was called for a technical foul for berating a referee. An assistant coach had to restrain Hill from going after the ref.

"Even if he didn't feel his best —

and I don't know that, I'm just saying that — you want to go out there for your team," said longtime friend John Cooper, Hill's former Wichita State teammate and now an assistant coach at SMU. "This business is so competitive. You want to be out there. It's your livelihood. You tell your guys, 'You have to be tough and fight through adversity.'"

"But this whole covid thing has thrown a wrench into everyone's life. There are so many unknowns." According to his wife, Lew Hill's decision to coach Saturday was easy. It was deciding to step away from the team immediately afterward that was difficult.

"That probably was one of the hardest decisions we've ever had to make," Renee Hill said. "I tell people all the time: My husband can give you the Xs and Os from the 1970s, but he can't remember what day the trash goes out. Basketball was his life. He was like a walking basketball encyclopedia. We'd go on vacation, and I'd have to force him: 'Can I please have a couple hours of undivided attention without your phone?' He'd be on the beach, scribbling on a napkin he found, drawing up Xs and Os."

Renee Hill excused herself from the phone call to admire a bouquet of flowers their daughter Elle, age 11, had just received from a classmate. "They're so beautiful," she whispered. The Hills also have a 16-year-old son, Lewis Jr., and three adult children. They will be looking to her for strength now, but so will she to them.

"He was not just my husband," she said. "He was my best friend. My everything. Honestly, I don't know what I'm going to do without him. I still have two kids to raise, and every time I look at them I see his face."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Maryland, Nebraska set to play two in row

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

The Maryland men's basketball team will play Nebraska at home on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, the school announced Thursday evening. The Terps were previously scheduled to play the Cornhuskers on Jan. 16, but Nebraska postponed that game because of coronavirus cases in its program.

With the pair of games next week, Maryland will be on track to finish the season with 20 games as planned despite the schedule disruptions the Big Ten has navigated this season because of the pandemic. This is the first time the conference opted to have a team play an opponent on back-to-back days, but it could become a solution for other teams still working to make up postponed games. Maryland hasn't played the same opponent on back-to-back nights since January 1949 at Miami.

Maryland (10-10, 4-9 Big Ten) already was scheduled to play at Nebraska on Wednesday, but now they will host the Cornhuskers in College Park. Nebraska (4-11, 0-8) will play at Penn State on Sunday, so logistically, the adjustment makes sense and will allow the Cornhuskers to stay on the East Coast.

Nebraska had to postpone five straight games last month. The Cornhuskers, who returned to play Saturday, have relied on quick turnarounds between matchups in the hopes of making up their lost games. Between Feb. 6 and 20, the Cornhuskers are scheduled to play eight games in 15 days. Both games at Maryland will begin at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast on the Big Ten Network.

— Emily Giambalvo

• **IVY LEAGUE:** The conference will allow senior athletes to play sports as full-time graduate students at their university next year in a break with long-standing policies.

The change is a result of the pandemic, which caused the conference to cancel a full year of sports. Athletes must remain at their schools to receive the exemption and must be admitted at the graduate schools through regular channels, the league confirmed to the Associated Press.

The Ivy League has had a policy that permitted only undergraduate students on athletic teams.

Gophers rally for win

For more than 38 minutes of action, Purdue held Minnesota's leading scorer in check. But Marcus Carr ended the game in style, giving the Gophers a dramatic comeback victory.

Carr finished with 19 points, including eight in the final 1:08, to lift Minnesota past Purdue, 71-68, in Minneapolis.

Gabe Kalscheur broke out of a shooting slump to score 16 points for Minnesota (12-7, 5-7 Big Ten), which trailed by five with two minutes to play.

Trevion Williams led Purdue (13-8, 8-6) with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 1 Gamecocks top Tigers

In Columbia, S.C., Destanni Henderson had seven of her 11 points in a decisive third-quarter run as No. 1 South Carolina pulled away from Missouri, 77-62, for its 30th straight win against SEC competition.

It was a satisfying win for South Carolina (16-2, 11-0), which was beaten at No. 2 Connecticut on Monday night only hours after returning to No. 1.

Shug Dickson had 15 points to lead Missouri (7-8, 3-7).

• **LOUISVILLE 85, GEORGIA TECH 70:** Dana Evans scored 25 points in her home finale, Kiana Smith scored 13 of her 21 points in the third quarter, and the third-ranked Cardinals (19-1, 12-1 ACC) beat the Yellow Jackets in Louisville.

Kierra Fletcher had 19 points for Georgia Tech (11-5, 9-4).

• **NORTH CAROLINA STATE 86, CLEMSON 65:** Kayla Jones scored 21 points, and the fourth-ranked Wolfpack (13-2, 8-2 ACC) regrouped from an upset loss by beating the Tigers (10-8, 5-8) in Raleigh, N.C.

• **VIRGINIA TECH 75, MIAMI 55:** Elizabeth Kitley and Aisha Sheppard each scored 19 points to propel the Hokies to their fourth consecutive ACC victory in Coral Gables, Fla.

Georgia Amoore tied a career-high with five three-pointers for Virginia Tech (11-7, 6-7 ACC). Destiny Harden led the Hurricanes (8-8, 5-8) with 20 points.

— Associated Press

Beal will sit out vs. the Knicks for rest

BY AVA WALLACE

The Washington Wizards will soldier on without their leading scorer for the second time this season when Bradley Beal sits out Friday's game against the Knicks for rest.

Beal, who leads the league with 32.8 points per game and leads the Wizards with 35.3 minutes per game, will miss his first contest in more than a month. He missed Washington's 128-124 loss to Miami on Jan. 9 because of the league's coronavirus protocols, but the guard has not missed a game for rest all season.

The timing is understandable: The Wizards (6-16) are in the midst of a 16-game stretch in 27 days this month because of rescheduling in the wake of the team's two-week coronavirus pause in January.

After Friday, Washington faces the Boston Celtics and Houston Rockets back-to-back on Sunday and Monday before playing the

Denver Nuggets on Wednesday. The team then leaves on a West Coast trip with four games in six days.

Keeping Beal off the court Friday gives the 27-year-old three consecutive days of rest.

Both he and Coach Scott Brooks mentioned this week the apparent signs of fatigue up and down the roster. Many Wizards players are still working back to full strength after they missed an extended period of time because of the unexpected January break, while players such as Beal had to shoulder the burden of a short-handed roster in the meantime.

"I mean, I can't speak for our guys' wind, but I know I be damn tired. I am tired. I did this today," Beal said on a videoconference Monday, waving a hand to mimic asking for a sub. "I rarely ever ask for a sub. I knew I was tired today. I can only imagine how guys who haven't played in three weeks feel. We'll get it right, we're going to continue to push it, and, you

WIZARDS' NEXT THREE

vs. **New York Knicks**

Today 7 NBCSW

vs. **Boston Celtics**

Sunday 1 NBCSW, NBA TV

vs. **Houston Rockets**

Monday 7 NBCSW, NBA TV

Radio: WFED (1500 AM)

know, games don't stop coming."

Brooks said in a post-practice videoconference Thursday that Beal did not participate much in the day's session, though that is normal during this condensed schedule — starting point guard Russell Westbrook took a light day as well.

Even so, seeing the Wizards take the court without Beal will be an odd sight Friday. The guard

is one of just two players who have played at least 20 of the team's 22 outings as Washington dealt with the coronavirus outbreak and a mélange of other injuries already this season. Only backup center Robin Lopez has played every game.

Brooks has a few options for Beal's replacement Friday, including two-way player Garrison Mathews and guards Jerome Robinson and Troy Brown Jr., though none will have Beal's impact.

Beal is shooting 46.8 percent overall and 33.3 percent on more than seven three-point attempts per game. He led all Eastern Conference guards by a wide margin Thursday when the league released the second round of NBA all-star voting. Beal had more than 2.5 million fan votes while No. 2 Kyrie Irving had just over 2.1 million and No. 3 James Harden had more than 1.8 million.

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NHL ROUNDUP

League adding rapid tests in bid to avert outbreaks

FROM STAFF REPORTS AND NEWS SERVICES

The NHL, less than a month into an abbreviated season that already has seen 35 games postponed, announced new covid-19 protocols Thursday night in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus.

Among the new measures is the implementation of rapid testing for all U.S.-based teams on game days, tests the league said it will provide "as early as [Thursday] in most markets." Teams were already subjected to daily PCR testing. The rapid tests will be given to players, coaches, on-ice officials and other staff who work near the bench during games.

"Although these [rapid] tests have a slightly lower ability to detect the presence of COVID-19 than lab-based PCR testing, they will provide prompt, same-day results that will reduce the chance of game participation by individuals who might have active infection," the league said in a statement, which also noted it is seeking similar testing for Canadian teams.

As of Thursday, 49 players from eight teams were on the covid-19 protocols list. Players can end up on the list because of positive tests, symptoms, contact tracing or travel quarantines.

The NHL also will be analyzing clusters of positive test samples with whole genomic sequencing to determine specific coronavirus strains.

The new measures come a week after other new protocols were announced, including removing the glass from behind the benches to help with air flow. The league's Thursday announcement went a step further to that end with the removal of the plexiglass from behind the penalty box.

— Samantha Pell

• **BRUINS:** Boston will wait to retire the number of pioneering Black player Willie O'Ree until next year so it can raise his No. 22 banner to the rafters with fans in the building.

The NHL said it asked the Bruins and O'Ree to postpone the ceremony until Jan. 18 — 64 years to the day that he became the league's first Black player. It had been slated for next Thursday.

• **BLACKHAWKS:** Chicago defenseman Connor Murphy could be sidelined for two weeks with a right hip injury, and pesky forward Andrew Shaw was placed on injured reserve after suffering another head injury.

• **COYOTES:** Arizona fired assistant general manager Steve Sullivan. The team said it would not seek a replacement for Sullivan and offered no other details.

• **BLUE JACKETS:** Columbus activated goaltender Elvis Merzlikins off injured reserve. He had suffered an upper-body injury during practice Feb. 3.

Crosby delivers in shootout

Sidney Crosby scored the only goal of the shootout to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 4-3 comeback victory over the New York Islanders in Uniondale, N.Y.

Casey DeSmith made 26 saves for the win, including five stops in overtime plus all three of New York's attempts in the shootout.

Mathew Barzal had given the Islanders a 3-2 late in the third period before Evgeni Malkin tied it for the Penguins with 18 seconds remaining.

• **PANTHERS 5, LIGHTNING 2:** In Sunrise, Fla., Aaron Ekblad and Alex Wennberg each had a goal and an assist as Florida ended Tampa Bay's winning streak at six games.

• **BLUE JACKETS 6, BLACKHAWKS 5:** Boone Jenner, Jack Roslovic, Michael Del Zotto and Kevin Stenlund scored during a wild third period, and visiting Columbus stopped Chicago's three-game winning streak.

• **HURRICANES 5, STARS 3:** Sebastian Aho and Jordan Staal each had a goal and an assist to boost Carolina in Dallas.

• **PREDATORS 3, RED WINGS 2:** Dante Fabbro scored with 59.2 seconds remaining to help host Nashville snap a three-game losing streak.

• **OILERS 3, CANADIENS 0:** Mike Smith made 38 saves in his second start of the season for his 40th career shutout as Edmonton defeated host Montreal.

• **JETS 5, SENATORS 1:** Connor Hellebuyck made 41 saves and Paul Stastny, Dylan DeMelo and Blake Wheeler scored second-period goals to lift host Winnipeg.

— Associated Press

Capitals could return to ice with whole lineup intact

CAPITALS FROM D1

dealing with injury after injury.

Tom Wilson missed two games after suffering a lower-body injury Jan. 22 against the Buffalo Sabres. Lars Eller missed four games after he was crunched along the boards Jan. 26 against the New York Islanders. Justin Schultz has missed four games since he took a puck to the face Jan. 28 against the Islanders. Conor Sheary missed one game with a knee injury suffered Feb. 1 against Boston. Even Oshie missed a game with an upper-body injury.

"It's been a weird year," Wilson said. "Obviously ups and downs, guys in and out of the lineup. That will probably be a theme for the whole year, but it is good timing for us to reset, focus on our game, get some key guys back and get other guys back who are nursing some things."

Taxi squad players and emergency roster exemptions were needed, as well as call-ups from the Hershey Bears, the team's American Hockey League affiliate. At one point, the Capitals had to go with 11 forwards and seven defensemen because they did not have enough salary cap space to call up another forward.

But the team seems to have everyone back. Ovechkin and Orlov were cleared to return Jan. 30. Kuznetsov and Samsonov were cleared Monday. Jakub Vrana, who entered the covid-19 protocols Saturday, was removed from the list Tuesday.

Now the coronavirus issues leaguewide are the biggest concern.

"In many ways, I don't want to say I expected it, but I think from the league's perspective or players', I think we knew it wasn't going to go perfectly," defenseman John Carlson said.

Capitals Coach Peter Laviolette said he expects to have every player available against Pittsburgh on Sunday. Laviolette said he is not sure whether they would have had their full roster available for Tuesday's game against the Philadelphia Flyers, but they were "awfully close."

The game was postponed because of a coronavirus issue in Philadelphia. The Flyers' facili-



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T.J. Oshie missed a game with an upper-body injury, part of the Capitals' recent rash of ailments.

CAPITALS' NEXT THREE

at **Pittsburgh Penguins**

Sunday 3 NBC

at **Pittsburgh Penguins**

Tuesday 7 NBCSW, NBCSN

vs. **Buffalo Sabres**

Thursday 7 NBCSW

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

ties are shut down through Sunday.

"We are in the thick of things right now," Wilson said. "There is going to be adversity. I'm kind of just like wake up, see what our team services guy . . . has sent us for that day and then just go for it. Sometimes even on a day-to-day basis, like Philly, you wake up thinking you got a game and there is not. There is no reason to really be bent out of shape or get worried or frustrated with any-

thing. Just do our job and be ready when we have to drop the puck."

With the players getting back to full strength, the Capitals also know they have plenty to work on. After going 3-0-1 without Ovechkin, Kuznetsov, Orlov or Samsonov, the Capitals are still looking for their first February win.

The Capitals have allowed at least three goals in 10 of 12 games and have repeatedly talked about getting better in their defensive zone. They tend to get caught flat-footed, such as in last week's 4-2 loss to the Rangers when New York defenseman Anthony Bitetto skated from behind the net, curled to the point basically unbothered and beat Vitek Vanecsek for just his third goal in 185 career games.

Another issue has been an inability to hold leads. Center Nicklas Backstrom said the Capitals have grown passive when playing with a lead when aggressiveness is necessary.

"Teams are going to take you apart if you're passive and just try to protect the lead at all times," Backstrom said. "That's an area we talked about we got to be better at. Even if we're up a couple goals in the third, the easiest way to defend is probably attacking and keep the puck and possession."

With a shortened training camp, this mini-pause gives players a chance to better understand Laviolette's system while also addressing the issues that have cropped up in the season's first 12 games.

"I think [this break] is certainly good for us right now . . . but at the same time, who knows how this year is going to go?" Carlson said. "Like this month for us was probably going to be our busiest month with the most games and travel . . . so if you just attach this to the end of the year, so to speak, then it's not the best thing in the world to have going into the playoffs either."

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NBA ROUNDUP

Ojeleye's career night helps Boston end its two-game skid

CELTICS 120, RAPTORS 106

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Semi Ojeleye had a career-high 24 points and six three-pointers, and the Boston Celtics rolled to a 120-106 win over the visiting Toronto Raptors on Thursday night.

Rookie Payton Pritchard added 20 points and had a career-high six threes to help Boston snap a two-game skid.

The Celtics never trailed and led by as many as 19, thanks in part to a season-high 20 three-pointers.

Kyle Lowry led the Raptors with 24 points and six assists. Pascal Siakam finished with 23 points for Toronto, which was coming off a win at Washington a night earlier.

Toronto cut what had been a 15-point deficit to 98-93 with 6:21 remaining. But the Celtics used a 15-5 run to take control down the stretch.

The Raptors played without OG Anunoby (calf strain) for the ninth straight game but still managed to dominate in the paint, where they outscored the Celtics 58-32.

But Boston's second unit was strong throughout and, led by Pritchard, outscored its bench counterparts 38-31.

Earlier in the day, the Raptors announced they will remain in their adopted Tampa home for the

rest of the regular season.

Ongoing challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic and how that affects the process of crossing the border between the United States and Canada will keep the Raptors in Florida.

• **HEAT 101, ROCKETS 94:** Jimmy Butler had a triple-double with 27 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and visiting Miami overcame a slow start to beat slumping Houston.

The Heat won its fourth straight and handed the Rockets their fourth loss in a row.

Butler had his first triple-double of the season and 10th overall. The Heat came close to having two players with triple-doubles, with Bam Adebayo finishing with 10 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists before fouling out with about a minute left.

• **PACERS 111, PISTONS 95:** Domantas Sabonis had 26 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and Indiana snapped a four-game losing streak with a win in Detroit.

Josh Jackson led the Pistons with 18 points.

Hawks' Young fined \$20,000

Atlanta Hawks guard Trae Young was fined \$20,000 by the NBA for directing inappropriate language toward a game official.

The incident occurred Wednesday after Young was knocked down setting a screen on the final play in the Hawks' loss at Dallas.

BARRY SVRLUGA

Cuban's stand on anthem starts a worthy discussion

SVRLUGA FROM D1

than separate. It could remind us that — not very long ago — we had more in common than we did not. It's a nice way to think, at least.

I also note that watching athletes find their voices and draw attention to their passions by kneeling during the anthem has been inspiring. Not everyone will agree, of course; indeed, there are those who are offended — and deeply. But Colin Kaepernick became an icon bigger and more important than football *because* the anthem was played pregame and he chose to kneel.

Yes, that inspired a president to say any football player who followed Kaepernick's lead is a "son of a bitch." But it also helped other athletes take up the issues Kaepernick was highlighting — police violence that disproportionately affects Black Americans and the social inequities and injustice behind that reality. With no pregame anthem, maybe there's no way for the NBA to spread that message as powerfully as players did last summer in Orlando. Those images — two teams kneeling, together — they resonate, and they matter.

Plus, there's D.C. Washington before games at Nationals Park. Still get goose bumps. There's no better prelude to "Play ball!" (No idea what I'm talking about? Find him on YouTube.)

But there's also plenty of reason to wonder whether the anthem's time as a mandatory precursor to athletic events has passed. For one, it's clearly watered down. Hearing it so often — 162 times in a baseball season, half that in basketball or hockey — makes each version less special. At most ballparks and arenas, there's a hot dog-buying, finding-my-seat murmur beneath the song.

There's also something silly about the ritual. When the Washington Capitals host the Philadelphia Flyers, they play only "The Star-Spangled Banner" because, ostensibly, both teams are American. When, say, the Toronto Maple Leafs are in town, they add, "O Canada." Either way, the players from Russia and Sweden and the Czech Republic — as well as the United States and Canada — take to the ice when the anthem(s) are over. Who are we honoring here?

But in capitulating to the NBA's wishes Wednesday, Cuban made some sense. He pointed out in a statement that he had always stood for the anthem at Mavericks games, with his hand over his heart.

"But we also hear the voices of those who do not feel the anthem represents them," he went on. "We feel they also need to be respected and heard, because they have not been heard."

"The hope is that those who feel passionate about the anthem being played will be just as passionate in listening to those

who do not feel it represents them."

So here we are, at a moment when this little act — singing this 80-word song about a battle viewed from afar more than two centuries ago — can mean different things to different people. Those who want to wrap themselves in the flag and believe the song conveys what it means to be an American — "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" — can absolutely believe that. But there also must be room for those who believe America isn't as inclusive as it professes to be and that we need to keep working to reach those ideals.

Dropping the anthem from pregame rituals would be a convenient way to drop the conversation, to artificially isolate sports from everything the country is grappling with. But if 2020 showed anything, it's that sports are inseparable from the issues society faces every year and every day. Athletes have powerful and important and informed voices, and they should be encouraged to use them. Fans have diverse beliefs in the value of rising as one, and that matters, too. There should be room for both views — and a time and a place to air them.

If the anthem hadn't been sung before baseball games for close to a century, would I be suggesting we add it now? No, of course not. But it is a tradition with ties to normalcy — and not an insignificant history. From José Feliciano at the 1968 World Series to Whitney Houston at the Super Bowl in 1991, from moments both rolling and patriotic, there is a tradition here, and stripping sports of that feels too of the moment, too quick.

I have zero problem with Cuban initially deciding not to play the anthem at Mavericks games this season. His choice already achieved what we all should want: further discussion on what it means to be American. Hermetically sealing off sports from the rest of society isn't a way to accomplish that. From the highest-profile pros to college kids and even high-schoolers, athletes have reimagined those two minutes as a time to grapple with our country's triumphs and failings. Taking that away doesn't feel like progress.

The anthem is polarizing because we live in a polarized society. But if striking it from pregame ceremonies would be reactionary, standing and singing in a lemur-like way isn't especially meaningful.

Which brings us back to "rampart." It's both a line in "The Star-Spangled Banner" and a reminder that we don't always know what we're singing about. As it turns out, a rampart is a protective barrier. We need fewer of those, not more.

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WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

Tomorrow

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

11 a.m. **G League: Austin vs. Erie** » NBA TV
 3 p.m. **NBA: Philadelphia at Phoenix** » NBA TV
 8:30 p.m. **NBA: Brooklyn at Golden State** » WLJA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

NHL

3 p.m. **Ottawa at Winnipeg** » NHL Network
 7 p.m. **Montreal at Toronto** » NHL Network
 10 p.m. **Calgary at Vancouver** » NHL Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon **Indiana at Ohio State** » ESPN
 Noon **Loyola Chicago at Drake** » ESPN2
 Noon **Kansas State at Oklahoma State** » ESPNU
 Noon **Connecticut at Xavier** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
 Noon **Wake Forest at Florida State** » MASN
 1 p.m. **Vanderbilt at Mississippi State** » SEC Network
 1 p.m. **Auburn at Kentucky** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
 1:30 p.m. **Butler at Georgetown** » CBS Sports Network, WTEM (980 AM)
 2 p.m. **Tennessee at LSU** » ESPN
 2 p.m. **Boston College at Syracuse** » ACC Network
 2 p.m. **Oregon at Arizona** » ESPN2
 2 p.m. **Hofstra at James Madison** » NBC Sports Washington
 2:30 p.m. **Iowa at Michigan State** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
 3 p.m. **Kansas at Iowa State** » WLJA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
 3:30 p.m. **Georgia at Alabama** » SEC Network
 3:30 p.m. **Saint Louis at Fordham** » CBS Sports Network
 4 p.m. **Duke at North Carolina State** » ESPN
 5 p.m. **Villanova at Creighton** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
 5 p.m. **Northwestern at Rutgers** » Big Ten Network
 6 p.m. **Gonzaga at San Francisco** » ESPN2
 6 p.m. **North Carolina at Virginia** » ESPN, WSNB (630 AM)
 6 p.m. **Mississippi at South Carolina** » SEC Network
 6 p.m. **Rice at Western Kentucky** » CBS Sports Network
 7 p.m. **Duquesne at George Mason** » MASN
 7:30 p.m. **UCLA at Washington** » Pac-12 Network
 8 p.m. **Southern California at Washington State** » ESPNU
 8 p.m. **Providence at DePaul** » Fox Sports 1
 8 p.m. **Saint Mary's at Pepperdine** » CBS Sports Network
 10 p.m. **Utah at Stanford** » Pac-12 Network
 10 p.m. **Colorado at California** » ESPNU
 10 p.m. **UNLV at Boise State** » Fox Sports 1
 Midnight **UC Irvine at UC Riverside** » ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon **Michigan State at Penn State** » Big Ten Network

SOCCER

7:30 a.m. **English Premier League: Liverpool at Leicester City** » NBC Sports Network
 8 a.m. **Spanish La Liga: Atletico Madrid at Granada** » beIN Sports
 10 a.m. **English Premier League: Burnley at Crystal Palace** » NBC Sports Network
 11 a.m. **French Ligue 1: Nice at Paris Saint-Germain** » beIN Sports
 12:30 p.m. **English Premier League: Tottenham at Manchester City** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

TENNIS

6 p.m. **Australian Open, round of 16** » Tennis Channel
 9 p.m. **Australian Open, round of 16** » ESPN2
 3 a.m. (Sun.) **Australian Open, round of 16** » ESPN2

GOLF

1 p.m. **PGA Tour: Pebble Beach Pro-Am, third round** » Golf Channel
 3 p.m. **PGA Tour: Pebble Beach Pro-Am, final round** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)

MOTORSPORTS

11 a.m. **NASCAR Xfinity Series: Beef. It's What's for Dinner 300., qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
 Noon **NASCAR Cup Series: Daytona 500, final practice** » Fox Sports 1
 1:30 p.m. **ARCA Series: Lucas Oil 200** » Fox Sports 1
 5 p.m. **NASCAR Xfinity Series: Beef. It's What's for Dinner 300.** » Fox Sports 1
 7:30 p.m. **AMA Supercross: FIM World Championship** » NBC Sports Network

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

8 p.m. **UFC 258: prelims** » ESPN

BOXING

10 p.m. **Top Rank, light heavyweight main event: Joe Smith Jr. vs. Maxim Vlasov** » ESPN

TRACK AND FIELD

4 p.m. **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

2 p.m. **Wisconsin at Michigan** » Big Ten Network
 5:30 p.m. **Minnesota at Notre Dame** » NBC Sports Washington

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

8 p.m. **Penn State at Minnesota** » Big Ten Network

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

6 p.m. **Jacksonville at North Carolina** » ACC Network

Sunday

NBA

1 p.m. **Boston at Washington** » NBC Sports Washington, NBA TV, WFED (1500 AM)
 7:30 p.m. **Portland at Dallas** » ESPN
 10 p.m. **Los Angeles Lakers at Denver** » ESPN
 10 p.m. **Cleveland at Los Angeles Clippers** » NBA TV

NHL

3 p.m. **Washington at Pittsburgh** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11), WJFK (106.7 FM)
 7 p.m. **Colorado at Vegas** » NBC Sports Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. **Michigan at Wisconsin** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
 2 p.m. **Tulane at South Florida** » ESPNU
 3 p.m. **Loyola Chicago at Drake** » ESPN2
 3 p.m. **Marquette at Seton Hall** » Fox Sports 1
 3 p.m. **Nebaska at Penn State** » Big Ten Network
 4 p.m. **Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech** » ACC Network
 4 p.m. **Wichita State at SMU** » ESPNU
 6 p.m. **Bucknell at American** » CBS Sports Network
 6 p.m. **Miami at Notre Dame** » ACC Network
 7 p.m. **Oregon State at Arizona State** » ESPN2
 7 p.m. **Minnesota at Maryland** » Fox Sports 1, WTEM (980 AM)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon **LSU at South Carolina** » SEC Network
 Noon **Virginia Commonwealth at Dayton** » ESPNU
 Noon **Wake Forest at Clemson** » ACC Network
 12:30 p.m. **Northwestern at Ohio State** » Big Ten Network
 1 p.m. **Louisville at Syracuse** » ESPN2
 2 p.m. **Washington at Arizona** » Pac-12 Network
 2 p.m. **Georgia at Missouri** » SEC Network
 2 p.m. **Miami at Florida State** » ACC Network
 3 p.m. **Tennessee at Texas A&M** » ESPN
 4 p.m. **Mississippi State at Mississippi** » SEC Network
 5 p.m. **Texas at Baylor** » ESPN2
 5 p.m. **Maryland at Nebraska** » Fox Sports 1
 6 p.m. **Alabama at Auburn** » SEC Network

SOCCER

9 a.m. **English Premier League: Manchester United at West Bromwich** » NBC Sports Network
 9 a.m. **Italian Serie A: Atalanta at Cagliari** » ESPN2
 10:15 a.m. **Spanish La Liga: Valencia at Real Madrid** » beIN Sports
 11:30 a.m. **English Premier League: Leeds United at Arsenal** » NBC Sports Network
 12:30 p.m. **Spanish La Liga: Osasuna at Levante** » beIN Sports
 3 p.m. **Spanish La Liga: Real Betis at Villarreal** » beIN Sports
 8 p.m. **Mexican Liga MX: Monterrey at Santos Laguna** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

6 p.m. **Australian Open: round of 16** » Tennis Channel
 9 p.m. **Australian Open: round of 16** » ESPN2
 3 a.m. (Mon.) **Australian Open: round of 16** » ESPN2

GOLF

1 p.m. **PGA Tour: Pebble Beach Pro-Am, final round** » Golf Channel
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

5:30 p.m. **Purdue at Michigan** » Big Ten Network
 7:30 p.m. **Penn State at Minnesota** » Big Ten Network

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SOUTHEAST **W** **L** **Pct** **GB**
 Charlotte 12 14 46.2 5-
 Atlanta 11 13 45.8 5½
 Miami 11 14 44.0 5¾
 x-Orlando 10 16 38.5 6½
 Washington 6 16 27.3 4

CENTRAL **W** **L** **Pct** **GB**
 Milwaukee 16 9 64.0 6-
 Indiana 13 13 50.0 3½
 Chicago 10 14 41.7 5½
 Cleveland 10 16 38.5 6½
 Detroit 6 19 24.0 10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST **W** **L** **Pct** **GB**
 San Antonio 14 11 56.0 2½
 Memphis 10 14 41.7 5½
 Dallas 12 14 46.2 1¼
 New Orleans 11 13 45.8 2½
 Houston 11 14 44.0 3

NORTHWEST **W** **L** **Pct** **GB**
 Utah 20 5 80.0 6-
 x-Portland 10 9 65.5 6
 Denver 13 11 54.2 6½
 Oklahoma City 10 14 41.7 5½
 Minnesota 6 19 24.0 14

PACIFIC **W** **L** **Pct** **GB**
 L.A. Lakers 20 6 76.9 6-
 L.A. Clippers 18 8 69.2 2
 Phoenix 9 5 62.5 4
 x-Golden State 13 12 52.0 6½
 Sacramento 12 12 50.0 7

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

at Detroit 122, Brooklyn 111
 at New Orleans 102, Portland 101
 at Miami 98, New York 96
 Golden State 114, at San Antonio 91
 at Portland 106, Orlando 97
 Philadelphia 119, at Sacramento 111
 at Utah 122, Boston 108

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 137, at Washington 115
 x-Dallas 118, Atlanta 117
 at Brooklyn 104, Indiana 94
 at Memphis 130, Charlotte 114
 L.A. Clippers 119, at Minnesota 112
 at Denver 133, Cleveland 95
 at Chicago 129, New Orleans 116
 at Phoenix 125, Milwaukee 124
 at L.A. Lakers 114, Oklahoma City 113 (OT)

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

at Boston 120, Toronto 106
 Miami 101, at Houston 94
 Indiana 111, at Detroit 95
 Orlando at Golden State, Late
 Philadelphia at Portland, Late

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

New York at Washington, 7
 Detroit at Boston, 7
 Minnesota at Charlotte, 7
 New Orleans at Dallas, 7:30
 San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30
 L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 9
 Cleveland at Portland, 10
 Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10
 Orlando at Sacramento, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Phoenix, 3
 Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30
 Houston at New York, 8
 Brooklyn at Golden State, 8:30
 Miami at Utah, 9

Heat 101, Rockets 94

MIAMI 19 28 28 26 - 101
HOUSTON 29 24 10 31 - 94

MIAMI: Butler 8-18 10-11 27, Olynyk 2-7 0-6, Adebayo 3-8 4-5 10, Nunn 7-18 0-0 16, Robinson 5-11 0-0 15, Achiuwa 1-1 0-0 2, Strus 6-9 4-2 21, Igoudala 1-2 0-0 2, Vincent 1-5 0-0 2. **Totals** 34-79 18-20 101.

HOUSTON: Tate 7-11 2-2 16, Tucker 2-6 2-2 8, Cousins 6-9 2-2 16, Oladipo 2-6 1-2 6, Wall 5-13 2-6 17, Brown 1-6 0-3 10, Nwaba 1-0 0-2, House Jr. 3-13 2-9, Gordon 5-13 4-4 17, McLemore 0-5 0-0 0. **Totals** 32-83 15-20 94.

Three-point Goals: Miami 15-42 (Strus 5-8, Robinson 5-11, Olynyk 2-6, Nunn 2-10, Butler 1-2, Vincent 0-4), Houston 15-50 (Wall 4-9, Cousins 3-4, Gordon 3-10, Tucker 2-4, Oladipo 1-3, Brown 1-5, House Jr. 1-9, McLemore 0-5). **Fouled Out:** Miami 1 (Adebayo), Houston None. **Rebounds:** Miami 49 (Adebayo 13), Houston 42 (Cousins 11). **Assists:** Miami 24 (Butler 10), Houston 24 (Wall 7). **Total Fouls:** Miami 21, Houston 20. **A:** 3,251 (18,500)

Celtics 120, Raptors 106

TORONTO 29 27 24 26 - 106
BOSTON 34 32 22 32 - 120

TORONTO: Powell 6-15 3-3 15, Siakam 8-14 5-7 23, Baynes 4-9 0-0 8, Lowry 10-15 3-3 24, VanVleet 2-9 0-0 5, Bembry 2-0 0-4, Boucher 4-8 2-12, Johnson 3-5 2-9, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Watson 2-2 0-0 6. **Totals** 41-83 15-19 106.

BOSTON: Ojeleye 8-12 2-2 24, Tatum 5-13 6-6 17, Theis 4-7 0-2 8, Brown 3-14 6-12, Walker 5-12 6-6 21, Green 2-9 1-2 17, Ellington 3-0 0-0 2, Thompson 2-6 0-2 4, Williams 2-2 0-0 4, Fall 2-3 0-2 4, Edwards 1-2 0-0 3, Pritchard 6-10 2-2 20, Waters 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 39-86 22-28 120.

Three-point Goals: Toronto 9-28 (Watson 2-6, Boucher 2-4, Siakam 2-4, Johnson 1-3, Lowry 1-4, VanVleet 1-4, Powell 0-4), Boston 20-39 (Ojeleye 6-8, Pritchard 6-8, Walker 5-8, Edwards 1-2, Green 1-2, Tatum 1-3, Theis 0-2, Williams 0-2, Brown 0-4). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Toronto 32 (Baynes 8), Boston 49 (Thompson 11). **Assists:** Toronto 26 (VanVleet 11), Boston 30 (Brown 10). **Total Fouls:** Toronto 26, Boston 22.

Pacers 111, Pistons 95

INDIANA 28 24 30 29 - 111
DETROIT 19 33 18 25 - 95

INDIANA: McDermott 4-10 0-0 9, Sabonis 9-14 6-26, Turner 6-9 0-0 14, Brogdon 8-9 0-0 18, J.Holiday 4-11 1-1 11, Bitadze 0-0 0-0 0, Lamb 6-7 2-2 17, A.Holiday 3-8 0-0 7, McConnell 3-7 0-0 7, Sumner 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals** 44-86 9-10 111.

DETROIT: Grant 4-17 0-0 9, Griffin 5-13 5-16, Stewart 2-9 1-2 17, Ellington 3-0 0-0 7, Wright 3-10 0-0 6, Bey 3-6 2-4 10, Doumbuya 3-4 0-0 6, Jackson 6-10 6-8 18, Mkhailiuk 1-10 0-2, Sirydyk 0-0 0-0 0, Smith Jr. 2-5 0-0 4. **Totals** 38-85 14-19 95.

Three-point Goals: Indiana 14-31 (Lamb 3-3, Sabonis 2-4, Brogdon 2-5, Turner 2-5, J.Holiday 2-6, McConnell 1-2, A.Holiday 1-5, McDermott 1-3). **Detroit:** 5-28 (Bey 2-5, Ellington 1-5, Grant 1-6, Griffin 1-6, Jackson 0-2, Wright 0-2). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Indiana 41 (Brogdon 9), Detroit 43 (Jackson 8). **Assists:** Indiana 26 (Sabonis 8), Detroit 21 (Griffin 6). **Total Fouls:** Indiana 18, Detroit 13.

Clippers 119, T'wolves 112

L.A. CLIPPERS 27 20 33 39 - 119
MINNESOTA 32 21 20 39 - 112

L.A. CLIPPERS: Batum 2-6 2-8, Leonard 13-25 5-7 36, Ibaka 4-4 2-2 10, Beverley 2-2 2-6, Jackson 4-6 6-7 15, Mann 2-4 0-0 4, Morris Sr. 3-12 2-10, Zubac 1-5 1-2 3, Kennard 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 10-15 5-5 27. **Totals** 41-85 25-29 119.

MINNESOTA: Edwards 4-9 2-2 11, Okogie 4-14 1-3 10, Towns 8-15 0-0 18, Beasley 5-15 7-21, Rubio 2-4 0-0 5, McDaniels 4-7 0-0 10, Reid 9-13 3-4 23, Vanderbilt 1-2 1-2 3, McLaughlin 1-6 0-0 2, Nowell 3-10 1-1 9. **Totals** 41-95 15-19 112.

Three-point Goals: L.A. Clippers 12-23 (Leonard 5-6, Williams 2-3, Batum 2-4, Morris Sr. 2-7, Jackson 1-2), Minnesota 15-41 (Beasley 4-11, Nowell 2-3, Reid 2-3, McDaniels 2-5, Towns 2-7, Rubio 1-2, Okogie 1-4, Edwards 1-5). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** L.A. Clippers 48 (Batum 10), Minnesota 43 (Towns 10). **Assists:** L.A. Clippers 23 (Leonard 5), Minnesota 29 (Rubio 10). **Total Fouls:** L.A. Clippers 20, Minnesota 24. **A:** 0 (19,356)

Nuggets 133, Cavaliers 95

CLEVELAND 17 26 23 29 - 95
DENVER 34 30 36 33 - 133

CLEVELAND: Allen 7-11 4-5 18, Okoro 5-11 0-0 10, Drummond 2-7 0-0, Garland 3-6 0-0 7, Sexton 1-2 3-4, McGee 3-5 2-8, Osman 1-5 0-0 2, Prince 4-10 1-2 12, Stevens 1-2 3-3, Windler 3-7 4-4 11, Wade 3-6 0-0 8, Dotson 3-0 1-2. **Totals** 36-94 15-20 95.

DENVER: Millsap 8-7 6-12, Porter Jr. 6-10 3-4 19, Jokic 5-7 2-2 22, Barton 7-10 0-1 16, Murray 3-6 2-4 8, Bol 1-1 0-0 2, Hartenstein 2-2 0-1 4, Green 4-7 0-0 8, Nnaji 5-7 0-0 14, Campazzo 2-6 0-5, Hampton 4-7 0-0 9, Howard 1-5 0-2 2, Morris 4-9 2-12. **Totals** 51-85 15-21 133.

Three-point Goals: Cleveland 8-37 (Prince 3-5, Wade 2-4, Garland 1-3, Dotson 1-5, Windler 1-5, Sexton 0-2, Okoro 0-3, Osman 0-4, Stevens 0-4), Denver 16-36 (Nnaji 4-6, Porter Jr. 4-7, Barton 2-5, Millsap 2-3, Morris 2-5, Hampton 1-2, Campazzo 1-4, Green 0-3, Howard 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Cleveland 49 (Allen 10), Denver 39 (Jokic 16). **Assists:** Cleveland 25 (Sexton 8), Denver 32 (Okogie 12). **Total Fouls:** Cleveland 18, Denver 18.

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CLEVELAND 17 26 23 29 - 95
DENVER 34 30 36 33 - 133

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NCAA men THURSDAY'S RESULTS

EAST
 Merrimack 62, CCSU 46
 Mount St. Mary's 66, LIU 60
 St. Francis (NY) 70, St. Francis (Pa.) 67
 Wagner 76, Fairleigh Dickinson 72
 New York

SOUTH
 Austin Peay 71, UT Martin 50
 Georgia St. 79, Georgia Southern 75
 High Point 77, Charleston Southern 73
 Longwood 57, Gardner-Webb 54
 Presbyterian 85, Hampton 70
 South Alabama 73, Troy 70
 Winthrop 80, Radford 64

MIDWEST
 Kansas 97, Iowa St. 64
 Minnesota 71, Purdue 68

SOUTHWEST
 Texas St. 63, Texas Arlington 56

WEST
 Arizona 70, Oregon St. 61
 Colorado 69, Stanford 51
 E. Washington 93, Montana St. 77
 Idaho St. 69, Idaho 43
 Montana 80, Weber St. 67
 Portland 84, Portland 57
 Utah 76, California 75

Minnesota 71, No. 24 Purdue 68

Purdue (13-8)
 Gillis 2-5 0-0 5, Trev. Williams 11-21 2-2 24, Hunter 6-8 2-0 14, Ivey 1-8 2-2 4, Newman 2-0 0-0 5, Stefanovic 0-3 0-2 0, Edey 4-6 5-6 13, Wheeler 1-4 0-2 2, Thompson 0-0 1-2 1, Morton 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 27-62 12-16 68.

Minnesota (13-7)
 Johnson 7-9 1-3 15, Robbins 4-11 3-4 11, Carr 7-8 2-2 19, Kalscheur 5-10 2-2 16, Tre. Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Mashburn 3-7 0-16, Curry 0-1 2-2 2, Gach 0-1 0-0 0,

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Trustees Sale - DC PARDO & DRAZIN, LLC Russell S. Drazin, Attorney 4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2 Washington, DC 20015 202-223-7900

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") in the principal amount of \$259,000.00 dated September 28, 2018 and recorded on October 5, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018100636 with the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), from 1212 I Street LLC, grantor, to Daniel Huertas, trustee, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as substitute trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion), on

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 2:00 PM ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1212 I Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 0037 in Square 1002), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same - except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

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Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC 3335 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste 440 Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 www.hwestauct.com

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820 Official Notices

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In Search of Claude "Andy" Anderson, who was married to Gail Anderson. You are entitled to a portion of Gail's inheritance. Please contact Gail's brother Mark Smith as soon as possible so that we may disburse a check for you. I can be reached at 301-420-6151.

The Manassas Park School Board will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:59 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to invite public comment on the FY22 Superintendents' Proposed Budget of \$49,451,675 which was presented on January 25, 2021. Materials detailing the proposed budget are available at www.mpsk.net.

The Public Hearing can be watched live on Comcast Channel 18, Verizon Channel 42, and on the Board's YouTube Channel at https://buff.ly/2SfWYw1

Comments may be made via email to (dana.williams@mpark.net) or in writing to Manassas Park City Schools, One Park Center Court, Suite A, Manassas Park, VA 20111, Attention: Dana Williams.

825 Bids & Proposals

The DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) gives notice of its intent to hold a public hearing on five new charter school applications on March 15, 2021. DC PCSB will hold a vote on these applications during the Board meeting on April 19, 2021.

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830 Special Notices

I am Dorothy Nwachuku CEO of Greater Height Home Health Care, LLC applying for a Certificate of Need in the District of Columbia to establish a Home Health Care Agency. A letter of intent will be filed with the District of Columbia State Health Planning and Development Agency on 4/30/2021. The facility will be located at 7603 Georgia Ave, NW Ste 302, Washington, DC 20012. For additional information contact the SHPA at 202-442-5975.

Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND KRISTINE D. BROWN, et al. (Trustee(s)) Plaintiff(s) vs. PAULINE E. JARRETT, LARRY JARRETT, SR. TRUSTEE OF THE PAULINE E. JARRETT REVOCABLE TRUST PAULINE JARRETT TRUSTEE OF PAULINE E. JARRETT REVOCABLE TRUST Defendant(s)

CIVIL No. 465921V NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT this 8th day of February, 2021 by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY County, Maryland, and by the authority thereof, and the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britton, Trustees of the Real Property designated as 3924 Minden Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of February 2021 next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in a daily newspaper published in the WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD published in said COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY once a week for three successive weeks before the 10th day of March, 2021.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at \$398,000.00. Mahasin El Amin #544 Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, Maryland

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 320 Rockville, MD 20852 Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2021 12333530

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY James E. Clarke, et al. Substitute Trustees Versus Estate of Robert L. Eybs Defendant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT this 4th day of February, 2021, by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and by the authority thereof, and the sale made by Kristine D. Brown, William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britton, Trustees of the Real Property designated as 12431 Turtle Dove Place, Waldorf, MD 20602, made and reported by Eric D. Vandelline, Substitute Trustee, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 9th day of March, 2021, next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in a daily newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 8th day of March, 2021. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at \$177,460.00.

Sharon L. Hancock Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 2021 12334038

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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FEBRUARY 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 2021 12333953

Trustees Sale - DC PARDO & DRAZIN, LLC Russell S. Drazin, Attorney 4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2 Washington, DC 20015 202-223-7900

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") in the principal amount of \$750,000.00 dated November 30, 2015 and recorded on December 28, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015130495 with the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), from Helpful Investing, LLC, grantor, to Jeffrey Levin and Joel S. Aronson, trustees, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Jeffrey Levin and Joel S. Aronson as trustees and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as substitute trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion), on

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 2:10 PM ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 711 16th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 0808 in Square 4510), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same - except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") in the principal amount of \$820,000.00 dated November 28, 2018 and recorded on December 3, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018119979 with the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia ("Land Records"), from 1417 K Street LLC, grantor, to Daniel Huertas, trustee, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as substitute trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion), on

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FEBRUARY 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 2021 12333505

Trustees Sale - DC PARDO & DRAZIN, LLC Russell S. Drazin, Attorney 4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2 Washington, DC 20015 202-223-7900

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") in the principal amount of \$259,000.00 dated September 28, 2018 and recorded on October 5, 2018 as Instrument No.